



**MISSION
AUSTRALIA**

The unfair

divide

DATA TABLES

**Disadvantage faced
by young people
who are homeless**

**A Mission Australia
Youth Survey Report**

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This is the **Data Tables** sub-report of the Mission Australia *The Unfair Divide* report.

The Unfair Divide report presents key findings based on national level data and can be found [here](#). It contains survey and analysis information and methodology, as well as commentary on the national findings that may assist in the interpretation of the data found within this sub-report.

This **Data Tables** sub-report includes detailed data tables comparing gender and state-level findings against national data. Care should be taken when interpreting and generalising some results due to variations in base sample sizes for different survey items. Data with base sample sizes under 100 must be read with caution. Notes detailing sample sizes are included in and under the data tables. Results have been excluded where base sample sizes are under 30 respondents.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of lands throughout Australia, and we pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the culture and dreams of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continual relationship with the land and **we recognise the importance of the young people who are our future leaders.**

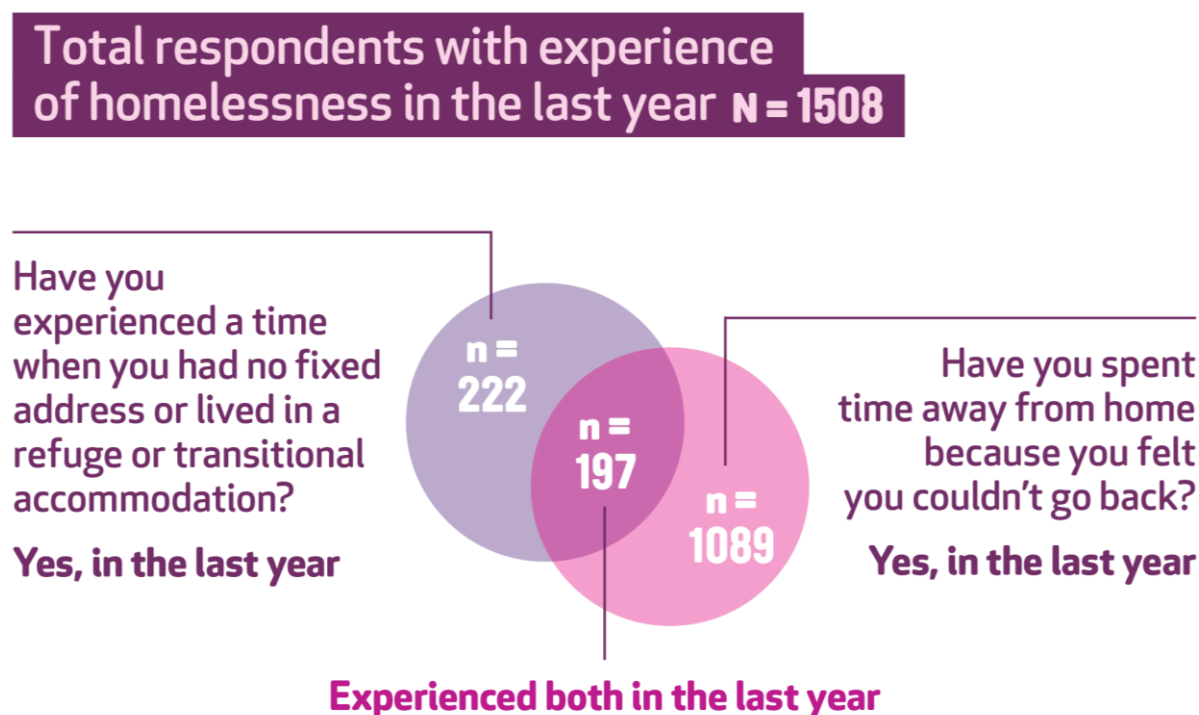
A special thank you to the young people who shared with us in the 2023 *Youth Survey*. We appreciate the views they shared on current issues and personal concerns, as well as their responses to questions relating to housing and finance, education and employment, community and supports, and mental health and wellbeing.

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BACKGROUND

According to *Youth Survey* data in 2023, 1,508 young people that participated in the survey (or 8.6% of respondents) had a recent experience of homelessness. We define a **young person who experienced homelessness in the last year** as someone who said *yes, in the last year* to experiencing *no fixed address or lived in a refuge/transitional accommodation* and/or said *yes, in the last year* to having *spent time away from home because they felt they couldn't go back* (see figure 1). The focus of this report is on this cohort **only**.

Figure 1: *Youth Survey* respondents who experienced homelessness in the last year, 2023 *Youth Survey*



Quantitative analysis was conducted using SPSS version 29. Custom tables were run by gender and states. ***Prefer not to say*** (gender), ***NT and ACT data have been excluded as their base sample size was less than 30.***

The analysis of *Youth Survey* data was weighted to make the base sample representative of 15- to 19-year-olds by gender, location (state/territory), and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) developed Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA). Gender and location correspond to the ABS' Estimated Residential Population statistics (ERP) as it provides year on year figures. Random iterative method (RIM) weighting is utilised. This balances the marginal distributions of each weighting element one after the other, repeating until all factors are within a reasonable margin of the target.

The data tables presented in this report are based on young people who experienced homelessness in the last year.

HOUSING AND FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Moved house/flat in the last three years

Table 1: Number of times young people moved house/flat in the last three years, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1499	740	542	129	474	316	314	101	214	42
5 or more	10.6%	6.7%	11.6%	27.0%	11.4%	8.4%	8.3%	7.8%	15.9%	17.4%
4	6.1%	6.8%	5.4%	3.6%	6.0%	4.4%	6.1%	8.3%	8.5%	6.6%
3	10.8%	13.6%	8.4%	8.1%	9.6%	12.3%	14.0%	10.7%	7.6%	5.7%
2	13.4%	13.2%	14.5%	11.0%	13.2%	9.1%	14.9%	12.1%	17.2%	24.9%
1	19.2%	19.5%	18.9%	17.4%	20.1%	21.7%	15.8%	20.6%	19.3%	10.0%
0	39.8%	40.1%	41.1%	32.8%	39.7%	44.1%	41.0%	40.5%	31.5%	35.4%

Note: Please view TAS data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Residential setting in the past three months

Table 2: Young people by residential setting most of the time in the past three months, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1492	739	537	129	470	311	316	100	216	42
Privately owned or rented house/flat	71.6%	78.4%	66.4%	54.8%	68.8%	80.5%	71.9%	75.0%	60.8%	70.0%
Public/social housing house/flat	10.4%	9.8%	11.5%	7.7%	14.3%	6.2%	5.0%	9.2%	17.4%	13.0%
Boarding school	4.9%	2.5%	8.7%	3.4%	2.7%	1.1%	11.5%	3.6%	5.2%	7.7%
Out-of-home care	3.2%	2.0%	3.4%	8.6%	4.2%	3.3%	1.1%	3.5%	4.1%	1.3%
Somewhere else	9.9%	7.3%	10.0%	25.5%	9.9%	8.9%	10.5%	8.8%	12.5%	8.0%

Note: Ordered by high to low national frequency. Please view TAS data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Young people's housing situation

Table 3: Young people's housing situation by *poor/very poor*, by gender and state, 2023 *Youth Survey*

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	Base sample sizes vary across the different housing situations									
Space to do homework/ study with minimal distractions	22.4%	20.9%	20.8%	40.6%	23.0%	20.9%	24.0%	17.8%	23.2%	18.0%
Distance to your family/ friends	20.3%	17.7%	19.4%	40.5%	20.0%	21.3%	20.2%	15.9%	20.6%	23.1%
Distance from public transport	15.7%	13.3%	16.9%	27.5%	16.6%	12.5%	17.8%	13.2%	17.3%	16.3%
Comfort	9.6%	5.5%	9.8%	32.5%	10.8%	7.7%	10.1%	7.3%	7.8%	16.3%
Facilities in good working condition	9.0%	5.5%	9.0%	26.4%	11.0%	5.4%	11.0%	10.7%	6.2%	7.7%
Access to essentials	8.9%	5.0%	10.5%	24.0%	10.7%	5.8%	9.7%	9.8%	6.0%	15.1%
Access to services	7.3%	3.5%	8.0%	23.2%	7.8%	5.8%	7.9%	10.1%	5.5%	8.4%
Adequate sleeping space	7.2%	3.8%	8.6%	19.8%	7.1%	6.7%	8.6%	6.7%	4.9%	8.2%

Note: Ordered by high to low national frequency; grid question with five-point scale. Base sample sizes vary across the different housing situations. Please view TAS data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Monetary concerns experienced in the last year

Table 4: Young people by monetary concern experienced in the last year, by gender and state, 2023 *Youth Survey*

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1436	726	497	124	443	303	313	95	205	42
Sought financial help from family, friends or charity	23.1%	27.7%	16.9%	24.9%	20.8%	22.0%	29.2%	24.8%	22.7%	16.3%
Could not pay bills or car expenses	21.6%	23.2%	18.3%	25.9%	21.1%	21.6%	20.1%	24.8%	25.3%	16.7%
Gone without a meal/s	17.8%	19.6%	13.2%	28.5%	15.5%	18.5%	17.2%	17.3%	23.0%	17.3%
Could not pay rent/ mortgage	16.5%	18.4%	13.0%	23.9%	16.0%	18.0%	17.9%	11.2%	17.6%	12.1%
Could not afford school supplies/go on school excursions	15.5%	17.4%	10.9%	19.9%	17.2%	18.9%	16.0%	12.5%	9.6%	10.3%
Other	3.6%	3.0%	1.6%	12.7%	3.9%	3.2%	3.2%	2.6%	4.3%	4.8%
<i>Not sure</i>	19.8%	17.2%	23.4%	13.5%	21.1%	19.4%	13.9%	26.7%	23.6%	23.1%
<i>No, none of the above</i>	38.6%	40.0%	40.1%	31.9%	37.8%	37.7%	44.1%	32.1%	34.2%	36.4%

Note: Ordered by high to low national frequency; multiple choice question (excluding *not sure* and *no, none of the above*). Please view TAS and SA data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Required support from a charity/foundation in the last year

Table 5: Young people requiring support from a charity or foundation in the last year, by gender and state, 2023 *Youth Survey*

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1431	719	498	128	451	297	306	94	204	41
Yes, Mission Australia and/or a different charity	14.2%	13.5%	12.5%	22.7%	13.6%	11.4%	18.1%	17.1%	13.7%	9.4%
No, but I needed support or assistance	9.2%	8.0%	9.8%	14.1%	7.0%	11.0%	5.9%	14.4%	14.1%	9.4%
No, I did not need support or assistance from a charity or foundation	40.5%	43.0%	39.6%	31.0%	35.3%	48.9%	45.7%	35.7%	30.7%	46.0%
Not sure	36.1%	35.6%	38.2%	32.2%	44.1%	28.7%	30.3%	32.9%	41.6%	35.3%

Note: Please view TAS and SA data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

RELATIONSHIPS, SUPPORTS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Family's ability to get along

Table 6: Young people by ability to get along with their family, by gender and state, 2023 *Youth Survey*

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1482	733	531	131	465	310	315	100	213	42
Poor	33.5%	38.8%	22.2%	48.8%	31.7%	34.6%	30.1%	34.8%	38.6%	42.1%
Fair	29.5%	33.8%	24.9%	28.5%	27.5%	29.6%	31.2%	35.2%	31.4%	16.2%
Good	21.3%	20.5%	24.2%	6.9%	23.9%	21.1%	22.0%	22.4%	15.2%	22.0%
Very good	9.3%	4.5%	17.0%	7.6%	7.4%	10.6%	9.5%	4.1%	12.8%	11.5%
Excellent	6.4%	2.4%	11.8%	8.2%	9.5%	4.1%	7.2%	3.6%	2.1%	8.2%

Note: Please view TAS data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Sources of support

Table 7: Young people by sources of support, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1493	742	534	131	473	315	310	100	216	43
Friend/s	60.5%	64.9%	56.0%	59.0%	55.5%	62.9%	64.4%	69.4%	58.3%	63.0%
Parent/s or guardian/s	36.3%	36.9%	38.3%	26.0%	32.5%	33.6%	44.7%	28.6%	40.1%	40.8%
Partner or significant other	31.6%	33.9%	30.4%	33.8%	31.2%	31.4%	36.1%	27.3%	29.3%	32.3%
Relative/family friend	30.2%	31.1%	30.6%	25.3%	25.9%	25.1%	35.2%	34.7%	36.5%	30.5%
Brother/sister	26.5%	28.3%	26.6%	20.9%	26.8%	24.3%	25.6%	36.3%	26.9%	27.9%
GP or healthcare professionals	23.0%	27.6%	14.1%	38.1%	21.9%	27.8%	23.4%	15.4%	18.9%	33.3%
Internet	22.5%	23.0%	19.4%	33.8%	20.3%	26.5%	21.7%	26.3%	18.5%	36.2%
Teacher	20.9%	22.2%	18.4%	21.4%	24.3%	17.1%	21.2%	24.8%	15.5%	25.6%
School counsellor	20.0%	23.7%	14.7%	19.9%	24.8%	19.2%	20.8%	21.3%	9.1%	20.3%
Social media	16.0%	16.1%	13.9%	24.0%	13.3%	18.1%	17.7%	16.7%	15.8%	23.9%
Mobile apps	13.8%	14.4%	11.8%	23.2%	14.0%	12.4%	12.8%	14.3%	17.0%	15.9%
Community service	8.1%	7.6%	8.2%	6.0%	7.5%	3.7%	7.8%	7.6%	17.0%	9.2%
Spiritual/religious mentor	6.2%	4.1%	8.0%	8.1%	6.0%	6.6%	7.6%	3.3%	4.9%	5.8%
Other	6.6%	3.4%	9.0%	12.1%	7.5%	6.9%	6.1%	8.8%	3.9%	8.1%
<i>None of the above</i>	10.9%	7.9%	12.4%	14.3%	14.8%	10.3%	7.2%	7.4%	11.2%	6.4%

Note: Ordered by high to low national frequency; multiple choice question (excluding *none of the above*). Please view TAS data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Issues of personal concern

Table 8: Issues of personal concern, young people who were *very/extremely concerned*, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	Base sample sizes vary across the different housing situations									
Family conflict	47.8%	60.5%	27.7%	57.1%	46.6%	49.0%	43.3%	59.2%	49.3%	47.2%
Domestic/family violence	23.5%	27.6%	15.0%	37.0%	23.8%	22.3%	19.2%	21.8%	32.2%	16.1%

Note: Ordered by high to low national frequency; part of a large grid question covering 17 issues with five-point scale. Base sample sizes vary across the different issues. Please view TAS data with caution as base samples is less than 100.

Activities young people find hard to do

Table 9: Young people that found activities hard to do, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1450	727	508	127	454	299	312	97	212	41
Turn to friends and family if you need help	51.7%	57.0%	43.8%	55.1%	53.4%	54.8%	49.5%	48.7%	48.5%	51.6%
Fit in and socialise with everyone	46.2%	50.2%	35.6%	63.3%	45.8%	49.2%	41.1%	47.0%	47.7%	54.2%
Do everyday activities	39.8%	40.3%	34.4%	58.8%	39.3%	42.9%	34.5%	37.1%	43.0%	48.9%
Turn to services/ organisations if you need help	39.7%	40.6%	35.7%	51.3%	34.8%	45.7%	38.5%	45.5%	40.4%	38.5%
Make choices and feel independent	37.5%	41.1%	29.0%	47.4%	40.1%	40.7%	31.7%	35.0%	40.2%	25.7%
Do things in public places	31.5%	33.2%	24.1%	50.2%	31.9%	31.6%	31.4%	27.6%	31.6%	31.2%
Travel around the community	21.0%	20.5%	20.7%	26.8%	24.8%	18.6%	13.3%	23.1%	26.3%	20.4%
<i>None of the above</i>	19.2%	15.3%	26.7%	11.5%	19.5%	15.6%	20.4%	21.6%	20.6%	21.0%

Note: Ordered by high to low national frequency; multiple choice question (excluding *none of the above*). Please view TAS and SA data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Feelings about the community

Table 10: Young people's feelings about the community, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

		National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	Base sample sizes vary across the different housing situations										
Young people in my community have a say on issues that matter to them	Strongly disagree / disagree	29.5%	28.9%	28.0%	43.4%	29.8%	30.3%	30.7%	26.5%	27.0%	34.5%
	Mixed feelings	41.1%	40.9%	44.1%	31.4%	39.8%	37.7%	40.4%	52.1%	44.5%	41.3%
	Agree/ strongly agree	29.4%	30.2%	27.9%	25.2%	30.4%	32.0%	28.9%	21.4%	28.4%	24.2%
My community has the things that I need to have a positive and thriving future	Strongly disagree / disagree	22.1%	21.6%	19.9%	36.7%	26.1%	18.1%	23.1%	22.5%	16.9%	27.2%
	Mixed feelings	43.5%	47.0%	42.3%	29.3%	43.2%	45.0%	37.3%	49.3%	47.3%	44.2%
	Agree/ strongly agree	34.4%	31.4%	37.7%	34.0%	30.7%	36.9%	39.6%	28.2%	35.9%	28.6%
I am proud to be part of my community	Strongly disagree / disagree	20.6%	19.0%	19.1%	36.7%	18.9%	24.3%	18.5%	14.6%	22.1%	33.6%
	Mixed feelings	45.6%	48.8%	44.4%	33.4%	48.7%	41.5%	40.9%	60.6%	45.4%	40.4%
	Agree/ strongly agree	33.9%	32.1%	36.5%	29.9%	32.4%	34.1%	40.6%	24.8%	32.5%	26.0%

Note: Please view TAS and SA data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Involvement in groups/activities in the last year

Table 11: Young people's involvement in groups/activities, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1479	734	533	131	464	312	308	100	216	42
Sports (as a participant)	52.2%	47.6%	61.8%	35.9%	54.0%	52.1%	52.4%	56.2%	46.1%	50.4%
Sports (as a spectator)	40.1%	36.1%	49.8%	31.0%	37.1%	43.5%	43.2%	40.6%	36.7%	39.9%
Volunteer work	36.2%	38.1%	31.5%	47.8%	35.4%	38.4%	40.3%	35.6%	30.7%	33.5%
Arts/cultural/music	31.5%	30.8%	26.4%	55.0%	31.3%	32.5%	34.3%	21.9%	31.4%	26.0%
Youth groups	26.1%	23.6%	23.7%	45.3%	27.7%	27.2%	26.7%	14.5%	25.0%	27.3%
Student leadership	23.0%	22.1%	22.7%	33.7%	25.5%	26.2%	18.7%	19.7%	20.2%	24.8%
Religious	14.8%	12.5%	16.7%	19.6%	17.5%	12.5%	13.7%	12.1%	14.1%	12.0%
Environmental	9.9%	7.6%	10.3%	21.5%	6.9%	11.7%	9.3%	14.6%	10.6%	14.6%
Political	6.6%	3.4%	7.5%	23.2%	6.8%	7.9%	4.9%	11.5%	3.2%	11.7%
<i>None of the above</i>	19.4%	20.2%	17.0%	21.9%	18.4%	16.8%	17.2%	19.5%	26.6%	29.3%

Note: Ordered by high to low national frequency; multiple choice question (excluding *none of the above*). Please view TAS data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Reason for experiencing discrimination

Table 12: Reasons for discrimination, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA
Base sample (n)	740	385	202	106	226	162	151	49	110
Physical appearance	46.7%	49.2%	42.1%	49.6%	41.0%	45.5%	44.8%	64.6%	54.7%
Mental health	45.7%	46.7%	39.7%	52.3%	42.6%	46.3%	44.7%	46.5%	48.2%
Gender	37.2%	40.1%	13.3%	77.1%	31.1%	40.8%	35.9%	34.1%	44.1%
Personal views	34.6%	29.3%	36.2%	41.6%	30.9%	33.4%	37.8%	41.4%	32.7%
Sexuality	29.2%	24.5%	17.8%	74.3%	25.2%	36.3%	28.0%	25.0%	28.6%
Race/cultural background	25.7%	26.0%	26.1%	24.0%	21.0%	22.3%	30.5%	22.6%	31.4%
Age	24.8%	27.5%	20.0%	21.6%	17.9%	22.8%	26.3%	32.6%	33.0%
Disability	15.9%	11.2%	13.8%	35.4%	11.0%	17.2%	16.6%	23.6%	15.1%
Financial background	14.6%	15.2%	12.7%	17.9%	14.2%	11.6%	14.6%	19.6%	13.5%
Religion	10.5%	8.7%	12.1%	14.4%	8.1%	9.2%	10.8%	12.8%	11.2%
Other	11.7%	8.1%	13.0%	18.7%	12.4%	10.9%	12.2%	12.9%	8.7%

Note: Answered by those who said 'yes' to being treated unfairly in the past year. Ordered by high to low national frequency; multiple choice question. Please view SA data with caution as base sample is less than 100. TAS data has been excluded as base sample size is less than 30.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Level of satisfaction with studies

Table 13: Young people's level of satisfaction with their studies, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1319	667	475	105	414	285	291	95	168	34
Very dissatisfied/dissatisfied	19.6%	16.1%	20.7%	30.8%	19.8%	23.3%	15.2%	23.1%	18.9%	13.5%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	37.6%	37.7%	38.7%	32.6%	43.4%	30.6%	38.2%	33.6%	37.7%	30.3%
Very satisfied/satisfied	42.8%	46.2%	40.6%	36.6%	36.8%	46.1%	46.6%	43.3%	43.4%	56.2%

Note: Answered by those who were studying. Please view TAS and SA data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Changed schools in the last three years

Table 14: Number of times young people changed schools in the last 3 years, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA
Base sample (n)	889	439	314	87	282	175	185	60	146
5 or more	6.2%	3.7%	5.9%	19.0%	5.1%	9.7%	8.1%	0.7%	2.2%
4	2.3%	2.7%	1.6%	3.1%	0.8%	0.0%	5.7%	2.8%	2.9%
3	10.4%	10.0%	12.5%	7.4%	9.5%	8.3%	10.0%	14.3%	12.4%
2	14.7%	15.9%	14.5%	7.2%	16.0%	12.8%	13.2%	22.6%	15.4%
1	26.0%	27.3%	21.7%	39.6%	26.0%	22.7%	31.6%	20.1%	23.5%
0	40.3%	40.5%	43.7%	23.6%	42.5%	46.5%	31.4%	39.5%	43.6%

Note: Answered by those who moved homes at least once in the last three years. Please view gender diverse and SA data with caution as base sample is less than 100. TAS data has been excluded as base sample size is less than 30.

Paid work status

Table 15: Paid work status for young people, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1499	743	541	127	470	316	316	101	216	43
Yes, I'm a permanent employee	5.8%	5.2%	6.1%	9.7%	5.0%	5.1%	7.6%	8.3%	4.7%	2.9%
Yes, I'm a casual	47.9%	51.3%	46.7%	35.8%	48.2%	51.9%	46.4%	56.7%	39.2%	44.0%
No, but I am looking for work	35.5%	34.7%	36.1%	33.6%	34.1%	32.1%	38.7%	30.4%	40.5%	44.6%
No, and I am NOT looking for work	10.8%	8.7%	11.2%	20.9%	12.7%	11.0%	7.3%	4.6%	15.6%	8.5%

Note: Please view TAS data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Barriers to achieving work/study goals

Table 16: Barriers experienced that prevented achievement of work/study goals, by gender and state, 2023 *Youth Survey*

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA
Base sample (n)	719	393	212	77	217	163	153	51	95
Mental health	57.4%	61.8%	44.8%	69.0%	57.7%	60.5%	56.4%	53.0%	54.3%
Academic ability	32.6%	33.9%	30.4%	27.3%	32.7%	31.3%	36.5%	31.5%	29.4%
Financial difficulty	32.0%	35.2%	23.6%	44.3%	26.9%	35.1%	37.6%	36.1%	26.9%
Family responsibilities	23.6%	25.4%	23.0%	17.6%	21.6%	22.8%	26.3%	19.4%	26.4%
Lack of family support	22.0%	28.2%	10.9%	26.2%	26.3%	23.0%	18.7%	16.2%	18.3%
Where you live	21.2%	21.4%	22.2%	18.2%	22.2%	20.8%	16.1%	17.3%	26.1%
Transport	17.3%	17.1%	17.5%	15.6%	15.5%	19.2%	11.1%	22.2%	21.8%
Lack of school support	16.1%	15.5%	15.6%	18.5%	17.6%	15.1%	9.5%	28.5%	15.3%
Lack of information	15.9%	15.6%	16.7%	16.8%	14.1%	16.0%	14.5%	20.9%	19.1%
Physical health	14.5%	14.7%	11.5%	20.9%	10.1%	15.2%	16.2%	14.4%	22.7%
Lack of jobs	14.2%	15.3%	12.9%	9.8%	9.6%	11.5%	20.4%	6.8%	21.2%
Admission/job requirements	12.2%	10.5%	12.8%	16.2%	12.0%	11.6%	8.1%	12.0%	17.1%
Discrimination	12.0%	8.6%	9.0%	35.7%	12.2%	9.9%	11.2%	7.2%	18.0%
Caring responsibilities	10.6%	8.6%	15.7%	8.3%	13.2%	9.8%	8.3%	6.4%	12.6%
Cultural responsibilities	5.0%	3.0%	7.6%	4.9%	5.2%	8.1%	2.5%	3.8%	1.2%
COVID-19	3.4%	1.7%	5.1%	7.7%	1.0%	5.8%	3.8%	2.9%	5.0%
Other	5.9%	4.1%	8.1%	6.2%	4.6%	6.9%	5.0%	5.8%	5.7%

Note: Answered by those who said 'yes' to having a barrier that prevented them from achieving their school/work goal. Ordered by high to low national frequency; multiple choice question. Please view gender diverse, SA and WA data with caution as base sample is less than 100. TAS data has been excluded as base sample size is less than 30.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

General mental health and wellbeing

Table 17: Young people's general mental health and wellbeing, by gender and state, 2023 *Youth Survey*

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1497	743	535	131	471	313	316	102	216	43
Poor	35.9%	39.9%	23.0%	62.5%	37.1%	39.4%	31.9%	32.1%	35.2%	40.7%
Fair	30.2%	34.2%	28.1%	21.1%	31.2%	27.3%	31.0%	30.8%	32.8%	17.3%
Good	20.6%	18.6%	25.7%	5.1%	15.6%	20.4%	26.0%	25.2%	20.6%	23.0%
Very good	8.0%	5.5%	13.2%	3.6%	9.1%	6.8%	7.3%	9.5%	7.2%	10.4%
Excellent	5.4%	1.8%	10.0%	7.7%	7.1%	6.1%	3.8%	2.4%	4.2%	8.7%

Note: Please view TAS data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Psychological distress (Kessler-6)

Table 18: Young people's level of psychological distress, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1435	720	500	129	453	301	311	95	198	42
High psychological distress	56.3%	62.2%	43.9%	71.3%	58.7%	58.1%	55.1%	54.9%	53.7%	43.1%
Moderate psychological distress	26.9%	26.2%	29.3%	15.9%	25.6%	24.1%	25.3%	32.4%	31.5%	34.8%
Low psychological distress	16.8%	11.6%	26.9%	12.9%	15.8%	17.7%	19.6%	12.7%	14.7%	22.0%

Note: Please view TAS and SA data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Feelings of loneliness

Table 19: Young people by how often they felt lonely in the last four weeks, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1485	734	532	131	464	311	316	99	214	42
All of the time	13.4%	11.8%	11.2%	30.9%	16.4%	14.1%	11.0%	11.2%	10.4%	8.8%
Most of the time	33.3%	36.7%	29.2%	37.2%	33.1%	31.4%	35.2%	32.0%	34.2%	34.3%
Some of the time	28.5%	30.2%	26.2%	17.2%	23.1%	28.5%	32.0%	43.9%	28.0%	26.5%
A little of the time	17.3%	16.3%	22.6%	8.4%	18.3%	18.4%	15.9%	6.2%	20.2%	21.0%
None of the time	7.5%	4.9%	10.8%	6.4%	9.1%	7.6%	5.9%	6.8%	7.2%	9.5%

Note: Please view TAS and SA data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Perceptions about the future

Table 20: Young people's feelings about the future, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1483	733	532	131	464	312	316	99	213	42
Very negative/negative	27.8%	28.6%	21.3%	48.1%	27.4%	35.3%	22.2%	26.6%	26.3%	26.7%
Neither negative nor positive	39.9%	42.2%	39.9%	26.9%	40.6%	32.0%	41.3%	46.3%	45.4%	36.6%
Very positive/positive	32.3%	29.2%	38.8%	25.0%	32.0%	32.8%	36.5%	27.1%	28.3%	36.7%

Note: Please view TAS and SA data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

Sense of control

Table 21: Young people by level of control over their life, by gender and state, 2023 Youth Survey

	National	Female	Male	Gender diverse	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
Base sample (n)	1477	732	527	131	458	311	314	100	214	42
No control	8.3%	7.4%	7.1%	13.6%	10.2%	7.4%	8.5%	7.7%	4.8%	12.5%
Almost no control	21.9%	25.3%	13.3%	35.4%	23.1%	23.1%	21.4%	24.7%	19.6%	11.8%
Some control	41.1%	46.1%	37.9%	31.1%	38.3%	42.3%	39.3%	41.9%	49.1%	31.3%
Mostly in control	21.8%	18.7%	28.9%	12.8%	17.8%	22.6%	24.8%	22.5%	22.2%	30.6%
Complete control	6.9%	2.5%	12.7%	7.1%	10.6%	4.5%	5.9%	3.2%	4.3%	13.8%

Note: Please view TAS data with caution as base sample is less than 100.

PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

Table 22: Demographic profile of young people who experienced homelessness in the last year, 2023 *Youth Survey*

Demographic characteristics	Sample (n)	Proportion
Gender	1444	100%
Female	745	51.6%
Male	543	37.6%
Gender diverse	131	9.1%
Prefer not to say	25	1.8%
State	1507	100%
NSW	477	31.6%
VIC	316	21.0%
QLD	316	21.0%
WA	216	14.3%
SA	102	6.8%
TAS	43	2.9%
NT	23	1.5%
ACT	14	0.9%
Indigenous status	1458	100%
Non-Indigenous	1238	84.9%
Indigenous	220	15.1%
Identify with a cultural/ethnic group	1450	100%
Yes	349	24.1%
No	1101	75.9%
Spoke a language other than English	1434	100%
Yes	334	23.3%
No, English only	1099	76.7%
Identify as a person with disability	1411	100%
Yes	238	16.8%
No	1051	74.5%
Prefer not to say	122	8.7%
Identify as a person with a mental health condition	1409	100%
Yes	577	41.0%
No	494	35.1%
Prefer not to say	338	24.0%

Note: Gender, State and Indigenous status ordered by high to low frequency. State was the only mandatory question in the survey, hence the reason the Base sample sizes do not match for all questions.

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