

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS

ACROSS AUSTRALIA...

ACROSS AUSTRALIA IN 2023–24,
ALMOST

43,000

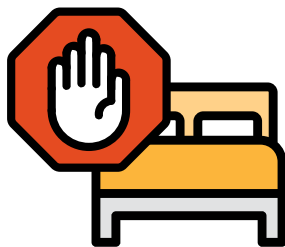
CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE
(UNDER 25 YEARS) PRESENTED
ON THEIR OWN TO A SPECIALIST
HOMELESSNESS SERVICE (SHS)*



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AROUND **ONE-THIRD**
OF YOUNG PEOPLE
PRESENTING ALONE TO
SHS **IDENTIFIED AS**
INDIGENOUS*

NATIONALLY, **HALF OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE** WHO TRIED TO GET A BED
IN A CRISIS REFUGE IN 2023–24
WERE TURNED AWAY
BECAUSE
SERVICES
COULDN'T
ACCOMMODATE
THEM*



AROUND **A THIRD OF YOUNG PEOPLE** PRESENTING TO SHS
EXPERIENCED **DOMESTIC**
AND **FAMILY VIOLENCE***



HOUSING CRISIS WAS THE MOST
COMMON REASON YOUNG PEOPLE
SOUGHT ASSISTANCE FROM AN
SHS IN 2022–23*

ALMOST **ONE-THIRD** OF YOUNG
PEOPLE PRESENTING ALONE TO
A HOMELESSNESS SERVICE WERE
COUCH SURFING AT THE START
OF THEIR SUPPORT*

COUCH SURFING LEAVES
YOUNG PEOPLE VULNERABLE
TO SERVITUDE, EXPLOITATION
AND ABUSE

**THIS YEAR, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR CALL TO THE
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP AND
FUND A STANDALONE NATIONAL CHILD AND
YOUTH HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING PLAN.**

WE URGE THE FEDERAL AND STATE/TERRITORY
GOVERNMENTS TO ADEQUATELY FUND THE
SOLUTIONS TO END CHILD AND YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS.

* Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2024),
Specialist homelessness services annual report 2023–24

**Sign and share our petition calling for
a standalone National Child and Youth
Homelessness and Housing Plan**

[https://www.yfoundations.org.au/
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ME!**

