

The Brisbane Zero Campaign is a community-based project to build public support for ending homelessness.

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The Brisbane Zero data collaboration includes our regional members:

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Anglicare SEQ
Annerley Baptist Church
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Brisbane City Council
Community Plus QLD
Communify QLD
Drug ARM
Encircle
Footprints
Indigenous Urban Institute of Health (IUIH)
Kyabra SEQ
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Unlocking systems
to end homelessness

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This snapshot shows the indicator of needs by survey of a cohort of

SINGLE MOTHERS

**experiencing homelessness in
Brisbane (2019-2022)**

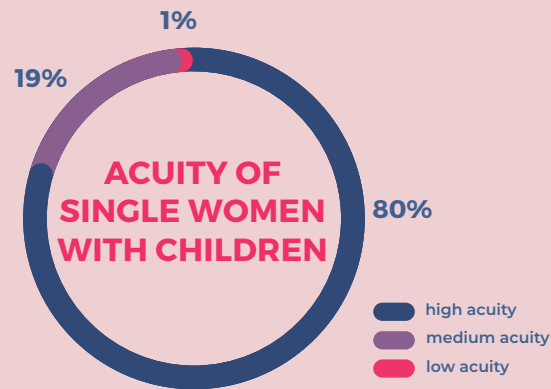
¹ 297 women with children were surveyed by participating Brisbane Zero services between 2019 - 2022.

² "Nowhere To Go: The Benefits Of Providing Long-Term Social Housing To Women That Have Experienced Domestic And Family Violence - Everybody's Home". 2021. (everybodyshome.com.au)



845 women experiencing homelessness in Brisbane were surveyed by participating Brisbane Zero services over the last 3 years. This number includes **297*** single mothers. Brisbane Zero knows them all by name.

297 BRISBANE WOMEN AND CHILDREN TOLD US



'Acuity' levels identify the kind of housing and support people require to live more stable and productive lives.

High Acuity

80% need Supportive Housing: permanent, affordable housing with embedded healthcare, community services and family support.

Medium Acuity

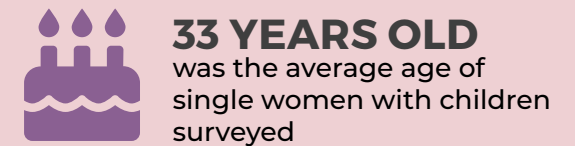
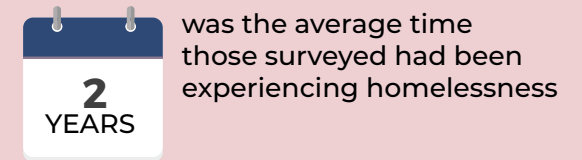
19% require an affordable and stable housing solution with short-term family support services.

Low Acuity

1% simply need affordable housing.

Partners in the Brisbane Zero Campaign use a tool called the **Vulnerability Index- Service Prioritisation Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT)**, to pre-screen for health, housing and support needs.

This fact sheet provides information about **297*** surveyed single women with children who have experienced homelessness over the last 3 years¹.



* This number represents only 60% of women with children who presented at and consented to be surveyed by participating Brisbane Zero homelessness services over the last 3 years. It does not represent all of the families and children experiencing homelessness in Brisbane during this period.



Over 3 years we surveyed

297⁽ⁿ⁾

women with children experiencing homelessness in Brisbane.¹

SNAPSHOT OF SINGLE WOMEN WITH CHILDREN



612
CHILDREN
in their care

80 or **27%**
have
DENTAL PROBLEMS

91
or
31%
have
ASTHMA

192
or
65%
ANXIETY
diagnosis

178
or
60%
DEPRESSION
diagnosis

70 or **24%**
have an
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

224 have used
hotlines or
CRISIS SERVICES
75%

21
or
7%
have a
PHYSICAL DISABILITY

228
or
77%
have current or past
EXPERIENCE OF TRAUMA

131
or
44%
have had
POLICE INTERACTION

♦ Percentage of (n) 297 total women with children

HEALTH

Women with children experiencing homelessness have high levels of vulnerability—that is, they have a high level of need for Supportive Housing.

	Total
At least one Chronic Health (CH) condition	104
At least one Mental Health (MH) condition	232
Dual Morbidity (MH+SU)	96
Tri Morbidity (MH+SU+CH)	46
Substance Use (SU)	106
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	105
Problematic drug or alcohol use	91
Acquired brain injury/head trauma	31
Foot/Skin Infections	28
Dehydration	24
Bipolar disorder	22
Heart disease	17
History of heat stroke/ Heat Exhaustion	16
Diabetes	14
Hepatitis C	13

STABILITY

The information collected indicates that **88%** of single women with children surveyed have used at least one emergency service.

88%

	Total
Presentations at Accident & Emergency	120
Ambulance to Hospital	84
Non-Mental Health Inpatient	83

CHILDREN

Equity Economics (2021) estimates that **9,120** women and children face homelessness each year in Australia escaping from domestic and family violence.²

With the women surveyed in Brisbane over the last 3 years, there were 612 children experiencing homelessness.

		Total
Infant	0-4 years	234
Primary School	5-12 years	263
High School	13-17 years	115

SAFETY

According to Equity Economics (2021), domestic and family violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. This is also the primary reason for seeking specialist homelessness services, since many women and children are leaving their homes to find safety.²

75% of households surveyed experienced violence

67% of homelessness was caused by a relationship breakdown



65% have experienced violence in the last 6 months



56% have been physically harmed or verbally abused

SECURITY

80% of single women with children surveyed expressed a high need for permanent, affordable housing with embedded healthcare and family support services.



33 were sleeping on the streets, in parks, tents, or cars.
264 were in some form of temporary accommodation (shelters, motels, or other emergency accommodation).