

FIRST NATIONS HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS

The Logan Zero campaign is an initiative to end homelessness and rough sleeping in the Logan Local Government Area through a coordinated, collaborative and person-centred approach.

33 First Nations households consented to completing a Vulnerability Index Service Prioritisation Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) survey to understand their housing and support needs. These are some of their experiences:

HOUSEHOLDS

(n) 33 households were surveyed. At least one person in each household identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander:

58% were families

where **females** were most often the main presenting person

Average age

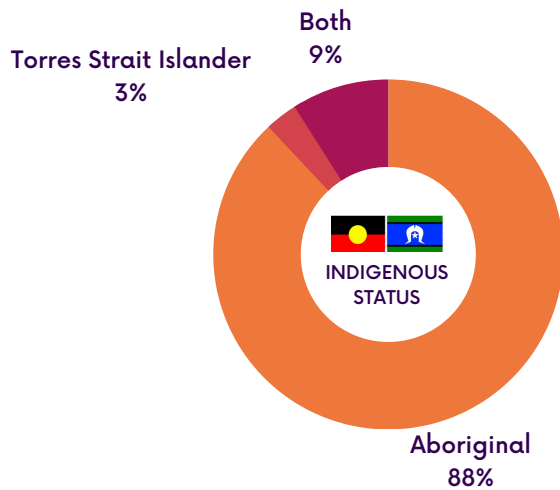
of main presenting person per household was

42 years old

30%

had one or more

pet 🐾



HOMELESS HISTORY

Many households experienced hidden and chronic homelessness:



30%

Slept most frequently at friends/families temporarily (Couch surfing)

Average time

homeless was

2 Years and 6 Months

At least 43% first experienced homelessness as a child* (at or under 18 years old)

Average time

since last stable accommodation was

2 Years and 7 Months

Beyond just the VI-SPDATs, First Nations households accounted for 25% (96/380) of all households ever added to the By Name List who have shared their Indigenous status.

VULNERABILITIES

Most households require a high level of support to sustain housing:

LEVEL OF SUPPORT REQUIRED

Low support Medium support High support



70%

were harmed or at risk of harm by a spouse, parent, relative or friend

73%

experienced or were threatened with violence

61%

felt discriminated against when seeking supports



Crisis services were used **11 times** on average with one household accessing services **165 times** in the last 6 months

HEALTH OVERVIEW

Most households have a physical or mental health condition:

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At least one physical health condition (CH) 82%

At least one mental health condition (MH) 82%

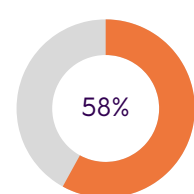
Substance use (SU)* 48%

Has a physical disability limiting housing 27%

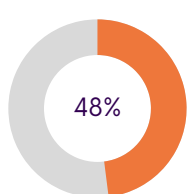
Avoids seeking healthcare when unwell 30%

TOPLINE HEALTH

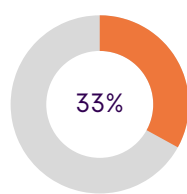
PHYSICAL HEALTH CONDITIONS



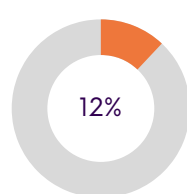
Dental problems



Asthma

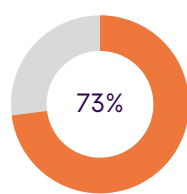


Foot/skin infections

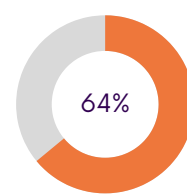


Serious brain injury or head trauma

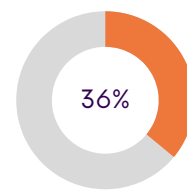
MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS



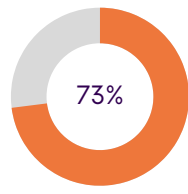
Depression



Anxiety



Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)



Experienced trauma

***NOTES:**

- This data is representative of 150 households where main presenting person per household completed a Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritisation Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) survey between December 2021 to March 2023.
- VI-SPDAT surveys provide an acuity score to indicate the level of support required to sustain housing as low (score 0-4), medium (score 5-9) and high (score 10+).
- Household types: Individual adults (>= 26 years old), Individual youths (16-25 years old), Families are multiple groups of people presenting together regardless if they have dependents.
- Total number of people include main presenting person (head of household), second head of household, and children that were with and not with families at time of survey.
- Figure for 'First experienced homelessness as a child' may be under represented due to non responses to the question by 27 people.
- Figure for 'Substance use' is based on answering 'Yes' to at least one alcohol and/or drug use question to indicate substance usage.