

Homelessness in Perth & Australia:

The Real Picture

Perth: As of May 2023, approximately 1,033 individuals were experiencing homelessness in the Perth metropolitan area, including those sleeping rough or in temporary shelters.

Western Australia: Children under 18 make up 20.5% of the homeless population, and 19.1% are older individuals aged 55 and above.

Nationally: On any given night, 122,494 people in Australia are experiencing homelessness.

Common Causes of Homelessness

Homelessness is often the result of complex, interrelated factors:

- Domestic and family violence
- financial hardship and poverty
- Lack of affordable housing
- Mental health issues
- Unemployment or underemployment

These challenges can affect anyone, regardless of background, and are often beyond an individual's control.

Addressing the Issue

To alleviate homelessness, a multifaceted approach is necessary:

- Increase affordable and social housing options**
- Provide comprehensive support services for mental health, addiction, and domestic violence**
- Implement early intervention programs to assist those at risk**
- Foster community awareness and engagement to reduce stigma and promote inclusion**

By understanding the realities of homelessness and supporting effective solutions, we can work towards a society where everyone has a safe and secure place to call home.