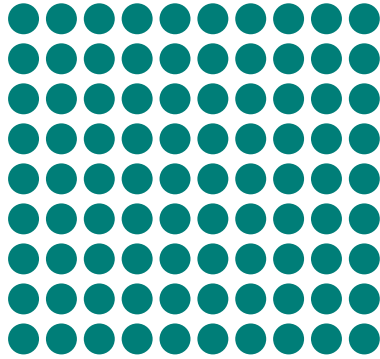


# Homelessness is on the rise

Across the Central Coast and New South Wales, homelessness is a growing crisis, affecting more individuals and families than ever before. Rising housing costs, economic instability, and a lack of accessible support services have left many without a safe place to call home.

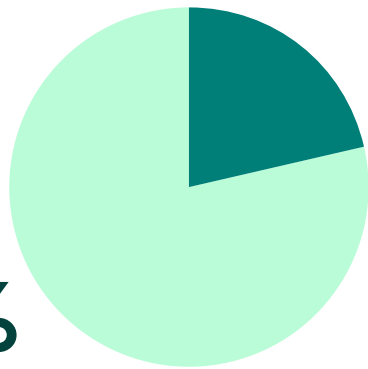
Every dollar invested in Health on the Streets is saving government health services between \$33 - \$90



60% increase in homelessness in the past year in the Central Coast

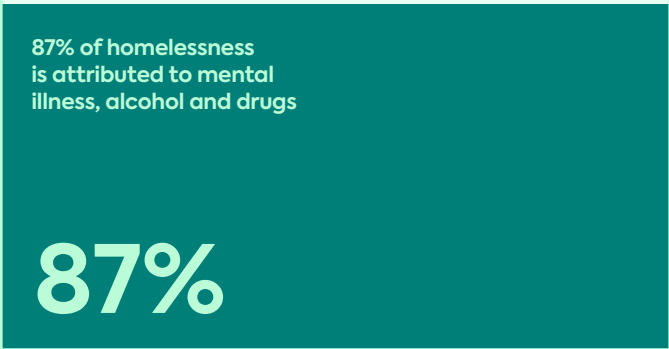


21.4% of homeless people are children and youth under 19



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87% of homelessness is attributed to mental illness, alcohol and drugs



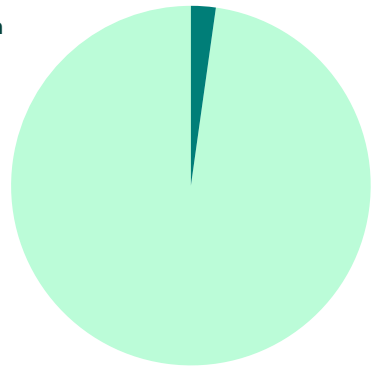
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There are 35,011 homeless people in NSW



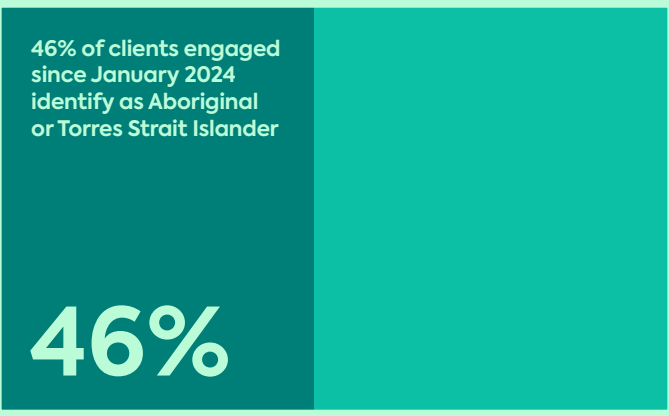
34,944

Only 2.4% of rentals on the Central Coast are affordable to people on low incomes



2.4%

46% of clients engaged since January 2024 identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



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There are 1,100 clients currently engaging with Health On The Streets



1,100