

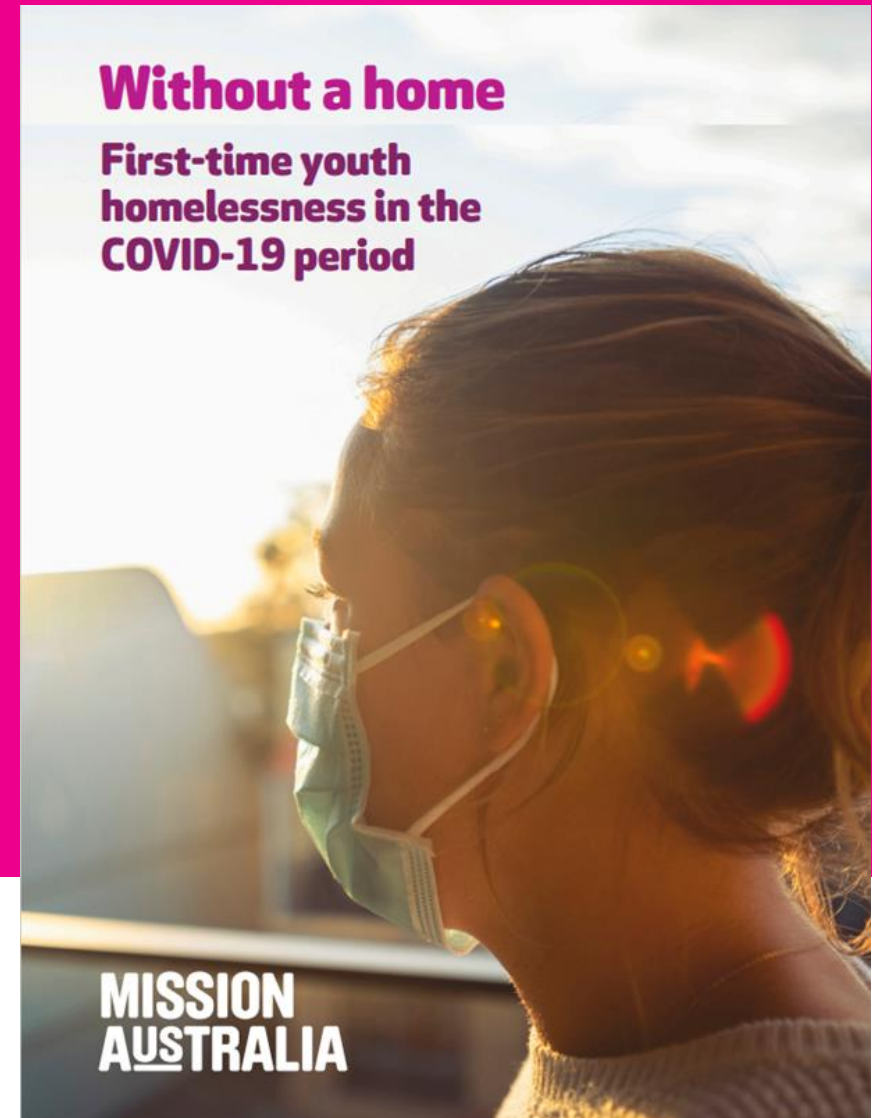
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C6 Youth homelessness in the pandemic age

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Youth homelessness in the pandemic age





1 in 20
young people

**were homeless for
the first time during
the pandemic. This is
a significant increase
since 2017**

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CONFLICT AND POOR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS



1 in 2 said family conflict was an issue of personal concern.



58.1% rated their family's ability to get along as poor or fair. Compared to 21.5% of those who were not homeless for the first time.

CONCERN ABOUT DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE



Domestic and family violence was an issue of personal concern for **28.0%**. Compared to 10.5% of those who did not experience first-time homelessness.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS



55.5% had high psychological distress. This is close to double the rate of those who were not first-time homeless.

UNFAIR TREATMENT OR DISCRIMINATION

55.6% had experienced *unfair treatment or discrimination*. This is higher than the 33.1% of those who did not experience homelessness for the first time.



Mental health, gender and sexuality were the **top three reasons** for unfair treatment or discrimination.



FIRST-TIME YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN THE COVID-19 PERIOD



NEGATIVE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON EMPLOYMENT AND FRIENDSHIPS

45.4% reported COVID-19 had negatively impacted their friendships.



40.8% said their employment had been negatively impacted by COVID-19



**First-time homeless
during COVID-19**

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Family breakdown has caused me to move around a lot, I've struggled with money and my mental health has been extremely bad causing me to break out in hives and get sick at least once every month. My eating disorder is up and down. I need to find a stable place to live and start seeing a therapist again.

Female, 15, NSW