



Ending homelessness
in Brisbane one person,
one family at a time

Campaign Findings
2014 – 2017

500 Lives 500 Homes was a community-wide collaborative effort to break the cycle of homelessness for families, young people and adults in Brisbane. The campaign began with a community-wide Registry Fortnight in March-April 2014, where we undertook to know each person who was homeless by name and survey their individual health, housing and support needs. In its three-year lifespan, the campaign housed 580 individual and family households and established the groundwork to further embed the housing first approach across Brisbane.

Findings: **Justice System Utilisation**

We surveyed

1,268

adult individuals who had an interaction with the justice system



Police



Youth detention



Watchhouse



Prison

Of those surveyed...



25% identified as female



74% identified as male



<1% identified as transgender, intersex or x



50% were sleeping rough



22% identified as Indigenous



10% identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual or unsure



Average age was **42 years** and average time homeless was **4.7 years**

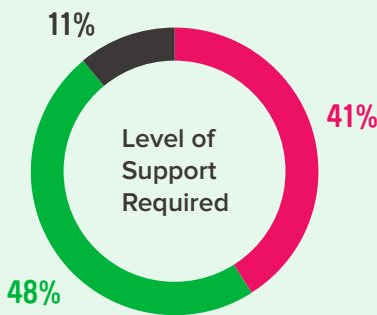


The following data was collected during the 500 Lives 500 Homes campaign conducted from March 2014 – March 2017.

The data is based on 1,268 individuals aged under 25 years surveyed using the Vulnerability Index–Service Prioritisation Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) who had interacted with the justice system.

Prioritising and Matching

The VI-SPDAT enables needs to be determined using an acuity scale, which in turn enables us to appropriately triage for services that match those needs.



- Housing and long-term support (High Acuity)
- Housing and short-term support (Medium Acuity)
- Affordable Housing (Low Acuity)

Self-reported Emergency Services Usage

by 1,268 Individuals

1,671	Hospitalisations
2,545	Ambulance Transports
3,611	Presentations at Accident and Emergency
24,449	Interactions with Police

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Justice System

Youth detention



\$1,117/day

21% of people surveyed have been to youth detention

Watchhouse



\$830/day

84% of people surveyed have been to the watchhouse

Prison



\$297/day

52% of people surveyed have been to prison

5 Star hotel in Brisbane's CBD



\$250/day

Permanent Supportive Housing



\$39/day

41% of individuals surveyed require permanent housing with long-term support

Indicative cost of homelessness to Queensland Systems

March 2014 – March 2017



\$22,113,121

Health

\$16,172,014

Criminal justice

\$5,941,107

Emergency Service Figures based on six-month snapshots collected during the 500 lives 500 homes Campaign (2014-2017). *Costs for inpatient hospitalisation and A&E visit derived from the efficient pricing approach introduced with the National Health Reform Act 2011 (Cth), as implemented by the (Queensland) Department of Health (2013) for the 2013-2014 financial year. Cost for ambulance transport taken from gross actual costs per incident reported in Department of Community Safety 2012/2013 Annual Report.*

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