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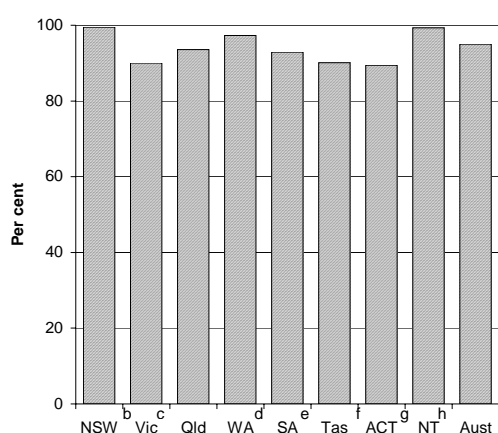
HOUSING (CHAPTER 16)

- This chapter focuses on the performance of governments in providing public and community housing under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) and of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA).
- The 2002 Report includes performance reporting on the Aboriginal Rental Housing Program (ARHP) for the first time. More information is provided on the locations of public housing, community housing and ARHP dwellings. Reporting on the extent to which affordability outcomes are improved by CRA for Indigenous Australians and people living in rural and remote areas is included for the first time, and there is improved information on access to CRA for these groups.
- There were approximately 359 000 public housing dwellings, 26 000 community housing dwellings and 12 000 ARHP dwellings in Australia at 30 June 2001. Funding for public, community and ARHP housing programs is provided by Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments. The majority of the \$1.4 billion provided under the CSHA in 2000-01 represented funding for these programs.

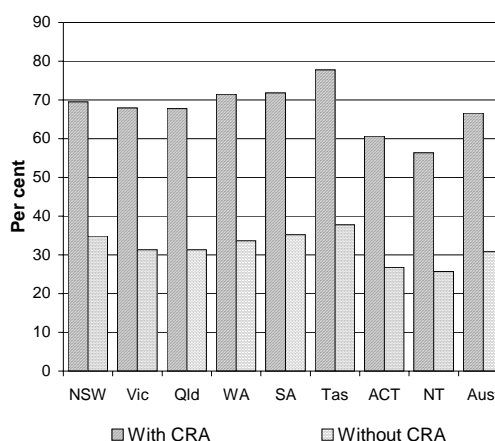
Selection of results

Public housing households that pay less than market rent or that are special needs households paying market rent as a proportion of all households, 30 June 2001^a (pp. 893-893)

Recipients spending less than 30 per cent of income with and without Commonwealth Rent Assistance, 30 June 2001 (p. 921)



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- The Report also contains information on tenant satisfaction with public and community housing (pp. 895-895, 905-906) and tenant assessments of the amenity and location of their dwellings provided under these programs (pp. 888-889, 902-903). Indicators for public and ARHP housing are affordability (pp. 889-890, 910-911), the proportion of allocations to people with low incomes (pp. 891, 912) and financial indicators (gross and,

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for public housing, net cost per unit) (pp. 897-898, 916-917). Indicators for public, community and ARHP housing are overcrowding (pp. 887-888, 902, 909-910), the proportion of allocations to people with special needs (pp. 891-892, 904, 912-913), priority access to those in greatest need (pp. 893-894, 904-905, 913-915), occupancy rates (pp. 899-900, 906-907, 917), turnaround times (pp. 899-900, 906-907, 917-918) and rent collected as a proportion of rent charged (pp. 900-901, 907-908, 918-919).

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Public housing households that pay less than market rent or that are special needs households paying market rent as a proportion of all households, 30 June 2001^a

NSW ^b	Vic ^c	Qld	WA ^d	SA ^e	Tas ^f	ACT ^g	NT ^h	Aust
99.5	90.0	93.6	97.3	92.9	90.1	89.4	99.3	95.0

^a The introduction of a national 'special needs' definition has influenced changes in jurisdiction results. ^b There are 80 new households without 'special needs' information. ^c Low income information includes only single family households. Households with zero or missing income are also excluded. ^d The change in results this year is influenced by the use of gross household income and not assessable income. Includes only single family households, representing 94 per cent of households. There were 1934 multiple family households excluded. ^e Low income information excludes new allocations for 2000-01 who left public housing prior to 30 June 2001. Includes only single family households which represent 93.5 per cent of households. There were 3113 multiple family households excluded. Households with zero or missing income are also excluded. ^f Income and household composition calculated as at tenancy start date. Income source not taken into account and based on gross income only. ^g Data for low income details were available for only 4.3 per cent of households. Data on 'special needs' represent only 36 per cent of all households allocated housing. Special needs information is unknown for the remainder of households. ^h Special needs details are only recorded where they are known to exist. No record is kept if a household does not have special needs. Inclusion of all new households in calculation (regardless of whether special needs status is known) means proportion could be understated. Excludes households with a disability as the NT data do not include a disability indicator. Multiple family households were excluded.

Source: table 16A.4.

Recipients spending less than 30 per cent of income with and without Commonwealth Rent Assistance, 30 June 2001 (per cent)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
With CRA	69.5	67.9	67.8	71.5	71.8	77.8	60.7	56.4	66.6
Without CRA	34.9	31.3	31.3	33.6	35.2	37.8	26.8	25.7	30.8

Source: table 16A.42.

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