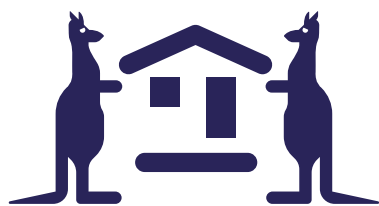


Key Takeaways

Despite increased government spending on both housing and homelessness, social housing stock remains stagnant, wait lists are growing, conditions are deteriorating, and homelessness is becoming more persistent and costly to address.



+39%

since 2023-24

Social housing capital expenditure

+103

in 2024-25

Net new social housing dwellings

+17%

since 2022

Households waiting for social housing

+33%

from 2023-24

Homelessness services spending

18%

since 2020-21

SHS clients experiencing persistent homelessness

Social Housing

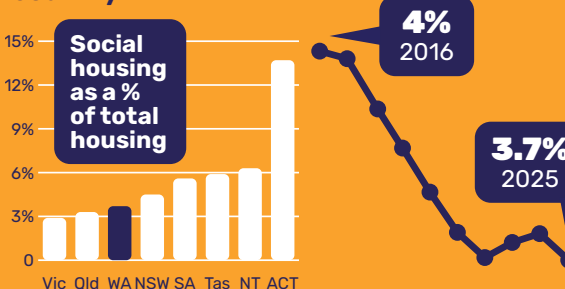
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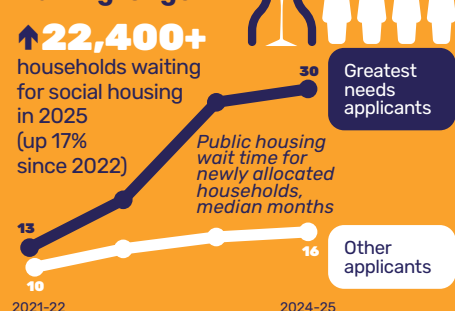
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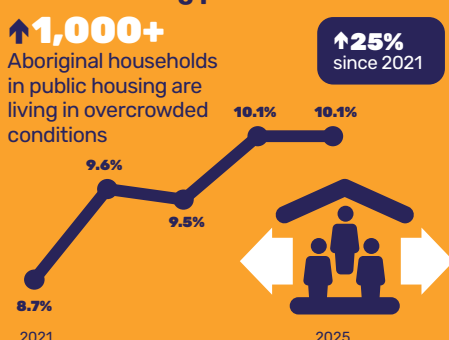
WA has one of the lowest percentages of social housing stock in the country² ...



People are waiting longer.⁴



Overcrowding persists.⁵



A significant portion of dwellings fail basic standards of habitation.⁶

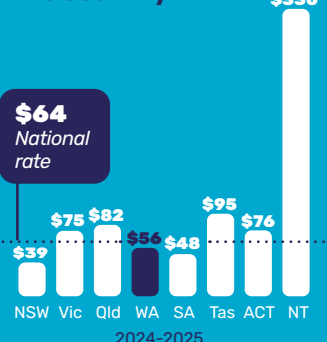


Homelessness

WA Government expenditure on homelessness has been increasing.⁷



But despite increased investment, WA per capita expenditure on homelessness is the third lowest in the country.⁸



There has been a significant jump in the cost of providing homelessness support and cases are growing longer and more complex.⁹



Persistent homelessness is increasing.¹⁰



¹ WA capital expenditure - social housing. Source: Productivity Commission (2026) Report on Government Services, Part G: Housing and Homelessness, Table 18A.1 ² Proportion of total housing stock that is social housing. Source: Productivity Commission (2026) Report on Government Services, Part G: Housing and Homelessness, Table 18A.3. ³ Total stock from ABS, Total value of dwellings, June figures. ⁴ Proportion of social housing across Australia. Source: Productivity Commission (2026) Report on Government Services, Part G: Housing and Homelessness, Table 18A.3. ⁵ Total stock figures from ABS Total value of dwellings, June figures. ⁶ Time waited, public housing, newly allocated households. Source: Productivity Commission (2026) Report on Government Services, Part G: Housing and Homelessness, Table 18A.28. ⁷ Total recurrent real expenditure on homelessness. Source: Productivity Commission (2026) Report on Government Services, Part G: Housing and Homelessness, Table 18A.36. ⁸ Percentage of dwellings meeting basic standards. Source: Productivity Commission (2026) Report on Government Services, Part G: Housing and Homelessness, Table 18A.42 & 18A.40. ⁹ Total recurrent real expenditure on homelessness. Source: Productivity Commission (2026) Report on Government Services, Part G: Housing and Homelessness, Table 19A.1. ¹⁰ Recurrent cost per completed support period. Source: Productivity Commission (2026) Report on Government Services, Part G: Housing and Homelessness, Table 19A.20. ¹¹ Returns to homelessness. Source: Productivity Commission (2026) Report on Government Services, Part G: Housing and Homelessness, Table 19A.41.