



Homelessness in Victoria

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What is homelessness?

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
- does not have tenure, or if the initial tenure is short and not extendable; or
- does not allow control of, and access to space for social relations

(Australian Bureau of Statistics definition)

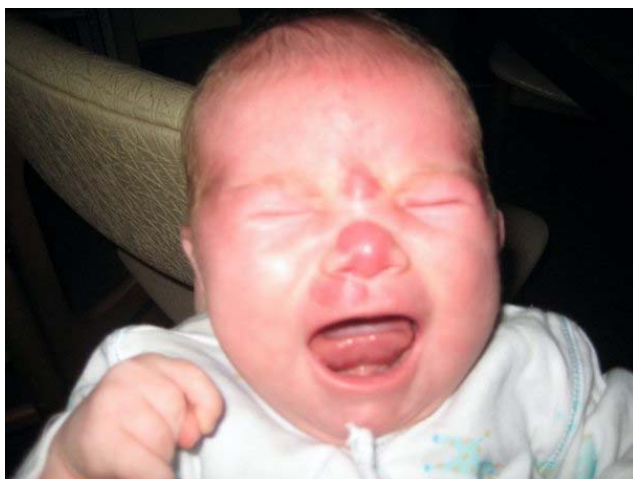
A place for happy memories



For family



For managing life's difficult moments



**Homelessness in
Victoria has
increased 11.3% in
5 years**

- ABS Census, 2016



24,817 people
now have no
home



Who is accessing Victorian Specialist Homelessness Services ?



1 in 54 Victorians

Parents with children the majority

116,872 people in 2017-18 + 26% in 5 years

64% women

1 in 5 are children

1 in 10 are Aboriginal

Many ways to not have a home



Couch surfing



Rooming houses



Emergency accommodation



Sleeping rough



Reasons people seek homelessness assistance in Victoria

38% Family violence

35% Housing (eviction, rent stress, overcrowding)

11% Financial/employment difficulties

3% Family/relationship breakdown

2% Transition from prison

2% Mental health/drug use/alcohol use

9% Other



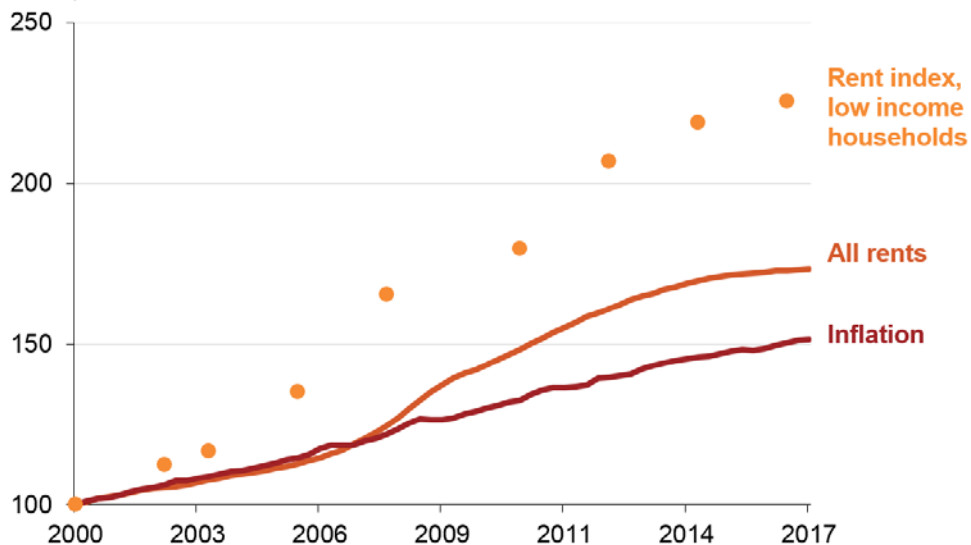
Source: AIHW 2018

Rents have risen fastest for low-income households, well above inflation

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Institute



Rent prices and CPI, indexed to December 2000

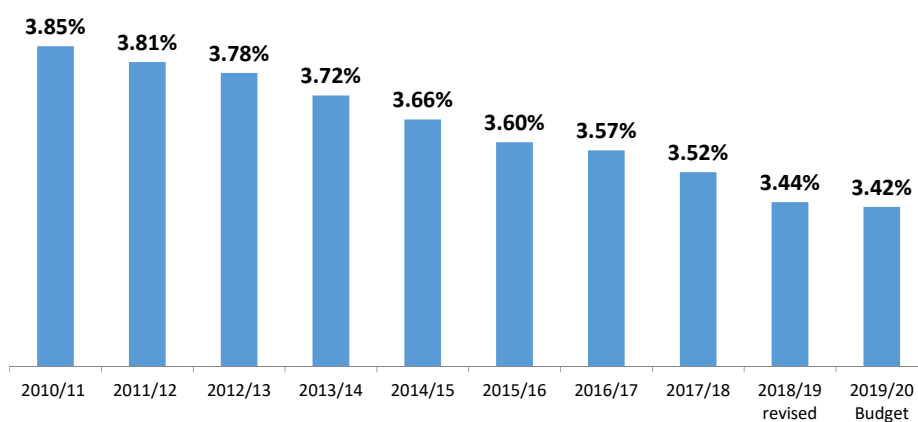


Very few affordable rentals – particularly for singles



- **0.3% 1 bedroom rentals in Melbourne affordable to a person on Newstart**
- **1.4% 2 bedroom rentals affordable to a single parent and child**

Social housing is falling as a proportion of all housing stock



Re-housing a major challenge



- 37% clients are currently homeless
- 9 in 10 clients at risk of homelessness assisted to maintain housing
- **Only, 3 in 10 clients who were homeless were assisted into housing**



Social housing waitlist:

44,152



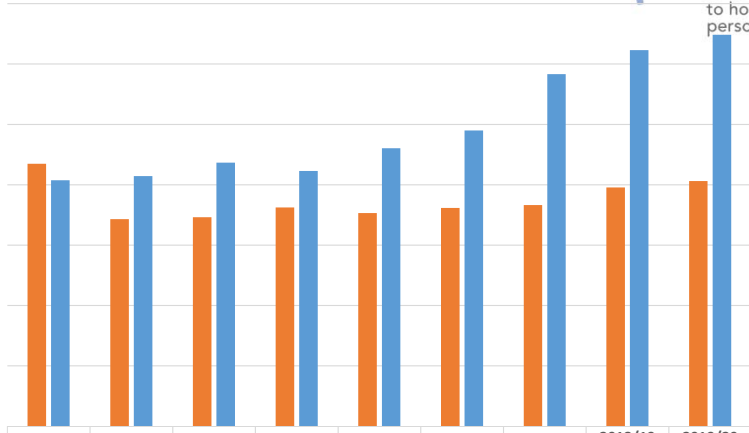
A homelessness service system that keeps people homeless



A homelessness service system that ends people's homelessness

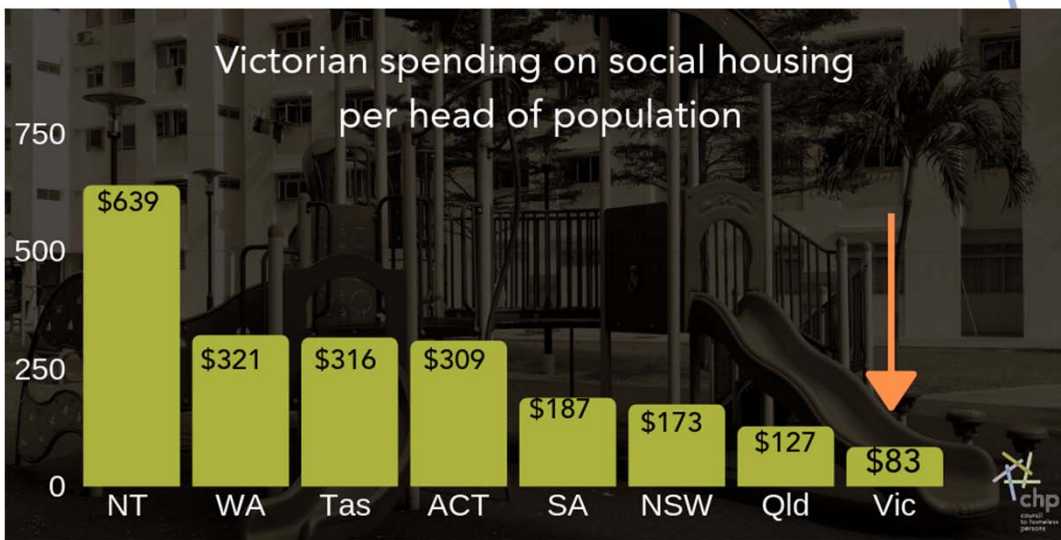


Victorian and Federal spending on social housing and homelessness



	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 revised	2019/20 Budget
Victorian budget spend housing and homelessness	407.4	414.2	436.6	422.7	460.4	489.9	583.0	622.9	648.3
Commonwealth housing and homelessness grants to Victoria	434.7	342.8	346.2	362.2	352.9	361.5	366.2	395.3	406.0

Victorian spending on social housing per head of population



Deed of Assumption



Treasury is taking resources from the Office of Housing:

- \$50.5 million a year for another 23 years (\$1.16 billion)
- \$450.8 million taken in 2012

Priorities for housing investment



Latest AHURI research says the shortfall of social housing for Victoria is 102,800 properties

CHP calling for 6,000 a year for ten years
Inclusionary zoning

Victoria has the **highest** turnaway rate from homelessness services in the country.

Everyday, around

90

people are unable to be assisted because of a lack of housing and resources

Source: AIHW 2018



Priorities for support investment



Young people leaving care need to continue to get the support they need

CHP calling for Homestretch to be expanded to all care leavers



Priorities for support investment

Transferring community-based mental health services to NDIS has created a huge gap in support

CHP calling for supported housing options to be a priority in the Royal Commission into **Mental Health**



Thank you

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