
18 Homelessness services

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Homelessness has multiple causes. Some of the social and personal factors associated with homelessness include a shortage of affordable housing, family and relationship breakdown, unemployment and financial hardship, mental health problems, and drug and alcohol abuse (COAG Reform Council 2010).

Australian, State and Territory governments fund services to assist people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Between 1985 and 2009, the Australian Government and State and Territory governments funded the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) to

alleviate the difficulties of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and reduce the potential for their recurrence. The SAAP was the main governmental response to homelessness during this period. It provided emergency accommodation as well as support services to people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. SAAP services provided assistance to individuals and families who were in crisis or experienced difficulties that hindered personal or family functioning. The SAAP concluded on 31 December 2008 at the expiry of the SAAP V Multilateral Agreement.

The National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) commenced on 1 January 2009 as part of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations. The NAHA is associated with the National Affordable Housing Specific Purpose Payment, which is an indexed ongoing payment by the Australian Government to the states and territories to be spent in the housing and homelessness sector. To support the NAHA, the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) commenced on 1 July 2009. Government funding for specialist homelessness services is provided through the National Affordable Housing Specific Purpose Payment.

The NAHA and NPAH provide the framework for Australian Government and State and Territory governments to work together to reduce homelessness and improve housing outcomes for Australians. Under the NAHA, governments have committed to undertake reforms in the housing sector to improve integration between homelessness services and mainstream services, and reduce the rate of homelessness.

Under the NAHA, and the NPAH in particular, Australian, State and Territory governments agreed to a number of outcomes relating to homelessness, including that:

- fewer people will become homeless and fewer of these will sleep rough
- fewer people will become homeless more than once
- people at risk of or experiencing homelessness will maintain or improve connections with their families and communities, and maintain or improve their education, training or employment participation
- people at risk of or experiencing homelessness will be supported by quality services, with improved access to sustainable housing.

The initial NPAH (2009–2013) was a \$1.1 billion partnership with states and territories. Under the initial agreement, which concluded on 30 June 2013, more than 180 initiatives provided housing and support services for people who would otherwise have been homeless.

The 2009–13 NPAH reflected a major reform of the way the Australian Government and State and Territory governments worked together to tackle homelessness. As part of wider Council of Australian Governments (COAG) reforms, the NPAH clarified that States and Territories were responsible for day to day delivery of services, as they are best placed to consider local context. One of the critical features of the new COAG approach was that the achievement of outcomes would not be narrowly defined, but focused on improving the delivery of services to prevent and respond to homelessness.

A one year transitional NPAH commenced on 1 July 2013. It will deliver \$159 million of Australian Government funding, which includes a \$43 million Commonwealth commitment to the Development Fund for capital and development projects. States and territories are required to match this funding, and some may exceed this requirement.

This chapter presents data on government-funded specialist homelessness services and the people accessing these services. Homelessness services that do not receive government funding and other non-specialist homelessness services are not included in Report.

Data from the Specialist Homelessness Services data collection (SHSC) commenced in 2011–12 and are included in this Report. The SHSC replaced the SAAP National Data Collection which concluded in 2010–11. SAAP data are included in earlier Reports.

Major improvements in reporting on specialist homelessness services in this edition include:

- most 2011–12 SHSC data published in the 2013 Report have been revised for this Report. The greater level of reporting by agencies in 2012–13 necessitated an adjustment to the weighting methodology used in 2011–12 to improve comparability across the two reporting years. All revisions are reflected in this chapter and in attachment 18A
- enhanced data quality for the ‘access of special groups to homelessness services’ indicator, resulting in a change from not complete or not directly comparable to comparable (subject to caveats) and complete across jurisdictions over time.

18.1 Profile of homelessness services

Services to assist people who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless

Specialist homelessness services aim to provide support to people who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless as a result of a crisis, including women and children escaping domestic and family violence.

Some of the main developments of SAAP that have influenced the current service environment include:

- expansion of target groups and increasing specialisation of services
- the provision of non-accommodation support services
- responding to the individual needs of clients through an emphasis on case management and an integrated service response — a form of service delivery that involves an assessment process to identify the specific needs of clients and to connect them with appropriate services (AIHW 2011).

Government and non-government service providers (including community organisations) deliver a variety of homelessness services to clients, including supported accommodation, counselling, advocacy, links to housing, health, education and employment services, outreach support, brokerage and meals services, and financial and employment assistance.

Homelessness services and the link with other services

Close links exist between homelessness services and other forms of housing assistance reported in the Housing chapter of this Report (chapter 17). Some individuals and families access both homelessness and housing services, as people can move from homelessness to social housing, or might be in receipt of homelessness services and accommodated in social housing.¹ The Housing and homelessness sector overview provides some information on the interconnections between these and other services.

¹ Social housing includes public and community housing. For further information on these forms of housing assistance, see chapter 17 (box 17.1).

Size and scope

Definition of homelessness

Data on homelessness from the 2011, 2006 and 2001 Census are based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) methodology (ABS 2012a) and statistical definition of homelessness (ABS 2012b), which were both developed following consultation with the homelessness sector.

When a person does not have suitable accommodation alternatives they are considered homeless if their current living arrangement:

- is in a dwelling that is inadequate; or
- has no tenure, or if their initial tenure is short and not extendable; or
- does not allow them to have control of, and access to space for, social relations (ABS 2012b).

This definition applies to the general population and includes aspects of adequacy, security, stability and privacy (ABS 2012b).

In 2011, 105 237 people were estimated to be homeless on Census night (ABS 2012c).

Data on homeless people are categorised by the ABS according to homelessness operational groups. The majority of homeless people in 2011 were ‘persons living in severely crowded dwellings’² (39 per cent). Homeless people who were staying in supported accommodation accounted for 20 per cent of the homeless population. Similar proportions of homeless people were staying temporarily in other households (17 per cent) and in boarding houses (17 per cent). Only 6 per cent of homeless people were in improvised dwellings, tents or sleepers out and 1 per cent were in other temporary lodgings on Census night.

Estimates of homelessness from the Census provide a point-in-time prevalence measure of homelessness and information about the characteristics of those who were likely to have been homeless. However, estimates of people who are homeless on Census night may be over- or under-estimated if the data collected about a person are not sufficient to be certain about whether or not they were homeless on Census night, or under-enumerated (not counted in the Census at all). Rough sleepers and people staying in supported accommodation for the homeless are at

² The ABS categorises a dwelling as severely overcrowded if it requires four or more extra bedrooms to accommodate the number of people who usually live there, based on the Canadian National Occupancy Standard (ABS 2012b).

particular risk of being under-enumerated, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more likely to be both under-enumerated and overrepresented in the homeless population (ABS 2012c).³

All clients of specialist homelessness services are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. 'Homeless' status is derived for a client based on the client's housing circumstances at the beginning of their first support period in 2012–13 (or at the beginning of 2012–13 for clients who were existing clients on 1 July 2012). All other clients not meeting these criteria are considered to be at risk of homelessness (excluding clients who did not provide sufficient information to make this assessment).

A client in the SHSC is considered 'homeless' if their housing situation was any of the following:

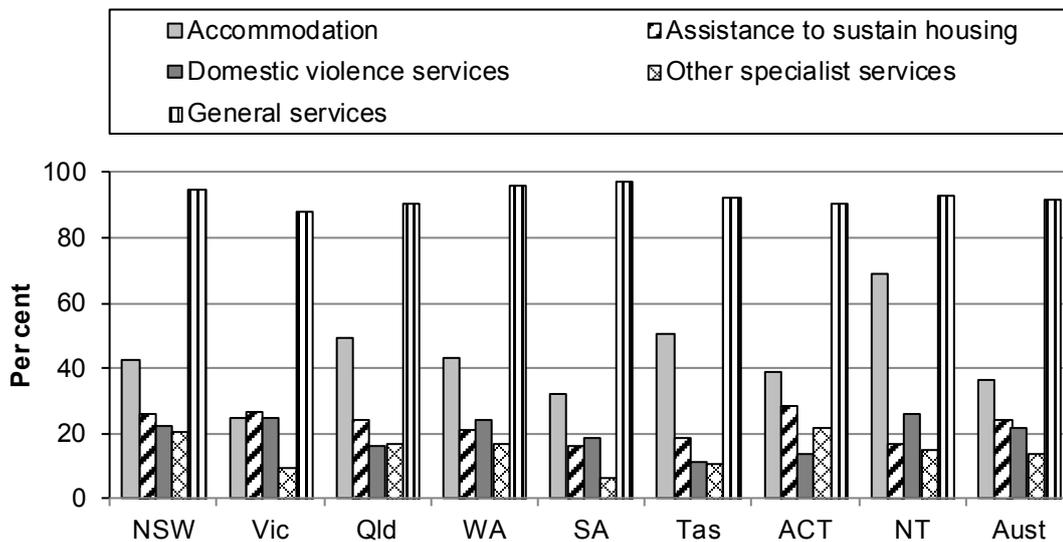
- dwelling type was caravan, tent, cabin, boat, improvised building/dwelling, no dwelling/street/park/in the open, motor vehicle, boarding/rooming house, emergency accommodation, or hotel/motel/bed and breakfast, or
- dwelling type was house/townhouse/flat and condition of occupancy was couch surfing, or
- dwelling type was house/townhouse/flat and tenure type was 'no tenure' and conditions of occupancy were not couch surfing, or
- tenure type was renting or living rent-free in transitional housing, caravan park, boarding/rooming house, emergency accommodation/night shelter/women's refuge/youth shelter.

Homeless status in the SHSC is determined by aligning as closely as possible with the ABS's statistical definition of homelessness (ABS 2012c).

Nationally, specialist homelessness services agencies provided support to 244 176 people in 2012–13 (table 18A.1). Besides general services (91.5 per cent), services commonly provided included accommodation (36.4 per cent), assistance to sustain housing (24.1 per cent), domestic violence services (21.7 per cent), and other specialist services (13.5 per cent). These results varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.1).

³ The Post Enumeration Survey (PES) only covers people in private dwellings at the time of the PES and therefore cannot be used to estimate underenumeration of the homeless population in the Census (ABS 2012c).

Figure 18.1 **Composition of support provided, all clients, 2012–13**



Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*; table 18A.1.

Funding

Government funded specialist homelessness services are jointly funded by the Australian Government and State and Territory governments, through the NAHA and NPAH.

Direct expenditure on specialist homelessness services is undertaken by State and Territory governments. Recurrent government expenditure on specialist homelessness services for 2012–13 was \$591.2 million, compared to \$575.9 million in 2011–12 (2012–13 dollars) (table 18A.3). Most of this expenditure (97.4 per cent) was funding provided to agencies to deliver services for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, while the remaining expenditure (2.6 per cent) was attributed to State and Territory governments' administration costs (table 18A.2).

Nationally, real recurrent funding per person in the population was \$26 in 2012–13, though the amount of funding per person varied across jurisdictions (table 18A.4).

In addition to funding provided under the NAHA and NPAH, State and Territory governments contribute extra funding to specialist homelessness services.

18.2 Framework of performance indicators for government funded specialist homelessness services

The performance indicator framework for government funded specialist homelessness services is based on shared government objectives for homelessness services delivered under the NAHA (box 18.1).

Box 18.1 Objectives for government funded specialist homelessness services

The overall aim of specialist homelessness services is to provide transitional supported accommodation and a range of related support services, to help people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness to achieve the maximum possible degree of self-reliance and independence. Within this aim, the goals are to:

- resolve crises
- re-establish family links where appropriate
- re-establish the capacity of clients to live independently, achieve sustainable housing and social inclusion
- provide homelessness services in an equitable and efficient manner.

COAG has agreed six National Agreements to enhance accountability to the public for the outcomes achieved or outputs delivered by a range of government services (see chapter 1 for more detail on reforms to federal financial relations).

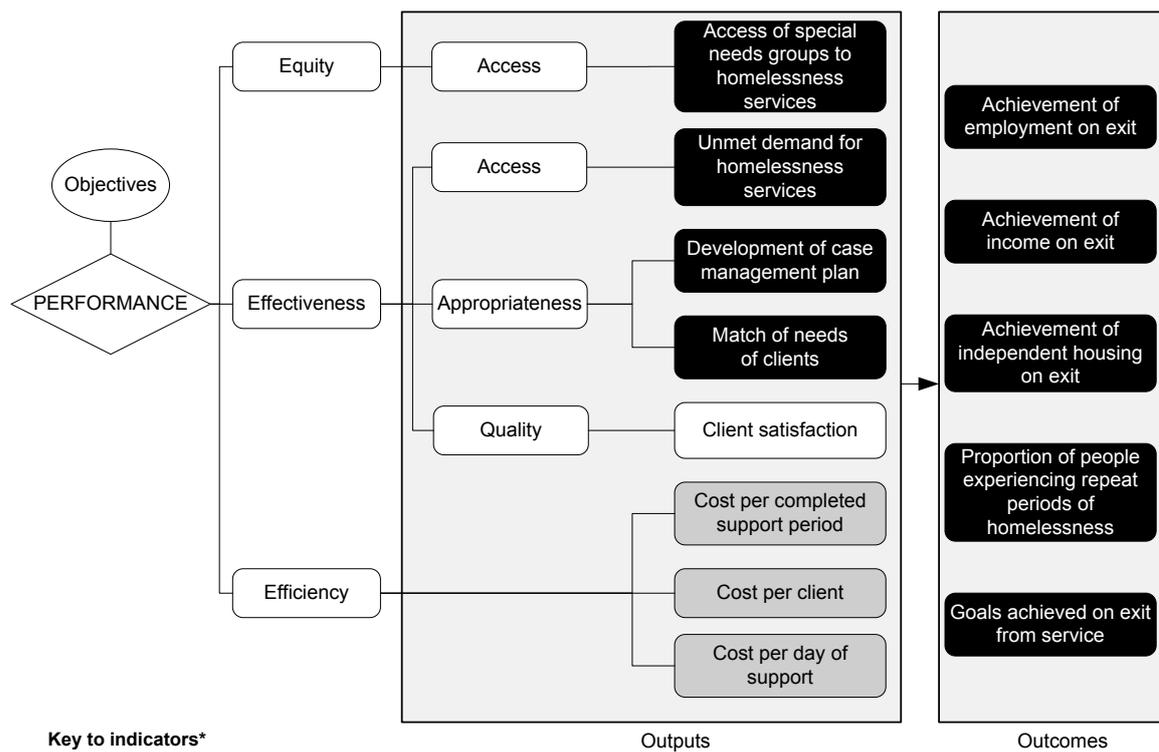
The NAHA covers the areas of housing and homelessness services. The NAHA includes sets of performance indicators, for which the Steering Committee collates performance information for analysis by the COAG Reform Council (CRC). Performance indicators reported in this chapter are aligned with the homelessness-related performance indicators in the NAHA. The NAHA was reviewed in 2012 and 2013, resulting in changes that have been reflected in this Report, as relevant.

The performance indicator framework provides information on equity, efficiency and effectiveness, and distinguishes the outputs and outcomes of government funded specialist homelessness services (figure 18.2). The performance indicator framework shows which data are complete and comparable in the 2014 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary. Chapter 1 discusses data comparability from a Report-wide perspective (see section 1.6).

The Report's statistical context chapter contains data that may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in this chapter. These data cover a range of

demographic and geographic characteristics, including age profile, geographic distribution of the population, income levels, education levels, tenure of dwellings and cultural background (including Indigenous and cultural status) (chapter 2).

Figure 18.2 Government funded specialist homelessness services performance indicator framework



Key to indicators*

- Text Most recent data for all measures are comparable and complete
- Text Most recent data for at least one measure are comparable and complete
- Text Most recent data for all measures are either not comparable and/or not complete
- Text No data reported and/or no measures yet developed

* A description of the comparability and completeness of each measure is provided in indicator interpretation boxes within the chapter

18.3 Key performance indicator results for government funded specialist homelessness services

Data reported in this section are for government funded specialist homelessness services delivered under the NAHA and NPAH. Data are sourced from the SHSC, which reports the number of clients and the number and types of services provided to clients (box 18.2).

Further information on the SHSC is available in the data quality information (DQI) accompanying this chapter. DQI is being progressively introduced for all indicators in the Report. The purpose of DQI is to provide structured and consistent information about quality aspects of data used to report on performance indicators. DQI in this Report covers the seven dimensions in the ABS' data quality framework (institutional environment, relevance, timeliness, accuracy, coherence, accessibility and interpretability) in addition to dimensions that define and describe performance indicators in a consistent manner, and note key data gaps and issues identified by the Steering Committee.

All DQI for the 2014 Report can be found at www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2014.

Box 18.2 **Specialist homelessness services collection (SHSC)**

Specialist homelessness services collection (SHSC) data are collected by specialist homelessness agencies for all clients, and reported each month to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). Data are collected about the characteristics and circumstances of a client when they first present at an agency, and further data — on the assistance the client receives and the client’s circumstances at the end of the month — are collected at the end of every month in which the client receives services, and at the end of the support period.

Specialist homelessness agencies that are funded under the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) and the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) are in scope for the collection. Those agencies that are expected to participate in the SHSC are identified by State and Territory departments responsible for the delivery of services.

All specialist homelessness agencies participating in the collection report a standard set of data about the clients they support each month. Data are collected about the characteristics and circumstances of a client when they first present at an agency, and on the assistance they receive, their circumstances at the end of each month and at the end of the support period.

The data collected by agencies are based on support periods, or episodes of assistance provided to individual clients.

Outputs

Outputs are the actual services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group) (see chapter 1, section 1.5).

Equity — access

Equity and access indicators are indicators of governments’ objective to ensure that all clients have fair and equitable access to services on the basis of relative need and available resources.

Access of special needs groups to homelessness services

‘Access of special needs groups to homelessness services’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure all Australians have equitable access to accommodation services on the basis of relative need (box 18.3).

Box 18.3 Access of special needs groups to homelessness services

'Access of special needs groups to homelessness services' is the comparison between the representation of Indigenous people and people born in non-main English speaking countries (non-MESC) among all people whose needs for accommodation and other services were met, and the representation of these groups in the population.

This indicator is defined by three measures:

- the number of Indigenous/non-MESC clients whose demand for accommodation was met divided by the total number of clients whose demand for accommodation was met
- the number of Indigenous/non-MESC clients whose demand for services other than accommodation was met divided by the total number of clients whose demand for services other than accommodation was met
- the representation of Indigenous/non-MESC clients in specialist homelessness services compared with their representation in the population.

Use by special needs groups is a proxy indicator of equitable access. In general, usage rates for special needs groups similar or higher to those for the broader service population are desirable. Several factors need to be considered in interpreting the results for this set of measures. In particular, cultural differences can influence the extent to which Indigenous/non-MESC clients use different types of services.

Data reported for these measures are:

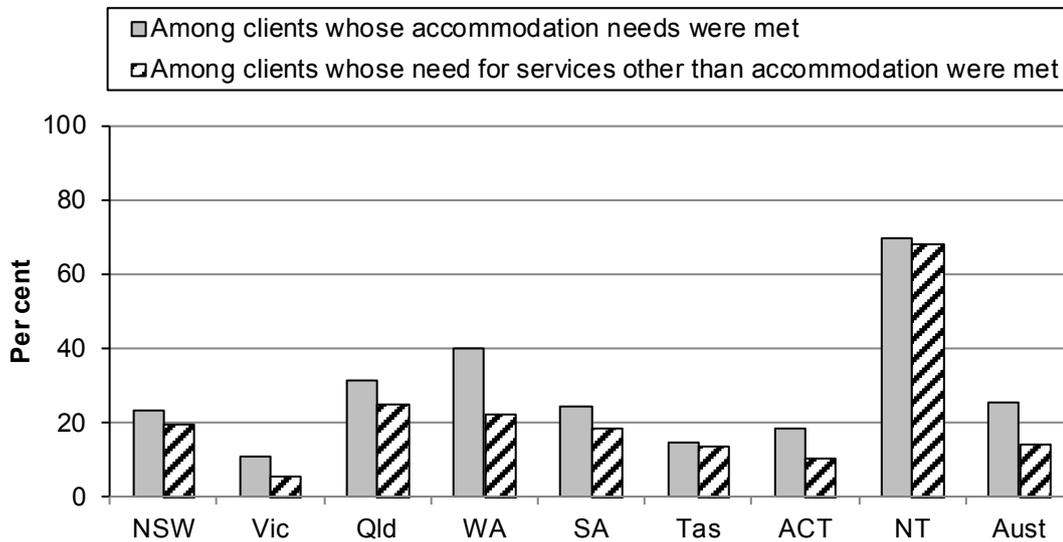
- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Access of Indigenous people to homelessness services

Nationally, Indigenous people made up 25.3 per cent of all clients who received accommodation assistance, and 14.1 per cent of all clients who received services other than accommodation in 2012–13. These results varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.3).

Figure 18.3 Proportion of Indigenous clients whose needs for accommodation and services other than accommodation were met, 2012–13



Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.5.

Nationally in 2012–13, Indigenous people had a higher representation amongst all people accessing specialist homelessness services (22.5 per cent) than their representation in the population (3.0 per cent) (table 18.1).

Table 18.1 Proportion of Indigenous people represented in specialist homelessness services and in the population, 2012–13 (per cent)

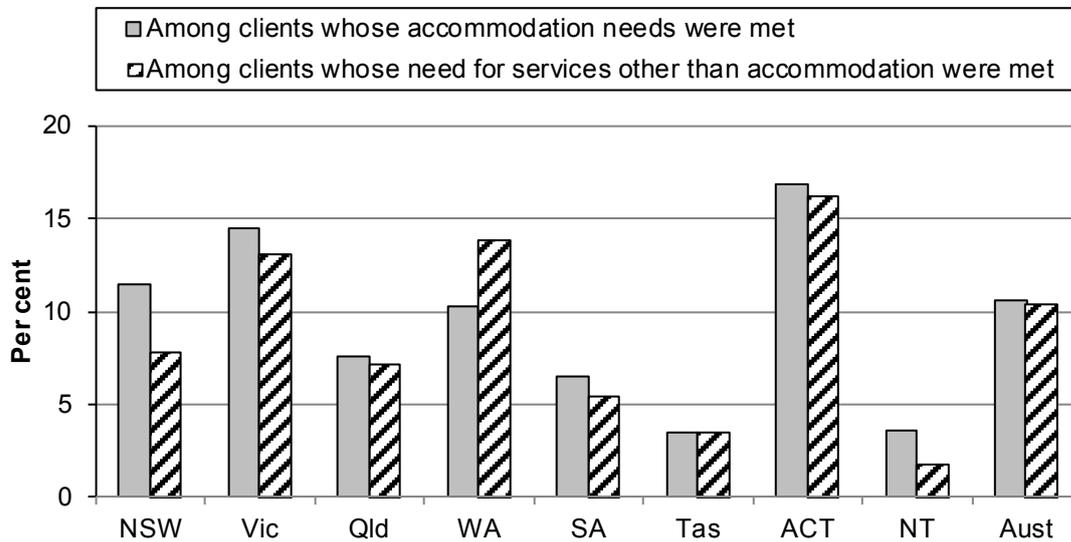
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
In specialist homelessness services	24.6	8.9	32.5	35.1	24.3	15.7	15.9	76.0	22.5
In the population, 2011	2.9	0.9	4.2	3.8	2.3	4.7	1.7	29.8	3.0

Source: ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2013, *Australian Demographic Statistics, March 2013*, Cat. no. 3101.0, Canberra; AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.7

Access of people born in non-main English speaking countries to homelessness services

Nationally, people born in non-main English speaking countries made up 10.6 per cent of all clients who received accommodation assistance and 10.3 per cent of all clients who received services other than accommodation in 2012–13. These results varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.4).

Figure 18.4 Proportion of clients born in non-main English speaking countries whose needs for accommodation and services other than accommodation were met, 2012–13^a



^a Non-main English speak countries are all countries except Australia, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, United States of America and South Africa.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.6.

Nationally, people born in non-main English speaking countries had a lower representation amongst all people accessing specialist homelessness services (12.0 per cent) than this group's representation in the population (23.7 per cent) (table 18.2).

Table 18.2 Proportion of people born in non-main English speaking countries represented in specialist homelessness services and in the population, 2012–13 (per cent)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
In specialist homelessness services	10.8	17.3	7.8	11.6	6.5	3.8	18.2	3.5	12.0
In the population, 2011	24.6	25.4	19.8	29.2	21.5	11.3	23.5	15.2	23.7

Source: ABS 2012, *2011 Census of Population and Housing, Australia, States and Territories, Basic Community Profile, Table B09 — Country of birth of person by sex*, Cat. no. 2001.0, Canberra; AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.7.

Additional data on representation of special needs groups in specialist homelessness services are presented in tables 18A.5–7.

Data for 2011-12 are included in tables 18A.5–7.

Unmet demand for homelessness services

‘Unmet demand for homelessness services’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure all Australians have equitable access to accommodation services on the basis of relative need (box 18.4).

Unmet demand occurs when a homeless person or a person at risk of homelessness expressly asking for assistance cannot be provided with that assistance.

Box 18.4 Unmet demand for homelessness services

Specialist homelessness agencies in Australia provide a wide range of services to a large number of people every day. However, agencies cannot always meet the requests for assistance they receive. Unmet demand for homelessness services occurs when a homeless person or a person at risk of homelessness asks for assistance from an SHS agency but cannot be provided with that assistance.

Information on unmet demand is collected for people who seek services from specialist homelessness agencies but receive no assistance (unassisted requests for services), and for the clients who have some, but not all, of their needs met. These two components are part of the overall picture of unmet demand for specialist homelessness services.

Unmet demand is defined by two measures:

- Unmet demand for accommodation
 - the number of average daily unassisted requests with a need for accommodation
 - the number of clients who requested short-term or emergency accommodation or medium or long term housing who were not provided or referred to these services, divided by the number of clients who had a need for short-term or emergency accommodation or medium or long term housing.
- Unmet demand for services other than accommodation
 - the number of average daily unassisted requests without a need for accommodation but with a need for other services
 - the number of clients who did not request accommodation but did request another type of service who were not provided or referred to any of these services, divided by the number of clients who had a need for a service other than accommodation.

A low or decreasing proportion of clients with unmet demand is desirable.

Jurisdictions with central intake agencies such as Victoria and the ACT may record a low number of unassisted requests for services and a high number of clients with unmet need for services. This is because clients whose needs cannot be met immediately are placed on a waiting list and provision of service is determined by priority of need. A client is generally only referred to a service provider when a suitable service is secured for them by the central intake service. Data for these jurisdictions may not be directly comparable to data for other jurisdictions.

Data reported for these measures are:

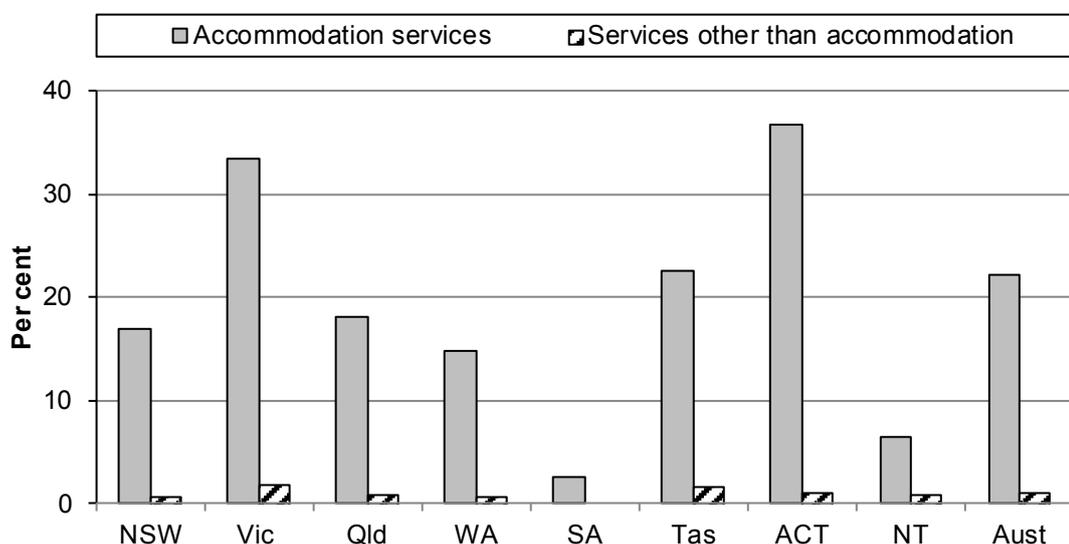
- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally in 2012–13, clients with unmet need for accommodation accounted for 22.1 per cent of the total demand for accommodation, compared with 19.8 per cent in 2011–12 (table 18A.9). This result varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.5).

Nationally, clients with unmet demand for services other than accommodation accounted for 1.0 per cent of the total demand for services other than accommodation in 2012–13, compared with 1.4 per cent in 2011–12 (table 18A.9). This result varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.5).

Figure 18.5 Proportion of clients with unmet need for accommodation and services other than accommodation, 2012–13^{a, b, c}



^a For unmet demand for clients Victoria and ACT have central intake models which mean that their data are not directly comparable with other states and territories. ^b Data for 'services other than accommodation' for SA are nil or rounded to zero. ^c See notes to table 18A.9 for more details.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.9.

The number of average daily unassisted requests for accommodation and services other than accommodation are included in table 18A.8.

Effectiveness — appropriateness

Effectiveness indicators measure how well the outputs of a service reflect the stated objectives of that service. The reporting framework groups effectiveness indicators according to characteristics that are considered important to the service. These characteristics may include access, appropriateness and/or quality.

Development of a case management plan

‘Development of a case management plan’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide high quality services that are appropriately targeted to the needs of clients (box 18.5).

Box 18.5 Development of a case management plan

‘Development of a case management plan’ is defined as the number of clients with closed support periods only with an agreed case management plan divided by the total number of clients. Data are reported for all clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

A high or increasing proportion of clients with agreed case management plans is desirable. However, in some instances, a support plan may be judged to be inappropriate (such as when a support period is short term, for example 24 hours, or in the case of jurisdictions with central intake agencies such as Victoria and the ACT, where the client’s needs have been assessed and they are waiting for a service to be available that will further address their needs).

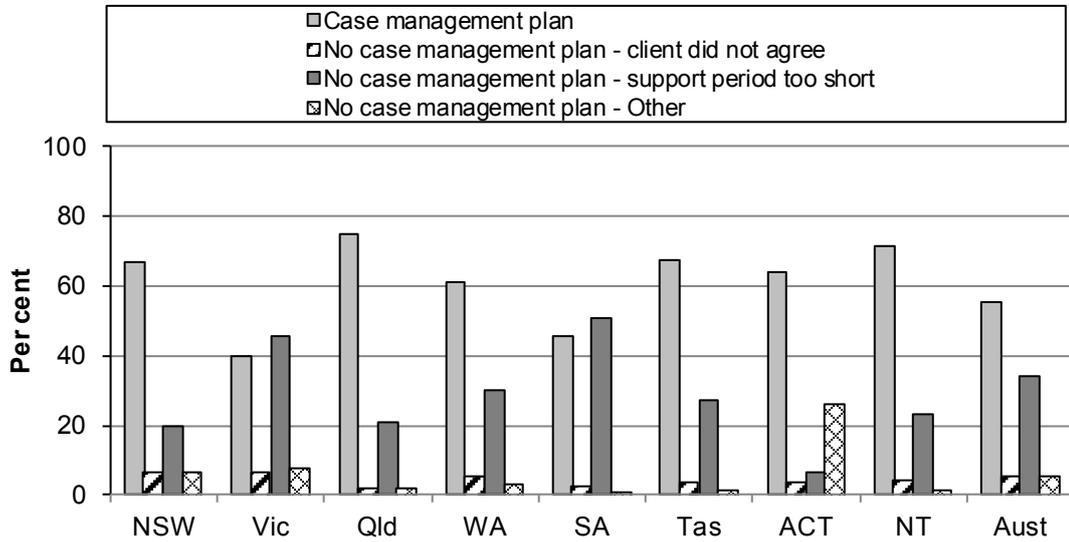
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally, there was an agreed case management plan for 55.2 per cent of clients in 2012–13 (compared with 64.0 per cent for Indigenous clients). These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.6 and tables 18A.10–11).

Figure 18.6 Proportion of clients with a case management plan, all clients, 2012–13^{a, b}



^a Victoria and ACT have central intake models which mean that their data are not directly comparable with other states and territories. ^b See notes to table 18A.9 for more details

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.10.

Data on clients with a case management plan for 2011–12 are included in tables 18A.9–10.

Match of needs of clients

‘Match of needs of clients’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure that services meet clients’ individual needs (box 18.6).

Box 18.6 Match of needs of clients

'Match of needs of clients' is defined by five measures:

- number of clients with closed support periods who needed homelessness services and who were provided with at least one service in at least one support period during the reference year by the agency visited, and not referred, divided by the total number of clients with closed support periods who needed homelessness services
- proportion of clients with closed support periods who needed homelessness services and who were referred to another agency, divided by the total number of clients with closed support periods who needed homelessness services
- proportion of clients with closed support periods who needed homelessness services and who were provided with those services by that agency and referred to another agency, divided by the total number of clients with closed support periods who needed homelessness services
- proportion of clients with closed support periods who needed homelessness services and who were not provided with those services or referred to another agency, divided by the total number of clients with closed support periods who needed homelessness services
- proportion of clients (12–18 years) with closed support periods who needed education and/or training assistance who were undertaking formal study or training at the end of support, divided by the total number of closed support periods for clients (aged 12–18 years) who needed education and/or training assistance.

The range of services needed by clients is broad (ranging from meals to laundry facilities to long term accommodation), so the effect of not providing these services varies.

Holding other factors constant, a high or increasing proportion of clients who received services they needed, or who were referred to another agency, is desirable.

Jurisdictions with central intake agencies such as Victoria and the ACT may record a relatively high number of clients with unmet need for services because all eligible clients receive an assessment but the provision or referral of service is determined by their level of need relative to other clients. A client is generally only referred to a provider when a suitable service is secured for them by the central intake service.

Data reported for these measures are:

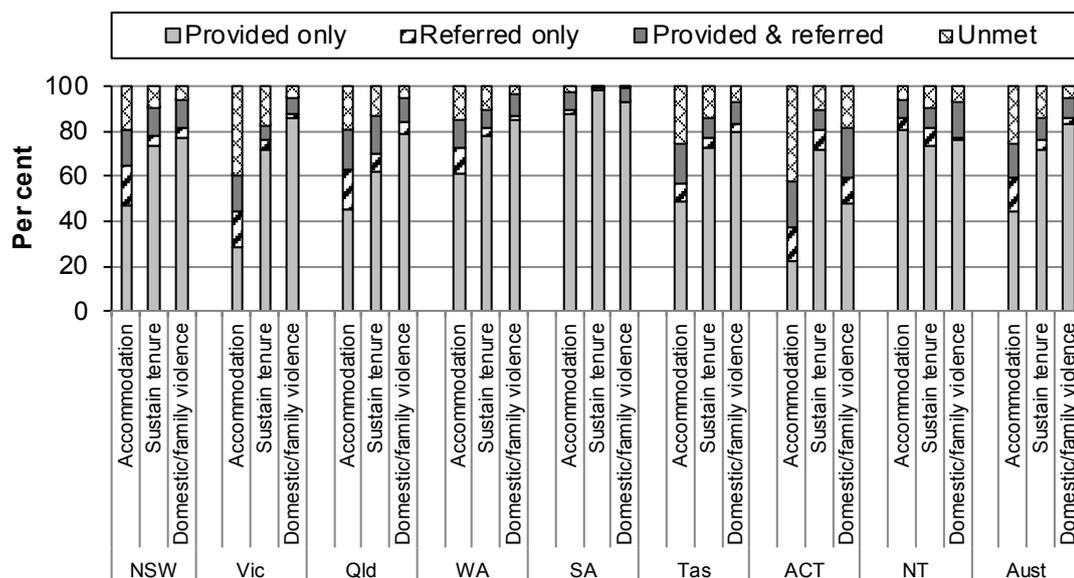
- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions

The basis on which this indicator is enumerated has changed from the 2013 Report. Data for 2011-12 have been revised to reflect this change.

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally in 2012–13, 53.3 per cent of all clients with closed support periods who needed homelessness services were identified as needing accommodation or accommodation-related assistance. Agencies were able to directly provide or directly provide and refer these services to most of the clients seeking this type of service (59.7 per cent). A further 15.3 per cent of these clients were referred to other organisations for this assistance (figure 18.7 and table 18A.12). Specialist homelessness agencies were able to directly provide or directly provide and refer assistance to sustain tenure to most clients seeking this type of service (81.4 per cent), and directly provide or directly provide and refer domestic and family violence-related assistance to 92.2 per cent of clients seeking this type of service (figure 18.7).

Figure 18.7 Closed support periods — support needs of all clients, 2012-13^a



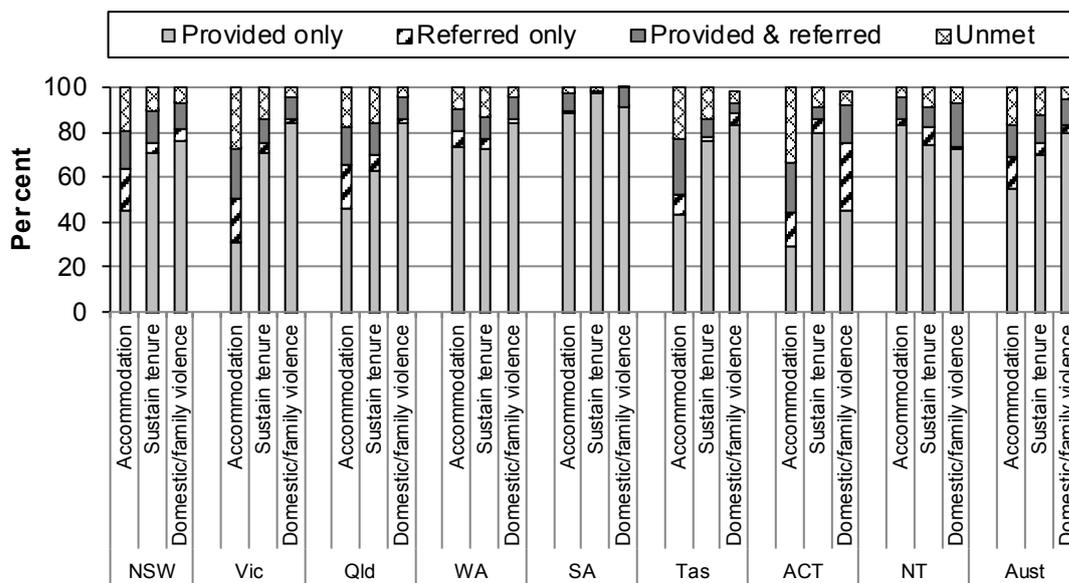
^a Victoria and ACT have central intake models which mean that their data are not directly comparable with other states and territories.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.12.

Nationally in 2012–13, 57.0 per cent of all Indigenous clients who needed homelessness services were identified as needing accommodation or accommodation-related assistance. Agencies were able to directly provide or directly provide and refer these services to most of the clients seeking this type of service (69.3 per cent). A further 14.4 per cent of these clients were referred to other organisations for this assistance (figure 18.8 and table 18A.13). Specialist homelessness agencies were able to directly provide or directly provide and refer assistance to sustain tenure to most clients seeking this type of service (82.1 per cent) and directly provide or directly provide and refer domestic and

family violence-related assistance to 91.2 per cent of clients seeking this type of service (figure 18.8).

Figure 18.8 Closed support periods — support needs of Indigenous clients, 2012–13



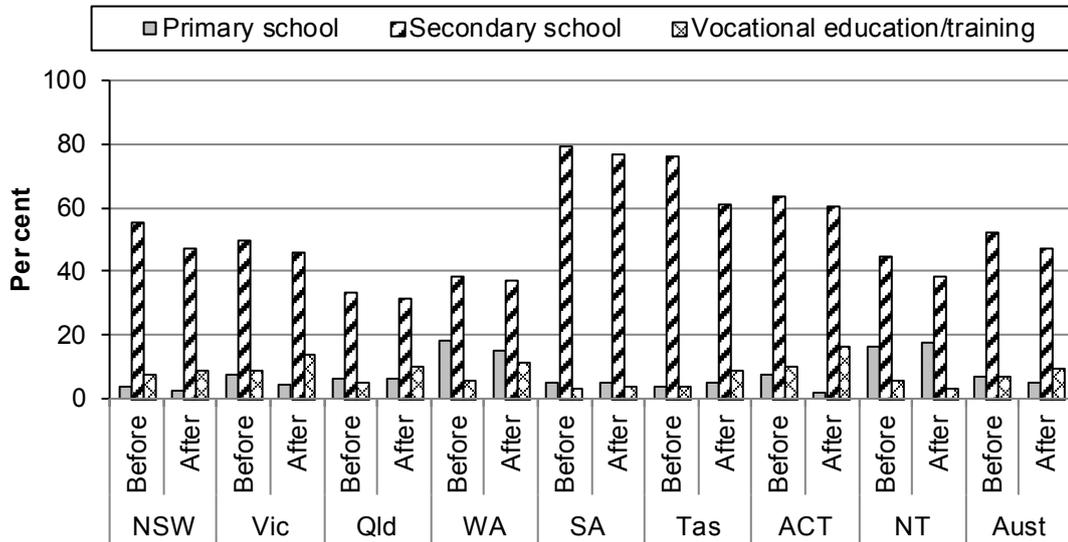
Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.13.

The support needs of clients born in non-main English speaking countries are included in table 18A.14.

Data for 2011–12 are included in tables 18A.12–14.

Nationally, of young clients (aged 12–18 years) who needed assistance to obtain or maintain education and/or training in 2012–13, 67.9 per cent were undertaking formal study or training after support, compared with 66.5 per cent in 2011–12 (table 18A.15). Amongst this 67.9 per cent, the proportion of clients who were in vocational education/training increased from 6.4 per cent before support to 9.4 per cent after support. The proportion of clients who were in secondary school decreased from 51.7 per cent before support to 46.6 per cent after support. These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.9).

Figure 18.9 Closed support periods — proportion of clients aged 12 to 18 years who needed education and/or training assistance who were undertaking formal study or training after support, status before and after support, 2012–13



Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.15.

Additional data on the education and training status of clients before and after support are presented in table 18A.15, including data for 2011–12.

Effectiveness — quality

Client satisfaction

‘Client satisfaction’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide high quality services that meet the needs of clients (box 18.7).

Box 18.7 Client satisfaction

‘Client satisfaction’ is defined as the extent to which clients find homelessness services and programs to be helpful and of a high standard.

This indicator and associated measures are under development.

Efficiency

Expenditure data for these indicators are provided by State and Territory governments, while data on the number of support periods, support days and clients are drawn from the SHSC.

Across jurisdictions, there may be varying treatments of expenditure items (for example, superannuation) and different counting and reporting rules for generating financial data. Differences in expenditure data across jurisdictions may reflect to some extent differences in the way these data are compiled rather than true variations in expenditure.

Cost per completed support period

‘Cost per completed support period’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to maximise the availability and quality of services through the efficient use of public resources (box 18.8).

Box 18.8 Cost per completed support period

‘Cost per completed support period’ is defined as total recurrent expenditure on homelessness services divided by the number of completed support periods.

A low or decreasing cost per completed support period may represent an improvement in efficiency, but may also indicate lower service quality or relatively short support periods.

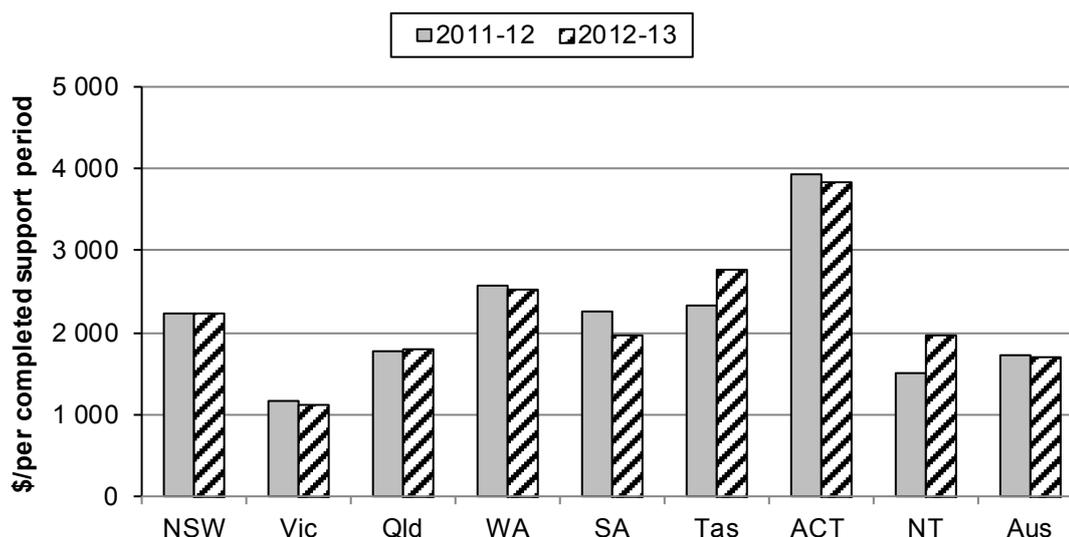
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally, the recurrent cost per completed support period was \$1683 in 2012–13, compared with \$1731 in 2011–12 (table 18A.16). This cost varied significantly across jurisdictions (figure 18.10).

Figure 18.10 **Real recurrent cost per completed support period, 2012–13 dollars^{a, b}**



^a Time series financial data are adjusted to 2012–13 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2012–13 = 100) (table 2A.53). The GGFCE replaces the Gross Domestic Product implicit price deflator used in previous editions. See Chapter 2 (section 2.5) for details. ^b See notes to table 18A.16 for more information.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; Australian, State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 18A.16.

Cost per client

‘Cost per client’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to maximise the availability and quality of services through the efficient use of public resources (box 18.9).

Box 18.9 Cost per client

'Cost per client' is defined as total recurrent expenditure on homelessness services divided by the number of clients provided with a service.

A low or decreasing cost per client may represent an improvement in efficiency, but may also indicate lower service quality or relatively short support periods.

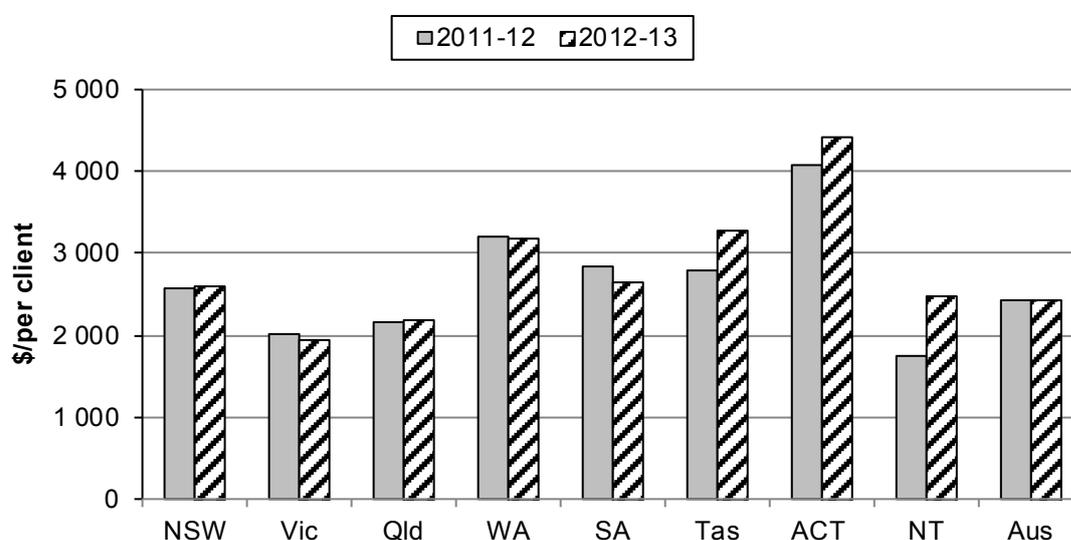
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally, the recurrent cost per client accessing homelessness services was \$2421 in 2012–13, compared with \$2436 in 2011–12 (table 18A.17). This cost varied significantly across jurisdictions (figure 18.11).

Figure 18.11 Real recurrent cost per client accessing homelessness services, 2012–13 dollars^{a, b}



^a Time series financial data are adjusted to 2012–13 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2012–13 = 100) (table 2A.53). The GGFCE replaces the Gross Domestic Product implicit price deflator used in previous editions. See Chapter 2 (section 2.5) for details. ^b See notes to table 18A.17 for more information.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; Australian, State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 18A.17.

Cost per day of support

‘Cost per day of support’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to maximise the availability and quality of services through the efficient use of public resources (box 18.10).

Box 18.10 Cost per day of support

‘Cost per day of support’ is defined as total recurrent expenditure on homelessness services divided by the number of days of support for clients receiving support and/or supported accommodation.

A low or decreasing cost per day of support may represent an improvement in efficiency, but may also indicate lower service quality or relatively short support periods.

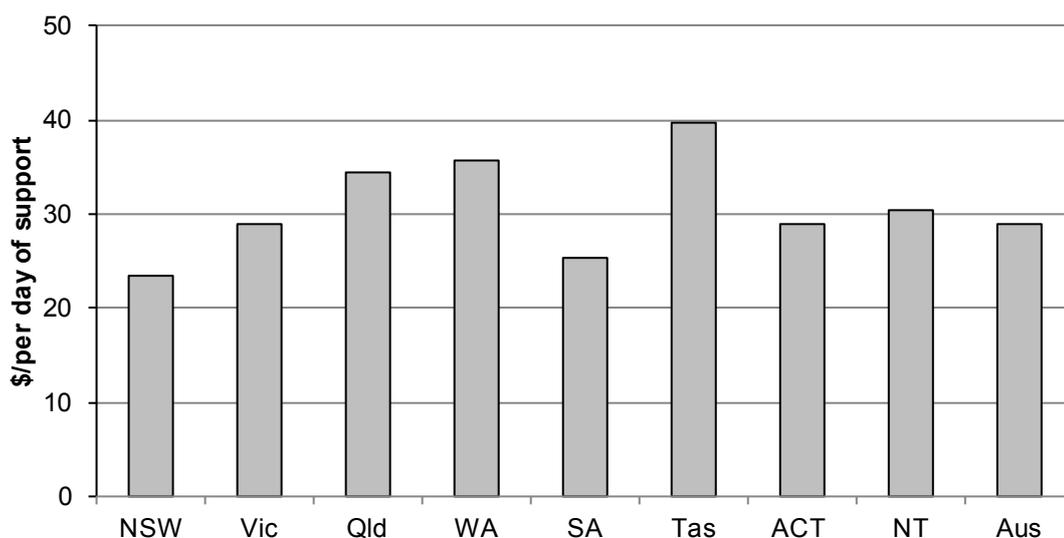
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable within jurisdictions for the current reporting period but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally, the recurrent cost per day of support for clients averaged \$29 in 2012–13. This cost varied significantly across jurisdictions (figure 18.12).

Figure 18.12 Real recurrent cost per day of support for clients, 2012–13^{a, b}



^a The number of support days for 2011–12 are not available. ^b See notes to table 18A.18 for more information.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; Australian, State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 18A.18.

Outcomes

Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (while outputs are the actual services delivered) (see chapter 1, section 1.5).

An important outcome of homelessness services is clients' achievement of self-reliance and independence. Characteristics that may indicate whether clients can live independently include their income, housing status and workforce status. These characteristics are recorded at the end of a client's support period.

Achievement of employment on exit

'Achievement of employment on exit' is an indicator of governments' objective to enable clients to participate as productive and self-reliant members of the community at the end of their support period (box 18.11).

Box 18.11 Achievement of employment on exit

'Achievement of employment on exit' is defined by three measures:

- number of clients, with closed support periods only, with an identified need for employment and/or training assistance and whose labour force status was 'employed full-time' or 'employed part-time' at the end of support, divided by the number of clients, with closed support periods only, with an identified need for employment and/or training assistance
- number of clients, with closed support periods only, with an identified need for employment and/or training assistance whose labour force status was unemployed at presentation; and whose labour force status was 'employed full-time' or 'employed part-time' at the end of support, divided by the number of clients, with closed support periods only, with an identified need for employment and/or training assistance who were unemployed at presentation
- number of clients, with closed support periods only, with an identified need for employment and/or training assistance whose labour force status was 'not in the labour force' at presentation; and whose labour force status was 'employed full-time' or 'employed part-time' at the end of support, divided by the number of clients, with closed support periods only, with an identified need for employment and/or training assistance who were not in the labour force at presentation.

Holding other factors constant, a high or increasing proportion of clients achieving employment after support is desirable.

Data are reported for all clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

This indicator compares clients' employment status before and after support and relates to relatively short term outcomes — that is, outcomes for clients immediately after their support period. Longer term outcomes are important, but more difficult to measure.

Data reported for these measures are:

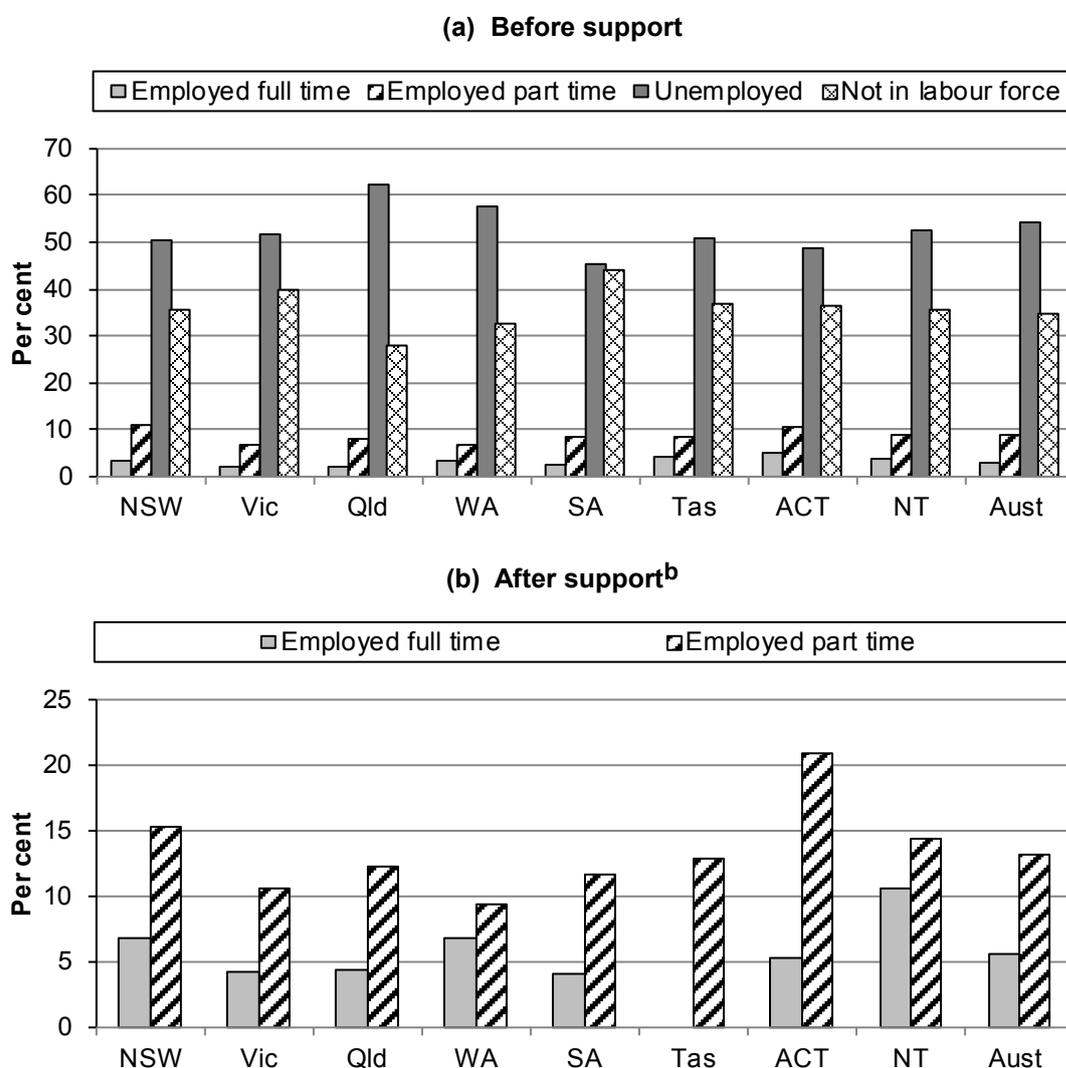
- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally, of those clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain employment and training when entering homelessness services in 2012–13, 18.8 per cent were employed either part-time or full-time after support, compared with 11.4 per cent before support. Amongst the 18.8 per cent employed after support, 5.6 per cent were employed full-time and 13.2 per cent were employed part time after support. Proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.13 and table 18A.19).

Nationally, of those Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain employment and training when entering homelessness services in 2012–13, 15.2 per cent were employed either part-time or full-time after support, compared with 11.3 per cent before support. Amongst the 15.2 per cent employed after support, 4.4 per cent were employed full time and 10.7 per cent were employed part time after support. These proportions varied across jurisdictions (table 18A.20).

Figure 18.13 Closed support periods — proportion of clients who needed employment and/or training assistance, by labour force status before support, and by full/part time employment after support, 2012–13^a



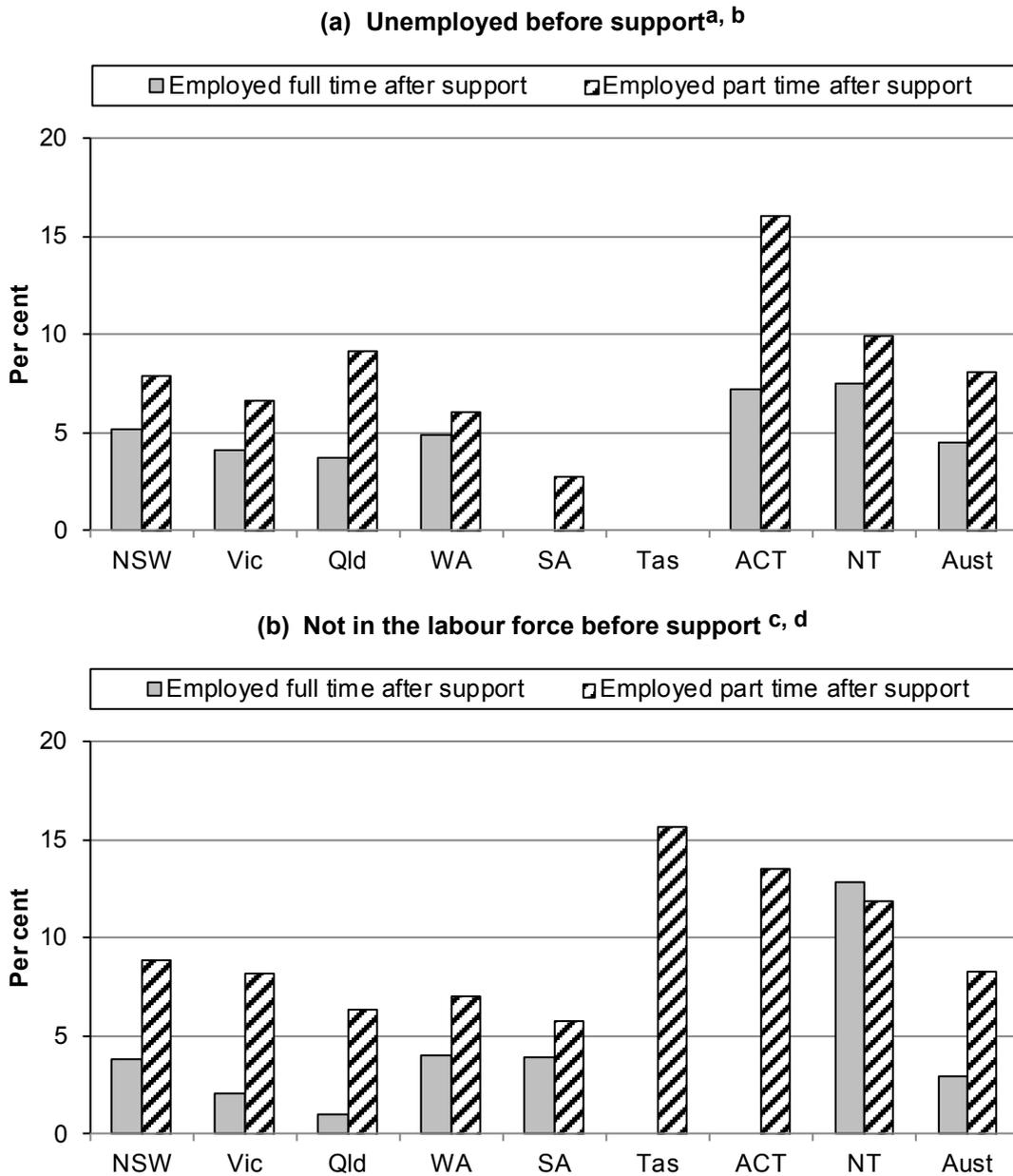
^a See notes to table 18A.19 for more information. ^b Data for 'Employed full time' for Tasmania are not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.19.

Nationally, of those clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain employment and training when entering homelessness services in 2012–13, and were unemployed before support, 4.5 per cent were employed full time and 8.1 per cent were employed part time after support (figure 18.14 (a) and table 18A.21).

Nationally, of those clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain employment and training when entering homelessness services in 2012–13, and were not in the labour force before support, 3.0 per cent were employed full time and 8.2 per cent were employed part time after support (figure 18.14 (b) and table 18A.21).

Figure 18.14 Closed support periods — labour force status of clients after support who were unemployed or not in the labour force before support 2012–13



^a 'Employed full time after support' is nil or rounded to zero for SA. ^b Data for Tasmania are not published. ^c 'Employed full time after support' is nil or rounded to zero for Tasmania. ^d Data for 'employed full time after support' for the ACT are not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.21.

Data for 2011–12 are included in table 18A.21.

Achievement of income on exit

Achievement of income on exit' is an indicator of governments' objective to enable clients to participate independently in the community at the end of their support period (box 18.12).

Box 18.12 Achievement of income on exit

'Achievement of income on exit' is defined as the number of clients with closed support periods only, who needed income assistance and exited homelessness services with an income source, divided by the total number of clients with closed support periods only, who needed income assistance.

Holding other factors constant, a high or increasing proportion of clients who needed income assistance and exited homelessness services with an income source is desirable.

This indicator compares these clients' income status before and after they received support. It is assumed that a client's independence and self-reliance is enhanced when the client experiences a positive change in income source (for example, from having no income support to obtaining some income, including wages and/or benefits) on exit from services.

Data are reported for all clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

Data reported for these measures are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions

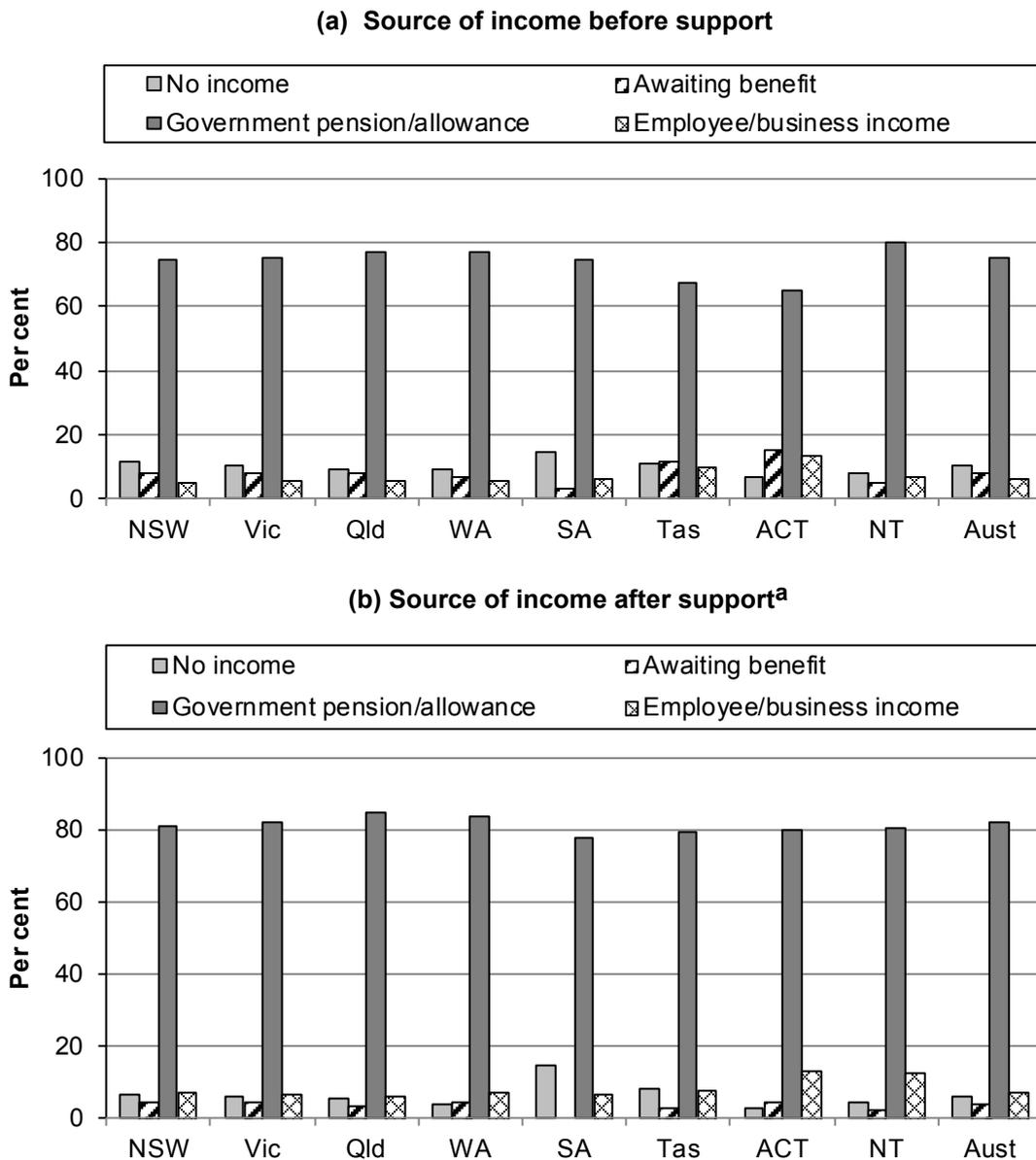
Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally, of clients who needed income assistance when entering homelessness services in 2012–13, 93.9 per cent had an income source after support, compared with 94.5 per cent in 2011–12 (table 18A.22). Amongst the 93.9 per cent, the proportion whose source of income was a government pension/allowance increased from 75.0 per cent before support to 81.9 per cent after support and the proportion of clients whose source of income was employee/business income increased from 6.0 per cent before support to 7.2 per cent after support. Proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.15).

Nationally, of Indigenous clients who needed income assistance when entering homelessness services in 2012–13, 95.2 per cent had an income source after support, compared with 96.2 per cent in 2011–12 (table 18A.23). Amongst the 95.2 per cent, the proportion whose source of income was a government pension/allowance increased from 84.7 per cent before support to 88.9 per cent after

support. The proportion of clients whose source of income was employee/business income increased from 3.1 per cent before support to 4.0 per cent after support. Proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.16).

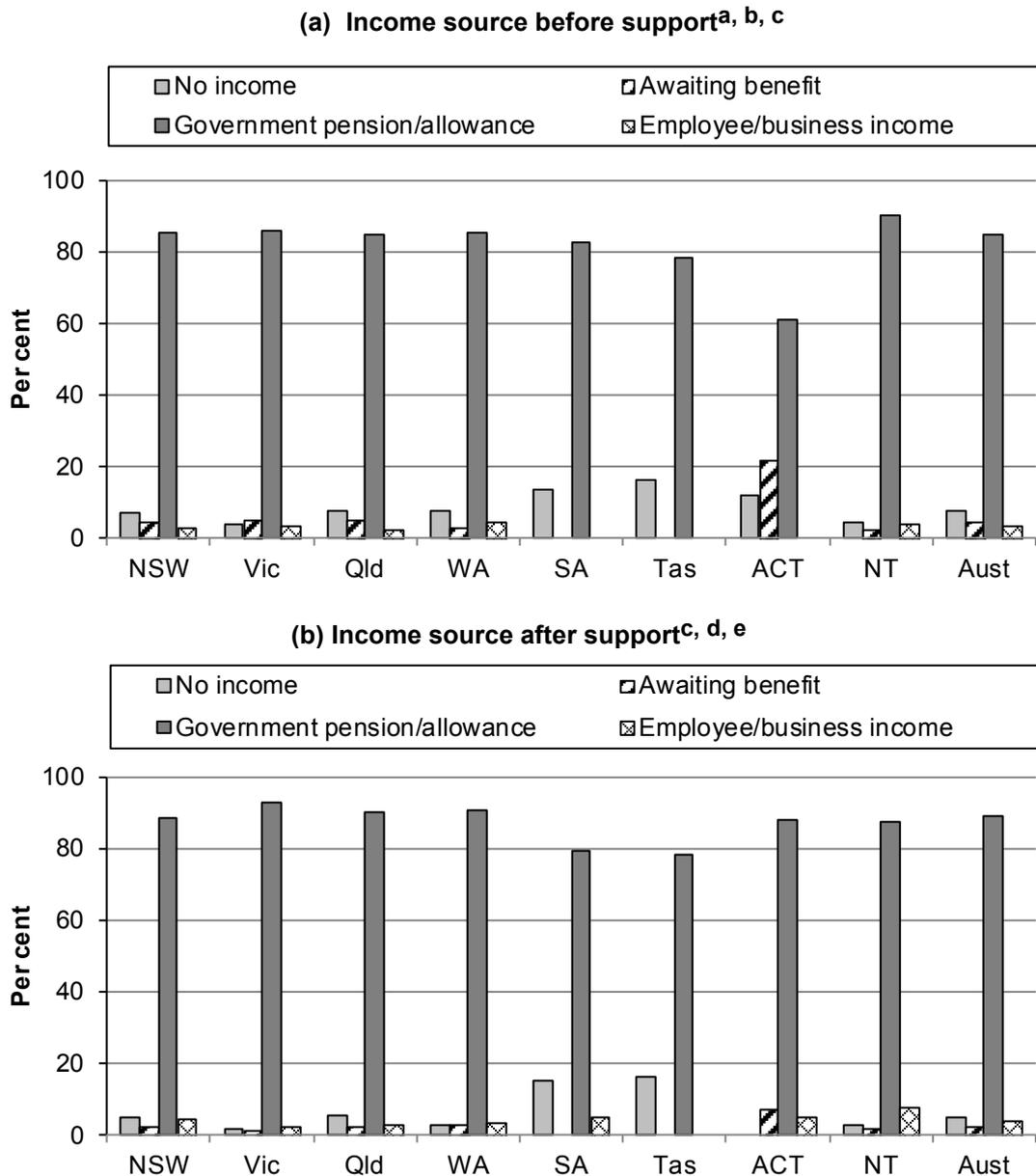
Figure 18.15 Closed support periods — proportion of clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support, by income source, 2012–13



^a 'Awaiting benefit' is nil or rounded to zero for SA.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.22.

Figure 18.16 **Closed support periods — proportion of Indigenous clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support, by income source, 2012–13**



^a Data for 'Awaiting benefit' for SA are not published. ^b Data for 'Employee/business income' for SA, Tasmania and the ACT are not published. ^c 'Awaiting benefit' is nil or rounded to zero for SA and Tasmania. ^d Data for 'Employee/business income' for Tasmania are not published. ^e 'No income' is nil or rounded to zero for the ACT.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.23.

Achievement of independent housing on exit

‘Achievement of independent housing’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate as productive and self-reliant members of society at the end of their support period (box 18.13).

Box 18.13 Achievement of independent housing on exit

‘Achievement of independent housing’ is defined by three measures:

- number of clients with closed support periods only, who identified a need for assistance to obtain ‘long term housing’; or ‘sustain tenancy or prevent tenancy failure or eviction’; or ‘prevent foreclosures or for mortgage arrears’, and had achieved independent housing at the end of support, divided by the number of clients with closed support periods only, who identified a need for assistance to obtain ‘long term housing’ or ‘sustain tenancy or prevent tenancy failure or eviction’, or ‘prevent foreclosures or for mortgage arrears’
- number of clients with closed support periods only, who on presentation, were living in non-independent housing and achieved independent housing at the end of support, divided by the number of clients with closed support periods only, who at presentation were living in non-independent/supported housing
- number of clients with closed support periods only, who achieved independent housing at the end of support, and who did not present again with a need for short-term, medium-term, long term housing, assistance to sustain tenancy or prevent tenancy failure or eviction or assistance to prevent foreclosures or for mortgage arrears again during the reference year, divided by the number of clients with closed support periods only, who had requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent/non-supported housing, and who had independent/non-supported housing at the end of support.

Data are reported for all clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

Holding other factors constant, a high or increasing proportion of closed support periods in which clients achieve independent housing is desirable.

This indicator compares the proportion of clients who were in independent housing before and after they received support from homelessness services. It relates to relatively short term outcomes — that is, outcomes for clients immediately after their support period. Longer term outcomes are also important, but more difficult to measure.

Data reported for these measures are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions

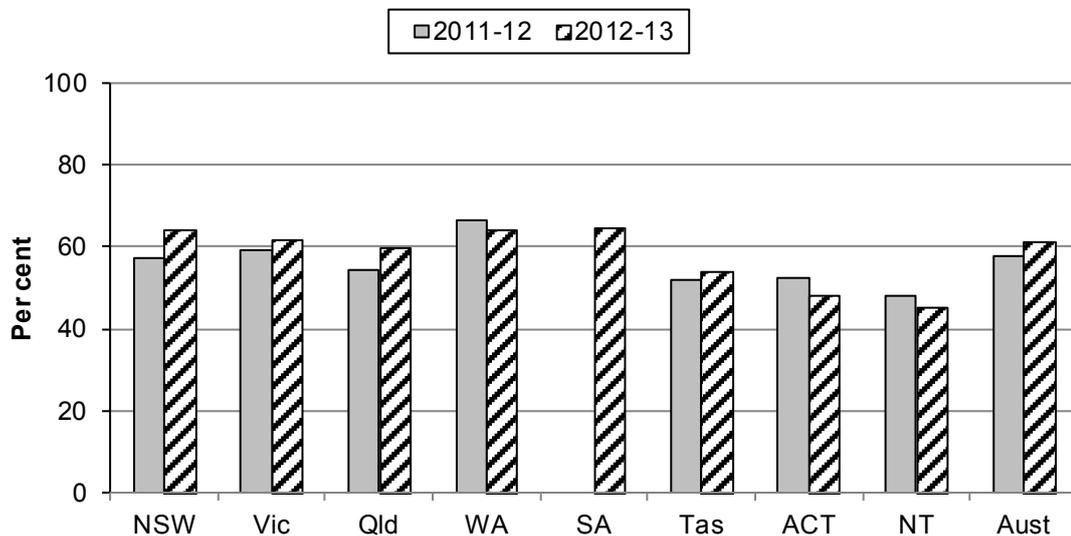
Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally, of clients who needed assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing 61.2 per cent achieved independent housing in 2012–13, compared with 58.0 per cent in 2011–12 (figure 18.17). This included clients who moved or returned to private rental housing (37.3 per cent), and to public or community rental housing (20.9 per cent) (table 18A.24).

Nationally, of Indigenous clients who needed assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing 58.0 per cent achieved independent housing in 2012–13, compared with 52.7 per cent in 2011–12 (figure 18.18). This included clients who moved or returned to private rental housing (25.1 per cent), and to public or community rental housing (30.2 per cent) (table 18A.25).

Clients who did not achieve independent housing included those who moved to, or continued to live in, short to medium term accommodation provided by homelessness services and other forms of non-independent accommodation (tables 18A.24 and 18A.25).

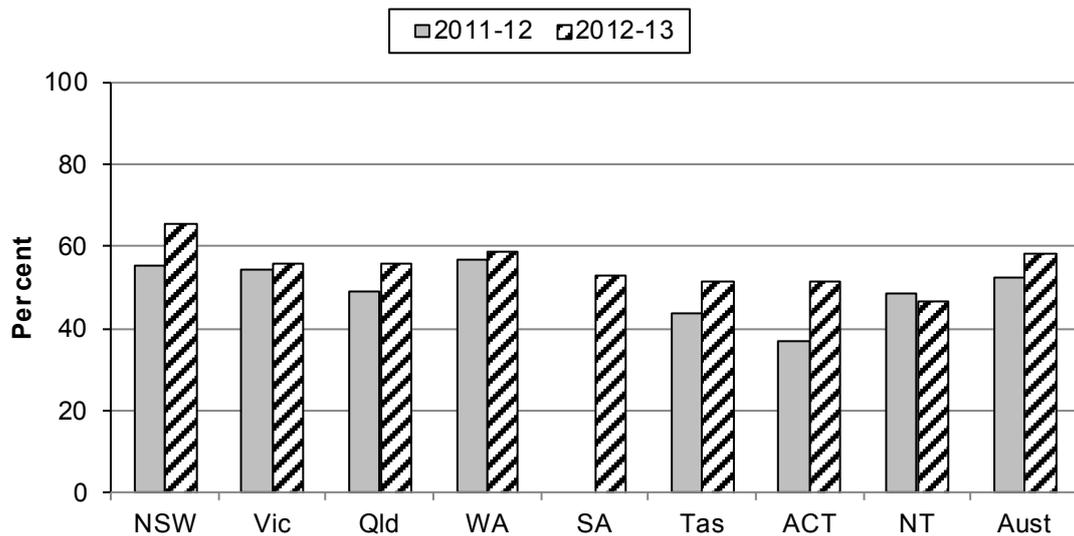
Figure 18.17 Closed support periods — proportion of clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who obtained or maintained independent housing after support^{a, b}



^a SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis. ^b See notes to table 18A.24 for more information.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.24.

Figure 18.18 Closed support periods — proportion of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing who obtained or maintained independent housing after support^{a, b}



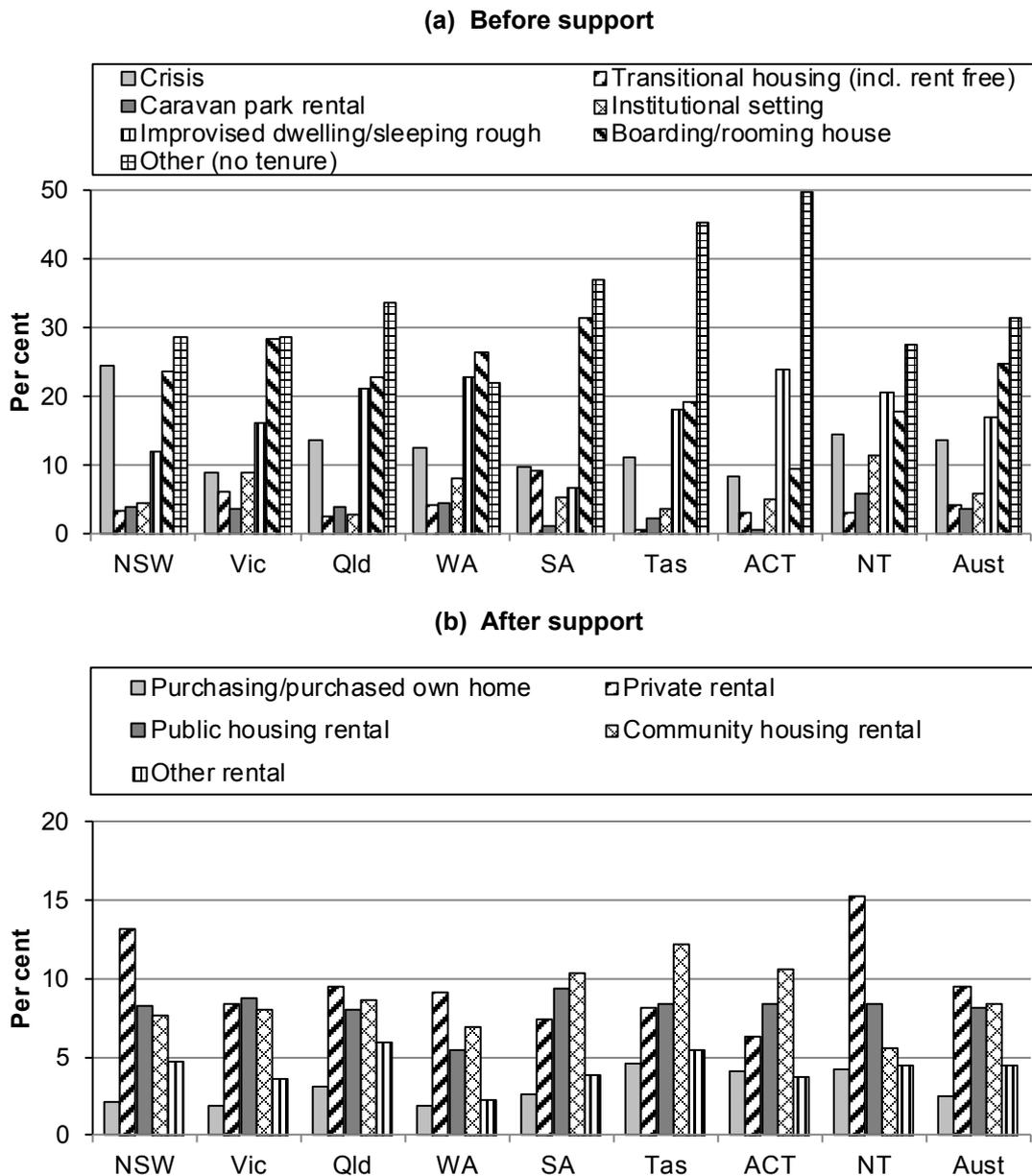
^a SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis. ^b See notes to table 18A.25 for more information.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.25.

Data for 2011–12 are included in tables 18A.24–25.

Amongst clients who were living in non-independent housing and who needed assistance to obtain independent housing, 33.0 per cent achieved independent housing in 2012–13, compared with 27.2 per cent in 2011–12 (table 18A.26). This included clients who moved to private rental housing (9.5 per cent), and to public (8.1 per cent) or community rental housing (8.4 per cent) (figure 18.19).

Figure 18.19 Closed support periods — proportion of clients who were living in non-independent housing before support who obtained independent housing after support, by tenure type, 2012–13^a

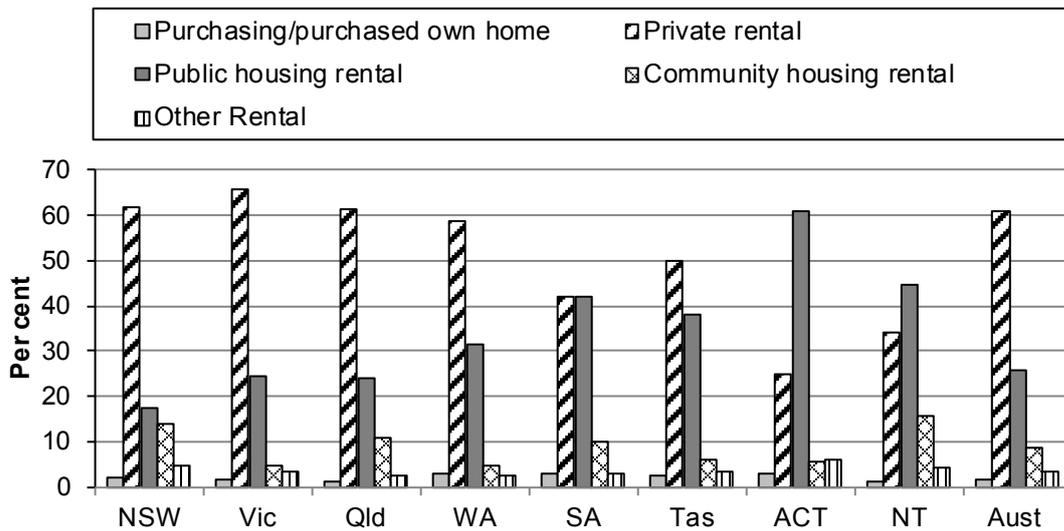


^a See notes to table 18A.26 for more information.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.26.

Nationally, 60.8 per cent of clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again for accommodation in 2012–13, went in to private rental after support.

Figure 18.20 Closed support periods — proportion of clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation, by tenure type, 2012–13^a



^a See notes to table 18A.27 for more information.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.27.

Data for 2011–12 are included in table 18A.27.

Data for Indigenous clients are included in table 18A.28.

Proportion of people experiencing repeat periods of homelessness

‘Proportion of people experiencing repeat periods of homelessness’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate independently in society at the end of their support period (box 18.14).

Box 18.14 Proportion of people experiencing repeat periods of homelessness

‘Proportion of people experiencing repeat periods of homelessness’ is defined as the number of SHS clients who change status from ‘homeless’ to ‘not homeless’ and back to ‘homeless’, divided by the number of SHS clients who experienced homelessness at any time during the reporting period.

The measure under this indicator is a *proxy* as it only captures homeless people who access SHS (ie, homeless people who do not access homelessness services are not identified).

Holding other factors constant, a low or decreasing proportion of clients who more than once required housing or accommodation support specifically is desirable.

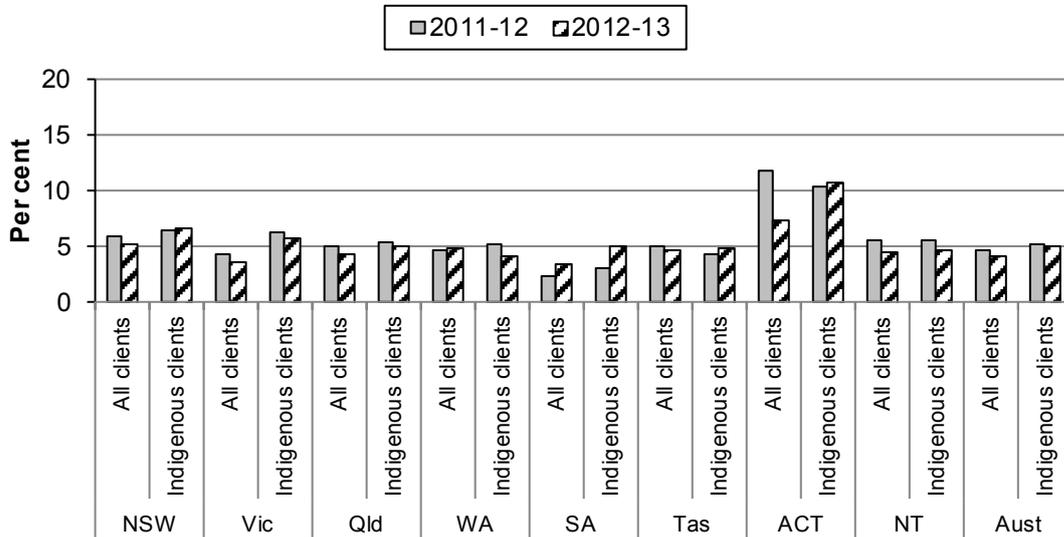
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally, 4.0 per cent of all clients who experienced homelessness at some time in 2012–13, had more than one period of homelessness compared with 4.7 per cent in 2011–12 (figure 18.21 and table 18A.29). The proportion of Indigenous clients who experienced homelessness at some time in 2012–13 and who had more than one period of homelessness decreased from 5.2 per cent in 2011–12 to 4.9 per cent in 2012–13. These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 18.21 and table 18A.30).

Figure 18.21 Clients who had more than one period of homelessness, all clients and Indigenous clients



Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; tables 18A.29–30.

Goals achieved on exit from service

‘Goals achieved on exit’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure homelessness services meet the needs and expectations of clients (box 18.15).

Box 18.15 Goals achieved on exit from service

'Goals achieved on exit from service' is defined as the proportion of clients in a given period who reported that their case management goals were 'all', 'some' or 'none' achieved by the end of their support period.

This indicator should be interpreted in conjunction with the 'development of an agreed case management plan' indicator which identifies the proportion of case management plans developed.

Holding other factors constant, a high or increasing proportion of achieved goals is desirable.

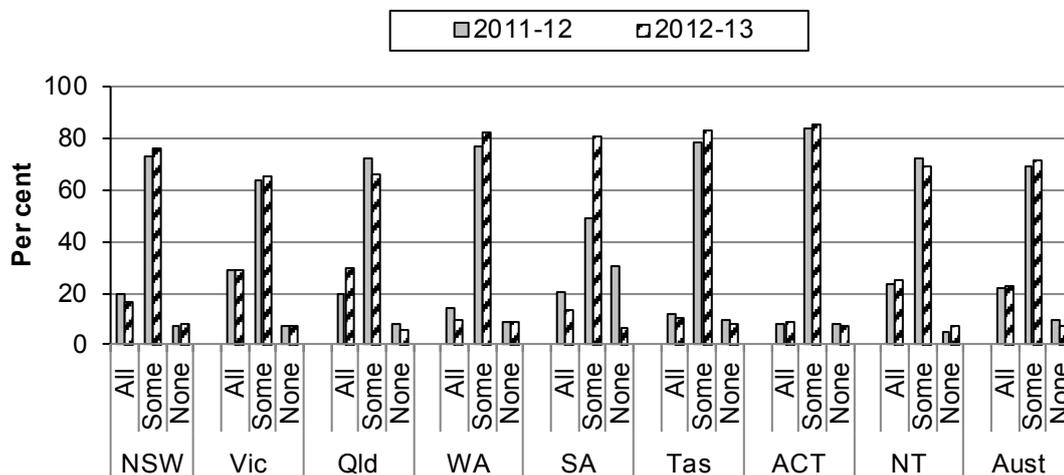
Data reported for these measures are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required (2012–13) data are available for all jurisdictions

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Nationally, some or all case management goals were achieved by the end of the support period for 93.0 per cent of clients in 2012–13 (figure 18.22 and table 18A.31).

Figure 18.22 Goals achieved on exit from homelessness services, 2012–13^a



^a See notes to table 18A.31 for more information.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia; table 18A.31.

18.4 Future directions in homelessness services performance reporting

Homelessness data developments

From 1 July 2011, the SAAP data collection was replaced by the SHSC which will continue to be the primary source for reporting on the performance indicators for specialist homelessness services in the future editions of the Report.

The 2015 Report and later editions will continue:

- developing and refining performance measures
- lengthening time series data in attachment tables
- developing data quality information for performance indicators.

18.5 Jurisdictions' comments

This section provides comments from each jurisdiction on the services covered in this chapter.

Australian Government comments

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Following the expiry of the 2009–2013 National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) on 30 June 2013, a new one year transitional NPAH with states and territories commenced on 1 July 2013. Under the transitional NPAH, funding of \$159 million was invested by the Australian Government for a range of homelessness initiatives, including \$111.7 million to maintain service delivery levels, \$43.2 million for capital developments projects and \$4 million for research purposes.

Jurisdictions are matching the Australian Government contribution for service delivery and capital projects. The 2013–14 NPAH was funded to ensure that service delivery levels were maintained while all parties worked towards a long term response to homelessness for beyond 2014.

The Department of Social Services (DSS), through the Reconnect program, provides community-based and family focused early intervention program supporting young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. In partnership with the Department of Human Services, DSS also delivers the ‘HOME Advice’ program to assist families facing difficulty to maintain tenancies or home ownership.

DSS managed the National Homelessness Research Agenda 2009–13, which had three components: the Research Partnership Agreement, the Discrete Research Projects and Journeys Home. The Research Partnership Agreements, worth \$4 million and an additional 16 discrete projects worth \$1.4 million, finished on 30 June 2013. Forty-four research projects in total were completed, and will contribute to the design and implementation of evidence-based policy and support services for the homeless. All research reports have been released on the Australian Homelessness Clearinghouse.

DSS is also funding Journeys Home: Longitudinal Study of Factors Affecting Housing Stability which aims to improve our understanding of, and policy response to, the diverse social, economic and personal factors relating to homelessness and the risk of becoming homeless. The survey has six waves, running from September 2011 to the second half of 2014. Four waves have been completed and a research report for Waves 1–4 is due in late 2013.

The Prime Minister’s Council on Homelessness (established 2009) provided advice to government on progress, risks and emerging issues in homelessness. The Council’s final term concluded on 30 June 2013.

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New South Wales Government comments

“ The delivery of the right services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness is important for protecting some of the most vulnerable people in NSW and breaking the cycle of disadvantage.

The NSW Homelessness Action Plan (HAP) puts NSW and national homelessness policy into action and reinforces the NSW Government's commitment to the NSW 2021 plan targets and the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH). The HAP provides the direction for effort in NSW to reduce and prevent homelessness.

NSW allocated \$134.4 million in 2012–13 from the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) to Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) to assist people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Almost 52 000 people received SHS support, including crisis and transitional support and practical assistance to help break the cycle of repeat homelessness.

NSW is working to improve the capacity of the Specialist Homelessness Services sector to deliver better outcomes for people who are homeless including better aligning resources to need.

In addition to funding under the NAHA, the NPAH provided a joint Commonwealth and NSW Government commitment to tackle the issue of homelessness, including Aboriginal homelessness.

The NSW Government's investment has focused on continued inter-agency collaboration and driving service reform and priorities to deliver streamlined services for clients to prevent, reduce and respond effectively to homelessness.

The NSW Government's service delivery achievements are evidence of the strong consolidation of projects that have taken place over the life of the NPAH. All projects have established service delivery regimes and built referral networks and strong interagency partnerships. Significantly, over the life of the four year agreement, 55 funded NPAH projects continued to exceed expectations, with 98 per cent exceeding their client targets.

The NSW Government signed a Transitional NPAH agreement for 2013–14 to enable a longer-term funding agreement to be negotiated. This funding will assist approximately 5000 people in NSW, spread across a range of multi-agency initiatives that place people at the centre.

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Victorian Government comments

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In 2012–13 Victoria provided over \$200 million to community service organisations to support people that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Under the National Partnership Agreement for Homelessness, Victoria has implemented models of early intervention aimed at preventing or reducing the time spent homeless. Vulnerable young people at risk are now offered support that enables them to recognise and reach their full potential through stable accommodation linked to education and employment pathways.

Reform of family violence services continued in 2012–13. There was an increased emphasis on safely maintaining women and children in their own homes and on providing this group with a stable living environment. Two new Indigenous family violence crisis accommodation and support services were developed in rural areas. Strengthening risk management pilots continue to provide an effective and coordinated response to women and children at greatest risk of violence in two geographic areas. These pilots are demonstrating the value of multi-agency approaches involving police and the justice system and other related services.

A Place to Call Home has supported families to maintain or secure housing and connections to community supports that will sustain their tenancies and end homelessness.

Substantial work progressed in 2012–13 under the Victorian Homelessness Action Plan (VHAP) 2011–2015, which is an \$82.6 million plan to reform and strengthen the response to homelessness in Victoria. Work included mapping and analysis of the current Victorian homelessness and family violence service systems as well as review of the current service system, which included consultation with the sector and clients.

As part of the VHAP, \$30.9 million will be invested in Innovation Action Projects over three years. Eleven projects commenced in 2012–13 as part of stage 1 to investigate service models that focus on early intervention and prevention. Projects have operated in metropolitan Melbourne and in regional and rural locations, including major centres like Geelong, Shepparton and Ballarat.

A number of high volume entry point agencies have commenced reporting data through the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC), joining all other funded homelessness agencies in Victoria reporting through this collection. Entry point agencies provide initial assessment of client need and arrange referrals to further support or housing. The inclusion of these agencies in the SHSC more completely measures this important aspect of service provision, and has significantly increased the number of Victorian clients in 2012–13.

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Queensland Government comments

“ In 2012–13, Queensland allocated over \$71 million to support the delivery of 244 specialist homelessness services for target groups, including young people, families, adults, and women and children escaping domestic and family violence.

Through the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, the Australian and Queensland Governments have provided an additional \$284.6 million over five years (2008–09 to 2012–13) to reduce homelessness in Queensland, including \$149.5 million State funds and \$135.1 million Australian Government funds.

Reform directions for the homelessness service system have been outlined in the *Homelessness-to-Housing Strategy 2020*. Several initiatives and reform activities have helped people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. These include:

- five *Street to Home* services assisted 1829 instances of rough sleepers and chronically homeless people to transition to stable housing
- *A Place to Call Home* purchased 43 dwellings and housed 176 people
- *Common Ground Brisbane* assisted 274 people who were homeless or at risk of homelessness, through its combined outreach support and the tenancing of the Brisbane Common Ground building
- *HomeStay Support* services provided early intervention assistance to 4489 clients to maintain their tenancies
- the *RentConnect* program provided personal assistance to 8212 clients
- development of a new client assessment and referral tool.

A number of primary target groups were assisted including youth and children; people with a disability or mental health issues, those experiencing domestic and family violence; and those leaving statutory or institutional care settings. Several initiatives were put in place, including:

- *Post Care Support* provided 335 young people with a disability exiting from the Care of State with transition support
- the five *After Care Services* assisted 321 young people leaving out-of-home care at risk of becoming homeless, to find accommodation and connect with the education system
- the *Integrated Transitional Support Model and Offender Reintegration Support Service* provided transitional support to 3741 people.

Emergency Department Homeless Liaison officers, located at four hospital sites, provided support on 861 occasions to people who were identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness. Significant achievements were made in service integration including enhanced local collaboration and coordination around responses to homelessness through the implementation of seven Homelessness Community Action Plans.

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Western Australian Government comments

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The Department for Child Protection and Family Support has lead agency responsibility for homelessness in Western Australia (WA). Through the National Affordable Housing Agreement and the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) funding is allocated to support the delivery of specialist homelessness services across WA.

The WA Implementation Plan (IP) for the NPAH is fully operational and achieved excellent results over the life of the program. Overall, WA exceeded the targets set in the IP for 2012–13. In the reporting period, the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection data indicates WA NPAH services have assisted over 4700 clients.

An independent Evaluation of the WA NPAH IP found programs make a positive difference for the majority of people who use them. The Evaluation also found that the target of 11 per cent Indigenous participation set for NPAH programs in WA was exceeded, with 29 per cent of clients supported through the NPAH being Indigenous. Department of Housing data quoted in the Evaluation shows that 91 per cent of NPAH clients allocated Department of Housing properties retained their tenancies and were still accommodated after twelve months.

The NPAH has been an important catalyst for improving integration with mainstream services, for example:

- NPAH services have provided clients with intensive case management, including linking clients and their children with mainstream services such as education, training, employment, mental health and drug and alcohol services
- the implementation of the NPAH has resulted in more effective working relationships between specialist homelessness services and mainstream agencies, for example the Department of Housing and the WA Police
- integration has been assisted by the development and implementation of the State Homelessness Plan and Regional Homelessness Plans.

The NPAH also provided capital funds for a major rebuild of St Bartholomew’s House (St Bart’s) which was completed in 2012. This has resulted in one of Australia’s leading innovative social housing projects, providing a place where 148 people have the essential support they need to rebuild their lives; break the cycle of homelessness or age with dignity and comfort.

The St Bart’s facility provides new housing options for people who are homeless, including clients of Street to Home. The seven storey facility houses a combination of 40 aged care, 12 crisis, 42 transitional and 54 independent living accommodation units, along with administration offices, roof top gardens and recreation areas.

Refurbishment of the previous St Bart’s building will see the provision of accommodation for older homeless women, thus responding to the growing need in this demographic.

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South Australian Government comments

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In 2012–13, South Australia consolidated the implementation of its state-wide reform of the homelessness sector. Consolidating both National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness and National Affordable Housing Agreement funding, allowed the delivery of coordinated homelessness outcomes as a sector-wide, integrated homelessness response to ensure people have access to safe and sustainable housing.

South Australia now has a Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) sector comprising of 76 service delivery programs delivered through 97 service outlets, that delivers a consistent suite of support and accommodation services to priority population groups in all metropolitan and regional areas. Each region is covered by local agencies catering to Generic, Youth, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Domestic and Aboriginal Family Violence target groups.

Complementing this regional structure is a state and metro-wide network of services (including three specialist gateway services) which also responds to sub-groups within the key priority populations, such as young people and adults exiting custodial settings, children with complex needs and transient Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The aim of the SHS sector in South Australia is to respond to clients as a single integrated sector. A client can receive an intake at one service and only be required to tell their story once as each agency acts as a gateway into the SHS sector.

This capacity is facilitated by Homeless2Home (H2H), a web-based case management and client information system which enables agencies to electronically coordinate referrals and case management, as well as collect data for monitoring sector-wide service activity and client outcomes. The investment of funding into the design and development of H2H has been a critical element of South Australia's implementation plan. South Australia has also expended significant effort in enhancing the capacity of SHS through a dedicated professional development and training program for staff and the further enhancement of contract performance management guidelines.

A number of new South Australian developments were opened in 2012–13 for people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. *youth110* is a youth crisis accommodation service comprising of 30 one and two bedroom apartments for medium-term transitional accommodation. The service commenced operation in August 2012 with the facility operated by St John's Youth Services Incorporated. *youth110* was recognised as a finalist in the 2013 National Homelessness Services Achievement Awards held in May 2013.

Common Ground Adelaide and Housing SA worked in partnership to deliver the Common Ground model of housing in Port Augusta, the first regional Common Ground model of housing in the world. Boston Street, officially opened in December 2012, provides 15 refurbished one and two bedroom units for adult tenants.

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Tasmanian Government comments

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Tasmania has the lowest homelessness rate in Australia at 32 per 10 000 of the Tasmanian population compared with the national average of 49 per 10 000, according to the 2011 census. The State Government continues to work closely with both the community sector and the Australian Government to deliver long-term solutions to homelessness.

Significant investment in housing and homelessness support services continues to deliver positive outcomes for those Tasmanians who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. A total of \$5.82 million is being invested in homelessness services over the current financial year through an extension to the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness between the State and Australian Governments. Unprecedented State and national investment in affordable housing has delivered more than 1550 new affordable energy efficient homes for low income Tasmanians since January 2009 with over 1000 more due by 2016. This includes five new supported accommodation facilities across Tasmania. The \$14 million Trinity Hill redevelopment in North Hobart will provide independent living for 46 young Tasmanians who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Housing Connect – which started on 1 October 2013 – is transforming the way housing services are provided for clients in Tasmania. The new system makes it easier and faster for Tasmanians to access housing and support needs with one assessment for everything from emergency accommodation to a long-term home. Housing Connect’s common assessments, shared waiting lists and a more integrated service system are connecting people to the right services, providing more stable social housing tenures and preventing homelessness.

Housing Connect provides immediate assistance, assessment and intake services for people who need help with housing or are homeless. Ongoing support and additional services will assist those who are at risk of returning to housing crisis, for the duration of their need. It will reform the way Specialist Homelessness Services are provided in Tasmania.

During 2012–13 the Specialist Homelessness Services system performed well and improved in a number of areas. A total of 67.2 per cent of clients had a case management plan compared with 55.2 per cent nationally. This improved from 62.9 per cent in 2011–12. During 2012–13, 72.8 per cent of clients achieved some or all case management goals, up from 68.6 per cent in 2011–12. The percentage of clients who achieved independent housing on exit from a Specialist Homelessness Service rose from 52.1 per cent in 2011–12 to 53.6 per cent in 2012–13. Only 4.6 per cent experienced repeat episodes of homelessness in Tasmania– an improvement on last year’s 5 per cent.

The performance of Tasmania’s homelessness services also improved in 2012–13 with better employment and income outcomes for clients following support.

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Australian Capital Territory Government comments

“ The focus of 2012–13 continued to be reform, with the consolidation of reforms to youth homelessness, the continuation of reforms in response to reduction in funding through the National Affordable Housing Agreement and the final year of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH).

The ACT Government has been working in consultation with homelessness service providers to develop and implement a new funding model. The model, developed on the basis that there will be no reduction in accommodation places for people experiencing homelessness, provides a consistent, transparent and equitable funding framework. The ACT Government has been working closely with organisations on the effect reduced funding will have on programs, staff and service delivery. New service funding agreements were finalised in November 2013 and the sector is transitioning to new models of service.

The one year transitional NPAH was finalised during 2012–13, allowing the continuation of support to key groups identified in the Homelessness White paper, including: rough sleepers, people experiencing homelessness more than once, people experiencing violence, especially women and children, children and young people including those exiting care and protection, Indigenous people, and people exiting social housing, institutional care such as health and mental health services, juvenile justice, or adult prisons. Continued reform is focussing on an effective service system that supports people across the continuum from prevention through to stabilisation and maintenance. The key strategies implemented for the final year of the NPAH included a stronger focus on early intervention and prevention; a better integrated services system; and breaking the cycle of homelessness.

First Point, the ACT’s centralised access service for people who are experiencing, or at risk of homelessness was in its second year of operation in 2012–13, managing demand through a priority waiting list that provides access to homelessness services to clients with the greatest needs. Needs based prioritisation of service means not all those seeking accommodation are able to be housed. However First Point’s policy of ‘no turn away’ for all eligible clients facilitates access to other supports for those clients. This is reflected in the strong focus on assistance to sustain existing housing. Performance indicator results should be interpreted in the light of this substantially different service model in operation in the ACT.

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Northern Territory Government comments

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The Northern Territory and Australian Governments invested \$54.9 million over five years (2008–09 to 2012–13) to deliver 22 initiatives under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH). This investment was strategically directed towards projects that provided significant capital growth and service model delivery in areas of greatest need. Achievements of note under the NPAH include:

- assisting over 800 households to sustain successful tenancies through the Tenancy Sustainability Program
- providing a response to over 80 young people at risk of homelessness, through youth support services in Katherine, Palmerston and Tennant Creek
- providing medium term transitional managed and supported accommodation in a total of 70 units in Alice Springs, and 18 beds in Darwin
- providing 66 beds for short term accommodation at Akangkentye Hostel South Terrace Alice Springs.

The Northern Territory Government contributed to negotiations for a transitional NPAH, in anticipation of a longer term funding partnership being negotiated during 2013–14.

In addition, during 2012–13, the Northern Territory allocated over \$6 million to support non-government organisations to deliver specialist homelessness services across the Northern Territory under the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA). This represents a joint contribution from the Australian and Northern Territory governments.

In 2012–13, the Department of Housing continued to deliver group and intensive one-on-one training and support to over 150 homelessness service providers across the Territory participating in the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC). The SHSC reported a total of 6959 clients assisted through homelessness services funded through the NAHA and the NPAH.

In partnership with NT Shelter, the Northern Territory Government sponsored the Homelessness Summit in October 2012. With over 140 attendees, this annual event brings together specialist homelessness service providers and other stakeholders to share ideas and strategies for reducing homelessness in the Northern Territory.

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18.6 Definitions of key terms

Based on the SHS client collection

Age	Age is calculated as age of the client on the start date of their first support period of the reporting period or the first date of the reporting period, whichever of the two is the later date.
Client	<p>A person who receives a specialist homelessness service. A client can be of any age—children are also clients if they receive a service from a specialist homelessness agency.</p> <p>To be a client, the person must directly receive a service and not just be a beneficiary of a service. Children who present with a parent or guardian and receive a service are considered to be a client. This includes a service that they share with their parent or guardian such as meals or accommodation.</p> <p>Children who present with a parent or guardian but do not directly receive a service are not considered to be clients. This includes situations where the parent or guardian receives assistance to prevent tenancy failure or eviction. Clients can be counted differently according to the data item that is being reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clients (demographic)—For clients with multiple support periods, reported data is determined based on the information at the start date of the client’s first support period in the reporting period or the first date of the reporting period, whichever is later• Clients (counted by support periods)—For each data item, clients are counted based on support periods with distinct client information. The same client can be counted more than once if they have multiple support periods with a different response for the data item. The result is that percentages do not add up to 100• Clients (outcomes) - Clients are counted based on closed support periods where a valid response is recorded both when presenting to an agency and at the end of support.
Closed support period	A support period that had finished on or before the end of the reporting period — 30 June 2013.
Indigenous status	<p>In practice, it is not realistic to collect information on the community acceptance of part of ‘The Commonwealth Definition’ and therefore standard questions on Indigenous status relate to descent and self-identification only.</p> <p>Where Indigenous status is not stated, the ‘not stated’ figure includes clients where contradictory Indigenous status’ were reported across multiple support periods as well as, missing, ‘not applicable’ and ‘don’t know’ responses.</p>
Labour force status	Reported data excludes clients aged under 15.
Main source of income	Reported data excludes clients aged under 15.

Non-main English speaking countries	Non-main English speak countries are all countries except Australia, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, United States of America and South Africa.
No tenure	A type of housing tenure recorded for clients who are sleeping rough or do not have a legal right to occupy a dwelling and may be asked to leave at any time. It includes couch surfing, living in an institutional setting, living on the streets, sleeping in parks, squatting, using cars or railway carriages, improvised dwellings or living in long grass.
Non-conventional accommodation	Non-conventional accommodation is defined as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • living on the streets • sleeping in parks • squatting • staying in cars or railway carriages • living in improvised dwellings • living in long grass..
Ongoing support period	A support period is considered ongoing at the end of the reporting period if each of the following conditions is met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no support end-date is provided • no after-support information is provided • corresponding client data was received in the month following the end of the reporting period.
Real expenditure	Actual expenditure adjusted for changes in prices. Adjustments are made using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2012-13 = 100). The GGFCE replaces the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) implicit price deflator used in previous editions.
Recurrent funding	Funding provided by the Australian, State and Territory governments to cover operating costs, salaries and rent.
Referral	When an agency contacts another agency and that agency accepts the person concerned for an appointment or interview. A referral is not provided if the person is not accepted for an appointment or interview.
Reporting period	For the purposes of this report the reporting period is the financial year-to-date (FYTD):1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.
Short-term or emergency accommodation	Short-term or emergency accommodation includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refuges • crisis shelter • couch surfing • living temporarily with friends and relatives • insecure accommodation on a short-term basis • emergency accommodation arranged by a specialist homelessness • agency (e.g. in hotels, motels etc.). <p>The following short-term accommodation options are not included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hotels, motels, caravan parks and other temporary accommodation used when a person is on holiday or travelling • custodial and care arrangements, such as prisons and hospitals • temporary accommodation used by a person while renovating usual residence or building a new residence (e.g. weekenders,

Specialist homelessness agency

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An organisation that receives government funding to deliver specialist homelessness services. Assistance is provided to clients aimed at responding to or preventing homelessness. Agencies may also receive funding from other sources.

Inclusion of agencies in the SHSC is determined by the state and territory departments responsible for administering the government response to homelessness. Not all funded agencies are required to participate in data collection.

Specialist homelessness service(s)

Assistance provided by a specialist homelessness agency to a client aimed at responding to or preventing homelessness. The specialist homelessness services that are in scope for this collection and that may be provided during a support period are:

Housing/accommodation services:

- short-term or emergency accommodation
- medium-term/transitional housing
- long-term housing
- assistance to sustain tenancy or prevent tenancy failure or eviction
- assistance to prevent foreclosures or for mortgage arrears.

General assistance and support services:

- assertive outreach
- assistance to obtain/maintain government allowance
- employment assistance
- training assistance
- educational assistance
- financial information
- material aid/brokerage
- assistance for incest/sexual
- assistance for domestic/family violence
- family/relationship assistance
- assistance for trauma
- assistance with challenging social/behavioural problems
- living skills/personal development
- legal information
- court support
- advice/information
- retrieval/storage/removal of personal belongings
- advocacy/liaison on behalf of client
- school liaison
- child care
- structured play/skills development
- child contact and residence arrangements
- meals
- laundry/shower facilities
- recreation
- transport
- other basic assistance.

Specialised services:

- child protection services
- parenting skills education
- child-specific specialist counselling services
- psychological services
- psychiatric services
- mental health services
- pregnancy assistance
- family planning support
- physical disability services
- intellectual disability services
- health/medical services
- professional legal services
- financial advice and counselling
- counselling for problem gambling
- drug/alcohol counselling
- specialist counselling services
- interpreter services
- assistance with immigration services
- culturally specific services
- assistance to connect culturally
- other specialised services.

Support period

The period of time a client receives services from an agency is referred to as a support period. A support period starts on the day the client first receives a service from an agency. A support period ends when:

- the relationship between the client and the agency ends
- the client has reached their maximum amount of support the agency can offer
- a client has not received any services from the agency for a whole calendar month
- and there is no ongoing relationship.

Where a client has an appointment with the agency which is more than a calendar month in the future, then it is not necessary to close the support period. This is because it is expected that there is an ongoing relationship with the client. The end of the support period is the day the client last received services from an agency.

Unmet demand

A homeless person who seeks supported accommodation or support, but is not provided with that supported accommodation or support. The person may receive one-off assistance.

18.7 List of attachment tables

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18A Homelessness services — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 18.2 of the chapter. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

Data in this Report are examined by the Housing and Homelessness Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat.

Data reported in the attachment tables are the most accurate available at the time of data collection. Historical data may have been updated since the last edition of RoGS.

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2012-13										
Accommodation	%	42.7	24.7	49.2	43.1	32.2	50.7	39.1	68.7	36.4
Assistance to sustain housing	%	26.2	26.5	24.2	21.3	16.1	19.0	28.3	16.8	24.1
Mental health services	%	8.0	3.3	4.2	4.8	0.5	3.9	7.7	3.7	4.3
Family services	%	9.9	4.2	6.3	8.6	4.9	6.5	11.4	9.5	6.5
Disability services	%	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.5	–	0.4	1.5	0.4	0.5
Drug/alcohol assistance	%	5.7	1.5	1.7	3.1	0.2	1.8	4.7	3.3	2.4
Legal/financial services	%	6.5	3.6	5.7	5.5	0.8	2.8	8.2	7.9	4.6
Immigration/cultural services	%	6.8	4.9	4.7	9.5	4.8	1.3	6.1	7.7	5.6
Domestic violence services	%	22.6	24.9	16.2	24.2	18.6	11.0	13.7	25.7	21.7
Other specialist services	%	20.8	9.2	16.8	17.1	6.7	10.9	21.9	15.1	13.5
General services	%	94.7	88.0	90.5	96.0	97.2	92.6	90.7	93.1	91.5
Total support periods	no.	77 403	179 952	60 176	32 412	36 076	7 896	8 387	10 311	412 614
Total clients	no.	51 953	92 462	43 001	21 417	21 342	5 585	5 367	6 959	244 176
2011-12 (c)										
Accommodation	%	43.9	21.9	48.0	43.2	na	48.2	42.3	66.7	36.2
Assistance to sustain housing	%	26.7	23.8	22.8	22.4	na	17.3	29.5	13.1	23.6
Mental health services	%	8.1	3.1	3.6	5.2	na	3.6	6.7	4.8	4.6
Family services	%	10.4	4.4	6.5	8.9	na	7.0	12.8	11.9	7.1
Disability services	%	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	na	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.5
Drug/alcohol assistance	%	5.3	1.5	1.7	4.4	na	2.1	2.9	2.1	2.7
Legal/financial services	%	7.8	3.9	5.7	6.7	na	4.2	9.5	6.6	5.6
Immigration/cultural services	%	8.0	4.7	4.5	9.2	na	1.4	6.2	4.2	5.8
Domestic violence services	%	24.3	26.0	14.3	30.8	na	10.3	14.7	29.5	23.1
Other specialist services	%	21.1	10.0	17.0	18.8	na	10.1	21.2	18.7	15.1
General services	%	94.6	89.1	88.3	95.7	na	88.9	85.9	92.8	90.8
Total support periods	no.	74 712	165 258	59 831	31 645	31 767	8 802	8 141	8 609	388 766

TABLE 18A.1

Table 18A.1 **Composition of support provided, all clients**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
Total clients	no.	52 105	86 150	42 487	21 190	19 497	6 148	5 602	6 584	236 429

(a) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(b) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(c) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia.*

TABLE 18A.2

Table 18A.2 **Nominal expenditure on homelessness services**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (a)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012-13										
State/Territory government expenditure										
Administrative expenditure	\$m	4.3	2.2	3.3	1.4	2.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	15.1
Service delivery expenditure	\$m	130.2	177.7	90.3	66.3	54.0	17.9	23.1	16.6	576.1
Total	\$m	134.5	179.9	93.6	67.7	56.5	18.3	23.6	17.1	591.2
Proportion of total expenditure										
Administrative expenditure	%	3.2	1.2	3.5	2.1	4.4	2.2	2.1	2.9	2.6
Service delivery expenditure	%	96.8	98.8	96.5	97.9	95.6	97.8	97.9	97.1	97.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2011-12										
State/Territory government expenditure										
Administrative expenditure	\$m	3.9	3.6	3.8	1.2	2.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	16.3
Service delivery expenditure	\$m	127.9	168.3	87.0	65.5	52.2	16.5	22.1	10.8	550.3
Total	\$m	131.8	171.9	90.9	66.8	54.6	17.0	22.5	11.3	566.7
Proportion of total expenditure										
Administrative expenditure	%	3.0	2.3	4.2	1.8	4.3	3.0	1.9	4.5	3.0
Service delivery expenditure	%	97.0	97.7	95.8	98.2	95.7	97.0	98.1	95.5	97.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Victorian homelessness expenditure for 2011-12 has been revised to include additional homelessness expenditure. It previously included only SAAP expenditure.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished)

TABLE 18A.3

Table 18A.3 **Total recurrent expenditure on homelessness services, 2012-13 dollars, (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Nominal funding										
2011-12	\$m	131.8	171.9	90.9	66.8	54.6	17.0	22.5	11.3	566.7
2012-13	\$m	134.5	179.9	93.6	67.7	56.5	18.3	23.6	17.1	591.2
Real funding (2012-13 dollars)										
2011-12	\$m	133.9	174.7	92.3	67.9	55.5	17.2	22.9	11.5	575.9
2012-13	\$m	134.5	179.9	93.6	67.7	56.5	18.3	23.6	17.1	591.2

(a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2012-13 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2012-13 = 100) (table 2A.53). The GGFCE replaces the Gross Domestic Product implicit price deflator used in previous editions. See Chapter 2 (section 2.5) for details.

(b) Victorian homelessness expenditure for 2011-12 has been revised to include additional homelessness expenditure. It previously included only SAAP expenditure.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); Table 18.2; Table 2A.53.

TABLE 18A.4

Table 18A.4 **Real recurrent homelessness expenditure per person in the residential population, 2012-13 dollars (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2011-12	18.55	31.54	20.62	28.84	33.84	33.70	62.15	49.62	25.78
2012-13	18.45	31.99	20.53	27.86	34.14	35.74	62.99	72.82	26.06

(a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2012-13 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2012-13 = 100) (table 2A.53). The GGFCE replaces the Gross Domestic Product implicit price deflator used in previous editions. See Chapter 2 (section 2.5) for details.

(b) Victorian homelessness expenditure for 2011-12 has been revised to include additional homelessness expenditure. It previously included only SAAP expenditure.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); Table 18A.3; ABS (2012), Australian Demographic Statistics, June 2012, Cat. no. 3101.0, Canberra; Table 2A.1; Table 2A.53.

TABLE 18A.5

Table 18A.5 **Proportion of Indigenous clients among all clients whose needs for accommodation and services other than accommodation were met**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
2012-13										
Accommodation services	%	23.2	11.0	31.6	39.8	24.3	14.9	18.6	69.5	25.3
Services other than accommodation	%	19.4	5.4	25.1	22.4	18.4	13.4	10.2	68.1	14.1
Total Indigenous clients with met demand	no.	12 362	7 859	13 614	6 751	4 997	841	831	5 197	52 506
Total clients with met demand	no.	50 139	86 394	41 456	18 823	20 361	5 321	5 238	6 820	230 642
2011-12 (c)										
Accommodation services	%	23.6	10.1	30.4	40.4	na	14.9	16.1	71.8	25.1
Services other than accommodation	%	18.6	4.7	22.6	22.2	na	14.3	9.9	59.0	12.7
Total Indigenous clients with met demand	no.	12 127	6 608	12 841	7 065	na	960	805	4 774	47 602
Total clients with met demand	no.	50 860	81 215	40 830	20 152	na	5 784	5 150	6 343	213 709

(a) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(b) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(c) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.6

Table 18A.6 **Proportion of clients born in non-main English speaking countries (non-MESC) whose needs for accommodation and services other than accommodation were met (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
2012-13										
Accommodation services	%	11.4	14.4	7.6	10.3	6.5	3.5	16.8	3.6	10.6
Services other than accommodation	%	7.8	13.1	7.2	13.8	5.5	3.5	16.2	1.8	10.3
Total non-MESC clients with met demand	no.	4 882	11 690	3 074	2 224	1 184	186	863	213	24 054
Total clients with met demand	no.	50 139	86 394	41 456	18 823	20 361	5 321	5 238	6 820	230 642
2011-12 (d)										
Accommodation services	%	11.0	12.8	6.7	10.6	na	4.0	14.4	4.1	9.7
Services other than accommodation	%	8.5	10.5	5.6	12.2	na	4.0	14.3	2.5	9.4
Total non-MESC clients with met demand	no.	5 027	9 136	2 582	2 280	na	233	740	230	20 424
Total clients with met demand	no.	50 860	81 215	40 830	20 152	na	5 784	5 150	6 343	213 709

(a) Non-main English speak countries are all countries except Australia, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, United States of America and South Africa.

(b) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(c) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(d) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.7

Table 18A.7 **Proportion of Indigenous people and people born in non-MESC represented in specialist homelessness services and in the population (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012-13										
Indigenous people										
In specialist homelessness services	%	24.6	8.9	32.5	35.1	24.3	15.7	15.9	76.0	22.5
In the population (2011)	%	2.9	0.9	4.2	3.8	2.3	4.7	1.7	29.8	3.0
People born in non-MESC										
In specialist homelessness services	%	10.8	17.3	7.8	11.6	6.5	3.8	18.2	3.5	12.0
In the population (2011)	%	24.6	25.4	19.8	29.2	21.5	11.3	23.5	15.2	23.7
2011-12 (b)										
Indigenous people										
In specialist homelessness services	%	23.8	8.0	31.0	34.6	22.3	16.1	15.5	73.9	21.7
In the community (2011)	%	2.9	0.9	4.2	3.8	2.3	4.7	1.7	29.8	3.0
People born in non-MESC										
In specialist homelessness services	%	10.7	14.4	6.7	11.8	6.2	4.4	16.7	4.1	10.7
In the population (2011)	%	24.6	25.4	19.8	29.2	21.5	11.3	23.5	15.2	23.7

(a) Non-main English speak countries are all countries except Australia, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, United States of America and South Africa.

(b) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

Source: ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2013, Australian Demographic Statistics, March 2013, Cat. no. 3101.0, Canberra; ABS 2012, *2011 Census of Population and Housing, Australia, States and Territories, Basic Community Profile, Table B09 — Country of birth of person by sex*, Cat. no. 2001.0, Canberra; AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report*, Australia.

TABLE 18A.8

Table 18A.8 **Average daily unassisted requests for accommodation and services other than accommodation (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
2012-13										
Accommodation services	no.	89.2	36.2	94.8	47.7	1.5	12.2	1.5	13.6	296.7
Services other than accommodation	no.	12.1	42.6	7.4	7.9	1.3	0.7	0.6	1.0	73.7
No service need identified	no.	9.0	7.2	17.7	8.8	–	0.8	0.2	2.7	46.4
2011-12 (d)										
Accommodation services	no.	96.2	24.6	88.5	43.0	na	14.5	1.0	9.4	278.6
Services other than accommodation	no.	10.9	31.9	6.4	9.7	na	1.0	0.6	0.6	57.0
No service need identified	no.	7.2	5.7	23.5	5.7	na	0.8	0.1	0.8	49.0

(a) Victoria and ACT have central intake models which mean that their data are not directly comparable with other states and territories.

(b) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(c) Totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(d) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia.*

TABLE 18A.9

Table 18A.9 Proportion of clients with unmet needs for accommodation and services other than accommodation

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (a)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (a)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012-13										
Accommodation services	%	17.0	33.3	18.1	14.8	2.6	22.6	36.7	6.5	22.1
Services other than accommodation	%	0.5	1.7	0.8	0.5	–	1.6	1.0	0.7	1.0
Clients with identified need for accommodation who were not provided with a service	no.	5 551	14 709	5 891	1 861	189	905	1 510	349	30 669
Total clients with need for accommodation	no.	32 634	44 115	32 476	12 537	7 159	4 012	4 112	5 349	138 732
Clients with identified need for services other than accommodation who were not provided with a service	no.	94	818	87	42	–	26	12	12	1 092
Total clients with need for services other than accommodation	no.	18 980	47 977	10 350	8 871	14 183	1 573	1 256	1 609	104 545
Total clients	no.	51 953	92 462	43 001	21 417	21 342	5 585	5 367	6 959	244 176
2011-12 (c)										
Accommodation services	%	13.2	29.7	16.8	12.9	na	21.5	28.6	9.0	19.8
Services other than accommodation	%	0.4	1.5	2.8	1.1	na	0.2	0.7	1.5	1.4
Clients with identified need for accommodation who were not provided with a service	no.	4 347	11 065	5 443	1 594	na	972	1 298	457	25 036
Total clients with need for accommodation	no.	32 950	37 314	32 367	12 401	na	4 529	4 541	5 090	126 686
Clients with identified need for services other than accommodation who were not provided with a service	no.	73	750	283	96	na	3	8	22	1 235
Total clients with need for services other than accommodation	no.	19 105	48 711	10 117	8 773	na	1 606	1 061	1 477	90 754
Total clients	no.	52 105	86 150	42 487	21 190	19 497	6 148	5 602	6 584	236 429

(a) For unmet demand for clients Victoria and ACT have central intake models which mean that their data are not directly comparable with other states and territories.

(b) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(c) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

TABLE 18A.9

Table 18A.9 **Proportion of clients with unmet needs for accommodation and services other than accommodation**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (a)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (a)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia.*

TABLE 18A.10

Table 18A.10 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients with a case management plan (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
2012-13										
Yes - Case management plan	%	66.8	40.0	75.1	61.1	45.4	67.2	63.9	71.4	55.2
No case management plan										
Client did not agree to one	%	6.6	6.8	2.2	5.6	2.6	4.0	3.5	4.3	5.3
Support period too short	%	19.9	45.5	21.0	30.1	50.8	27.3	6.6	23.1	33.8
Other	%	6.7	7.8	1.7	3.2	1.1	1.5	26.0	1.2	5.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total clients with closed support periods	no.	36 061	75 738	34 535	16 508	14 997	4 328	3 293	5 387	188 394
2011-12 (c)										
Yes - Case management plan	%	65.9	43.1	68.5	69.1	49.2	62.9	64.4	68.1	56.4
No case management plan										
Client did not agree to one	%	5.5	6.7	3.1	5.7	6.9	6.3	2.5	2.5	5.6
Support period too short	%	22.8	43.6	26.7	22.6	43.8	27.9	7.0	26.3	33.1
Other	%	5.8	6.6	1.8	2.6	0.1	2.9	26.2	3.0	4.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total clients with closed support periods	no.	37 990	71 150	34 629	16 504	13 160	4 785	3 446	5 111	184 589

(a) Victoria and ACT have central intake models which mean that their data are not directly comparable with other states and territories.

(b) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(c) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.11

Table 18A.11 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients with a case management plan (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
2012-13										
Yes - Case management plan	%	72.5	56.4	68.5	58.6	47.1	69.5	70.0	68.1	64.0
No case management plan										
Client did not agree to one	%	5.6	7.9	3.2	12.4	2.5	2.7	3.3	4.8	6.0
Support period too short	%	17.5	30.9	26.4	25.4	49.7	26.1	8.0	26.2	26.8
Other	%	4.4	4.9	1.9	3.7	0.7	1.7	18.7	0.9	3.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total Indigenous clients with closed support periods	no.	8 925	6 095	11 175	5 962	3 535	684	536	4 116	41 625
2011-12 (c)										
Yes - Case management plan	%	69.4	55.3	66.1	66.8	56.1	60.6	66.8	66.1	64.6
No case management plan										
Client did not agree to one	%	5.4	7.5	3.7	6.8	6.7	6.6	3.3	2.6	5.2
Support period too short	%	20.2	34.7	28.3	23.6	37.2	29.8	6.4	28.7	27.0
Other	%	5.0	2.6	1.9	2.8	-	3.0	23.4	2.7	3.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total Indigenous clients with closed support periods	no.	8 159	3 985	9 233	5 334	2 290	621	436	3 522	33 026

(a) Victoria and ACT have central intake models which mean that their data are not directly comparable with other states and territories.

(b) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(c) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia.*

TABLE 18A.12

Table 18A.12 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, all clients (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
2012-13										
<i>Accommodation/accommodation related assistance</i>										
Provided only	%	46.4	27.9	44.4	60.4	87.1	48.5	22.2	80.2	43.9
Referred only	%	17.4	16.2	17.8	11.9	1.5	8.0	14.2	4.8	15.3
Provided and referred	%	16.6	16.6	18.7	12.8	8.8	18.5	21.3	9.3	15.8
Not provided or referred	%	19.5	39.3	19.1	14.9	2.7	25.1	42.2	5.8	25.0
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	21 224	32 376	25 432	9 498	4 441	3 056	2 506	4 172	100 439
<i>Assistance to sustain tenure</i>										
Provided only	%	72.9	71.1	62.0	77.6	97.7	72.6	71.5	73.4	71.2
Referred only	%	4.8	4.4	7.3	3.8	0.3	3.8	8.3	7.8	4.9
Provided and referred	%	12.8	7.3	17.9	8.0	1.3	9.3	9.5	9.2	10.2
Not provided or referred	%	9.5	17.2	12.8	10.6	0.7	14.5	10.8	9.7	13.6
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	9 761	23 626	9 412	3 523	1 899	766	981	650	49 614
<i>Mental health</i>										
Provided only	%	27.5	25.9	23.9	30.0	17.7	33.2	20.9	48.8	26.8
Referred only	%	28.5	24.4	38.0	22.5	50.8	19.9	38.7	18.0	28.9
Provided and referred	%	22.7	16.9	19.9	20.8	18.5	11.3	17.4	17.2	19.5
Not provided or referred	%	21.2	32.8	18.1	26.9	13.1	35.2	23.1	16.0	24.8
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	3 940	3 492	2 646	1 188	130	256	455	256	11 776
<i>Family</i>										
Provided only	%	38.8	40.0	42.0	41.8	71.2	49.3	35.8	41.2	41.8
Referred only	%	20.1	20.4	24.4	20.1	8.3	19.4	15.6	16.0	20.2
Provided and referred	%	28.9	21.3	21.9	25.9	18.3	20.5	33.4	24.8	24.5
Not provided or referred	%	12.2	18.3	11.7	12.2	2.1	10.9	14.9	17.9	13.5
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	3 764	3 181	2 889	1 581	563	341	422	624	13 025
<i>Disability</i>										
Provided only	%	21.8	23.6	21.8	27.2	–	20.8	28.4	23.1	23.1

TABLE 18A.12

Table 18A.12 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, all clients (a)**

Referred only	%	26.0	23.6	33.9	28.9	66.7	33.3	11.9	34.6	27.1
Provided and referred	%	23.4	20.5	11.7	21.9	8.3	8.3	32.8	11.5	20.0
Not provided or referred	%	28.8	32.2	32.7	21.9	25.0	37.5	26.9	30.8	29.8
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	427	351	248	114	12	24	67	26	1 223
<i>Drug/alcohol</i>										
Provided only	%	41.6	32.4	24.8	43.6	17.0	35.0	24.0	53.0	36.4
Referred only	%	13.6	16.6	30.2	20.3	49.1	9.7	18.5	19.1	18.7
Provided and referred	%	22.9	16.5	14.6	15.5	20.8	21.4	37.0	9.8	18.8
Not provided or referred	%	21.9	34.5	30.4	20.6	11.3	34.0	20.5	18.1	26.1
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 574	1 460	1 159	785	53	103	254	215	6 286
<i>Legal/financial</i>										
Provided only	%	31.2	47.4	30.6	26.8	23.9	38.9	49.2	62.7	36.7
Referred only	%	28.1	20.6	31.9	35.1	61.8	29.8	19.1	13.5	27.9
Provided and referred	%	22.1	12.3	26.0	24.5	13.3	9.6	20.1	9.1	19.4
Not provided or referred	%	18.6	19.7	11.4	13.7	1.1	22.1	11.3	14.9	16.0
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 935	3 352	2 822	1 504	285	208	309	549	11 596
<i>Domestic/family violence</i>										
Provided only	%	77.0	85.2	78.6	84.7	92.7	78.9	47.1	75.7	82.5
Referred only	%	4.4	2.3	4.8	1.3	0.2	3.9	12.1	0.8	2.9
Provided and referred	%	12.5	7.5	11.9	10.3	6.9	10.0	22.2	17.0	9.7
Not provided or referred	%	6.0	5.0	4.7	3.7	0.3	7.3	18.3	6.5	4.9
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	7 872	19 803	5 944	3 995	2 621	441	486	1 542	42 009
<i>Immigration/cultural services</i>										
Provided only	%	52.4	65.3	48.2	75.2	88.7	90.5	41.2	67.2	63.0
Referred only	%	14.7	4.8	13.9	6.5	2.5	3.2	20.1	25.0	9.6
Provided and referred	%	24.8	22.2	33.2	13.8	8.9	4.8	28.9	5.6	21.3
Not provided or referred	%	8.2	7.7	4.7	4.3	–	1.6	10.3	2.3	6.1
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 170	3 473	1 581	1 668	675	63	204	521	10 124

TABLE 18A.12

Table 18A.12 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, all clients (a)**

Other specialised services										
Provided only	%	42.7	46.9	29.1	44.8	47.1	51.0	39.9	33.5	40.6
Referred only	%	19.3	18.8	24.7	22.2	41.0	12.9	24.6	27.1	22.3
Provided and referred	%	29.8	20.7	39.9	25.4	10.9	23.3	24.9	27.6	28.1
Not provided or referred	%	8.3	13.5	6.3	7.6	0.9	12.7	10.5	11.9	9.0
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	7 968	7 018	7 354	3 457	1 474	490	889	1 164	28 749
Total clients who needed homelessness services	no.	36 061	75 738	34 535	16 508	14 997	4 328	3 293	5 387	188 394
2011-12 (d)										
Accommodation/accommodation related assistance										
Provided only	%	43.2	23.8	39.7	60.4	na	38.5	20.2	72.2	38.8
Referred only	%	19.9	21.8	21.2	13.5	na	15.6	22.4	4.6	19.6
Provided and referred	%	21.2	18.9	20.3	13.2	na	22.5	23.6	13.9	18.9
Not provided or referred	%	15.7	35.5	18.7	12.9	na	23.4	33.8	9.3	22.7
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	22 463	26 798	25 607	9 434	na	3 411	2 749	3 962	92 794
Assistance to sustain tenure										
Provided only	%	76.0	74.9	56.7	76.9	na	64.7	60.4	59.8	70.5
Referred only	%	5.8	4.5	13.0	3.3	na	8.5	9.7	6.9	6.9
Provided and referred	%	12.5	7.6	17.2	12.0	na	9.3	19.2	15.3	11.6
Not provided or referred	%	5.7	13.0	13.1	7.9	na	17.6	10.9	18.0	11.1
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	9 925	18 550	9 858	3 495	na	784	1 067	567	43 571
Mental health										
Provided only	%	28.8	23.1	17.2	31.5	na	20.7	9.4	46.5	24.7
Referred only	%	32.2	33.0	40.6	25.7	na	34.9	41.9	22.0	33.6
Provided and referred	%	22.4	19.5	20.1	21.6	na	13.6	25.4	20.8	20.8
Not provided or referred	%	16.5	24.4	22.2	21.2	na	30.8	23.3	10.7	20.9
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	4 538	3 193	2 757	1 313	na	295	437	327	12 400
Family										

TABLE 18A.12

Table 18A.12 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, all clients (a)**

Provided only	%	33.8	36.6	33.9	37.7	na	43.6	37.5	44.0	36.0
Referred only	%	22.9	22.9	24.5	21.6	na	22.7	17.2	17.6	22.5
Provided and referred	%	32.5	22.4	25.6	28.3	na	20.4	33.7	30.6	27.6
Not provided or referred	%	10.8	18.1	16.0	12.5	na	13.3	11.8	7.7	13.9
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	4 551	3 512	3 170	1 814	na	406	483	703	14 393
Disability										
Provided only	%	24.0	16.3	16.5	23.0	na	22.4	32.7	23.1	19.8
Referred only	%	33.4	29.9	39.5	29.1	na	36.7	30.9	30.8	34.0
Provided and referred	%	24.5	24.8	12.9	20.3	na	14.3	18.2	30.8	20.5
Not provided or referred	%	18.1	29.1	31.1	27.0	na	24.5	18.2	15.4	25.7
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	371	412	395	148	na	49	55	26	1 404
Drug/alcohol										
Provided only	%	45.0	27.1	19.3	51.3	na	16.9	8.8	39.4	35.3
Referred only	%	17.0	27.0	33.5	13.8	na	33.1	45.0	26.5	23.5
Provided and referred	%	21.9	17.8	18.2	13.9	na	16.9	20.5	9.0	18.4
Not provided or referred	%	16.0	28.2	28.9	21.1	na	33.1	26.1	25.8	22.8
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 493	1 576	1 313	987	na	142	249	155	6 637
Legal/financial										
Provided only	%	32.0	45.4	28.1	23.3	na	36.7	40.1	50.1	34.4
Referred only	%	29.6	24.7	34.7	33.5	na	28.5	30.8	20.6	29.7
Provided and referred	%	25.6	14.1	23.3	29.1	na	15.8	21.9	19.3	21.9
Not provided or referred	%	12.8	15.9	13.9	14.0	na	19.3	7.2	10.0	14.0
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	4 016	3 613	3 247	1 616	na	316	416	441	13 354
Domestic/family violence										
Provided only	%	74.5	82.7	70.4	87.1	na	71.3	53.9	77.1	79.4
Referred only	%	4.4	3.2	6.7	1.4	na	8.8	11.6	1.0	3.7
Provided and referred	%	16.0	8.1	15.2	7.2	na	11.2	23.3	19.3	11.1
Not provided or referred	%	5.1	6.0	7.6	4.2	na	8.6	11.2	2.7	5.8

TABLE 18A.12

Table 18A.12 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, all clients (a)**

Clients for whom need was identified	no.	9 254	20 254	5 511	5 520	na	498	527	1 656	42 725
Immigration/cultural services										
Provided only	%	56.0	59.2	35.7	71.6	na	51.9	33.5	35.3	55.3
Referred only	%	12.7	5.9	14.7	6.3	na	22.2	22.0	47.1	11.1
Provided and referred	%	27.5	28.3	42.0	17.5	na	17.3	36.0	12.4	28.0
Not provided or referred	%	3.8	6.6	7.8	4.5	na	8.6	8.5	5.3	5.6
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 879	3 135	1 568	1 552	na	81	200	340	9 614
Other specialised services										
Provided only	%	39.3	46.3	25.9	46.1	na	39.0	28.8	30.8	37.9
Referred only	%	24.5	22.0	26.4	20.7	na	25.6	25.5	26.4	24.0
Provided and referred	%	28.7	21.1	38.9	24.3	na	22.3	32.2	36.6	29.0
Not provided or referred	%	7.6	10.7	8.9	8.9	na	13.1	13.6	6.2	9.1
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	9 353	7 648	8 017	3 696	na	579	884	1 300	30 636
Total clients who needed homelessness services	no.	37 990	71 150	34 629	16 504	13 160	4 785	3 446	5 111	184 589

- (a) Victoria and ACT have central intake models which mean that their data are not directly comparable with other states and territories.
- (b) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.
- (c) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.
- (d) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia.

TABLE 18A.13

Table 18A.13 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, Indigenous clients (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
2012-13										
Accommodation/accommodation related assistance										
Provided only	%	44.8	30.7	45.8	73.0	88.4	42.8	29.2	82.8	54.2
Referred only	%	18.6	19.5	19.0	7.2	1.0	8.7	14.4	3.0	14.4
Provided and referred	%	17.0	22.7	17.4	9.9	8.4	26.1	23.2	9.6	15.1
Not provided or referred	%	19.5	27.0	17.7	9.9	2.2	22.4	33.5	4.6	16.2
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	4 962	2 752	7 988	3 893	1 031	437	397	2 901	23 733
Assistance to sustain tenure										
Provided only	%	70.4	70.8	62.1	72.1	96.9	75.6	78.9	73.7	69.6
Referred only	%	4.1	4.3	7.5	4.3	0.8	1.5	6.8	8.0	5.3
Provided and referred	%	15.1	10.7	14.3	10.6	1.1	8.9	5.4	9.5	12.5
Not provided or referred	%	10.4	14.3	16.1	13.0	1.1	14.1	8.8	8.8	12.6
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 391	1 454	2 446	784	357	135	147	411	7 877
Mental health										
Provided only	%	21.8	23.6	29.7	25.2	28.0	28.6	12.2	53.6	26.8
Referred only	%	31.0	28.1	34.5	19.8	28.0	17.1	48.6	14.3	29.5
Provided and referred	%	20.8	18.2	18.6	21.9	24.0	22.9	21.6	17.9	19.5
Not provided or referred	%	26.6	30.0	17.0	33.1	16.0	28.6	17.6	13.6	24.2
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	707	313	505	242	25	35	74	140	1 897
Family										
Provided only	%	34.1	43.2	41.6	37.8	64.2	36.8	29.9	40.7	39.7
Referred only	%	24.9	19.3	28.9	19.6	11.9	35.1	13.4	17.7	22.5
Provided and referred	%	28.9	24.4	19.5	28.6	22.0	14.0	41.8	28.4	25.6
Not provided or referred	%	12.0	13.2	10.1	14.2	1.8	14.0	14.9	13.1	12.2
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	916	431	771	598	109	57	67	464	3 300
Disability										
Provided only	%	10.1	45.0	21.2	28.6	–	28.6	18.2	16.7	21.8

TABLE 18A.13

Table 18A.13 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, Indigenous clients (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Referred only	%	29.2	17.5	38.5	14.3	80.0	57.1	9.1	27.8	29.4
Provided and referred	%	16.9	17.5	9.6	35.7	20.0	14.3	63.6	16.7	18.9
Not provided or referred	%	43.8	17.5	30.8	17.9	–	–	–	33.3	30.3
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	89	40	52	28	5	7	11	18	238
<i>Drug/alcohol</i>										
Provided only	%	33.6	36.5	28.3	35.6	30.8	15.8	20.8	46.1	34.1
Referred only	%	16.1	18.7	28.3	19.8	61.5	–	16.7	19.7	20.3
Provided and referred	%	21.9	14.6	15.8	23.9	7.7	52.6	50.0	11.2	19.2
Not provided or referred	%	28.3	30.1	27.6	21.2	–	31.6	10.4	22.4	26.4
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	515	219	279	222	13	19	48	152	1 388
<i>Legal/financial</i>										
Provided only	%	27.8	36.3	37.0	32.6	20.9	28.1	47.7	63.1	38.7
Referred only	%	25.2	19.7	23.3	31.5	55.8	28.1	22.7	14.0	23.8
Provided and referred	%	21.8	20.1	20.4	21.8	20.9	18.8	13.6	11.8	18.9
Not provided or referred	%	25	24	19	14.0	2.3	25.0	15.9	10.8	18.5
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	551	284	519	435	43	32	44	407	2 227
<i>Domestic/family violence</i>										
Provided only	%	76.1	83.6	76.7	83.9	90.8	82.6	44.9	72.6	79.1
Referred only	%	4.5	1.5	7.0	1.2	0.2	5.8	30.3	0.8	3.5
Provided and referred	%	12.5	10.4	11.2	11.0	8.7	4.3	16.9	19.8	12.1
Not provided or referred	%	6.8	4.6	5.1	4.0	0.2	5.8	6.7	6.8	5.2
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	1 698	1 224	1 560	1 388	402	69	89	1 135	7 304
<i>Immigration/cultural services</i>										
Provided only	%	46.7	81.4	42.9	81.2	94.1	91.7	26.9	62.3	67.0
Referred only	%	21.7	3.4	15.6	5.2	3.4	4.2	32.8	29.1	12.6
Provided and referred	%	23.8	11.3	36.3	6.9	2.5	4.2	22.4	5.8	15.2
Not provided or referred	%	7.8	3.9	5.0	6.9	–	–	17.9	2.8	5.2

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Table 18A.13 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, Indigenous clients (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	842	1 020	501	639	355	24	67	430	3 748
<i>Other specialised services</i>										
Provided only	%	33.1	52.2	30.2	53.0	34.1	45.7	30.4	29.6	38.1
Referred only	%	23.4	13.4	23.8	18.9	51.4	10.0	29.0	29.6	23.3
Provided and referred	%	33.3	23.2	40.2	22.2	12.9	28.6	30.4	30.7	30.4
Not provided or referred	%	10.4	11.3	5.8	5.9	1.2	14.3	10.1	9.9	8.2
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	1 533	813	1 787	1 207	249	70	138	877	6 377
Total clients who needed homelessness services	no.	8 925	6 095	11 175	5 962	3 535	684	536	4 116	41 625
2011-12 (d)										
<i>Accommodation/accommodation related assistance</i>										
Provided only	%	41.3	24.0	40.5	71.7	na	44.9	25.1	76.3	48.9
Referred only	%	23.2	22.4	22.5	8.9	na	14.1	16.0	3.6	17.9
Provided and referred	%	21.2	23.7	20.6	8.0	na	22.5	29.1	15.2	17.8
Not provided or referred	%	14.4	29.9	16.4	11.5	na	18.3	30.1	4.9	15.5
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	5 442	2 385	7 516	4 000	na	432	375	2 840	22 574
<i>Assistance to sustain tenure</i>										
Provided only	%	73.6	64.9	55.5	72.1	na	59.0	59.5	51.6	64.8
Referred only	%	7.4	7.0	10.9	3.0	na	7.7	9.5	10.3	8.2
Provided and referred	%	13.3	15.2	18.8	14.4	na	13.7	25.4	22.0	16.0
Not provided or referred	%	5.7	12.9	14.9	10.5	na	19.7	5.6	16.1	11.0
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 374	1 071	2 282	829	na	117	126	273	6 927
<i>Mental health</i>										
Provided only	%	22.1	16.5	17.2	21.6	na	33.3	–	31.8	20.5
Referred only	%	33.2	32.0	39.8	27.2	na	19.4	50.0	26.0	33.0
Provided and referred	%	25.7	24.4	22.7	22.8	na	11.1	31.8	29.2	24.4
Not provided or referred	%	19.1	26.7	20.3	28.4	na	33.3	18.2	13.0	22.0

TABLE 18A.13

Table 18A.13 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, Indigenous clients (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	716	303	512	250	na	36	44	154	1 919
Family										
Provided only	%	34.3	35.5	33.9	35.9	na	46.6	23.8	35.6	35.0
Referred only	%	24.9	21.5	22.7	18.6	na	15.1	23.8	22.1	22.1
Provided and referred	%	31.4	26.8	25.1	29.3	na	20.5	46.0	33.8	29.4
Not provided or referred	%	9.4	16.2	18.5	16.1	na	19.2	6.3	8.5	13.5
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	1 176	377	806	601	na	73	63	497	3 512
Disability										
Provided only	%	15.6	14.3	14.8	21.6	na	14.3	–	26.7	17.0
Referred only	%	34.4	25.0	35.2	21.6	na	28.6	80.0	20.0	32.3
Provided and referred	%	22.2	21.4	14.8	24.3	na	28.6	–	33.3	22.4
Not provided or referred	%	27.8	35.7	33.3	29.7	na	28.6	20.0	13.3	28.3
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	90	28	54	37	na	7	5	15	223
Drug/alcohol										
Provided only	%	33.7	20.1	13.6	39.2	na	19.4	9.5	25.3	26.6
Referred only	%	24.7	32.1	32.1	13.8	na	29.0	47.6	34.7	27.2
Provided and referred	%	24.1	23.0	22.5	21.1	na	9.7	28.6	7.4	21.3
Not provided or referred	%	17.3	25.4	31.8	25.9	na	41.9	11.9	33.7	24.9
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	526	209	324	232	na	31	42	95	1 387
Legal/financial										
Provided only	%	29.9	40.7	29.1	26.6	na	51.6	27.0	45.2	32.7
Referred only	%	35.2	22.9	33.1	25.7	na	17.2	35.1	22.5	29.8
Provided and referred	%	20.8	22.1	20.9	30.0	na	15.6	35.1	21.8	22.6
Not provided or referred	%	14.0	13.9	16.9	17.7	na	14.1	2.7	10.5	15.0
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	899	280	640	417	na	64	37	325	2 576
Domestic/family violence										
Provided only	%	75.5	79.2	72.0	86.1	na	74.3	45.7	77.5	77.9

TABLE 18A.13

Table 18A.13 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, Indigenous clients (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Referred only	%	5.5	2.4	6.3	1.3	na	6.8	7.4	0.7	3.5
Provided and referred	%	13.0	9.7	12.8	7.9	na	9.5	35.8	20.2	12.7
Not provided or referred	%	5.9	8.7	8.8	4.8	na	8.1	11.1	1.6	5.9
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 002	1 045	1 380	1 704	na	74	81	1 418	7 546
<i>Immigration/cultural services</i>										
Provided only	%	52.7	68.2	31.2	79.0	na	68.0	22.8	33.0	54.9
Referred only	%	17.8	7.1	17.4	9.1	na	12.0	26.3	50.7	16.8
Provided and referred	%	25.0	19.3	44.5	4.1	na	16.0	45.6	11.1	22.5
Not provided or referred	%	4.6	5.2	6.9	7.8	na	4.0	5.3	5.6	5.7
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	1 162	729	638	613	na	25	57	306	3 451
<i>Other specialised services</i>										
Provided only	%	32.4	46.1	22.5	47.1	na	47.5	26.0	19.2	32.0
Referred only	%	28.5	22.2	22.9	20.2	na	16.2	29.8	31.6	24.9
Provided and referred	%	30.8	22.4	47.5	23.0	na	22.2	35.6	43.4	34.9
Not provided or referred	%	8.3	9.3	7.2	9.7	na	13.1	8.7	5.8	8.2
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 007	749	2 061	1 190	na	99	104	944	6 940
Total clients who needed homelessness services	no.	8 159	3 985	9 233	5 334	2 290	621	436	3 522	33 026

- (a) Victoria and ACT have central intake models which mean that their data are not directly comparable with other states and territories.
- (b) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.
- (c) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.
- (d) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia.

TABLE 18A.14

Table 18A.14 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, clients born in non-main English speaking countries (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
2012-13										
<i>Accommodation/accommodation related assistance</i>										
Provided only	%	54.6	25.5	36.5	34.4	89.1	56.1	23.8	71.3	35.9
Referred only	%	14.0	14.0	22.2	24.0	1.8	4.1	13.2	7.0	15.8
Provided and referred	%	20.3	16.0	23.8	12.7	7.7	22.4	24.3	14.7	17.6
Not provided or referred	%	11.1	44.4	17.6	28.9	1.5	16.3	38.7	7.7	30.7
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 021	5 120	1 741	979	274	98	403	143	10 635
<i>Assistance to sustain tenure</i>										
Provided only	%	72.8	67.0	61.4	71.2	97.6	53.8	64.4	52.9	67.8
Referred only	%	6.2	4.7	11.4	7.5	–	–	9.6	8.8	5.9
Provided and referred	%	14.0	6.2	17.2	9.2	1.2	23.1	15.6	29.4	9.3
Not provided or referred	%	7.1	22.2	10.0	12.0	1.2	19.2	9.6	5.9	17.0
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	680	2 858	528	424	83	26	135	34	4 709
<i>Mental health</i>										
Provided only	%	32.7	18.5	30.1	23.2	10.0	57.1	21.2	45.5	25.7
Referred only	%	31.4	27.8	38.5	40.0	70.0	14.3	30.8	36.4	31.9
Provided and referred	%	21.3	14.7	18.6	17.6	10.0	14.3	23.1	9.1	17.7
Not provided or referred	%	14.7	39.1	11.5	18.4	10.0	14.3	25.0	9.1	24.9
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	395	496	156	125	10	7	52	11	1 214
<i>Family</i>										
Provided only	%	46.9	40.7	49.4	40.1	66.7	77.8	34.3	27.3	43.8
Referred only	%	21.0	22.5	18.9	19.8	4.2	11.1	14.3	36.4	20.2
Provided and referred	%	23.8	16.3	21.1	34.1	29.2	11.1	40.0	9.1	23.7
Not provided or referred	%	8.6	20.5	10.6	6.0	–	–	11.4	27.3	12.4
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	290	307	180	167	24	9	70	11	1 037
<i>Disability</i>										
Provided only	%	30.6	26.2	14.3	20.0	–	–	33.3	–	23.5

TABLE 18A.14

Table 18A.14 Closed support periods, support needs of clients, clients born in non-main English speaking countries (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Referred only	%	30.6	23.8	42.9	40.0	–	–	33.3	100.0	32.8
Provided and referred	%	30.6	11.9	14.3	26.7	–	–	33.3	–	21.8
Not provided or referred	%	5.6	38.1	28.6	13.3	–	100.0	–	–	21.8
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	36	42	7	30	–	1	3	1	119
<i>Drug/alcohol</i>										
Provided only	%	56.1	25.3	33.3	47.2	50.0	–	36.4	50.0	42.6
Referred only	%	12.9	15.8	13.3	8.3	50.0	–	13.6	50.0	14.8
Provided and referred	%	18.0	12.6	13.3	22.2	–	–	45.5	–	17.9
Not provided or referred	%	12.9	45.3	40.0	19.4	–	100.0	4.5	–	24.7
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	139	95	30	36	2	2	22	6	324
<i>Legal/financial</i>										
Provided only	%	31.2	32.1	30.7	18.7	35.3	60.0	48.5	50.0	30.3
Referred only	%	29.8	25.3	31.2	49.8	52.9	20.0	21.2	40.0	31.5
Provided and referred	%	28.2	14.6	28.1	22.8	11.8	20.0	27.3	–	22.7
Not provided or referred	%	10.5	27.9	9.5	8.7	–	–	3.0	10.0	15.5
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	362	458	231	241	17	5	66	10	1 358
<i>Domestic/family violence</i>										
Provided only	%	81.1	75.6	85.8	87.6	90.9	70.4	46.7	89.3	79.5
Referred only	%	1.9	4.5	1.6	0.7	0.5	3.7	5.6	3.6	3.1
Provided and referred	%	13.8	16.5	11.0	9.0	8.7	14.8	32.2	10.7	14.3
Not provided or referred	%	3.2	3.4	1.6	2.5	–	11.1	15.6	–	3.1
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	838	2 363	636	442	208	27	90	28	4 591
<i>Immigration/cultural services</i>										
Provided only	%	52.9	61.7	49.8	72.8	75.4	87.5	38.2	70.6	60.8
Referred only	%	11.2	4.5	11.3	6.1	0.7	–	18.0	5.9	7.2
Provided and referred	%	29.0	26.2	34.5	18.8	23.9	6.3	37.1	23.5	26.5
Not provided or referred	%	6.9	7.6	4.3	2.3	–	–	7.9	–	5.6
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	714	1 769	699	825	142	16	89	17	4 219

TABLE 18A.14

Table 18A.14 Closed support periods, support needs of clients, clients born in non-main English speaking countries (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
<i>Other specialised services</i>										
Provided only	%	45.4	38.9	34.1	37.6	62.0	73.1	34.8	33.3	40.6
Referred only	%	18.3	20.8	27.6	28.7	22.8	7.7	30.4	40.0	22.8
Provided and referred	%	31.0	22.2	34.6	26.5	13.0	11.5	28.1	13.3	27.2
Not provided or referred	%	5.2	18.1	3.5	7.4	2.2	7.7	6.7	16.7	9.4
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	897	944	540	460	92	26	135	30	3 055
Total clients who needed homelessness services	no.	3 252	10 422	2 401	1 620	839	152	531	161	19 215
2011-12 (e)										
<i>Accommodation/accommodation related assistance</i>										
Provided only	%	50.3	21.0	35.1	39.9	na	26.7	18.5	55.6	33.5
Referred only	%	14.0	22.9	24.9	29.3	na	18.5	19.8	11.3	21.5
Provided and referred	%	25.2	21.7	25.6	17.8	na	36.3	26.9	17.3	23.0
Not provided or referred	%	10.5	34.4	14.5	13.1	na	19.3	34.8	15.8	22.0
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	2 083	3 103	1 529	902	na	135	379	133	8 160
<i>Assistance to sustain tenure</i>										
Provided only	%	75.6	69.0	56.7	72.9	na	70.6	57.4	60.7	68.7
Referred only	%	4.7	5.9	14.0	4.7	na	5.9	11.6	3.6	6.8
Provided and referred	%	15.8	9.6	19.8	12.3	na	8.8	19.4	10.7	13.1
Not provided or referred	%	3.7	15.5	9.4	10.3	na	14.7	12.4	21.4	11.4
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	722	1 556	501	465	na	34	129	28	3 392
<i>Mental health</i>										
Provided only	%	25.7	16.5	15.2	32.8	na	28.6	13.7	25.0	21.2
Referred only	%	35.4	46.0	41.3	36.0	na	14.3	47.1	33.3	40.2
Provided and referred	%	24.3	17.4	22.5	16.0	na	14.3	23.5	33.3	21.0
Not provided or referred	%	14.6	20.1	21.7	15.2	na	42.9	15.7	–	17.6

TABLE 18A.14

Table 18A.14 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, clients born in non-main English speaking countries (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	534	448	138	125	na	7	51	12	1 278
Family										
Provided only	%	29.7	30.6	40.0	36.0	na	45.5	38.3	36.8	32.9
Referred only	%	25.1	28.5	18.0	32.6	na	27.3	10.0	15.8	25.3
Provided and referred	%	35.5	25.5	37.3	25.6	na	9.1	31.7	36.8	30.9
Not provided or referred	%	9.7	15.8	4.7	5.2	na	18.2	20.0	10.5	10.8
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	391	330	150	172	na	11	60	19	1 126
Disability										
Provided only	%	23.8	24.1	16.0	37.5	na	100.0	28.6	–	25.0
Referred only	%	42.9	37.9	68.0	18.8	na	–	71.4	–	44.2
Provided and referred	%	16.7	24.1	4.0	31.3	na	–	–	–	17.5
Not provided or referred	%	16.7	13.8	8.0	12.5	na	–	–	100.0	14.2
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	42	29	25	16	na	1	7	1	120
Drug/alcohol										
Provided only	%	53.5	18.3	14.3	45.7	na	–	18.2	33.3	37.6
Referred only	%	10.1	30.5	25.0	25.7	na	33.3	63.6	11.1	21.7
Provided and referred	%	23.3	20.7	14.3	11.4	na	–	–	44.4	19.7
Not provided or referred	%	13.2	30.5	42.9	14.3	na	66.7	9.1	–	21.0
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	129	82	28	35	na	3	11	9	290
Legal/financial										
Provided only	%	29.3	30.5	23.6	23.6	na	37.5	32.3	50.0	28.3
Referred only	%	25.7	32.5	37.2	40.2	na	37.5	43.5	21.4	32.9
Provided and referred	%	36.3	19.4	35.7	30.9	na	12.5	14.5	14.3	28.4
Not provided or referred	%	8.6	17.9	4.0	5.7	na	8.3	8.1	7.1	10.5
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	474	459	199	246	na	24	62	14	1 452
Domestic/family violence										
Provided only	%	74.8	77.8	72.5	91.0	na	59.4	68.5	51.5	77.4
Referred only	%	2.9	4.0	4.0	2.2	na	12.5	7.6	6.1	3.7

TABLE 18A.14

Table 18A.14 **Closed support periods, support needs of clients, clients born in non-main English speaking countries (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Provided and referred	%	19.1	15.8	19.4	5.5	na	12.5	14.1	27.3	15.9
Not provided or referred	%	3.2	2.4	4.2	1.1	na	15.6	9.8	15.2	3.0
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	1 153	2 772	505	457	na	32	92	33	5 008
<i>Immigration/cultural services</i>										
Provided only	%	55.2	54.8	33.1	67.0	na	51.5	36.0	35.3	54.0
Referred only	%	9.0	4.4	12.7	2.7	na	18.2	21.3	17.6	6.6
Provided and referred	%	32.3	34.4	48.7	28.3	na	21.2	31.5	41.2	34.4
Not provided or referred	%	3.5	6.4	5.7	1.8	na	9.1	11.2	5.9	4.9
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	932	1 643	528	773	na	33	89	17	3 980
<i>Other specialised services</i>										
Provided only	%	40.4	41.7	29.7	51.7	na	48.3	34.6	43.3	40.6
Referred only	%	19.8	22.4	23.6	22.0	na	24.1	23.9	26.7	21.9
Provided and referred	%	33.5	25.7	39.6	22.2	na	20.7	27.0	23.3	29.9
Not provided or referred	%	6.2	10.2	7.0	4.2	na	3.4	14.5	6.7	7.7
Clients for whom need was identified	no.	1 089	985	512	478	na	29	159	30	3 222
Total clients who needed homelessness services	no.	3 540	7 682	2 064	1 661	711	192	464	158	16 331

(a) Non-main English speak countries are all countries except Australia, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, United States of America and South Africa.

(b) Victoria and ACT have central intake models which mean that their data are not directly comparable with other states and territories.

(c) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(d) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(e) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.15

Table 18A.15 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients aged 12 to 18 years who needed education and/or training assistance who were undertaking formal study or training after support, before and after support**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
2012-13										
Education and training status of clients before support										
Not a student	%	28.6	26.0	49.9	33.0	7.6	14.7	19.4	28.4	29.6
Student										
Primary school	%	4.0	7.6	6.4	18.0	5.3	3.6	7.7	16.5	6.8
Secondary school	%	55.2	49.3	33.2	38.1	79.1	75.5	63.0	44.5	51.7
University student	%	0.5	np	1.1	–	–	–	–	np	0.5
Vocational education/training	%	7.2	8.5	5.0	5.4	2.7	3.7	9.9	5.6	6.4
Other education/training	%	4.5	8.3	4.3	5.4	5.2	2.5	–	3.8	5.1
Total	%	71.4	74.0	50.1	67.0	92.4	85.3	80.6	71.6	70.4
Education and training status of clients after support										
Not a student	%	35.8	27.5	46.2	30.3	9.6	24.4	19.5	37.5	32.1
Student										
Primary school	%	2.5	4.7	6.0	15.1	5.3	4.9	2.2	17.6	5.3
Secondary school	%	46.6	45.5	31.0	36.6	76.5	60.9	60.4	37.9	46.6
University student	%	0.9	0.8	1.8	np	–	–	np	np	1.0
Vocational education/training	%	8.6	13.4	9.7	10.9	3.4	8.6	15.8	2.8	9.4
Other education/training	%	5.6	8.1	5.2	6.3	5.1	np	np	3.0	5.7
Total clients aged 12-18 years who needed education and/or training assistance and who were undertaking formal study or training after support	%	64.2	72.5	53.8	69.7	90.4	75.6	80.5	62.5	67.9
Total clients aged 12-18 years who needed education and/or training assistance and who were not undertaking formal study or training after support	%	35.8	27.5	46.2	30.3	9.6	24.4	19.5	37.5	32.1

TABLE 18A.15

Table 18A.15 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients aged 12 to 18 years who needed education and/or training assistance who were undertaking formal study or training after support, before and after support**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
Total clients aged 12-18 years who needed education and/or training assistance	no.	1 792	1 087	923	362	347	152	137	113	4 810
2011-12 (c)										
Education and training status of clients before support										
Not a student	%	27.4	28.1	41.0	36.4	na	22.9	30.7	34.2	31.4
Student										
Primary school	%	7.3	4.3	5.8	15.7	na	np	9.7	9.2	7.3
Secondary school	%	54.0	53.4	42.3	39.3	na	65.5	50.6	51.0	50.2
University student	%	–	0.6	np	–	na	–	–	–	0.2
Vocational education/training	%	9.1	11.0	5.8	5.4	na	8.1	7.8	2.6	8.0
Other education/training	%	2.2	2.7	4.8	3.2	na	np	np	2.9	2.9
Total	%	72.6	71.9	59.0	63.6	25.1	77.1	69.3	65.8	68.6
Education and training status of clients after support										
Not a student	%	30.6	32.0	38.2	36.4	na	32.0	36.3	39.6	33.5
Student										
Primary school	%	6.8	3.4	4.9	10.4	na	np	8.6	5.6	6.0
Secondary school	%	47.8	44.5	39.6	40.3	na	53.8	36.0	45.3	44.6
University student	%	0.4	1.7	0.5	np	na	–	–	np	0.7
Vocational education/training	%	10.7	15.7	10.8	9.2	na	11.9	14.0	7.5	11.5
Other education/training	%	3.6	2.7	5.9	3.3	na	np	5.2	np	3.8
Total clients aged 12-18 years who needed education and/or training assistance and who were undertaking formal study or training after support	%	69.4	68.0	61.8	63.6	na	68.0	63.7	60.4	66.5

TABLE 18A.15

Table 18A.15 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients aged 12 to 18 years who needed education and/or training assistance who were undertaking formal study or training after support, before and after support**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
Total clients aged 12-18 years who needed education and/or training assistance and who were not undertaking formal study or training after support	%	30.6	32.0	38.2	36.4	na	32.0	36.3	39.6	33.5
Total clients aged 12-18 years who needed education and/or training assistance	no.	2 083	1 075	945	498	na	173	166	198	5 081

(a) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(b) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(c) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available. **np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.16

Table 18A.16 Recurrent cost per completed support period, 2012-13 dollars (a), (b), (c)

<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012-13									
Recurrent allocation									
\$m	134.5	179.9	93.6	67.7	56.5	18.3	23.6	17.1	591.2
Closed support periods									
no.	60 317	161 596	51 998	26 920	28 852	6 621	6 159	8 719	351 182
Cost per completed support period									
\$	2 230	1 113	1 800	2 515	1 958	2 764	3 832	1 961	1 683
2011-12									
Recurrent allocation									
\$m	133.9	174.7	92.3	67.9	55.5	17.2	22.9	11.5	575.9
Closed support periods									
no.	60 057	149 367	51 677	26 406	24 507	7 377	5 803	7 545	332 738
Cost per completed support period									
\$	2 230	1 170	1 787	2 570	2 264	2 336	3 941	1 521	1 731

- (a) Expenditure data are provided by State and Territory governments, while data on the number of closed support periods are drawn from the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection.
- (b) There may be varying treatments of expenditure items and different counting and reporting rules for generating financial data across jurisdictions. Differences in expenditure data across jurisdictions may reflect differences in the way in which these data are compiled rather than true variations in expenditure.
- (c) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2012-13 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2012-13 = 100) (table 2A.53). The GGFCE replaces the Gross Domestic Product implicit price deflator used in previous editions. See Chapter 2 (section 2.5) for details.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia; Table 18A.3; Table 2A.53.

TABLE 18A.17

Table 18A.17 **Recurrent cost per client accessing homelessness services, 2012-13 dollars, (a), (b), (c)**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012-13									
Recurrent allocation									
\$m	134.5	179.9	93.6	67.7	56.5	18.3	23.6	17.1	591.2
Reported number of clients									
no.	51 953	92 462	43 001	21 417	21 342	5 585	5 367	6 959	244 176
Estimated cost per client									
\$	2 589	1 946	2 177	3 161	2 647	3 277	4 397	2 457	2 421
2011-12 (d)									
Recurrent allocation									
\$m	133.9	174.7	92.3	67.9	55.5	17.2	22.9	11.5	575.9
Reported number of clients									
no.	52 105	86 150	42 487	21 190	19 497	6 148	5 602	6 584	236 429
Estimated cost per client									
\$	2 570	2 028	2 173	3 203	2 846	2 803	4 082	1 743	2 436

- (a) Expenditure data are provided by State and Territory governments, while data on the number of clients are drawn from the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection.
- (b) There may be varying treatments of expenditure items and different counting and reporting rules for generating financial data across jurisdictions. Differences in expenditure data across jurisdictions may reflect differences in the way in which these data are compiled rather than true variations in expenditure.
- (c) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2012-13 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2012-13 = 100) (table 2A.53). The GGFCE replaces the Gross Domestic Product implicit price deflator used in previous editions. See Chapter 2 (section 2.5) for details.
- (d) Data for 'Reported number of clients' for 2011-12 have been revised.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia; Table 18A.3; Table 2A.53.

TABLE 18A.18

Table 18A.18 Recurrent cost per day of support for clients, (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012-13										
Recurrent allocation										
	\$m	134.5	179.9	93.6	67.7	56.5	18.3	23.6	17.1	591.2
Number of support days										
	000	5 705	6 227	2 711	1 899	2 234	462	816	564	20 618
Cost per support day										
	\$	24	29	35	36	25	40	29	30	29

(a) Expenditure data are provided by State and Territory governments, while data on the number of support days are drawn from the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection.

(b) There may be varying treatments of expenditure items and different counting and reporting rules for generating financial data across jurisdictions. Differences in expenditure data across jurisdictions may reflect differences in the way in which these data are compiled rather than true variations in expenditure.

(c) The number of support days for 2011-12 are not available.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia; Table 18A.2.

TABLE 18A.19

Table 18A.19 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed employment and/or training assistance, by labour force status before support, and by full/part time employment status after support**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
2012-13										
Labour force status before support										
Employed full-time	%	3.1	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.3	4.0	5.0	3.6	2.7
Employed part-time		10.8	6.7	7.7	6.6	8.3	8.4	10.2	8.6	8.7
Unemployed	%	50.5	51.5	62.4	57.7	45.5	50.7	48.8	52.4	54.1
Not in labour force	%	35.6	39.8	27.7	32.4	43.9	36.8	36.1	35.3	34.4
Labour force status after support										
Employed full-time	%	6.7	4.3	4.4	6.8	4.1	np	5.2	10.5	5.6
Employed part-time		15.2	10.5	12.2	9.3	11.6	12.7	20.8	14.3	13.2
Total clients who needed employment and/or training assistance and who were employed after support	%	21.9	14.8	16.5	16.2	15.7	14.9	26.0	24.8	18.8
Total clients who needed employment and training assistance and who were not employed after support	%	78.1	85.2	83.5	83.8	84.3	85.1	74.0	75.2	81.2
Total clients who needed employment and/or training support	no.	3 158	2 607	2 114	967	301	151	398	259	9 587
2011-12 (c)										
Labour force status before support										
Employed full-time	%	3.5	3.1	2.6	3.8	na	np	3.1	10.2	3.4
Employed part-time		9.6	8.8	6.4	7.7	na	6.6	9.7	9.7	8.5
Unemployed	%	51.8	50.0	58.1	57.0	na	53.3	52.6	47.5	53.4
Not in labour force	%	35.1	38.1	33.0	31.5	na	38.2	34.7	32.6	34.7
Labour force status after support										

TABLE 18A.19

Table 18A.19 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed employment and/or training assistance, by labour force status before support, and by full/part time employment status after support**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
Employed full-time	%	8.6	4.7	5.0	8.7	na	3.1	5.8	16.1	7.1
Employed part-time		15.1	10.7	10.6	13.7	na	10.3	14.9	11.9	13.0
Total clients who needed employment and/or training assistance and who were employed after support	%	23.7	15.4	15.7	22.4	na	13.4	20.6	28.0	20.1
Total clients who needed employment and training assistance and who were not employed after support	%	76.3	84.6	84.3	77.6	na	86.6	79.4	72.0	79.9
Total clients who needed employment and/or training support	no.	3 381	2 076	2 351	1 055	na	173	353	290	9 381

(a) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(b) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(c) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.20

Table 18A.20 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed employment and/or training assistance, and who were employed after support**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
2012-13										
Labour force status before support										
Employed full-time	%	3.0	np	1.6	5.2	np	–	–	np	2.6
Employed part-time		13.9	6.9	4.9	4.2	9.1	–	7.7	6.1	8.7
Unemployed	%	51.2	50.5	65.7	57.7	37.9	53.2	52.9	55.6	55.8
Not in labour force	%	31.9	40.7	27.9	32.9	51.1	46.8	39.4	35.0	33.0
Labour force status after support										
Employed full-time	%	5.7	np	1.8	8.4	np	–	np	9.6	4.4
Employed part-time		15.6	8.6	6.9	4.3	8.4	np	np	11.3	10.7
Total clients who needed employment and/or training assistance and who were employed after support	%	21.2	9.8	8.7	12.7	11.1	np	7.7	20.9	15.2
Total clients who needed employment and training assistance and who were not employed after support	%	78.5	90.2	91.3	87.3	88.9	86.7	89.7	79.1	84.8
Total clients who needed employment and/or training support	no.	647	219	460	197	56	27	55	122	1 697
2011-12 (c)										
Labour force status before support										
Employed full-time	%	2.0	np	4.7	np	na	np	–	13.0	3.7
Employed part-time		10.4	4.8	4.7	6.9	na	–	4.8	3.1	7.1
Unemployed	%	48.6	58.8	56.3	46.9	na	61.3	62.9	47.1	52.2
Not in labour force	%	38.9	33.5	34.3	44.5	na	33.9	32.4	36.8	37.0
Labour force status after support										
Employed full-time	%	4.1	np	5.4	7.8	na	np	–	17.2	5.7

TABLE 18A.20

Table 18A.20 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed employment and/or training assistance, and who were employed after support**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (b)</i>
Employed part-time		12.2	7.5	7.5	6.4	na	np	np	1.3	9.1
Total clients who needed employment and/or training assistance and who were employed after support	%	16.3	9.9	12.8	14.2	na	np	np	18.6	14.9
Total clients who needed employment and training assistance and who were not employed after support	%	83.7	90.1	87.2	85.8	na	90.4	91.1	81.4	85.1
Total clients who needed employment and/or training support	no.	673	159	483	223	na	25	34	142	1 683

(a) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(b) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(c) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

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TABLE 18A.21

Table 18A.21 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed employment and/or training assistance and who were unemployed or not in the labour force before support, who were employed after support, by labour force status (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
2012-13										
Of those unemployed before support										
Employed full time after support	%	5.1	4.1	3.7	4.9	–	np	7.2	7.5	4.5
Employed part time after support	%	7.9	6.6	9.1	6.0	2.7	np	16.0	9.8	8.1
Of those not in the labour force before support										
Employed full time after support	%	3.8	2.0	1.0	4.0	3.9	–	np	12.8	3.0
Employed part time after support	%	8.8	8.1	6.3	7.0	5.7	15.6	13.4	11.8	8.2
2011-12 (e)										
Of those unemployed before support										
Employed full time after support	%	7.1	4.2	4.0	5.6	na	np	3.7	8.4	5.5
Employed part time after support	%	9.4	6.2	6.2	12.0	na	8.8	18.1	6.9	8.5
Of those not in the labour force before support										
Employed full time after support	%	4.4	2.2	2.7	6.7	na	–	np	11.0	3.9
Employed part time after support	%	8.9	6.6	9.7	7.9	na	7.9	12.0	5.9	8.6

(a) The number of clients employed is based on a weighted estimate of labour force status. However, there were x,xxx unemployed clients and xxx not in the labour force clients for whom labour force status was missing at the end of support.

(b) A client's employment and/or training status was determined at the end of their last closed support period in 2013.

(c) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(d) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(e) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

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Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.22

Table 18A.22 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
2012-13										
Source of income before support										
No income	%	11.6	10.3	9.1	9.5	15.0	11.3	6.9	7.8	10.4
Awaiting benefit	%	8.0	8.1	7.7	6.6	3.1	11.3	14.9	4.8	7.9
Government pension/allowance	%	74.8	75.2	77.0	76.8	74.7	67.4	64.8	80.3	75.0
Employee/business income	%	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.8	6.1	10.0	13.1	6.6	6.0
Other	%	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.1	–	np	np	0.7
Source of income after support										
No income	%	6.6	6.0	5.5	4.0	14.6	8.4	2.8	4.5	6.1
Awaiting benefit	%	4.7	4.5	3.5	4.3	–	2.9	4.3	2.0	4.0
Government pension/allowance	%	81.2	82.0	84.5	83.4	77.6	79.6	79.6	80.2	81.9
Employee/business income	%	7.1	6.5	6.0	7.2	6.7	7.7	12.9	12.4	7.2
Other	%	0.5	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.1	np	np	0.9	0.7
Total clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support	%	93.4	94.0	94.5	96.0	85.4	91.6	97.2	95.5	93.9
Total clients who needed income assistance and who did not have an income source after support	%	6.6	6.0	5.5	4.0	14.6	8.4	2.8	4.5	6.1

TABLE 18A.22

Table 18A.22 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Total clients who needed income assistance	no.	3 584	3 302	3 375	1 342	573	231	436	492	12 762
2011-12 (d)										
Source of income before support										
No income	%	11.1	9.1	8.7	11.1	na	14.0	9.8	8.1	10.0
Awaiting benefit	%	7.5	8.8	7.0	7.7	na	13.7	13.9	6.6	8.1
Government pension/allowance	%	74.3	74.1	79.4	73.3	na	67.1	68.4	77.5	75.1
Employee/business income	%	5.9	6.8	4.4	7.0	na	3.2	7.2	7.6	5.9
Other	%	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.9	na	2.1	0.8	0.2	0.9
Source of income after support										
No income	%	5.5	5.0	5.3	6.6	na	7.6	3.5	4.9	5.5
Awaiting benefit	%	4.6	3.9	3.3	4.5	na	7.1	5.7	4.3	4.3
Government pension/allowance	%	81.0	83.0	86.3	79.0	na	81.0	80.5	80.2	82.2
Employee/business income	%	8.2	7.5	4.3	9.2	na	3.3	9.5	10.3	7.3
Other	%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	na	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.7
Total clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support	%	94.5	95.0	94.7	93.4	na	92.4	96.5	95.1	94.5
Total clients who needed income assistance and who did not have an income source after support	%	5.5	5.0	5.3	6.6	na	7.6	3.5	4.9	5.5

TABLE 18A.22

Table 18A.22 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Total clients who needed income assistance	no.	3 885	2 970	3 462	1 410	na	298	428	563	12 584

(a) A client's income status was determined at the end of their last closed support period in 2013.

(b) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(c) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(d) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available. **np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia.*

TABLE 18A.23

Table 18A.23 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
2012-13										
Source of income before support										
No income	%	7.5	4.1	7.5	7.5	13.8	16.3	12.0	4.3	7.5
Awaiting benefit	%	4.4	4.9	4.9	2.6	np	–	21.9	2.0	4.4
Government pension/allowance	%	85.3	86.1	84.9	85.1	82.8	78.5	61.1	89.9	84.7
Employee/business income	%	2.6	3.5	2.5	4.4	np	np	np	3.8	3.1
Other	%	np	np	np	np	–	–	–	–	0.3
Source of income after support										
No income	%	4.9	2.1	5.3	3.1	15.4	16.4	–	2.6	4.8
Awaiting benefit	%	2.3	1.4	2.0	2.7	–	–	7.0	1.7	2.2
Government pension/allowance	%	88.6	93.1	90.1	90.6	79.5	78.4	88.0	87.5	88.9
Employee/business income	%	4.3	2.1	2.6	3.6	5.1	np	5.0	7.7	4.0
Other	%	–	np	–	–	–	–	–	np	0.2
Total clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support	%	95.1	97.9	94.7	96.9	84.6	83.6	100.0	97.4	95.2
Total clients who needed income assistance and who did not have an income source after support	%	4.9	2.1	5.3	3.1	15.4	16.4	–	2.6	4.8

TABLE 18A.23

Table 18A.23 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Total clients who needed income assistance	no.	774	300	820	371	103	37	71	301	2 626
2011-12 (d)										
Source of income before support										
No income	%	4.0	3.4	2.9	4.3	na	np	–	3.9	3.7
Awaiting benefit	%	7.5	6.2	4.1	7.4	na	9.9	6.8	3.3	5.7
Government pension/allowance	%	80.6	83.1	88.4	83.1	na	67.9	77.6	86.0	83.8
Employee/business income	%	4.6	1.8	1.0	2.7	na	6.1	–	4.0	3.0
Other	%	3.3	5.5	3.6	2.5	na	13.0	15.6	2.8	3.8
Source of income after support										
No income	%	3.6	5.7	3.2	3.2	na	np	–	4.3	3.8
Awaiting benefit	%	3.9	1.7	2.4	2.7	na	9.9	6.8	1.9	3.1
Government pension/allowance	%	86.6	86.2	92.2	89.9	na	80.8	89.9	87.4	88.4
Employee/business income	%	5.6	5.5	2.2	3.8	na	np	np	6.4	4.6
Other	%	0.3	0.8	–	0.4	na	–	–	–	0.2
Total clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support	%	96.4	94.3	96.8	96.8	na	96.9	100.0	95.7	96.2

TABLE 18A.23

Table 18A.23 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed income assistance and who had an income source after support (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (b)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Total clients who needed income assistance and who did not have an income source after support	%	3.6	5.7	3.2	3.2	na	3.1	–	4.3	3.8
Total clients who needed income assistance	no.	833	247	823	411	na	48	58	383	2 713

(a) A client's income status was determined at the end of their last closed support period in 2013.

(b) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(c) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(d) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available. **np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.24

Table 18A.24 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing, type of tenure before and after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
2012-13										
Type of tenure before support										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	1.5	1.1	0.7	2.1	2.5	1.8	1.3	0.5	1.2
Private rental	%	33.4	37.3	35.6	39.2	21.2	22.0	12.7	13.9	34.6
Public housing rental	%	7.7	10.0	6.4	12.2	21.1	8.7	16.4	18.8	9.5
Community housing rental	%	4.4	1.4	3.4	2.5	2.6	1.9	1.1	3.3	2.7
Other rental	%	3.6	2.8	1.9	1.5	2.3	1.9	2.7	3.0	2.6
Total	%	50.5	52.5	48.0	57.5	49.8	36.3	34.2	39.5	50.5
Non-independent housing										
Crisis	%	12.1	4.2	7.1	5.3	5.0	7.2	5.6	8.7	6.7
Transitional Housing (incl. rent free)	%	1.7	2.9	1.3	1.7	4.6	0.4	1.9	1.8	2.1
Caravan park rental	%	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.9	0.6	1.5	0.4	3.5	1.8
Institutional setting	%	2.1	4.2	1.4	3.5	2.6	2.3	3.3	6.8	2.9
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	5.9	7.6	10.9	9.7	3.3	11.5	15.7	12.4	8.4
Boarding/rooming house	%	11.6	13.4	11.8	11.2	15.7	12.1	6.3	10.7	12.2
Other (no tenure)	%	14.1	13.5	17.4	9.3	18.4	28.7	32.7	16.6	15.5
Total	%	49.5	47.5	52.0	42.5	50.2	63.7	65.8	60.5	49.5
Type of tenure after support										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	1.3	0.9	0.7	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.3	0.5	1.0
Private rental	%	39.5	40.3	36.7	37.7	26.9	27.0	11.7	15.5	37.3

TABLE 18A.24

Table 18A.24 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing, type of tenure before and after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Public housing rental	%	11.4	15.1	14.0	20.1	27.5	20.5	29.1	20.2	15.7
Community housing rental	%	8.6	2.9	6.4	2.9	6.5	3.4	2.8	7.0	5.1
Other rental	%	3.0	2.1	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.7	2.9	2.0	2.1
Total	%	63.8	61.3	59.3	64.0	64.5	53.6	47.9	45.2	61.2
Non-independent housing										
Crisis	%	9.1	4.8	9.6	7.2	3.8	7.9	7.9	14.1	7.2
Transitional Housing (incl. rent free)	%	3.4	2.6	2.5	1.6	2.0	1.8	4.8	5.8	2.7
Caravan park rental	%	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.8	0.9	1.3	0.2	2.4	1.5
Institutional setting	%	1.2	3.4	0.8	1.6	2.4	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.9
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	3.1	4.7	5.2	6.3	2.1	4.8	7.8	5.6	4.5
Boarding/rooming house	%	9.4	12.1	9.8	11.2	14.3	11.8	7.4	13.2	10.7
Other (no tenure)	%	8.8	9.4	11.2	6.4	10.0	17.5	22.6	11.8	10.1
Total	%	36.2	38.7	40.7	36.0	35.5	46.4	52.1	54.8	38.8
Total clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing	no.	16 733	37 184	19 621	6 059	2 799	2 109	2 537	1 344	86 663
2011-12 (e)										
Type of tenure before support										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	1.9	1.4	0.9	2.0	na	3.5	0.5	1.1	1.5
Private rental	%	31.8	34.5	38.7	37.6	na	24.6	15.3	14.2	34.5
Public housing rental	%	7.8	12.1	5.9	14.1	na	8.9	20.9	16.5	9.9

TABLE 18A.24

Table 18A.24 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing, type of tenure before and after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Community housing rental	%	3.4	1.0	3.1	2.4	na	0.9	2.3	6.4	2.4
Other rental	%	2.7	2.9	1.9	1.6	na	2.2	1.6	2.6	2.4
Total	%	47.6	51.9	50.6	57.8	–	40.1	40.6	40.8	50.6
Non-independent housing										
Crisis	%	11.7	4.8	6.0	6.4	na	5.6	8.0	3.9	6.8
Transitional Housing (incl. rent free)	%	1.9	2.8	0.6	1.5	na	1.4	5.0	2.4	1.9
Caravan park rental	%	2.1	2.2	2.3	1.4	na	0.8	–	1.5	2.0
Institutional setting	%	2.8	2.9	1.7	3.4	na	2.7	5.1	5.5	2.6
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	7.4	9.1	10.8	7.7	na	12.4	12.8	17.9	9.2
Boarding/rooming house	%	12.6	13.9	13.5	12.5	na	12.7	6.4	12.4	13.1
Other (no tenure)	%	13.9	12.3	14.5	9.3	na	24.3	22.2	15.6	13.7
Total	%	52.4	48.1	49.4	42.2	na	59.9	59.4	59.2	49.4
Type of tenure after support										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	1.6	1.0	0.7	1.6	na	2.0	0.8	1.1	1.1
Private rental	%	35.2	37.4	36.7	37.7	na	29.3	13.3	14.1	35.8
Public housing rental	%	11.0	16.1	8.9	22.1	na	16.1	35.0	23.8	14.2
Community housing rental	%	6.9	2.3	5.7	3.2	na	3.1	2.4	6.9	4.5
Other rental	%	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.0	na	1.6	0.8	2.5	2.3
Total	%	57.5	59.2	54.3	66.5	na	52.1	52.4	48.3	58.0
Non-independent housing										
Crisis	%	10.4	5.5	12.2	5.1	na	7.2	10.4	9.9	8.5

TABLE 18A.24

Table 18A.24 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing, type of tenure before and after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Transitional Housing (incl. rent free)	%	3.0	2.5	2.3	1.8	na	2.7	4.3	3.7	2.6
Caravan park rental	%	1.6	2.1	1.7	1.6	na	1.1	np	2.3	1.7
Institutional setting	%	2.0	2.1	0.9	1.6	na	2.0	2.8	1.0	1.7
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	5.0	6.3	6.2	5.1	na	6.0	6.6	5.9	5.7
Boarding/rooming house	%	10.5	13.0	11.4	10.4	na	12.4	7.1	13.4	11.5
Other (no tenure)	%	10.1	9.3	11.0	7.9	na	16.6	16.2	15.4	10.3
Total	%	42.5	40.8	45.7	33.5	na	47.9	47.4	51.7	42.0
Total clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing	no.	17 336	30 438	19 444	5 794	na	2 431	2 302	1 310	77 838

(a) These data are calculated using the numerator 'Total number of clients who identified a need for assistance with 'long term housing', to 'sustain tenancy or prevent tenancy failure or eviction' or to 'prevent foreclosures or for mortgage arrears, and had achieved independent housing at the end of support' and the denominator 'Total Number of clients who identified a need for assistance with 'long term housing', to 'sustain tenancy or prevent tenancy failure or eviction' or to 'prevent foreclosures or for mortgage arrears'.

(b) A client's housing tenancy was determined at the end of their last closed support period in 2013.

(c) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(d) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(e) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

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TABLE 18A.25

Table 18A.25 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing, type of tenure before and after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
2012-13										
Type of tenure before support										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.8	0.6	0.2	np	np	np	np	np	0.4
Private rental	%	27.3	20.0	24.3	15.2	9.4	17.4	4.5	6.7	22.1
Public housing rental	%	12.6	15.6	10.5	29.7	25.4	7.1	19.0	25.9	14.8
Community housing rental	%	7.3	3.7	4.2	2.2	1.9	np	2.5	5.0	4.6
Other rental	%	4.0	2.1	1.9	1.1	3.4	1.5	2.1	2.0	2.4
Total	%	51.9	42.0	41.1	48.4	40.1	26.1	28.1	39.6	44.3
Non-independent housing										
Crisis	%	10.1	4.8	7.6	7.2	5.9	7.7	7.5	8.4	7.8
Transitional Housing (incl. rent free)	%	0.9	5.0	1.5	2.0	4.3	–	np	1.1	1.8
Caravan park rental	%	2.4	1.4	1.6	1.3	–	np	np	1.2	1.6
Institutional setting	%	1.4	7.2	1.0	3.5	3.9	np	4.3	5.6	2.4
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	4.6	7.4	8.7	9.4	3.4	11.1	20.0	14.2	7.8
Boarding/rooming house	%	13.1	14.0	14.7	12.9	14.7	10.2	5.0	9.2	13.5
Other (no tenure)	%	15.6	18.3	23.8	15.1	27.3	43.4	33.1	20.2	20.8
Total	%	48.1	58.0	58.9	51.4	59.5	72.4	69.9	59.9	55.7
Type of tenure after support										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.7	–	0.5	0.2	0.4
Private rental	%	32.9	23.1	26.8	14.5	12.5	21.9	5.5	8.8	25.1

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Table 18A.25 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing, type of tenure before and after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Public housing rental	%	16.8	23.4	18.7	39.6	29.9	26.1	37.3	26.0	22.3
Community housing rental	%	11.5	5.7	8.1	2.3	8.6	1.0	4.5	8.4	7.9
Other rental	%	3.5	3.0	1.5	2.1	1.2	2.0	3.6	3.1	2.3
Total	%	65.1	55.5	55.4	58.7	52.9	51.1	51.4	46.5	58.0
Non-independent housing										
Crisis	%	6.6	7.0	10.0	7.2	6.1	12.7	8.0	15.4	8.5
Transitional Housing (incl. rent free)	%	2.6	3.4	2.3	2.2	3.8	1.5	2.6	5.4	2.7
Caravan park rental	%	1.8	1.0	1.3	1.1	–	np	–	1.0	1.3
Institutional setting	%	1.1	5.4	0.8	2.3	4.4	1.5	np	1.6	1.7
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	2.7	4.4	3.4	7.1	1.5	5.6	10.4	3.6	3.7
Boarding/rooming house	%	10.1	11.3	11.6	11.7	14.6	8.2	5.5	12.6	11.1
Other (no tenure)	%	10.0	12.0	15.3	9.6	16.6	18.4	21.1	13.7	13.1
Total	%	34.9	44.4	44.6	41.2	47.1	47.9	47.6	53.2	42.0
Total Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing	no.	4 081	2 621	5 604	1 485	543	334	370	836	15 417
2011-12 (e)										
Type of tenure before support										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.2	0.5	0.1	–	na	3.2	–	–	0.2
Private rental	%	24.9	17.9	27.1	10.9	na	17.2	11.2	7.1	22.0
Public housing rental	%	13.9	20.6	9.6	32.2	na	8.9	18.6	20.2	15.5
Community housing rental	%	4.1	2.5	3.8	4.6	na	1.9	np	11.0	4.2

TABLE 18A.25

Table 18A.25 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing, type of tenure before and after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Other rental	%	2.4	3.4	2.1	1.2	na	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.3
Total	%	45.5	44.9	42.7	49.0	na	33.7	32.2	40.9	44.2
Non-independent housing										
Crisis	%	9.3	3.3	7.4	5.3	na	4.4	4.9	1.6	6.8
Transitional Housing (incl. rent free)	%	1.4	2.8	0.3	1.8	na	np	4.8	1.1	1.2
Caravan park rental	%	2.0	2.5	2.3	1.3	na	–	–	1.1	1.9
Institutional setting	%	3.0	1.5	1.4	2.4	na	4.0	7.8	4.0	2.3
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	6.1	8.5	9.6	8.3	na	15.9	13.4	24.6	9.2
Boarding/rooming house	%	16.6	15.0	17.6	14.1	na	15.4	9.9	8.1	15.9
Other (no tenure)	%	16.1	21.4	18.7	17.8	na	26.0	25.3	18.6	18.5
Total	%	54.5	55.1	57.3	51.0	na	65.7	66.1	59.1	55.8
Type of tenure after support										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.3	0.9	–	np	na	np	–	–	0.2
Private rental	%	27.2	20.0	27.2	10.5	na	22.3	4.8	6.3	23.0
Public housing rental	%	17.9	26.1	12.5	40.9	na	18.4	29.5	28.7	20.4
Community housing rental	%	7.3	3.5	6.7	3.1	na	3.2	np	11.3	6.2
Other rental	%	2.5	3.8	2.9	2.6	na	np	2.5	2.2	2.8
Total	%	55.2	54.3	49.3	57.1	na	43.8	36.8	48.5	52.7
Non-independent housing										
Crisis	%	8.4	5.1	12.6	4.4	na	12.0	13.1	10.2	9.3
Transitional Housing (incl. rent free)	%	2.0	3.7	2.0	2.1	na	2.5	5.3	1.7	2.3
Caravan park rental	%	2.1	1.2	1.5	1.2	na	np	–	2.1	1.5

TABLE 18A.25

Table 18A.25 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing, type of tenure before and after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Institutional setting	%	2.1	2.8	0.9	2.3	na	4.0	4.9	1.5	1.8
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	4.4	6.2	5.8	5.5	na	7.0	9.2	7.7	5.4
Boarding/rooming house	%	14.1	12.2	14.4	9.6	na	10.8	11.6	10.1	13.0
Other (no tenure)	%	11.7	14.4	13.6	17.7	na	17.3	18.4	18.2	14.0
Total	%	44.8	45.7	50.7	42.8	na	53.6	62.4	51.5	47.3
Total Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing	no.	4 375	2 136	5 171	1 609	na	316	287	796	14 388

(a) These data are calculated using the numerator 'Total number of clients who identified a need for assistance with 'long term housing', to 'sustain tenancy or prevent tenancy failure or eviction' or to 'prevent foreclosures or for mortgage arrears, and had achieved independent housing at the end of support' and the denominator 'Total Number of clients who identified a need for assistance with 'long term housing', to 'sustain tenancy or prevent tenancy failure or eviction' or to 'prevent foreclosures or for mortgage arrears'.

(b) A client's housing tenancy was determined at the end of their last closed support period in 2013.

(c) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(d) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(e) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

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TABLE 18A.26

Table 18A.26 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who were living in non-independent housing before support who obtained independent housing after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
2012-13										
Type of tenure before support										
Non-independent housing										
Crisis	%	24.5	8.8	13.6	12.5	9.9	11.3	8.5	14.4	13.5
Transitional Housing (incl. rent free)	%	3.4	6.1	2.4	4.1	9.1	0.6	2.9	3.0	4.2
Caravan Park rental	%	3.9	3.6	4.1	4.4	1.2	2.4	0.7	5.8	3.6
Institutional setting	%	4.3	8.9	2.8	8.1	5.2	3.6	4.9	11.3	5.8
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	12.0	16.0	21.0	22.7	6.6	18.0	23.8	20.5	17.0
Boarding/rooming house	%	23.4	28.2	22.6	26.4	31.3	19.1	9.5	17.6	24.6
Other (no tenure)	%	28.5	28.4	33.5	21.8	36.7	45.1	49.6	27.4	31.3
Type of tenure after support										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	2.1	1.9	3.1	1.9	2.6	4.6	4.1	4.2	2.5
Private rental	%	13.2	8.3	9.5	9.1	7.4	8.1	6.3	15.3	9.5
Public housing rental	%	8.3	8.7	8.1	5.5	9.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.1
Community housing rental	%	7.7	8.0	8.7	6.9	10.3	12.2	10.6	5.6	8.4
Other rental		4.7	3.7	5.9	2.3	3.9	5.4	3.8	4.5	4.4
Total clients who were living in non-independent housing before support and who obtained independent housing after support	%	36.0	30.6	35.2	25.7	33.6	38.7	33.0	37.9	33.0
Total clients who were living in non-independent housing before support	no.	8 277	17 654	10 201	2 577	1 405	1 343	1 670	813	42 917

TABLE 18A.26

Table 18A.26 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who were living in non-independent housing before support who obtained independent housing after support (a), (b)**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>	
2011-12 (e)										
Type of tenure before support										
Non-independent housing										
Crisis	%	22.3	10.1	12.1	15.1	na	9.4	13.5	6.7	13.8
Transitional Housing (incl. rent free)	%	3.7	5.9	1.3	3.6	na	2.4	8.4	4.0	3.9
Caravan Park rental	%	3.9	4.6	4.7	3.4	na	1.4	–	2.6	4.1
Institutional setting	%	5.3	6.0	3.5	8.0	na	4.5	8.5	9.3	5.3
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	14.1	18.9	21.8	18.2	na	20.7	21.5	30.3	18.6
Boarding/rooming house	%	24.1	29.0	27.3	29.6	na	21.1	10.7	20.9	26.6
Other (no tenure)	%	26.6	25.6	29.3	21.9	na	40.6	37.3	26.3	27.7
Type of tenure after support										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	na	–	0.5	0.3	0.2
Private rental	%	14.1	13.4	10.7	10.6	na	18.3	5.3	5.0	12.5
Public housing rental	%	7.6	8.5	5.3	18.3	na	11.1	19.9	15.1	8.7
Community housing rental	%	5.9	2.2	5.5	3.2	na	2.8	1.7	4.6	4.2
Other rental		2.1	1.6	2.0	1.0	na	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.7
Total clients who were living in non-independent housing before support and who obtained independent housing after support	%	29.9	26.1	23.6	33.7	na	32.7	27.7	25.5	27.2

TABLE 18A.26

Table 18A.26 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who were living in non-independent housing before support who obtained independent housing after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Total clients who were living in non-independent housing before support	no.	9 079	14 629	9 615	2 446	na	1 457	1 368	775	38 421

(a) These data are calculated using the numerator 'Total number of clients who, on presentation, were living in non-independent/supported housing and achieved independent housing at the end of support' and the denominator 'Total number of clients who, on presentation, were living in non-independent/supported housing.'

(b) A client's housing tenancy was determined at the end of their last closed support period in 2013.

(c) SA collection methodology for 2011-12 does not allow for this type of analysis.

(d) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(e) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia.*

TABLE 18A.27

Table 18A.27 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation within the reporting period, by tenure type after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
2012-13										
Type of tenure after support										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	2.1	1.5	1.2	2.7	2.9	2.2	2.7	1.0	1.8
Private rental	%	62.0	65.8	61.5	58.8	42.0	50.1	25.0	34.1	60.8
Public housing rental	%	17.4	24.6	23.9	31.4	42.2	38.2	60.8	44.7	25.6
Community housing rental	%	13.7	4.7	10.7	4.6	10.1	6.1	5.6	15.8	8.5
Other Rental	%	4.7	3.3	2.6	2.4	2.8	3.3	5.9	4.3	3.4
Total clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who had independent/non-supported housing at the end of support	no.	10 198	20 637	10 845	3 734	1 747	1 051	1 163	579	49 395
2011-12 (d)										
Type of tenure after support										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	2.9	1.8	1.3	2.2	–	3.9	1.7	2.4	2.0

TABLE 18A.27

Table 18A.27 Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation within the reporting period, by tenure type after support (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Private rental	%	61.3	62.7	68.0	56.1	60.0	56.3	25.4	28.8	61.7
Public housing rental	%	18.9	27.7	16.3	33.5	16.0	30.4	66.5	49.0	24.6
Community housing rental	%	12.2	3.9	10.3	5.0	24.1	6.2	4.7	14.7	7.7
Other Rental	%	4.7	4.0	4.2	3.1	–	3.2	1.7	5.1	4.0
Total clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who had independent/non-supported housing at the end of support	no.	9 540	16 857	9 915	3 704	56	1 183	1 149	604	42 691

(a) These data are calculated using the numerator 'Total number of clients who achieved independent housing at the end of support, and who did not represent with a need for short-term, medium-term, long term housing, assistance to sustain tenancy or prevent tenancy failure or eviction or assistance to prevent foreclosures or for mortgage arrears again during the reporting period', and the denominator 'Total Clients who had requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent/non-supported housing and who had independent/non-supported housing at the end if support.

(b) A client's housing tenancy was determined at the end of their last closed support period in the reference year.

(c) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

TABLE 18A.27

Table 18A.27 **Closed support periods, proportion of clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation within the reporting period, by tenure type after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
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(d) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.28

Table 18A.28 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation within the reporting period, by tenure type after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
2012-13										
Type of tenure after support										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.2	1.5	–	1.0	0.5	0.7
Private rental	%	50.7	40.8	47.4	25.1	24.7	41.5	11.6	19.0	42.9
Public housing rental	%	25.5	43.1	34.0	66.9	56.8	52.2	71.3	55.8	38.6
Community housing rental	%	17.8	10.7	15.1	4.0	15.4	2.1	9.5	18.2	14.0
Other Rental	%	5.1	4.8	2.7	3.8	1.6	4.2	6.5	6.4	3.9
Total Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who had independent/non-supported housing at the end of support	no.	2 536	1 265	2 809	835	279	158	176	373	8 283
2011-12 (d)										
Type of tenure after support										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.6	1.8	–	0.2	–	1.6	–	–	0.4

TABLE 18A.28

Table 18A.28 Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation within the reporting period, by tenure type after support (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
Private rental	%	49.0	35.4	55.4	18.2	33.3	47.7	7.5	13.2	43.3
Public housing rental	%	32.6	49.7	25.6	71.6	33.3	39.9	82.6	58.5	39.3
Community housing rental	%	13.1	6.0	12.7	5.5	33.3	7.6	2.4	24.0	11.5
Other Rental	%	4.7	7.1	6.3	4.5	–	3.1	7.5	4.2	5.5
Total Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who had independent/non-supported housing at the end of support	no.	2 300	1 087	2 307	885	16	128	96	372	7 081

(a) These data are calculated using the numerator 'Total number of clients who achieved independent housing at the end of support, and who did not represent with a need for short-term, medium-term, long term housing, assistance to sustain tenancy or prevent tenancy failure or eviction or assistance to prevent foreclosures or for mortgage arrears again during the reference year', and the denominator 'Total Clients who had requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent/non-supported housing and who had independent/non-supported housing at the end if support.

(b) A client's housing tenancy was determined at the end of their last closed support period in the reference year.

(c) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

Table 18A.28 **Closed support periods, proportion of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain or maintain independent housing and who achieved independent housing after support, and did not present again with a need for accommodation within the reporting period, by tenure type after support (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (c)</i>
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(d) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.29

Table 18A.29 **Proportion of clients experiencing homelessness who had repeat periods of homelessness**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (a)</i>
2012-13										
Clients who had more than one period of homelessness	%	5.2	3.6	4.3	4.7	3.4	4.6	7.2	4.5	4.0
Clients who experienced homelessness at some time in 2012-13	%	29 455	47 997	24 401	10 311	11 600	3 434	3 437	3 441	130 390
2011-12 (b)										
Clients who had more than one period of homelessness	%	5.9	4.4	5.1	4.7	2.4	5.0	11.8	5.5	4.7
Clients who experienced homelessness at some time in 2011-12	%	28 299	41 234	24 247	9 102	10 067	3 757	3 575	3 347	120 456

(b) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(c) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.30

Table 18A.30 **Proportion of Indigenous clients experiencing homelessness who had repeat periods of homelessness**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (a)</i>
2012-13										
Clients who had more than one period of homelessness	%	6.5	5.6	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.7	10.7	4.6	4.9
Clients who experienced homelessness at some time in 2012-13	%	7 483	5 105	8 255	3 549	3 212	608	594	2 396	30 402
2011-12 (b)										
Clients who had more than one period of homelessness	%	6.4	6.2	5.3	5.2	3.0	4.3	10.3	5.5	5.2
Clients who experienced homelessness at some time in 2011-12	%	6 873	3 970	8 029	3 409	2 561	645	604	2 257	27 736

(a) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.

(b) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia*.

TABLE 18A.31

Table 18A.31 **Case management goals achieved after support, all clients (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
2012-13										
None	%	7.9	7.0	5.1	8.9	6.4	7.7	6.7	6.7	6.9
Some	%	75.8	64.7	65.3	82.1	80.2	82.4	84.9	68.4	70.9
All	%	16.2	28.3	29.6	9.0	13.4	9.9	8.4	24.9	22.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total clients with case management plans	no.	24 092	30 262	25 930	10 089	6 814	2 910	2 104	3 848	103 986
2011-12 (e)										
None	%	7.4	7.5	8.2	8.7	30.2	9.9	8.6	4.9	9.5
Some	%	73.2	63.5	71.9	76.9	49.2	78.3	83.7	71.8	68.8
All	%	19.5	28.9	19.9	14.4	20.7	11.9	7.7	23.3	21.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total clients with case management plans	no.	25 018	30 671	23 713	11 403	6 481	3 011	2 218	3 483	104 124

- (a) The status of a client's case management goals was determined at the end of their last closed support period in the reference year.
- (b) Case management plan status: if a client reports having a case management plan in any support period within the collection month they are counted as a client who has a case management plan.
- (c) Achievement of case management goals: where a client is recorded as having a case management plan, the achievement of their case management goals are recorded as none, all or some. None: all support periods within the collection month reported 'not at all'. All: all support periods within the collection month reported 'all'. Some: at least one support period within the collection month reported 'up to half', 'half or more' or 'all' where multiple different responses are recorded for the one client within the collection month.
- (d) State and territory client totals may not add to the Australian total as some clients may have received support in more than one state and/or territory.
- (e) Data for 2011-12 have been revised.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) *Specialist Homelessness Services Collection: National Data Collection annual report, Australia.*

Data quality information — Homelessness services, chapter 18

Data quality information

Data quality information (DQI) provides information against the seven ABS data quality framework dimensions. DQI for Homelessness services performance indicators will be progressively introduced in future reports. Technical DQI has been supplied by relevant data providers. Additional Steering Committee commentary does not necessarily reflect the views of data providers.

Where Report on Government Services reporting aligns with National Agreement reporting, similar data quality information is included in the Steering Committee's reports on National Agreements to the COAG Reform Council.

DQI are available for the following data collections:

Data collections	2
Specialist homelessness services client collection	2

Data collections

Specialist homelessness services client collection

Data quality information for this data collection has been drafted by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), with additional Steering Committee comments.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Various
Indicator	Various.
Measure (computation)	Various
Data source/s	Specialist Homelessness Services Client Collection. The SHSC collects information on people who receive services from agencies that are funded under the NAHA or the NPAH to provide specialist homelessness services. A limited amount of data is also collected about people who seek, but do not receive, assistance from a specialist homelessness agency. Data are collected monthly from agencies participating in the collection.

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	<p>The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) is a major national agency set up by the Australian Government under the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987 to provide reliable, regular and relevant information and statistics on Australia's health and welfare. It is an independent statutory authority established in 1987, governed by a management Board, and accountable to the Australian Parliament through the Health and Ageing portfolio.</p> <p>The AIHW aims to provide authoritative information and statistics to promote better health and wellbeing. The Institute collects and reports information on a wide range of topics and issues, ranging from health and welfare expenditure, hospitals, disease and injury, and mental health, to ageing, homelessness, disability and child protection.</p> <p>The Institute also plays a role in developing and maintaining national metadata standards. This work contributes to improving the quality and consistency of national health and welfare statistics. The Institute works closely with governments and non-government organisations to achieve greater adherence to these standards in administrative data collections to promote national consistency and comparability of data and reporting.</p> <p>One of the main functions of the AIHW is to work with the states and territories to improve the quality of administrative data and, where possible, to compile national data sets based on data from each jurisdiction, to analyse these data sets and disseminate information and statistics.</p> <p>The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987, in conjunction with compliance to the Privacy Act 1988, ensures that the data collections managed by the AIHW are kept securely and under the strictest conditions with respect to privacy and confidentiality.</p> <p>For further information see the AIHW website <www.aihw.gov.au>.</p> <p>The SHSC was developed by AIHW in conjunction with the states and</p>
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	territories and is administered by the AIHW.
Relevance	<p>Scope and coverage—clients</p> <p>The SHSC collects information about clients of specialist homelessness agencies, that is, people who receive assistance from agencies funded by state and territory governments to respond to or prevent homelessness. In addition, some information is also collected about unassisted people, that is, any person who seeks services from a specialist homelessness agency and does not receive any services at that time.</p> <p>SHSC data does not cover all homeless people and those at risk of homelessness, but only those who seek assistance from an SHS agency.</p> <p>Not everyone in scope for SHSC is homeless, because specialist homelessness agencies provide services to people who are at risk of homelessness aimed at preventing them from becoming homeless, as well as to people who are currently homeless.</p> <p>Data about clients is submitted based on support periods—a period of support provided by a specialist homelessness service agency to a client. Information about clients is then linked together based on a statistical key (see ‘Statistical Linkage Key (SLK) validity’ below).</p> <p>A client may be of any age—children are clients if they receive specialist homelessness assistance.</p> <p>Scope and coverage—agencies</p> <p>The SHSC collects information on people who seek and receive services from specialist homelessness agencies. All agencies that receive funding under the NAHA or NPAH to provide specialist homelessness services are in scope for the SHSC in general, but only those who received funding for at least four months during the 2012–13 financial year are in scope for the 2012–13 reporting period. Agencies that are in coverage are those in-scope agencies for which details have been provided to the AIHW by the relevant state/territory department.</p> <p>Of all agencies expected to participate in the collection in at least one month during the 2012–13 reporting period, 76% submitted information for all 12 collection months and 91% submitted data for at least one month.</p>
Timeliness	<p>The SHSC began on 1 July 2011. Specialist homelessness agencies provide their data to the AIHW each month, once sufficient data is received and validated ‘snapshots’ are created at particular points in time for reporting purposes.</p> <p>The 2012–13 snapshot contains data submitted to the AIHW for the July 2012 to June 2013 collection months, using responses received and validated as at 25 March 2013.</p>
Accuracy	<p>Potential sources of error</p> <p>As with all data collections, the SHSC estimates are subject to error. These can arise from data coding and processing errors, inaccurate data or missing data. Reported findings are based on data reported by agency workers.</p> <p>Data validation</p> <p>The AIHW receives data from specialist homelessness agencies every month. These data go through two processes of data validation (error checking). Firstly, data validation is incorporated into the client management systems (CMSs) most agencies use to record their data. Secondly, data are submitted through the AIHW online reporting web-portal, Specialist Homelessness Online Reporting (SHOR). SHOR completes a more thorough data validation and reports (to staff of the homelessness agency) any errors that need correcting before data can be accepted.</p> <p>Statistical Linkage Key (SLK) validity</p> <p>An individual client may seek or receive support on more than one</p>

occasion—either from the same agency or from a different agency. Data from individual clients who presented at different agencies and/or at different times is matched based on a statistical linkage key (SLK) which allows client level data to be created. The SLK is constructed from information about the client's date of birth, sex and an alphacode based on selected letters of their name.

If a support period record does not have a valid SLK, it cannot be linked to a client, and thus it is not included in client-level tables (although it is included in support period-level tables). Ninety-three per cent of support periods had a valid SLK in 2012–13.

Incomplete responses

In many support periods, in 2012–13, valid responses were not recorded for all questions—invalid responses were recorded, 'don't know' was selected, or no response was recorded. Support periods with invalid/'don't know'/missing responses were retained in the collection and, no attempt was made to deduce or impute the true value of invalid/'don't know'/missing responses.

Where data relate to the total population the estimate includes clients with missing information. This information has been attributed in proportion with those clients for whom information is available. In tables where the population relates to clients with a particular need or accommodation circumstance, clients with missing needs information are excluded.

Non-response bias

Non-response occurs where there is less than 100% agency participation, less than 100% SLK validity and where there are incomplete responses. However estimates will not necessarily be biased. If the non-respondents are not systematically different in terms of how they would have answered the questions, then there will be no bias. However, no information is yet available to indicate whether or not there is any systematic bias in agency non-participation, SLK validity and incomplete responses.

Imputation

An imputation strategy is used to correct for two types of non-sampling error: agency non-response and data error in the statistical linkage key data item, which is used to link information about individual clients together to provide a complete picture for that client.

This strategy has two parts. The first part addresses agency non-response by using both explicit and implicit imputation and results in agency weights and some explicitly imputed service period records and end dates. The second part addresses the impact of invalid statistical linkage keys (SLKs) on the total number of clients and results in client weights.

Agencies that are out of scope for 9 months in 2012–13 are deemed to be out of scope for the whole period and excluded from all calculations.

Coherence

The SHSC replaces the SAAP NDC, which began in 1996. The SHSC differs from the SAAP NDC in many respects.

The major definitional differences between SAAP and SHSC relate to the capture of information about children and support. In the SAAP NDC, children who accompanied a parent or guardian were counted as accompanying children (with only limited information collected); in the SHSC, children are included as clients (in their own right) if they directly receive a service. In SAAP, support was considered to entail generally 1 hour or more of a worker's time; in SHSC no time-related condition exists.

Accessibility

Published results from 2012–13 are available on the AIHW website. Data not available online or in reports can be obtained from the Communications, Media and Marketing Unit on (02) 6244 1032 or via email to info@aihw.gov.au. Data requests are charged on a cost-recovery basis.

Interpretability

Information on the development of the SHSC, definitions and concepts, and collection materials and processes can be found on the AIHW website,

<www.aihw.gov.au>. Information on definitions, concepts and classifications can also be found in the SHSC's collection manual (AIHW 2011).

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/ issues

The Steering Committee notes the following key data gaps/issues:

- The key data quality issue related to the use of the specialist homelessness services data is relevance. The data do not capture the whole of the homeless (and at risk) population, rather only people who access specialist homelessness services.