

WAAEH DASHBOARD

JUNE 2025 QUARTERLY BULLETIN

The June 2025 bulletin is our second quarterly bulletin for 2025 for the Western Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (WAAEH) Dashboard. The WAAEH Dashboard is updated regularly and can be found on the WAAEH website at <https://waaeh.org.au/knowledge-hub/homelessness-dashboard/>

What's new this quarter?

In the June 2025 Quarter we revised the source for Figure 24 (Youth (aged 10-17) in detention, Western Australia, by Aboriginal background, by year) as part of our analysis of the underlying drivers of homelessness in WA (see: [Preventing Homelessness in WA](#)).

Other key updates this quarter include data drawn from latest releases of:

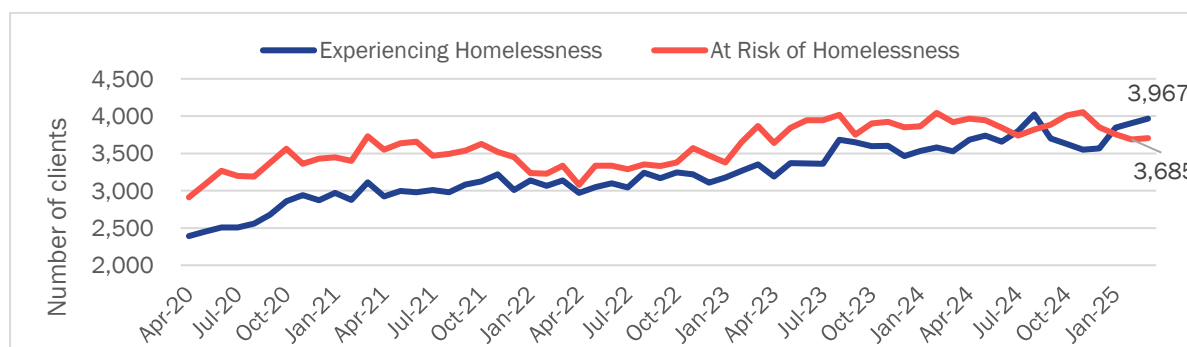
- March Quarter of the Specialist Homelessness Services monthly data
- AIHW Youth Justice in Australia
- ABS Labour Force data
- REIWA Perth Market Insights

Trends in Homelessness in Western Australia

Key SHS Figures

- The number of SHS clients experiencing homelessness on entry peaked in August 2024 reaching 4,023 clients. Over the March 2025 Quarter, the number of clients experiencing homelessness on entry increased from 3,565 in December 2024 to 3,967 in March 2025.
- The number of SHS clients at risk of homelessness on entry peaked in November 2024 reaching 4,053. Over the March 2025 Quarter, the number of clients at risk of homelessness on entry decreased from 3,851 in December 2024 to 3,706 in March 2025.

Figure 1: Specialist Homelessness Services clients, Western Australia, April 2020 to March 2025, by month



Source: AIHW 2025 Specialist Homelessness Services Monthly Data

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The Zero Project: Total people placed in permanent housing March 2025 – May 2025:

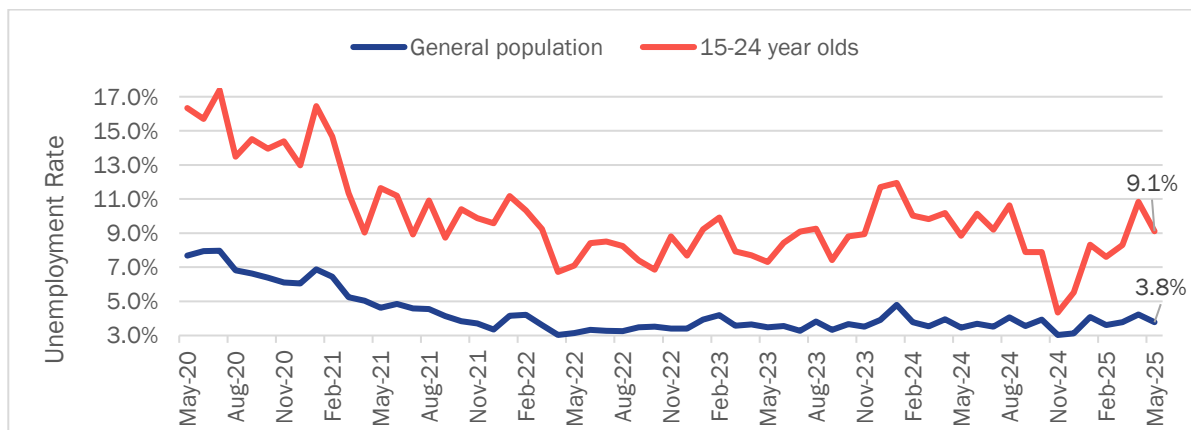
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Preventing Homelessness in WA

Key Figures

- Rental Market:** Perth vacancy rates remained above 1% since August 2022 up until January 2025 when they reached 2.0% for the first time in since June 2020. Latest figures from May 2025 estimated vacancy rates were 2.8%. Median market rents were stable at the highs of \$650 for houses and \$600 for units for most of 2024. However, between March 2025 and June 2025 median rent for houses increased from \$680 to \$685 and remained at \$650 for units.
- Unemployment:** Youth unemployment and general population unemployment rates in May 2025 (9.1% and 3.8%, respectively) decreased significantly since May 2020 (16.3% and 7.7%, respectively). The strong state of the WA labour market is acting to reduce pressures on homelessness at present.
- Youth in Detention:** the rate of Aboriginal children in detention decreased from 252.4 per 10,000 in 2022-23 to 240.5 per 10,000 in 2023-24. The rate of non-Aboriginal children in detention remained at 10.4 per 10,000 between 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Figure 2: Unemployment rate, youth and general population, Western Australia, May 2020 to May 2025, by month



Source: ABS 2025 Labour Force, Australia

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