

Facts about Homelessness in CITY OF GR DANDENONG



HOMELESS ON CENSUS NIGHT 2021¹

- There were **2,366** people counted as homeless in **Gr Dandenong**
- This is a **22%** increase since 2016 (**424** more people).
- **Gr Dandenong** had **8%** of all Victorians experiencing homelessness and the highest number of people experiencing homelessness in Victoria.

In **Gr Dandenong**, on Census night, there were:

- 22** people sleeping rough
- 382** people in homeless accommodation
- 45** people staying with family/friends
- 724** people in rooming houses
- 87** people in temporary accommodation such as hotels
- 1,111** people in severely crowded dwellings

Of the people counted as homeless in **Gr Dandenong** on Census night:

- 480** were children (under 18)
- 316** were over 55
- 826** were male
- 428** were female
- 270** people were employed
- 310** were born overseas, with **96** born in Sri Lanka and India
- 25** were Indigenous



PEOPLE USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES²

2,881 people from **Gr Dandenong** 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



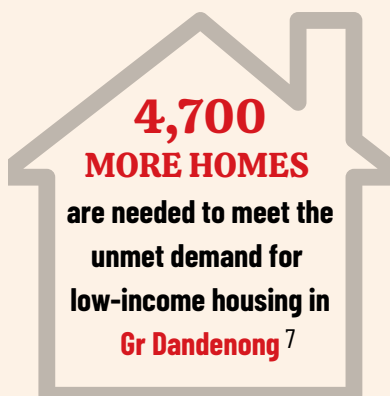
HOUSING STRESS IN GR DANDENONG

In March 2023 there were:

- **70** private rental listings affordable³
- only **225** private rental listings affordable to households on the minimum wage (with **Gr Dandenong** the fifth most affordable LGA in metropolitan Melbourne)⁴

There were **5,256** low income households living in rental stress (2021 Census).⁵

There are **123** registered rooming houses in **GR Dandenong** (July 2023).⁶



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