

**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  
ATSICH Brisbane Housing Service  
Brisbane City Council  
Community Plus QLD  
Community QLD  
Drug ARM  
Encircle  
Footprints  
Indigenous Urban Institute of Health (IUIH)  
Kyabra SEQ  
Micah Projects  
Mission Australia  
Salvation Army  
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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**

**FAMILIES  
WITH CHILDREN**  
experiencing homelessness in  
Brisbane (2019-2022)

<sup>1</sup>453 families with children were surveyed by participating Brisbane Zero services between 2019-2022

<sup>2</sup> Australia's children, Homelessness - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (aihw.gov.au)

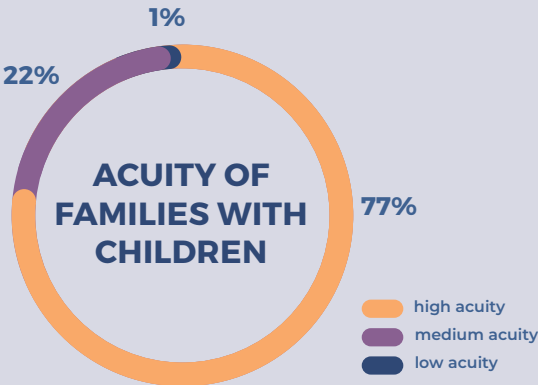
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**453\*** families experiencing homelessness in Brisbane were surveyed by participating Brisbane Zero services over the last 3 years. These families included **911** children. Brisbane Zero knows them all by name.

453 BRISBANE FAMILIES\* TOLD US

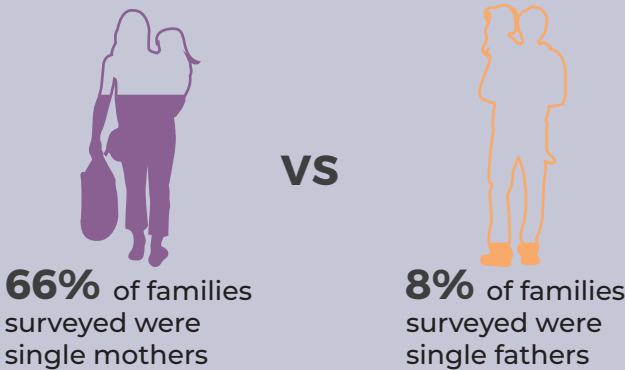


‘Acuity’ levels identify the kind of housing and support people require to live more stable and productive lives.

- High Acuity**  
**77%** need Supportive Housing: permanent, affordable housing with embedded healthcare, community services and family support.
- Medium Acuity**  
**22%** require an affordable and stable housing solution with short-term 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 **453\*** families with children who have experienced homelessness over the last 3 years<sup>1</sup>.



AGE BREAKDOWN

Children experiencing homelessness are more likely to experience mental health problems, physical disability, emotional or behavioural issues than housed children.<sup>2</sup>

Age groups of children surveyed			Total
Infant	0-4 years		344
Primary School	5-12 years		396
High School	13-17 years		171

\* This number represents only 58% of families 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

**453<sup>(n)</sup>**

families with children  
experiencing homelessness  
in Brisbane.<sup>1</sup>

## FAMILIES SNAPSHOT

**130** or **29%**  
suffer with  
**DENTAL PROBLEMS**

**911** were  
**CHILDREN**

**325**  
or  
**72%**  
have current or past  
**EXPERIENCE OF TRAUMA**

**342**  
have used hotlines or  
**75%**  
**CRISIS SERVICES**

**201**  
or  
**44%**  
have had  
**POLICE INTERACTION**

**145** or **32%**  
have at least one member  
suffering from  
**ASTHMA**

**270**  
or  
**60%**  
have at least one  
member suffering from  
**DEPRESSION**

**289**  
or  
**64%**  
have at least one  
member with  
**ANXIETY**

**95**  
or  
**21%**  
have a member with an  
**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY**

**320** or **71%**  
expressed homelessness is  
**IMPACTING ENGAGEMENT**  
with their children

**185** or **41%**  
had presented at  
**ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY**

<sup>1</sup>Percentage of total families with children (n) 453

## TOPLINE HEALTH

	Total
At least one Chronic Health (CH) condition	<b>160</b>
At least one Mental Health (MH) condition	<b>349</b>
Dual Morbidity (MH+SU)	<b>148</b>
Tri Morbidity (MH+SU+CH)	<b>73</b>
Substance Use (SU)	<b>166</b>
At least one type of disability	<b>131</b>

Acquired brain injury/head trauma	<b>50</b>
Physical disability that limits housing or capacity to live independently	<b>28</b>

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	<b>158</b>
Bipolar disorder	<b>40</b>

The following data shows the physical health conditions of the families surveyed.

	Total
Foot/Skin infections	<b>43</b>
Dehydration	<b>39</b>
Heart disease	<b>35</b>
History of heat stroke/ Heat Exhaustion	<b>31</b>
Diabetes	<b>28</b>
Hepatitis C	<b>22</b>
Emphysema	<b>16</b>
Kidney disease/end-stage renal disease or dialysis	<b>16</b>

## NEGATIVE SOCIAL IMPACTS

The following data shows how experiences of homelessness is adversely affecting family relationships, which in turn impacts the socio-emotional development of children.

	Total
Homelessness is causing isolation from family supports	<b>262</b>
No meaningful daily activity/ lack of planned activities	<b>215</b>

## STABILITY

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

	Total
Non-Mental Health Inpatient	<b>137</b>
Ambulance to Hospital	<b>134</b>