

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

Brisbane Zero aims to know our homeless by name and is committed to our goal for homelessness to be rare, brief and non-recurring.

**The Brisbane Zero data collaboration includes our regional members:**

3rd Space  
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



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

# **INDIVIDUAL WOMEN**

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

<sup>1</sup> 548 women without children were surveyed by participating Brisbane Zero services between 2019 -2022

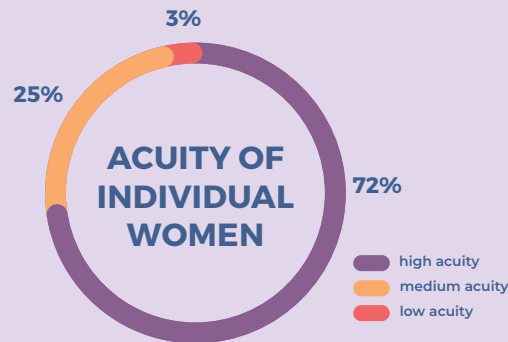
<sup>2</sup> Specialist homelessness services annual report 2019-20, Older clients - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (aihw.gov.au)



**845** women experiencing homelessness in Brisbane were surveyed by participating Brisbane Zero services over the last 3 years. This number includes **548** individual women. Brisbane Zero knows them all by name.

## 548\*\* BRISBANE WOMEN TOLD US

\*\*who presented without children and are experiencing homelessness.



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

### High Acuity

**72%** need Supportive Housing: permanent, affordable housing with embedded healthcare and community services.

### Medium Acuity

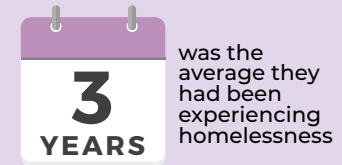
**25%** require an affordable and stable housing solution with short-term support services.

### Low Acuity

**3%** 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 548\* individual women who have experienced homelessness in the past 3 years.<sup>1</sup>



\* This number represents only 43% of individual women who presented at and consented to be surveyed by participating Brisbane Zero homelessness services over the last 3 years. It does not include all the individual women experiencing homelessness in Brisbane during this period.



Over 3 years we surveyed

**548** (n)

individual women experiencing homelessness in Brisbane<sup>1</sup>

**SNAPSHOT OF INDIVIDUAL WOMEN**

**493** WOMEN

90%<sup>◊</sup>

22%<sup>2</sup>

National population comparison

have at least **ONE MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION**

**378**  
or  
**69%**<sup>◊</sup>  
**DEPRESSION**  
diagnosis

**382**  
or  
**70%**<sup>◊</sup>  
**ANXIETY**  
diagnosis

**249** WOMEN or **45%**<sup>◊</sup>  
have had to be taken in an **AMBULANCE TO THE HOSPITAL**

**319** WOMEN or **58%**<sup>◊</sup>  
have had **POLICE INTERACTION**

**394** WOMEN or **72%**<sup>◊</sup>  
are using **CRISIS SERVICES** including hotlines

**183** WOMEN  
**33%**<sup>◊</sup> vs **17%** National population comparison<sup>2</sup>  
have at least **ONE** type of **DISABILITY**

◊ Percentage of (n) 548 total individual women surveyed

**SECURITY**

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

**72%**

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

**HEALTH**

	Total
At least one Chronic Health condition (CH)	<b>297</b>
Dual Morbidity (MH+SU)	<b>323</b>
Tri-Morbidity (MH+SU+CH)	<b>188</b>
Substance Use (SU)	<b>341</b>

**STABILITY**

Women who are homeless are experiencing very high levels of vulnerability - that is, they have a high level of need for Emergency and/or Supportive Housing (housing + health services + other support services).

The information collected indicates that **92%** of women surveyed have used at least one public emergency service.

**92%**

	Total
Presentations at Accident & Emergency	<b>297</b>
Non-Mental Health Inpatient	<b>192</b>
Mental Health Inpatient	<b>111</b>

**SAFETY**

**79%** surveyed are or have been experiencing violence.

**64%** disclosed that their homelessness is caused by a relationship breakdown.

	Total
Women who have been physically harmed or mentally abused	<b>366</b>
Women who have experienced violence in the last 6 months	<b>362</b>