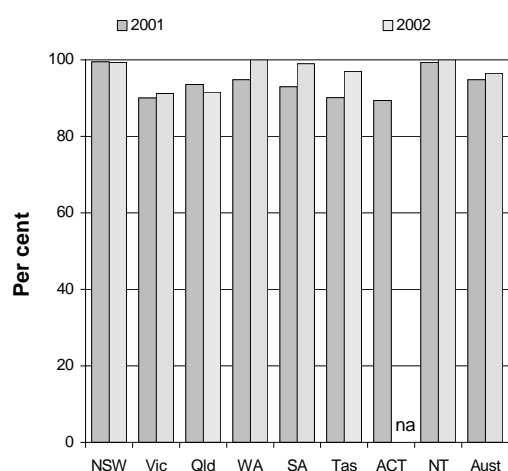


HOUSING (CHAPTER 16)

- This chapter focuses on the performance of governments in providing public, community and State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) and of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA).
- The 2003 Report includes improved performance reporting on CRA, including more information on client satisfaction with housing, and accessibility and affordability outcomes for special needs groups. Data on the Indigenous community housing sector have been included for the first time, obtained from the 2001 ABS Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey. The 2003 Report also features more comprehensive reporting against the performance indicator framework for the mainstream community housing sector, with reporting against 10 of the 12 indicators, compared with eight in the 2002 Report and four in the 2001 Report.
- There were approximately 354 000 public housing dwellings, 29 000 community housing dwellings and 13 000 State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing dwellings in Australia at 30 June 2002. Funding for public, community and State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing programs is provided by Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments. The majority of the \$1.4 billion provided under the CSHA in 2001-02 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 at 30 June^{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i} (p. 16.35)



See over for data and footnotes.

Recipients spending less than 30 per cent of income on housing with and without Commonwealth Rent Assistance, 30 November 2001 (p. 16.71)



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- The Report also contains information on tenant satisfaction with public and community housing (pp. 16.36-16.37, 16.50-16.51) and tenant assessments of the amenity and location of their dwellings provided under these programs (pp. 16.30, 16.45-16.46).

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Financial indicators are provided for public and State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing (gross and, for public housing, net cost per unit) (pp. 16.38-16.39, 16.62-16.63). Indicators for public, community and State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing are overcrowding (pp. 16.28-16.29, 16.45, 16.54-55), the proportion of allocations to people with special needs (pp. 16.33-16.34, 16.47-16.48, 16.58-16.59), priority access to those in greatest need (pp. 16.35-16.36, 16.49-16.50, 16.58-16.59), affordability (pp. 16.30-16.31, 16.46-16.47, 16.55-16.56), the proportion of allocations to people with low incomes (pp. 16.32-16.33, 16.48-16.49, 16.56-16.57), occupancy rates (pp. 16.40-16.41, 16.51, 16.63), turnaround times (pp. 16.41-16.42, 16.52, 16.64-16.65) and rent collected as a proportion of rent charged (pp. 16.41-16.42, 16.52-16.53, 16.64-16.65).

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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 at 30 June^a

	NSW ^b	Vic ^c	Qld ^d	WA ^e	SA ^f	Tas ^g	ACT ^h	NT ⁱ	Aust
2001	99.5	90.0	93.6	94.8	92.9	90.1	89.4	99.3	94.8
2002	99.3	91.2	91.6	100.0	99.0	97.0	na	100.0	96.5

^a The introduction of a national 'special needs' definition influenced changes in jurisdiction results. ^b Special need information is available only for households that were housed after November 1999. There is a small number of households with missing 'special needs' information which have been excluded from both years. ^c In 2001 low income information includes only single family households. In 2001 households with zero or missing income are also excluded. ^d For 2002, disability is calculated from a flag used for assessment of new tenancies and may underestimate the count for ongoing households. ^e The change in results in 2001 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 1834 multiple family households excluded (representing 6.0 per cent of households). For 2002 data exclude 2051 multiple family households (representing 6.7 per cent of households). ^f Low income information excludes new allocations for 2000-01 who left public housing prior to 30 June 2001. Data for 2001 includes only single family households which represent 93.5 per cent of households. There were 3113 multiple family households excluded. For 2002, data exclude 926 households housed within the special needs program (for example, student housing, migrant housing). Data exclude 2340 multiple family households (representing 5.2 per cent of households). ^g For 2001, income and household composition calculated as at tenancy start date. Income source not taken into account and based on gross income only. ^h For 2001 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. Data for 2002 unavailable due to market rent data being outdated and unreliable. ⁱ 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. For both years, data Exclude households with a disability as the NT data does not include a disability identifier in its information management system. For 2002, data exclude 160 multiple family households (representing 2.8 per cent of households). **na** Not available.

Source: table 16A.8.

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

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
With CRA	62.0	68.0	69.0	71.1	72.1	78.7	58.9	61.2	66.9
Without CRA	29.5	32.8	33.4	34.4	36.8	39.8	31.4	28.3	32.4

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