

From Youth to Adult Homelessness

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Table 1: Current age of sample

	N	%
18 or under	35	2
19 – 24	394	24
25 or older	1,248	74
TOTAL	1,677	100

Table 2: Duration of homelessness
by age cohorts (per cent)

	18 or under (N=35)	19 - 24 (N=394)	25 or older (N=1,248)	All (N=1,677)
Short term (less than 3 months)	52	17	6	9
Medium term (3 -11 months)	17	13	9	10
Long term (12 months or longer)	31	70	85	81
TOTAL	100	100	100	100

Table 3: Been in boarding house by age cohort (per cent)

	18 or under (N=35)	19 - 24 (N=394)	25 or older (N=1,248)	All (N=1,677)
Boarding house	46	78	94	89

Table 4: Developed substance use problems while homeless by age cohort (per cent)

	18 or under (N=35)	19 - 24 (N=394)	25 or older (N=1,248)	All (N=1,677)
Substance use	23	48	65	60

Table 5: Has slept rough by age cohort (per cent)

	18 or under (N=35)	19 - 24 (N=394)	25 plus (N=1,248)	All (N=1,677)
Has slept rough	26	54	74	68

Table 6: Two or more episodes of homelessness
by age cohort (per cent)

	18 or under (N=35)	19 – 24 (N=394)	25 or older (N=1,284)	All (N=1,689)
Two or more episodes	46	70	88	83

Table 7: Number in state care and protection,
selected groups (per cent)

	Youth aged 10 to 17*	Homeless secondary students**	Homeless adults & young adults^
State care & protection	0.5	15	42

- * Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2006: 34)
- ** Source: MacKenzie and Chamberlain (2007: 16)
- ^ Information on 72 per cent of cases

Table 8: Age first homeless (adults and young adults)
by experience of state care (per cent)

	Been in state care (N=507)		No state care (N=712)		All (N=1,219*)
11 or younger	20	} 63	3	} 29	10
12 to 14	43		26		33
15 to 17	33		59		48
18	4		12		9
	100		100		100

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