# People turned away from government-funded specialist homelessness accommodation 2009-10 

## Appendix

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## Appendix 1 Data tables

Table A1: Demand for Accommodation Collection: agency participation rates and records returned, by state and territory for 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 and by reporting period for 2006-07 to 2009-10

|  | Agencies (number) | Participation rate (per cent) | Records returned (number) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| State/territory |  |  |  |
| NSW | 353 | 70.0 | 4,596 |
| Vic | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Qld | 224 | 67.4 | 2,460 |
| WA | 143 | 56.6 | 1,064 |
| SA | 102 | 60.8 | 942 |
| Tas | 35 | 80.0 | 502 |
| ACT | 32 | 62.5 | 253 |
| NT | 43 | 55.8 | 332 |
| Total ${ }^{(a)}$ | 932 | 65.8 | 10,149 |
| Reporting period |  |  |  |
| 2-8 August 2006 and 16-22 May 2007 | 1,456 | 61.4 | 14,992 |
| 21-27 November 2007 and 14-20 May 2008 | 1,444 | 62.6 | 13,290 |
| 3-9 December 2008 and 6-12 May 2009 ${ }^{(a)}$ | 945 | 70.9 | 11,439 |
| 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 ${ }^{(a)}$ | 932 | 65.8 | 10,149 |

(a) Excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).

Notes

1. Table based on records returned from agencies that should have been participating in the reference period. Not all funded agencies are required to participate in data collection.
2. In 2008-09, 663 or $70 \%$ of the 945 participating agencies returned records for both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection (excludes Victorian data). These agencies returned 10,746 Demand for Accommodation Collection records (excludes Victorian data).
3. In 2009-10, 604 or $65 \%$ of the 932 participating agencies returned records for both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection (excludes Victorian data). These agencies returned 9,324 Demand for Accommodation Collection records (excludes Victorian data).
4. Figures are unweighted.

Sources: Administrative Data Collection; Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A2: Client Collection: agency participation rates and records returned for clients, by state and territory for 2009-10 and by reporting period for 2006-07 to 2009-10

|  | Agencies <br> (number) | Participation rate <br> (per cent) | Records returned <br> (number) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| State/territory |  |  |  |
| NSW | 353 | 94.3 | n.a. |

(a) Excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).

Notes

1. Table based on records returned from agencies that should have been participating in the reference period. Not all funded agencies are required to participate in data collection.
2. In 2008-09, 663 or $70 \%$ of the 945 participating agencies returned records for both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection (excludes Victorian data). These agencies returned 134,616 Client Collection records (excludes Victorian data).
3. In 2009-10, 604 or $65 \%$ of the 932 participating agencies returned records for both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection (excludes Victorian data). These agencies returned 141,747 Client Collection records (excludes Victorian data).

Sources: Administrative Data Collection; Client Collection.

Table A3: Adults and unaccompanied children turned away, by state and territory, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (daily average)

|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Adults and unaccompanied children requiring new immediate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| accommodation (number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Clients already accommodated (number)

| Accommodation ending | 71.9 | n.a. | 44.4 | 20.0 | 11.1 | 6.5 | 2.4 | 8.7 | 165.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Continuing accommodation (D) | $3,318.1$ | n.a. | $1,527.4$ | 649.9 | 876.4 | 269.4 | 281.8 | 184.5 | $7,107.4$ |
| Total accommodated (B + D) | $3,394.9$ | n.a. | $\mathbf{1 , 5 7 2 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{6 6 8 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{8 8 6 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 5 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 4 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 2 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{7 , 2 7 4 . 4}$ |

Total demand for immediate accommodation (number)
Total demand for immediate accommodation (E) ( $\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{D}$ )

3,458.9 n.a. $1,627.5 \quad 691.6 \quad 906.4 \quad 292.2 \quad 290.3 \quad 199.0 \quad 7,466.0$

## Per cent turned away

Turn-away ( $\mathrm{A} \div \mathrm{C} \times 100$ )
(per cent requiring new immediate $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllll}\begin{array}{lllll} \\ \text { accommodation }\end{array} & 45.5 & \text { n.a. } & 55.2 & 55.2 & 66.0 & 71.2 & 73.1 & 47.3 & 53.4\end{array}$

Turn-away (A $\div \mathrm{E} \times 100$ )
(per cent total demand for immediate accommodation)

## Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors and omissions (daily average): 0 Demand for Accommodation Collection; 32.3 Client Collection.
2. Table excludes Victorian data.
3. Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in government-funded specialist homelessness agencies.
4. Demand for Accommodation data exclude people who requested accommodation for periods after 24 hours.
5. The accommodation status of a client or accompanying child on a particular day is based on the reported periods of accommodation within a support period. A client can end one period of accommodation and start another on the same day at the same agency-these are considered to be a single period. It can be reasonably assumed that a client will not have more than one period of accommodation at different agencies on the same day. Note that dates of support and accommodation are not collected for accompanying children; however, it can be reasonably assumed that an accompanying child is accommodated when their parent or guardian has been accommodated.
6. Figures are unweighted.

Sources: Client Collection; Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A4: Accompanying children turned away, by state and territory, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (daily average)

|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Accompanying children requiring new immediate accommodation (number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not accommodated (turned away) (A) | 33.1 | n.a. | 40.4 | 17.8 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 123.7 |
| Newly accommodated (B) | 18.1 | n.a. | 17.9 | 9.9 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 4.6 | 58.6 |
| Successful first request | 16.6 | n.a. | 17.3 | 9.9 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 4.6 | 55.8 |
| Accommodated in subsequent request(s) | 1.5 | n.a. | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | - | 2.8 |
| Total requiring new immediate accommodation (C) $(A+B)$ | 51.1 | n.a. | 58.3 | 27.7 | 16.6 | 16.1 | 4.6 | 7.8 | 182.3 |


| Accommodation ending | 16.3 | n.a. | 15.3 | 9.3 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 1.0 | 4.8 | 55.6 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Continuing accommodation (D) | $2,014.9$ | n.a. | $1,372.6$ | 703.6 | 696.6 | 211.6 | 232.8 | 117.5 | $5,349.6$ |
| Total accommodated (B + D) | $\mathbf{2 , 0 3 2 . 9}$ | n.a. | $\mathbf{1 , 3 9 0 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{7 1 3 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{7 0 0 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 4 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 4 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 2 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 4 0 8 . 1}$ |

## Total demand for immediate accommodation (number)

Total demand for immediate accommodation (E)
$(C+D)$
2,066.0 n.a. $1,430.9 \quad 731.3 \quad 713.3 \quad 227.6 \quad 237.4 \quad 125.3 \quad 5,531.9$

Per cent turned away
Turn-away ( $\mathrm{A} \div \mathrm{C} \times 100$ )
(per cent requiring new immediate accommodation)
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}64.7 & \text { n.a. } & 69.4 & 64.2 & 79.0 & 81.3 & 64.6 & 41.3 & 67.9\end{array}$
Turn-away ( $\mathrm{A} \div \mathrm{E} \times 100$ )
(per cent total demand for immediate

| accommodation) | 1.6 | n.a. | 2.8 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 5.7 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors and omissions (daily average): 0 Demand for Accommodation Collection; 20.3 Client Collection.
2. Table excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).
3. Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in government-funded specialist homelessness agencies.
4. Demand for Accommodation data exclude people who requested accommodation for periods after 24 hours.
5. The accommodation status of a client or accompanying child on a particular day is based on the reported periods of accommodation within a support period. A client can end one period of accommodation and start another on the same day at the same agency-these are considered to be a single period. It can be reasonably assumed that a client will not have more than one period of accommodation at different agencies on the same day. Note that dates of support and accommodation are not collected for accompanying children; however, it can be reasonably assumed that an accompanying child is accommodated when their parent or guardian has been accommodated.
6. Figures are unweighted.

Sources: Client Collection; Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A5: Total people turned away, by state and territory, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (daily average)
NSW Vic Qld WA SA Tas ACT NT Total

| Not accommodated (turned away) (A) | 97.1 | n.a. | 95.7 | 40.9 | 33.0 | 29.4 | 9.2 | 10.1 | 315.3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Newly accommodated (B) | 94.9 | n.a. | 62.7 | 28.6 | 13.7 | 9.6 | 3.9 | 12.2 | 225.6 |
| $\quad$ Successful first request | 90.4 | n.a. | 60.5 | 27.6 | 13.1 | 8.6 | 3.6 | 12.0 | 215.8 |
| $\quad$ Accommodated in subsequent request(s) | 4.4 | n.a. | 2.2 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 9.9 |
| Total requiring new immediate accommodation (C) <br> (A + B) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Total people requiring new immediate accommodation (number)

\left.|  | Clients and accompanying children already accommodated |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |$\right]$

Total demand for immediate accommodation (E) ( $\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{D}$ )

5,524.9 n.a. $3,058.41,422.91,619.7519 .9527 .7324 .312,997.9$

Per cent turned away
Turn-away ( $\mathrm{A} \div \mathrm{C} \times 100$ )
(per cent requiring new immediate
$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllll} \\ \text { accommodation) } & 50.6 & \text { n.a. } & 60.4 & 58.8 & 70.6 & 75.4 & 70.1 & 45.2 & 58.3\end{array}$
Turn-away ( $\mathrm{A} \div \mathrm{E} \times 100$ )
(per cent total demand for immediate accommodation)

| 1.8 | n.a. | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 5.6 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 2.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

[^0]Sources: Client Collection; Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A6: Total people turned away, by requesting group, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (daily average)

|  | Individual(s) no children | Individual(s) with children | Couple no children | Couple with children | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total people requiring new immediate accommodation (number) |  |  |  |  |
| Not accommodated (turned away) (A) | 108.4 | 168.1 | 6.6 | 32.1 | 315.3 |
| Newly accommodated (B) | 132.8 | 82.7 | 2.9 | 7.2 | 225.6 |
| Successful first request | 127.9 | 78.3 | 2.6 | 7.0 | 215.8 |
| Accommodated in subsequent request(s) | 4.9 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 9.9 |
| Total requiring new immediate accommodation (C) $(A+B)$ | 241.2 | 250.9 | 9.5 | 39.4 | 540.9 |
|  | Clients and a | companying c (nu | ildren alre mber) | dy accom | modated |
| Accommodation ending | 132.4 | 80.4 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 220.6 |
| Continuing accommodation (D) | 4,272.7 | 6,597.4 | 150.9 | 1,435.9 | 12,456.9 |
| Total accommodated (B+D) | 4,405.5 | 6,680.1 | 153.9 | 1,443.1 | 12,682.6 |

Total demand for immediate accommodation (number)

Total demand for immediate accommodation (E) ( $C+D$ )
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 4,513.9 } & 6,848.2 & 160.4 & 1,475.3 & 12,997.9\end{array}$

## Per cent turned away

## Turn-away ( $\mathrm{A} \div \mathrm{C} \times 100$ )

| (per cent requiring new immediate accommodation) | 45.0 | 67.0 | 69.2 | 81.7 | 58.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Turn-away $(A \div E \times 100)$ <br> (per cent total demand for immediate accommodation) | 2.4 | $2.5^{(a)}$ | 4.1 | 2.2 | 2.4 |

## (a) $2.45 \%$.

## Notes

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6. Figures are unweighted.

Sources: Client Collection; Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A7: Total people turned away each day, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010

|  | Wed 18 <br> Nov | Thu 19 Nov | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Fri } \\ 20 \\ \text { Nov } \end{array}$ | Sat 21 Nov | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sun } \\ 22 \\ \text { Nov } \end{array}$ | Mon 23 <br> Nov | Tue 24 <br> Nov | Wed <br> 5 <br> May | Thu <br> 6 <br> May | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Fri } \\ 7 \\ \text { May } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sat } \\ 8 \\ \text { May } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sun } \\ 9 \\ \text { May } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Mon <br> 10 <br> May | Tue 11 May | Daily average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total people requiring new immediate accommodation (number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not accommodated (turned away) (A) | 462 | 427 | 326 | 101 | 71 | 519 | 417 | 474 | 307 | 253 | 88 | 51 | 449 | 469 | 315.3 |
| Newly accommodated (B) | 255 | 299 | 277 | 133 | 150 | 295 | 251 | 282 | 238 | 230 | 124 | 141 | 249 | 235 | 225.6 |
| Successful first request | 248 | 282 | 274 | 131 | 150 | 281 | 242 | 266 | 222 | 214 | 120 | 127 | 232 | 232 | 215.8 |
| Accommodated in subsequent request(s) | 7 | 17 | 3 | 2 | - | 14 | 9 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 4 | 14 | 17 | 3 | 9.9 |
| Total requiring new immediate accommodation (C) $(A+B)$ | 717 | 726 | 603 | 234 | 221 | 814 | 668 | 756 | 545 | 483 | 212 | 192 | 698 | 704 | 540.9 |
|  | Clients and accompanying children already accommodated (number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accommodation ending | 328 | 251 | 249 | 152 | 166 | 223 | 227 | 253 | 227 | 253 | 120 | 163 | 246 | 230 | 220.6 |
| Continuing accommodation (D) | 12,454 | 12,472 | 12,515 | 12,643 | 12,612 | 12,545 | 12,616 | 12,310 | 12,361 | 12,343 | 12,441 | 12,432 | 12,323 | 12,330 | 12,456.9 |
| Total accommodated ( $B+D$ ) | 12,709 | 12,771 | 12,792 | 12,776 | 12,762 | 12,840 | 12,867 | 12,592 | 12,599 | 12,573 | 12,565 | 12,573 | 12,572 | 12,565 | 12,682.6 |
|  | Total demand for immediate accommodation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total demand for immediate accommodation (E) (C + D) | 13,171 | 13,198 | 13,118 | 12,877 | 12,833 | 13,359 | 13,284 | 13,066 | 12,906 | 12,826 | 12,653 | 12,624 | 13,021 | 13,034 | 12,997.9 |
|  | Per cent turned away |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Turn-away ( $\mathrm{A} \div \mathrm{C} \times 100$ ) <br> (per cent requiring new immediate accommodation) | 64.4 | 58.8 | 54.1 | 43.2 | 32.1 | 63.8 | 62.4 | 62.7 | 56.3 | 52.4 | 41.5 | 26.6 | 64.3 | 66.6 | 58.3 |
| Turn-away ( $\mathrm{A} \div \mathrm{E} \times 100$ ) <br> (per cent total demand for immediate accommodation) | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 2.4 |

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6. Figures are unweighted.

Sources: Client Collection; Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A8: Total people turned away, state and territory by reporting period, 2006-07 to 2009-10 (daily average)

|  | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 ${ }^{(a)}$ | 2009-10 ${ }^{(\mathrm{a})}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Turn-away (per cent requiring new and immediate accommodation) |  |  |  |
| NSW | 49.5 | 48.6 | 54.4 | 50.6 |
| Vic | 53.9 | 40.3 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Qld | 60.1 | 68.7 | 64.2 | 60.4 |
| WA | 62.4 | 64.7 | 66.5 | 58.8 |
| SA | 66.6 | 69.6 | 68.6 | 70.6 |
| Tas | 65.3 | 72.7 | 70.3 | 75.4 |
| ACT | 69.9 | 76.5 | 75.3 | 70.1 |
| NT | 38.4 | 44.8 | 54.7 | 45.2 |
| Australia | 57.1 | 58.9 | 61.5 | 58.3 |

Turn-away (per cent total demand for immediate accommodation)

| NSW | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Vic | 1.6 | 1.0 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Qld | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| WA | 5.9 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 2.9 |
| SA | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.0 |
| Tas | 4.7 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 5.6 |
| ACT | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| NT | 2.2 | 2.9 | 5.3 | 3.1 |
| Australia | $\mathbf{2 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 4}$ |

(a) Excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).

Notes

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5. Caution should be exercised when comparing data across years. See Appendix 2 and Chapter 2 in the main report.
6. Figures are unweighted.

Sources: Client Collection; Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A9: Total people turned away, requesting group by reporting period, 2006-07 to 2009-10 (daily average)

| $2006-07$ | 2007-08 | 2008-09 ${ }^{(\text {a })}$ | 2009-10 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Individual(s) no children | 48.7 | 48.5 | 50.4 | 45.0 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Individual(s) with children | 63.5 | 66.0 | 69.3 | 67.0 |
| Couple no children | 72.2 | 77.7 | 75.4 | 69.2 |
| Couple with children | 68.8 | 77.0 | 80.2 | 81.7 |
| Total | $\mathbf{5 7 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 8 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 1 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 8 . 3}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Turn-away (per cent total demand for immediate accommodation) |  |  |  |
| Individual(s) no children | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.4 |
| Individual(s) with children | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| Couple no children | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| Couple with children | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 4}$ |

(a) Excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).

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6. Figures are unweighted.

Sources: Client Collection; Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A10: People with a valid unmet request for immediate accommodation, by sex, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (per cent)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | NT | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT |  | Per cent | Number |
|  | Adults and unaccompanied children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 42.7 | n.a. | 47.7 | 50.6 | 30.2 | 33.3 | 52.2 | 41.4 | 43.3 | 86.0 |
| Female | 57.3 | n.a. | 52.3 | 49.4 | 69.8 | 66.7 | 47.8 | 58.6 | 56.7 | 112.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | n.a. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 198.8 |
|  | Accompanying children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 51.2 | n.a. | 50.3 | 55.6 | 47.8 | 51.1 | 43.2 | 48.9 | 50.9 | 64.4 |
| Female | 48.8 | n.a. | 49.7 | 44.4 | 52.2 | 48.9 | 56.8 | 51.1 | 49.1 | 62.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | n.a. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 126.5 |
|  | Total people |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 45.6 | n.a. | 48.8 | 52.7 | 37.2 | 41.2 | 49.3 | 43.8 | 46.2 | 150.4 |
| Female | 54.4 | n.a. | 51.2 | 47.3 | 62.8 | 58.8 | 50.7 | 56.3 | 53.8 | 174.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | n.a. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 325.3 |

## Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors and omissions (daily average): 0 .
2. Table excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).
3. Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in government-funded specialist homelessness agencies.
4. Demand for Accommodation data exclude people who requested accommodation for periods after 24 hours.
5. Table includes people who were accommodated later that same day. For this reason the count of people with a valid unmet request is higher than the count of people turned away.
6. Figures are unweighted.

Source: Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A11: People with a valid unmet request for immediate accommodation, by age, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (per cent)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | otal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Per cent | Number |
|  | Adults and unaccompanied children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 20 years | 31.2 | n.a. | 20.0 | 27.2 | 11.7 | 16.8 | 39.0 | 28.7 | 24.4 | 43.5 |
| 20-44 years | 59.5 | n.a. | 68.6 | 65.1 | 74.0 | 74.2 | 52.4 | 55.2 | 65.1 | 115.9 |
| 45-64 years | 8.2 | n.a. | 11.0 | 7.0 | 12.5 | 8.9 | 6.1 | 12.6 | 9.5 | 16.9 |
| 65 years and over | 1.2 | n.a. | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.8 | - | 2.4 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | n.a. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 178.1 |
|  | Accompanying children ${ }^{(a)}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 12 years | 74.2 | n.a. | 66.0 | 78.4 | 78.0 | 55.9 | 68.2 | 91.1 | 70.9 | 89.6 |
| 12-14 years | 10.1 | n.a. | 13.9 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 6.7 | 12.3 | 15.5 |
| 15-17 years | 5.6 | n.a. | 7.3 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 13.3 | 6.8 | - | 6.5 | 8.3 |
| Unknown age | 10.1 | n.a. | 12.7 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 20.2 | 15.9 | 2.2 | 10.3 | 13.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | n.a. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 126.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total | ople |  |  |  |  |
| Under 20 years ${ }^{(\mathrm{a})}$ | 56.3 | n.a. | 55.5 | 60.3 | 47.5 | 58.2 | 60.3 | 53.0 | 55.8 | 170.0 |
| 20-44 years | 37.7 | n.a. | 38.1 | 35.6 | 44.0 | 37.3 | 34.1 | 36.4 | 38.1 | 115.9 |
| 45-64 years | 5.2 | n.a. | 6.1 | 3.8 | 7.4 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 8.3 | 5.5 | 16.9 |
| 65 years and over | 0.8 | n.a. | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | n.a. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 304.6 |

(a) Includes all accompanying children. Accompanying children are by definition aged 17 years and under.

Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors and omissions (daily average): 20.7 adults and unaccompanied children of unknown age.
2. Table excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).
3. Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in government-funded specialist homelessness agencies.
4. Demand for Accommodation data exclude people who requested accommodation for periods after 24 hours.
5. Table includes people who were accommodated later that same day. For this reason the count of people with a valid unmet request is higher than the count of people turned away.
6. Figures are unweighted.

Source: Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A12: People with a valid unmet request for immediate accommodation, by country of birth, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (per cent)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Per cent | Number |
| Australia | 88.5 | n.a. | 92.0 | 89.7 | 86.7 | 93.2 | 62.5 | 94.6 | 89.3 | 233.9 |
| Other-English speaking countries | 2.6 | n.a. | 5.7 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 2.9 | 17.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 13.2 |
| Non-English speaking countries | 8.9 | n.a. | 2.3 | 3.6 | 7.1 | 3.9 | 20.2 | - | 5.6 | 14.7 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | n.a. | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 1 . 9}$ |

Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors and omissions (daily average): 63.4 adults and unaccompanied children of unknown country of birth.
2. Table excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).
3. Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in government-funded specialist homelessness agencies.
4. Demand for Accommodation data exclude people who requested accommodation for periods after 24 hours.
5. Table includes people who were accommodated later that same day. For this reason the count of people with a valid unmet request is higher than the count of people turned away.
6. Figures are unweighted.

Source: Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A13: People with a valid unmet request for immediate accommodation, by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (per cent)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Per cent | Number |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | 25.2 | n.a. | 29.1 | 50.0 | 23.6 | 14.6 | 21.2 | 60.3 | 30.3 | 72.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | 74.8 | n.a. | 70.9 | 50.0 | 76.4 | 85.4 | 78.8 | 39.7 | 69.7 | 167.9 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 0 . 7}$ |

## Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors and omissions (daily average): 84.6 adults and unaccompanied children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status.
2. Table excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).
3. Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in government-funded specialist homelessness agencies.
4. Demand for Accommodation data exclude people who requested accommodation for periods after 24 hours.
5. Table includes people who were accommodated later that same day. For this reason the count of people with a valid unmet request is higher than the count of people turned away.
6. Figures are unweighted.

Source: Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A14: Valid unmet requests for immediate accommodation: main reason why request was not met, by state and territory, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (daily average per cent)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Main reason | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | \% | Number |
| Insufficient accommodation available | 54.1 | n.a. | 62.9 | 73.5 | 26.7 | 72.2 | 71.6 | 66.1 | 59.1 | 141.8 |
| Referral agency with no vacancies on books | 28.9 | n.a. | 22.5 | 14.8 | 48.1 | 21.1 | 23.1 | 11.0 | 25.7 | 61.6 |
| Type of accommodation requested is not provided | 6.0 | n.a. | 7.3 | 2.8 | 8.8 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 8.3 | 5.7 | 13.6 |
| Insufficient staff to provide support | 1.8 | n.a. | 0.8 | 1.5 | - | 0.4 | - | 0.9 | 1.1 | 2.6 |
| Facilities for special needs not available | 1.1 | n.a. | 0.9 | - | 1.1 | - | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| Other ${ }^{(a)}$ | 8.0 | n.a. | 5.7 | 7.4 | 15.4 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 12.8 | 7.7 | 18.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | n.a. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | $\cdots$ |
| Total (number) | 87.9 | n.a. | 66.0 | 28.1 | 20.4 | 20.3 | 9.6 | 7.8 | . | 239.9 |

[^1]Source: Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A15: Valid unmet requests for immediate accommodation: main reason why request was not met, by requesting group, 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (daily average per cent requests)

| Main reason | Individual(s) no children | Individual(s) with children | Couple no children | Couple with children | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | \% | Number |
| Insufficient accommodation available | 57.6 | 61.7 | 43.3 | 66.5 | 59.1 | 141.8 |
| Referral agency with no vacancies on books | 23.7 | 29.2 | 20.9 | 28.4 | 25.7 | 61.6 |
| Type of accommodation requested is not provided | 6.2 | 4.7 | 10.4 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 13.6 |
| Insufficient staff to provide support | 1.7 | 0.2 | 1.5 | - | 1.1 | 2.6 |
| Facilities for special needs not available | 1.2 | 0.1 | - | - | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| Other ${ }^{(a)}$ | 9.6 | 4.1 | 23.9 | 1.3 | 7.7 | 18.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | $\cdots$ |
| Total (number) | 144.6 | 79.5 | 4.8 | 11.1 | . | 239.9 |

## Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors and omissions (daily average): 0
2. Table excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report)
3. Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in government-funded specialist homelessness agencies.
4. Demand for Accommodation data exclude people who requested accommodation for periods after 24 hours.
5. A person or group may make more than one request for accommodation in a day. Further, a request can be made by an individual or on behalf of a group of people. Therefore, counts of requests are not the same as the actual number of people making those requests.
6. Figures are unweighted.

Source: Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A16: Referrals for accommodation made in valid unmet requests for immediate accommodation, by state and territory, 3-9 December 2008 and 6-12 May 2009 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (daily average per cent requests)

| State/territory | Per cent referrals |
| :--- | ---: |
| NSW | 60.3 |
| Vic | n.a. |
| Qld | 55.6 |
| WA | 51.1 |
| SA | 49.8 |
| Tas | 50.7 |
| ACT | 50.7 |
| NT | 48.6 |
| Total | 55.5 |

Notes for tables A16 and A17

1. Number excluded due to errors and omissions: 0 .
2. Table excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).
3. Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in government-funded specialist homelessness agencies.
4. Demand for Accommodation data exclude people who requested accommodation for periods after 24 hours.
5. A person or group may make more than one request for accommodation in a day. Further, a request can be made by an individual or on behalf of a group of people. Therefore, counts of requests are not the same as the actual number of people making those requests.
6. Figures are unweighted.

Source: Demand for Accommodation Collection.

Table A17: Referrals for accommodation made in valid unmet requests for immediate accommodation, by requesting group, 3-9 December 2008 and 6-12 May 2009 18-24 November 2009 and 5-11 May 2010 (daily average per cent requests)

| Requesting group | Per cent referrals |
| :--- | ---: |
| Individual(s) no children | 54.5 |
| Individual(s) with children | 56.1 |
| Couple no children | 68.7 |
| Couple with children | 58.1 |
| Total | 55.5 |

Table A18: Closed support periods in which clients were accommodated: mean and median length of accommodation, by state and territory, 2009-10 (number of days)

| State and territory | Mean | Median |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| NSW | 75 | 18 |
| Vic | n.a. | n.a. |
| Qld | 50 | 17 |
| WA | 34 | 6 |
| SA | 66 | 12 |
| Tas | 46 | 9 |
| ACT | 133 | 32 |
| NT | 25 | 5 |
| Total | 57 | 13 |

Notes for tables A18 and A19

1. Number excluded due to errors and omissions (weighted): 1,041.
2. Excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).
3. In South Australia, a large number of agencies do not provide accommodation, they provide support services only.
4. Excludes accommodation that started and ended on the same day.
5. Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

Source: Client Collection.

Table A19: Closed support periods with accommodation: mean and median length of accommodation, by client group, 2009-10 (number of days)

| Client group | Mean | Median |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Individual(s) no children | 46 | 11 |
| Individual(s) with children | 81 | 21 |
| Couple no children | 60 | 13 |
| Couple with children | 156 | 92 |
| Total | 57 | 13 |

# Appendix 2 Demand for Accommodation Collection 


#### Abstract

The Demand for Accommodation Collection is one of the components that form the SAAP National Data Collection (SAAP NDC). Box A2.1 outlines the components of the SAAP NDC.

The Demand for Accommodation Collection is primarily used to calculate the percentage of people turned away from government-funded specialist homelessness accommodation and to provide an indication of the overall ability of agencies to meet the demand for such accommodation.


## Box A2.1: The SAAP National Data Collection

The SAAP National Data Collection (NDC) consists of distinct components, each of which can be thought of as a separate collection. In 2009-10, three collections were run:

- The Demand for Accommodation Collection - measures the level turn-away from specialist homelessness accommodation by collecting information about the number of met and unmet requests for accommodation. It is conducted annually over 2 separate weeks.
In 2009-10 the collection was held on 18-24 November 2009 and on 5-11 May 2010. All participating agencies that provide support or accommodation were asked to record each unsuccessful and successful request for accommodation made during the collection period. Data are recorded in terms of requests. A request may include more than one person and a person may make more than one request in a day. See also Appendix 4.
- The Client Collection-collects information about clients and their accompanying children. Data are recorded by service providers (agencies) during, or immediately following, contact with clients and are then returned after support has ended or, for ongoing clients, at the end of the reporting period ( 30 June). Data collected include information on: demographics, such as age, sex and country of birth for clients and accompanying children; the types of support required by, and provided to, each client and accompanying child; and the client's situation before and after receiving support. Some data items require consent from the client to collect.
Data are collected in relation to support periods. A support period is a discrete period of time over which a person receives ongoing support from a government-funded specialist homelessness agency. A person may have one or more periods of support within a year. To calculate the number of people associated with these periods of support, a statistical linkage key (SLK) is created for each person receiving support where consent was provided to record this information. In this way, people with multiple periods of support can be ascertained and estimates of the number of people can be made.
The Client Collection is described in more detail in the appendixes to Governmentfunded specialist homelessness services: SAAP NDC annual report 2009-10 (AIHW 2011a).
- The Administrative Data Collection - consists of general information about the agencies providing accommodation and support to people who are homeless or in crisis. Details about these agencies are submitted by the departments that administer agencies in each state and territory. The information provided for the Administrative Data Collection includes the client target group of each agency and details of funding.

The $65 \%$ of agencies that participated in the two collections used to calculate the turn-away measures in this report - the Client and Demand for Accommodation collections - are used for analysis throughout this report (tables A1 and A2; excludes Victorian data). These agencies accounted for $92 \%(9,324)$ of the total 10,149 Demand for Accommodation Collection records and $97 \%(141,747)$ of the total 146,416 Client Collection records. Consequently, it is possible that findings may understate the true extent of unmet demand.
Readers should note that several factors need to be taken into account when comparing estimates across years, such as agency participation in each year and any changes in the collection or estimation methodology. For example, the SAAP V Agreement was replaced by the NAHA midway through 2008-09 resulting in potential changes to the agencies participating in the collection; and in 2008-09 and 2009-10 Victorian data was excluded from analysis.

## Estimation methods

People may be turned away from an agency for a variety of reasons, not all of which indicate that accommodation was unavailable. This includes requests for accommodation at agencies where the person did not fall within the agency's target group, where the person or group was inappropriate for the agency or where there was no fee-free accommodation available. It also includes those people who refused an agency's offer of accommodation. Consequently, the number of valid unmet requests is a more useful measure of unmet demand than all unmet requests (see Appendix 4).
The number of valid unmet requests does not represent the actual number of people, since a person can make requests on more than one occasion and at more than one agency. Thus, there are two types of estimates of primary interest for unmet demand: the number of valid unmet requests and the number of people who made a valid unmet request. However, an unmet request for accommodation may be followed by a successful request at another agency, especially if a referral has been arranged. That is, a proportion of people who make an unsuccessful request for accommodation might subsequently receive accommodation from another agency later on the same day. For this reason, when estimating how many people were turned away it is essential to distinguish between people who made a valid unmet request for accommodation but could not be accommodated at all and those who eventually found accommodation by the end of each day.
Several difficulties are associated with estimating the number of valid unmet requests and the number of people who make those requests. First, a proportion of people who make an unsuccessful request for accommodation may subsequently receive accommodation from another agency, quite possibly soon after the initial request. A statistical linkage key is not collected in the Demand for Accommodation Collection, so it is difficult to identify when this situation occurs. Second, people may have their needs met by other means and no longer require assistance. Third, a person may make several requests for accommodation - again, without a linkage key, related requests cannot be identified with certainty. Finally, data required to identify valid unmet requests may be missing. These possibilities pose four main problems:

- estimates of the number of unmet requests obtained from the collection may overstate the actual level of unmet demand
- estimates of the number of valid unmet requests may be too low as a result of missing data
- the number of people making valid unmet requests cannot be obtained directly from the collection
- an accurate final turn-away for those seeking accommodation cannot be calculated.

Although it is not currently possible to resolve the first of these problems, a method has been developed for deriving estimates of the number of valid unmet requests, the number of individuals whose valid requests were not met, and the number of people turned away each day of the collection period. The method used to derive these estimates is outlined in the following section. It should be noted, however, that the resulting estimates would overstate the number of people involved if people make requests for accommodation on different approaches to agencies within the collection period. Additionally, because people might make several approaches on the same day to agencies throughout the year, the daily figure cannot be pro-rated up to give an estimate of the number of people turned away from agencies annually.

## Deriving key estimates

There are several key estimates required for estimating both unmet and met demand. These are:

- the number of valid unmet requests for immediate accommodation
- the number of people with a valid unmet request for immediate accommodation
- the number of people with a valid unmet request for immediate accommodation with a subsequent met request for accommodation.
These estimates are crucial because they show the volume of requests for immediate accommodation, indicate the number of people with unmet requests within the collection period and how much of that demand is later met, and are used in conjunction with data from other collections to examine total demand. Missing data in items used to derive these estimates will therefore affect the estimates' utility because they lead to estimates being too low.

In this report, imputed and edited data are included in all tables that use information from the Demand for Accommodation Collection.

## Unmet demand

The information used to derive the unmet demand estimates is elicited through seven questions on the Demand for Accommodation Collection form (see Appendix 6):

- Question 2, asking the number of adults or unaccompanied children seeking accommodation
- Question 3, asking the number of accompanying children requiring accommodation with their parent(s) or guardian(s)
- Question 4, asking about the immediacy of the need for accommodation
- Question 5a and Question 5b, asking whether or not the same request for accommodation had been made and turned away earlier that day and the reason for that turn-away, if applicable
- Question 6, asking whether an offer of accommodation was made by the agency
- Question 7a and Question 7b, asking if the person refused an offer of accommodation and, if so, why
- Question 9, asking if the person made a valid request - that is, sought support from an appropriate agency.
Missing information for any of these questions affects estimates of valid unmet requests and/or estimates of people making those requests. To maximise the utility of estimates from the Demand for Accommodation Collection, an answer was imputed where information was missing for questions $4,5 a, 5 b, 6,7 a, 7 b$ and 9 . The imputation itself was done at the form level by randomly assigning an answer for the missing question using the distribution of answers for that question. To improve accuracy, this imputation also used information from related questions.
Some editing on questions 2 and 3 was undertaken to help minimise the effects of erroneous or missing responses to these questions. For example, editing was carried out based on the presenting unit and where accompanying children were erroneously recorded in both questions 2 and 3.
An estimate of the total number of valid unmet requests can then be derived by identifying records that correspond to valid unmet requests. This is done using both the original and the imputed answers: initially, valid requests are identified using questions 7 and 9 , and any requests in which an offer of assistance was refused or where the reason for the agency refusing indicates that it was an invalid request are excluded. Question 4 can then be used to divide these valid unmet requests into requests for immediate accommodation and other requests.
The number of people associated with valid unmet requests for accommodation is identified by finding those valid unmet requests that correspond to first valid unmet requests. This can partly be done by excluding repeat requests at agencies (identified through Question 5) from identified valid unmet requests (estimated as described). However, in addition to this, to estimate the number of people with a valid unmet request for accommodation one further piece of information is needed - whether a first (invalid) request at an inappropriate agency later becomes an unmet (valid) request at an appropriate agency. The number of first invalid unmet requests that later became valid unmet requests is estimated using information gathered questions 5 a and 5 b on the form.


## Met demand

Met requests for accommodation are used to estimate the number of people who successfully gained accommodation after making an earlier unmet request. This information is elicited through questions 5a, 5b, 6, 7a and 8 on the 2008-09 Demand for Accommodation Collection form (see Appendix 6), which determine if the request is met, ask how many people were accommodated, whether the person or group had made a request for accommodation earlier that day and, if they were unsuccessful, the reason why. The turn-away measures in this report relate only to those who required immediate accommodation. This information is elicited through Question 4 on the form.
The imputation for questions $4,5 \mathrm{a}, 5 \mathrm{~b}, 6$ and 7 a was done at the form level by randomly assigning an answer for the missing question using the distribution of answers for that question. To improve accuracy, this imputation also used information from related questions (see also previous section on unmet demand). Some editing was carried out on Question 8 based on the presenting unit.
For the purposes of this report, only people with a met request who had a valid unmet request earlier in the day are considered as people who were accommodated in subsequent requests. Whether the previous request was valid is determined on the basis of the response
recorded against Question 5b on the form. Invalid requests include those made for accommodation where the person did not fall within the agency's target group, where the person or group was inappropriate for the agency and where the person or group refused the offer of accommodation due to not wanting to split, because the agency was in the wrong area or where they refused accommodation for other reasons. The number of people who were accommodated in subsequent requests is subtracted from the number of people who had a first valid unmet request for accommodation to estimate the number of people who were not accommodated daily.

## Data issues around estimating the number of people turned away

It must be noted that there are some data issues that should be considered when analysing the estimated turn-away measures presented in this report:

- it is possible to estimate the number of people turned away only for those who required immediate accommodation, that is, accommodation required within 24 hours. This means that the measures might underestimate the turn-away for groups who are more likely to request accommodation after 24 hours
- dates of support and accommodation are not collected for accompanying children in the Client Collection. For the purposes of calculating the turn-away measures, accompanying children are assumed to have the same periods of accommodation as the parent or guardian. Note that accompanying children are recorded on only one parent's or guardian's record when clients present as a couple.

This report present the measures of turn-away by requesting group or by jurisdiction, but do not present turn-away by age, sex, country of birth or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status. This is because:

- on occasion, only part of a group requesting accommodation was able to be accommodated. While the Demand for Accommodation Collection collects demographic information - such as age, sex, country of birth and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status - on the group making the request for accommodation, it does not break down by demographics the number of people who were accommodated out of that group. Only the total number accommodated is collected. For example, if a group of male and female friends make a request but only some of that group are able to be accommodated, the collection cannot distinguish how many of the males or how many of the females in the group were accommodated. Analysis suggests that the accommodation of a partial group is not common. However, the issue is significant enough to prevent calculation of valid estimates of turn-away by demographics
- age, country of birth and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status are collected only for clients who provided informed consent in the Client Collection but are collected for all people who request accommodation in the Demand for Accommodation Collection.


## Matching requesting groups

The Demand for Accommodation Collection form collected information on the requesting group in a different format from that used in the Client Collection. The following table outlines the combinations used in this report.
$\left.\begin{array}{lll}\hline \text { Name of requesting group } & \text { Client Collection requesting groups } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Demand for Accommodation } \\ \text { Collection requesting groups }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { Individual(s) no children } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Person alone or with unrelated person } \\ \text { Other, with no record of accompanying } \\ \text { children in Part B of the form (see Appendix 6) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Person without child(ren) } \\ \text { Requesting group missing, with no record of without child(ren) } \\ \text { accompanying children in Part B of the form } \\ \text { (see Appendix 6) }\end{array}\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Requesting group missing, with no record } \\ \text { of accompanying children in Question 3 } \\ \text { or Question 8 of the form } \\ \text { (see Appendix 6) }\end{array}\right]$

## Appendix 3 Summary diagram

Figure A3.1 on the following page provides a summary of the 2009-10 data. It outlines how requests for accommodation made during the Demand for Accommodation Collection were used in conjunction with data collected in the Client Collection to determine how many people were turned away on an average day.

## Legend for Figure A3.1



## Notes

1. Excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).
2. Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in government-funded specialist homelessness agencies.
3. Figures may not add because of rounding.


## Appendix 4 Counting rules and glossary

Accurate interpretation of the analyses presented in this report requires an understanding of the concepts and terms used in the SAAP NDC.
In this report, the following rules and definitions have been used. For detailed descriptions of categories and other terms used in this report, please refer to the collectors manual (AIHW 2005.

## Accommodated client

## Accommodation period

Accompanying child

Accompanying child support period

A client is considered to be accommodated during a support period if the support type of 'SAAP/CAP accommodation' (specialist homelessness accommodation) was provided and/or a date of accommodation was provided.

The period during which a client was in specialist homelessness accommodation (also referred to as a period of accommodation). A client may have no accommodation periods or one or more accommodation periods within a support period.

The dates on which each accommodation period began and ended during the support period are collected for clients, but not for accompanying children. It can, however, be reasonably assumed that an accompanying child will have the same accommodation period start and end dates as their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the majority of cases.
A person aged under 18 years who:

- has a parent or guardian who is a client; and
- accompanies that client to a an agency any time during that client's support period; and/or
- receives assistance directly as a consequence of a parent's or guardian's support period.
Each support period in which the child either accompanies a parent or guardian to an agency or receives assistance as a result of a parent's or guardian's support period.
Within an accompanying child support period the child may receive one-off assistance and/ or support over a period of time. Since the child may not be supported for the entire duration of a parent's or guardian's support period, it is not possible to assess the exact length of support for an accompanying child. However, it can be reasonably assumed that an accompanying child will have the same support period start and end dates as their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the majority of cases.

The number of accompanying child support periods is calculated by summing the number of accompanying children reported for each support period.

| Agency | An organisation or establishment that receives a specified <br> amount of NAHA/national partnership funds to provide <br> specialist homelessness services to people experiencing or at <br> risk of homelessness. Agencies may also receive funding from <br> other sources. |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Agency inclusion is determined by the state and territory <br> departments responsible for administering the government <br> response to homelessness. Not all funded agencies are required <br> to participate in data collection (see participating agency). <br> A predetermined combination of letters from a client's or <br> accompanying child's name, together with a letter designating <br> their sex. See also valid alpha code and statistical linkage key. |
| Alpha code | Includes people who are at risk of losing their housing because <br> of factors that do not pose a threat to their safety, for example <br> interpersonal conflicts that do not involve violence. A person who <br> requires the support of an agency worker to maintain their current <br> housing situation and live independently in the community may <br> also be considered to be at risk of becoming homeless. |
| At imminent risk of |  |
| homelessness | A person who is homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness <br> who: <br> - is accommodated by an agency; or |
| - enters into an ongoing support relationship with an agency; |  |

$\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { Family group } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Refers to the following requesting or client groups: } \\ \text { - individual(s) with children }\end{array} \\ \text { - couple no children }\end{array}\right]$ couple with children.

## Length of accommodation

Mean

Median

Met request for accommodation

Missing values

Accommodation length is obtained by summing the individual accommodation period lengths reported for a support period. An individual accommodation length is obtained by subtracting the accommodation start date from the accommodation finish date for those periods with valid dates. If a client starts and ends accommodation on the same date, the length of accommodation is recorded as zero.

A support period with accommodation may begin before the start of the financial year. For this report, length of accommodation is the total length of accommodation within a support period, not the length of accommodation within the financial year.
For non-funding support periods or client-level items, the mean value of an item is the weighted arithmetic average of the item using relevant records with valid values.
For funding items, the mean is the total funding as reported, divided by the relevant number of units. For funding per support period or per client, weighted estimates of support periods or clients are used in this division.
The median is the fiftieth percentile of a distribution. This is the value of an item such that half (using weights) of relevant records with valid values are below this value and half are above it.
A request for accommodation is met if the agency offers supported accommodation to the person or group requesting accommodation and that offer is accepted. All met requests for accommodation are considered to be valid as the accommodation could be provided.
Records that are not available for analysis are shown in table notes. The number of such records for each table is calculated in the following order of precedence:

- records not available because of errors
- records not available because of omissions.

In tables involving subpopulations, it is impossible to determine whether a given record should be included or excluded if data are missing for the variable(s) defining the subpopulation in the analysis. Such records are generally not included in the missing count for these tables.
$\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { Participating agency/ } & \begin{array}{l}\text { The participation status of an agency is determined by their } \\ \text { sarticipation rate } \\ \text { status in the Administrative Data Collection as well as by their } \\ \text { participation in the SAAP NDC during the reference period. }\end{array} \\ \text { The Administrative Data Collection contains information on all } \\ \text { funded agencies. These agencies fall into one of two categories: } \\ \text { non-participating agencies and participating agencies. } \\ \text { Non-participating agencies are funded but are not required to } \\ \text { participate in data collection. They are excluded from the } \\ \text { calculation of the participation rate but are included in tables } \\ \text { relating to agency funding. } \\ \text { Participating agencies are those that are required to return data } \\ \text { for the reference period. With some exceptions, these form the } \\ \text { basis for the calculation of the participation rate. Participating } \\ \text { agencies are not considered 'in scope' for the reference period if } \\ \text { they were not able to participate in the collection for that year. }\end{array}\right\}$
\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{ll}\text { Rounding } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Daily average estimates are generally rounded to one decimal } \\
\text { place. }\end{array}
$$ <br>
Annual estimates derived from the Client Collection are <br>

generally rounded to the nearest 100.\end{array}\right]\)| A statistical linkage key is a derived variable that allows |
| :--- |
| demographic data about the same client to be combined across |
| support periods without the name of the client being recorded. |
| See also Valid statistical linkage key. |
| Commences when a client begins to receive support and/or |
| Supported accommodation from an agency. The support period |
| is considered to finish when: |

$\left.\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Turn-away - percentage } \\ \text { of total demand for } \\ \text { immediate } \\ \text { accommodation }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Calculated as the daily average percentage of people who were } \\ \text { turned away relative to all people who required new and } \\ \text { immediate accommodation plus those who were continuing } \\ \text { their accommodation from a previous day. It provides a } \\ \text { measure of the overall ability of government-funded specialist } \\ \text { homelessness agencies to meet the expressed demand for their } \\ \text { accommodation. }\end{array} \\ \text { Used in the SAAP NDC Client Collection. An unmet need } \\ \text { occurs when an agency worker assesses that a client needs a } \\ \text { support service during their support period, and that service is } \\ \text { not provided or formally referred on. }\end{array}\right\}$

## Appendix 5 Abbreviations and symbols

| Abbreviations |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| ABS | Australian Bureau of Statistics |
| ACT | Australian Capital Territory |
| AIHW | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| CAP | Crisis Accommodation Program |
| NAHA | National Affordable Housing Agreement |
| No. | number |
| NPAH | National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness |
| NSW | New South Wales |
| NT | Northern Territory |
| Qld | Queensland |
| SA | South Australia |
| SAAP | Supported Accommodation Assistance Program |
| SAAP NDC | SAAP National Data Collection |
| SLK | statistical linkage key |
| Tas | Tasmania |
| THM | Transitional Housing Management program |
| VHDC | Victorian Homelessness Data Collection |
| Vic | Victoria |
| WA | Western Australia |

## Symbols in tables

. not applicable

- $\quad$ nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
n.a. not available
n.e.s. not elsewhere specified


## Appendix 6 Collection forms

## S A A P DEMAND FOR <br> No ACCOMMODATION



## PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM EVERY TIME A PERSON OR GROUP SEEKS ACCOMMODATION FORMS TO BE FILLED OUT BETWEEN 5 MAY - 11 MAY 2010

Person(s) requesting accommodation:

| WITH child(ren) |  |
| ---: | :--- |
| person with child(ren) | $\square 5$ |
| persons with child(ren) | $\square 6$ |
| couple with child(ren) | $\square 4$ |
| wiTHOUT child(ren) |  |

Please specify the number of adults seeking accommodation in each age group:
This includes young people/children under 18 who seek accommodation without a parent/guardian. Do not use ticks or crosses.

|  | Male | Female |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| under 12 years | - | - |
| 12-14 years | - | - |
| 15-17 years | - | - |
| 18-19 years | - | - |
| 20-24 years | - | - |
| 25-44 years | - | - |
| 45-64 years | - | - |
| 65 years and over | - | - |
| don't know age | - | - |

Please specify how many accompanying children require accommodation with their parent(s)/guardian: Do not use ticks or crosses.


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If you have any problems completing this form please telephone the SAAP NDCA hotline on 1-800 627 191 or email ndca@aihw.gov.au
6. Was any accommodation offered?
yes1
noIf no accommodation offered, please skip to question 9

7a. Was your offer of accommodation taken up?
yes1 If yes, go to question 8
no2
76 . If your offer of accommodation was not taken up, was it because:

| the person/group did not show | $\square 1$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| the group did not want to split up | 2 |
| the agency was in the wrong area | 3 |
| /group wanted longer term housing | 4 |
| oup wanted different housing option | 5 |
| specify) | 9 |
| t taken up, please skip to | on 10 |

or, other (please specify) $\qquad$ 999

- If accommodation not taken up, please skip to question 10

8. How many of the person/group will your agency accommodate?

Please specify the number of adults you will accommodate:
(this includes young people/children under 18 who seek accommodation without a parent/guardian)

Please specify the number of accompanying children under 18 you will accommodate: $\qquad$
If accommodation provided, please skip to question 11
What was the main reason accommodation was not offered:
(please tick one box only)

| referral agency with no vacancies on books | $\square 15$ |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| insufficient accommodation available | $\square 3$ |

10. Did your agency make a referral for accommodation?
yes
no
11. How many in the group (including children) do or don't identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander:
Please specify the number of people in each category.
Do not use ticks or crosses.
don't identify as Aboriginal or
Torres Strait Islander
do Identify as Aboriginal
do identify as Torres Strait Islander
do Identify as both Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
don't know
12. Country of birth of everyone in the group (including children):
Please specify the number of people in each category. Do not use ticks or crosses.

|  | Male | Female |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Australia |  |  |
| countries |  |  |
| countries |  |  |
| ry of birth |  |  |

Did your agency offer any of the following one-off assistance?
$\begin{aligned} \text { yes } & \square 1 \\ \text { no } & \square\end{aligned}$
if yes, please tick as many circles as apply
information $\bigcirc$
referral for non-accommodation
suppport services $\bigcirc$ meals $\bigcirc 4$ financial assistance/material aid $\bigcirc 5$ transport $\bigcirc 6$
laundry/shower facilities 7 emotional support/counselling 10
other (please specify) $\qquad$ 999

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## CLIENT FORM

* indicates questions that require the informed consent of the client.


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CONSENT OBTAINED $\quad$ Yes $\square 1$ No $\square 2$

- Where a name is not long enough please fill in any remaining squares with a 2 . For example, a male client called Ng Tien will have the alpha code G2 IE2 M.
- Where a part of the name is missing or unknown please substitute a 9 .
For example, a female client known to you only as Jane will have the code AN 999 F.
- Do not count hyphens, apostrophes, blank spaces
or any other such character as a letter of the alphabet.
- Complete date as best you can
- If day unknown, tick box "day unknown".
- If month unknown, tick box "month unknown".
- If year unknown, provide best estimate and tick box "estimated year".
* alpha code

 or female




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* 11 Type of house/dwelling immediately before and after this support period
please tick one box only in each column Before After Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough
improvised dwelling/car/tent/squat street/park/in the open12 House/dwelling
 Institutional setting
hospital $\square$

client left without providing any information
98
don't know99
* 12 Type of tenure (legal right to occupy a dwelling) immediately before and after this support period


No tenure
improvised dwelling/sleeping rough4 $5 \square$ other (no tenure) (please specify)
$\qquad$
Tenure


* 13 Who was the client living with immediately before and after this support period?



## * 14 Location of client's last home


overseas $\square 9998$
don't know/no information $\square 0$

15 Was a case management plan agreed to by the end of the support period?

| please tick one box only |  |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | yes $\square$ |

no, other (please specify)
6 Go to question 17

16 To what extent were the client's case management goals achieved by the end of the support period?
please tick one box only

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## 17 Support to client <br> please tick as many circles as apply <br> Housing/accommodation

SAAP/CAP accommodation (including THMs and other SAAP managed properties) assistance to obtain/maintain short-term accommodation assistance to obtain/maintain medium-term accommodation assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing

Financial/employment
assistance to obtain/maintain government allowance employment and training assistance financial assistance/material aid financial counselling and support

## Personal support

incest/sexual assault support domestic/family violence support
family/relationship support emotional support assistance with problem gambling

General support/advocacy
living skills/personal development assistance with legal issues/court support advice/information retrieva/storage/removal of personal belongings
advocacy/liaison on behalf of client

## Specialist services

psychological services psychiatric services pregnancy support
family planning support drug/alcohol support or intervention physical disability services intellectual disability services culturally specific services interpreter services assistance with immigration services
health/medical services
Basic support

| laundry/shower facilities |
| ---: |
| recreation |
| transport |

other (please specify)
other (please specify)

## Provided


O 43
O 42
37
45


4748
36
2527
3012


44


192026
O 2223

24


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[^2]18 If SAAP/CAP accommodation was provided (including THMs and other SAAP managed properties)
please provide details




| 4 Type of accommodation please tick one box only |  | Date of accommodation please complete all boxes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | D D | M | M | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| crisis/short term $\square 7$ Start |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { medium } / \text { long term } \square 8 \text { Finish } \\ \text { other SAAP } \square 9 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |




| 10 Type of accommodation please tick one box only | Date of accommodation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | please complete all boxes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | D | D | M | M | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| crisis/short term $\square 7$ Start |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| mediumviong term $\square 8$ Finish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| other SAAP $\square 9$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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- Accompanying children should be recorded on only one of the parent/guardian forms
- Complete a separate client form for each child aged 18 years and over


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If you have any probiems completing this form please telephone the SAAP NDCA hotine on 1800627191 or email ndcaukaihw.govau

Note: If the client had more than 5 accompanying children in a support period, you should photocopy a blank copy of this page, complete details. and staple it to this page.


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Ityou have any problems completing this form please telephone the SAAP NDCA hotine on 1800627191 or email ndcabaihuw govau

## RETURNING FORMS TO THE NDCA

- In the first week of each month, send the forms of clients who have left the agency in the last month to the NDCA in the prepaid envelope provided.
- Forms should reach the NDCA by the 15 th of each month.
- Include a completed Form Return Sheet with your forms. If no clients left your agency in the last month record zero forms to return on the Form Return Sheet. This ensures that your agency is counted as participating in the National Data Collection. The NDCA is required to notify State/Territory funding departments of agencies that do not return forms (or Form Return Sheets) each month.


## 30 JUNE 2009 AND 31 DECEMBER 2009

- In the first week of July 2009 and in the first week of January 2010, you should notify the NDCA of clients who are still being supported as at 30 June 2009 and 31 December 2009.
- For clients who are ongoing at 30 June 2009, transfer the information from the old 2008-2009 form to the new 2009-2010 form. Return the old form to the NDCA along with the forms of clients who have left your agency in the last month. Retain the new form in your agency until the client has finished his/her support period.
- For ongoing clients at 31 December-use the December Form Return Sheet and note in the box provided the number of clients being supported on 31 December 2009. It is important to send in a December Form Return Sheet even if you did not have any client forms to remit or you had no ongoing clients.

If you do not need the materials sent to you, please return them in the NDCA Reply Paid envelope.
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[^0]:    Notes

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    2. Table excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).
    3. Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in government-funded specialist homelessness agencies.
    4. Demand for Accommodation data exclude people who requested accommodation for periods after 24 hours.
    5. The accommodation status of a client or accompanying child on a particular day is based on the reported periods of accommodation within a support period. A client can end one period of accommodation and start another on the same day at the same agency-these are considered to be a single period. It can be reasonably assumed that a client will not have more than one period of accommodation at different agencies on the same day. Note that dates of support and accommodation are not collected for accompanying children; however, it can be reasonably assumed that an accompanying child is accommodated when their parent or guardian has been accommodated.
    6. Figures are unweighted.
[^1]:    (a) In a small number of cases, requests for accommodation were unmet because of the age of a male child (applicable to domestic violence agencies only). To ensure confidentiality, these cases are not presented separately but are included in the 'other' valid request category. Notes

    1. Number excluded due to errors and omissions (daily average): 0.
    2. Table excludes Victorian data (see Box 1.1 in the main report).
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    4. Demand for Accommodation data exclude people who requested accommodation for periods after 24 hours.
    5. A person or group may make more than one request for accommodation in a day. Further, a request can be made by an individual or on behalf of a group of people. Therefore, the counts of requests are not the same as the actual number of people making those requests.
    6. Figures are unweighted.
[^2]:    Iryou have any problemis completing this form please telephone the SAAP NDOA hotine on 1800627191 or email ndcacealhwigovau

