

# Facts about Homelessness in CITY OF **PORT PHILLIP**



## HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021<sup>1</sup>

- There were **1,067** people counted as homeless in **Port Phillip**
- This is a **5%** decrease since 2016 (**60** less people).
- **Port Phillip** had the **9th** highest number of people experiencing homelessness in Victoria.

In **Port Phillip**, on Census night, there were:

- 33** people sleeping rough
- 180** people in homeless accommodation
- 63** people staying with family/friends
- 657** people in rooming houses
- 98** people in temporary accommodation such as hotels
- 7** people in severely crowded dwellings

Of the people counted as homeless in **Port Phillip** on Census night:

- 61** were children (under 18)
- 340** were over 55
- 697** were male
- 336** were female
- 141** people were employed
- 83** were born overseas
- 60** were Indigenous



## PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES<sup>2</sup>

**2,152** people from **Port Phillip** used Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in 2021-22.

SHS services include entry points, crisis accommodation, transitional support and housing, and youth and family violence refuges.

Of those supported by SHS services across the Southern region:

- **40%** experienced family violence
- **11%** were young people alone
- **8%** were Aboriginal
- **26%** exited support to social housing
- **31%** exited support to private rental



## HOUSING STRESS IN PORT PHILLIP

**2,900**  
**MORE HOMES**  
are needed to meet the  
unmet demand for  
low-income housing in  
**Port Phillip**<sup>6</sup>

- In March 2023 there were **9** private rental listings affordable<sup>3</sup>
- There were **4,322** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census)<sup>4</sup>
- There are **46** registered rooming houses in **Port Phillip** (July 2023)<sup>5</sup>

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