

Tasmania's State of Housing Dashboard: Data

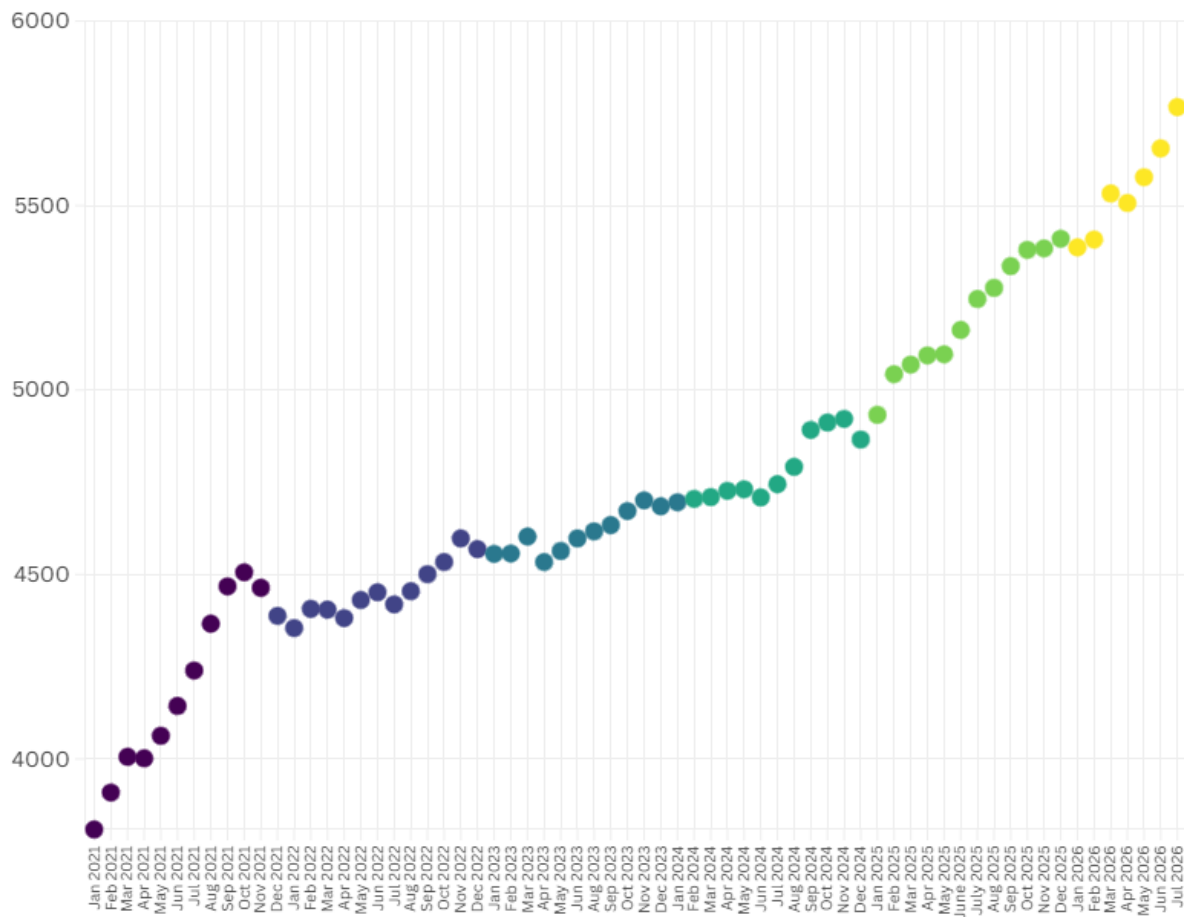
Updated: 25 September 2026

📝 Applicants — total	🏠 Applicants — homeless or temporarily housed	🕒 Highest priority applicants	🕒 Average wait time (weeks)
5,767 July 2026, Homes Tasmania	4,442 July 2026, Homes Tasmania	739 July 2026, Homes Tasmania	89.4 July 2026, Homes Tasmania

Topic 1: Waiting for social housing

Figure 1.1:
Number of applicants for social housing

Year 2021 2026

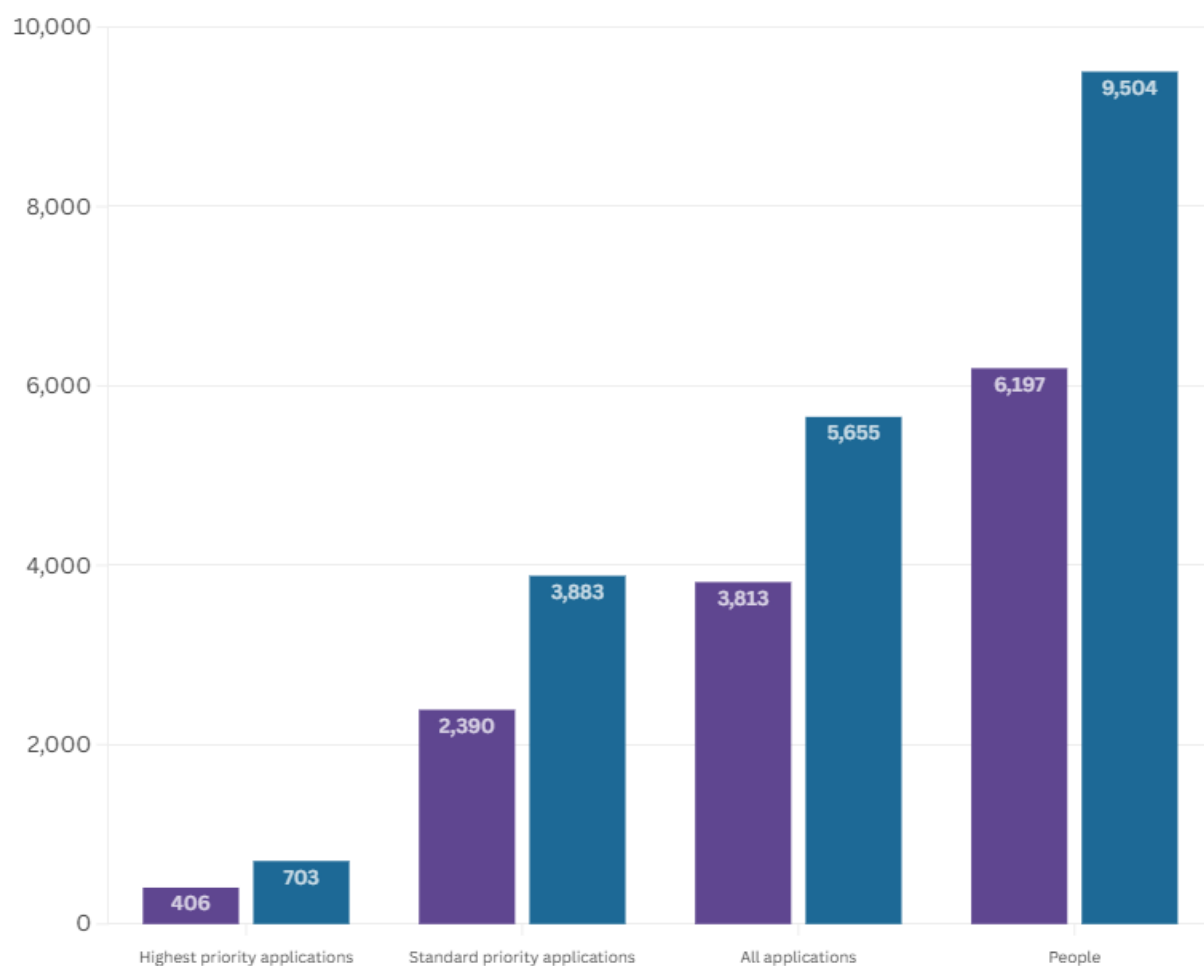


Source: Homes Tasmania Dashboard, July 2026

Figure 1.2:

Growth in applications and people waiting for social housing, 2020 and 2026

Year ■ December 2020 ■ June 2026



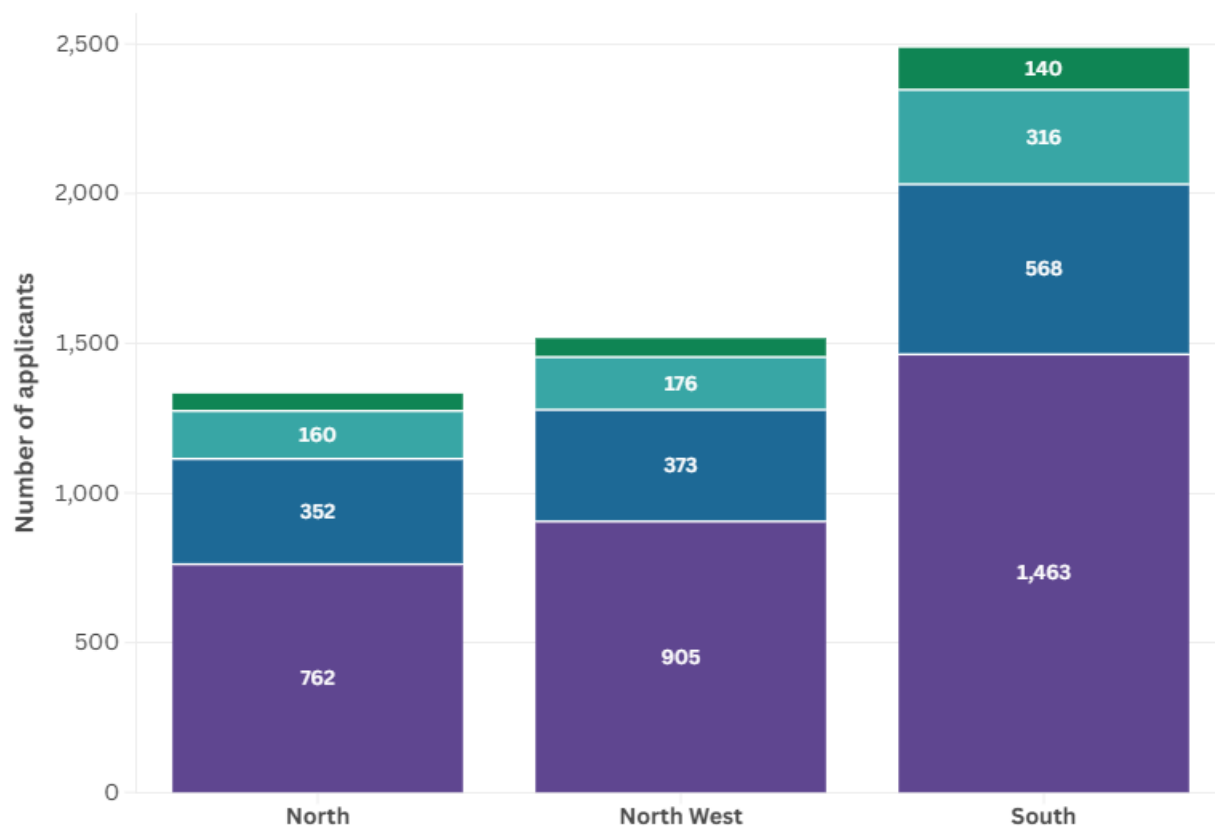
Source: Homes Tasmania dashboard and Estimates Questions on Notice, Minister Vincent, 13 June 2026 • No. of people for 2026 is for latest available data from April 2026. All other figures for 2026 are from June 2026.

Figure 1.3:

Social housing applicants by region and number of bedrooms requested

As at December 2024

■ 1 bedroom ■ 2 bedrooms ■ 3 bedrooms ■ 4 or more bedrooms



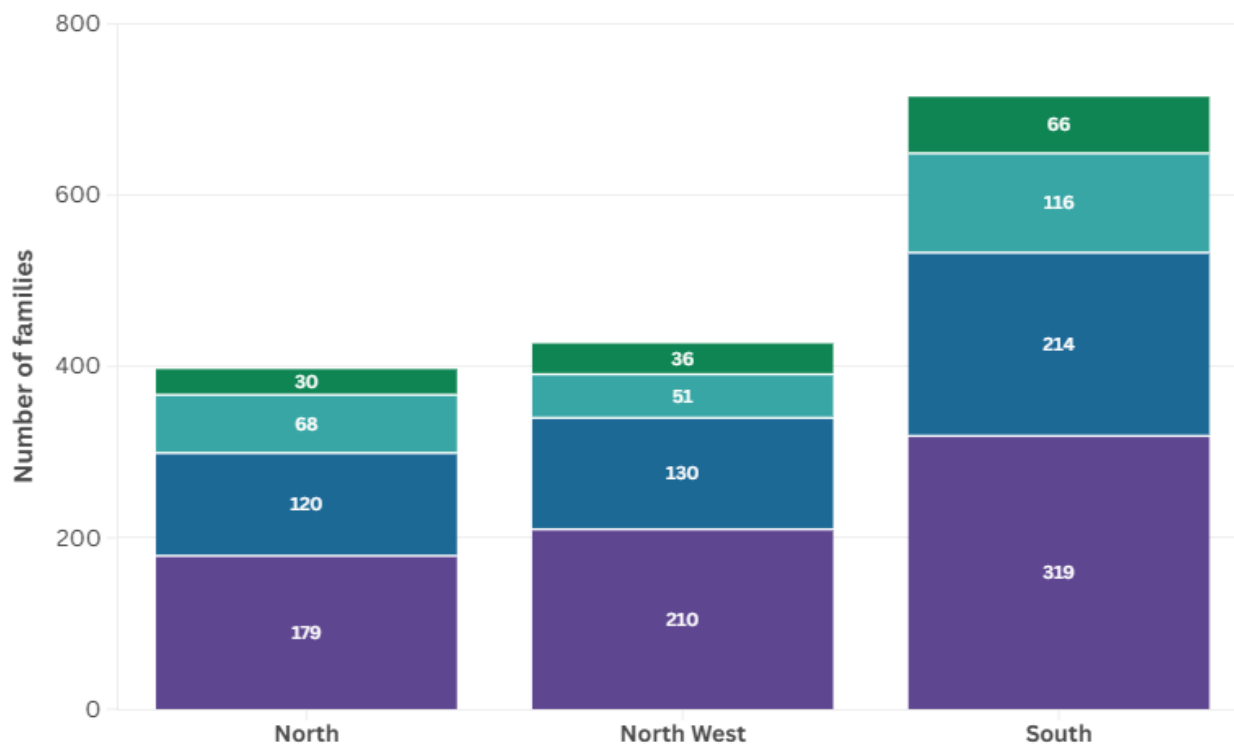
Source: Eleri Morgan-Thomas, Estimates Committee A, Hon. Kerry A. Vincent MLC, House of Assembly, Parliament of Tasmania, 18 Nov 2025

Figure 1.4:

Families with children waiting for social housing, April 2026

Children aged under 18 years

1 child 2 children 3 children 4+ children



Source: Answers to Questions on Notice at Estimates, Minister Vincent, 13 June 2026

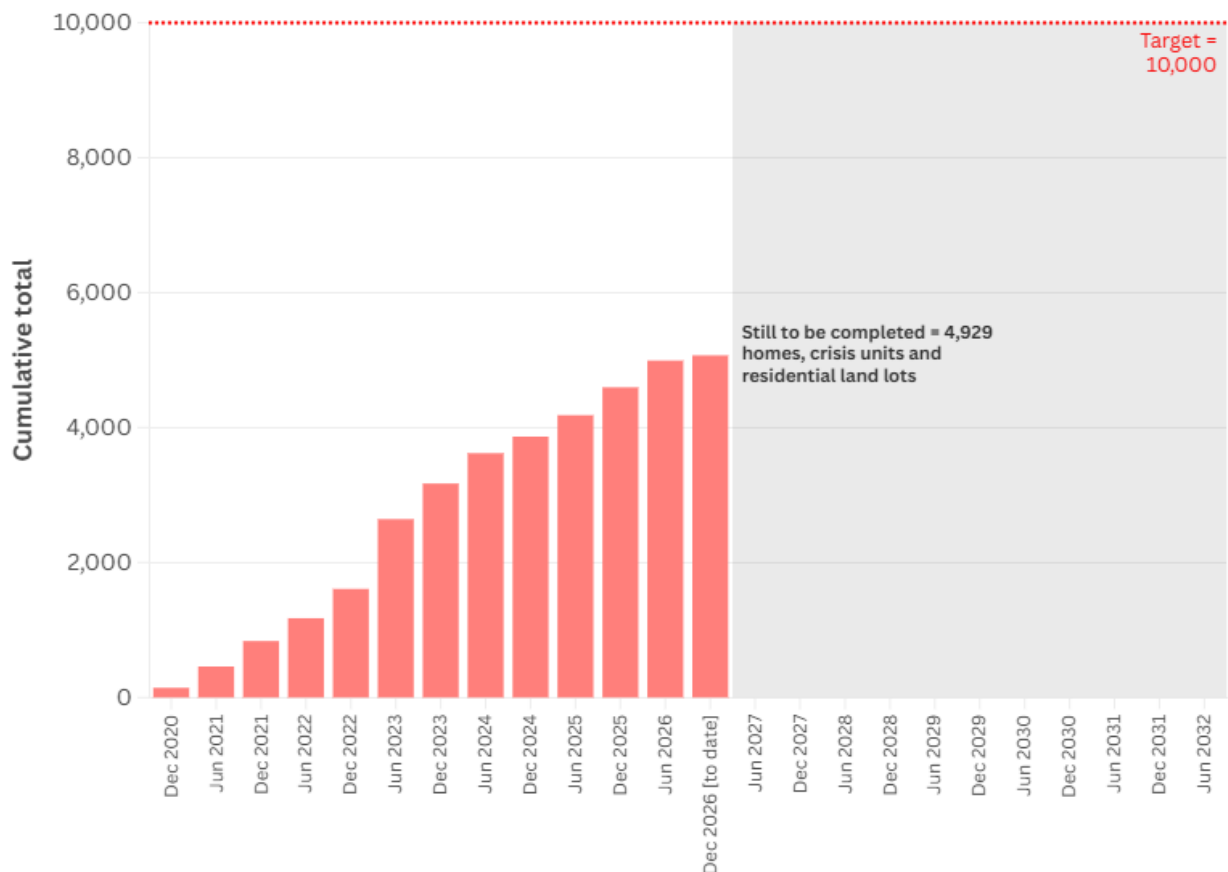
Topic 2: Homes Tasmania's progress towards the targets

✓ Completed — social housing	✓ Completed — total	🏠 In the current pipeline
2,239	5,071	4,929
July 2026, Homes Tasmania	July 2026, Homes Tasmania	July 2026, Homes Tasmania

Figure 2.1:

Progress towards the 10,000 target by 2032

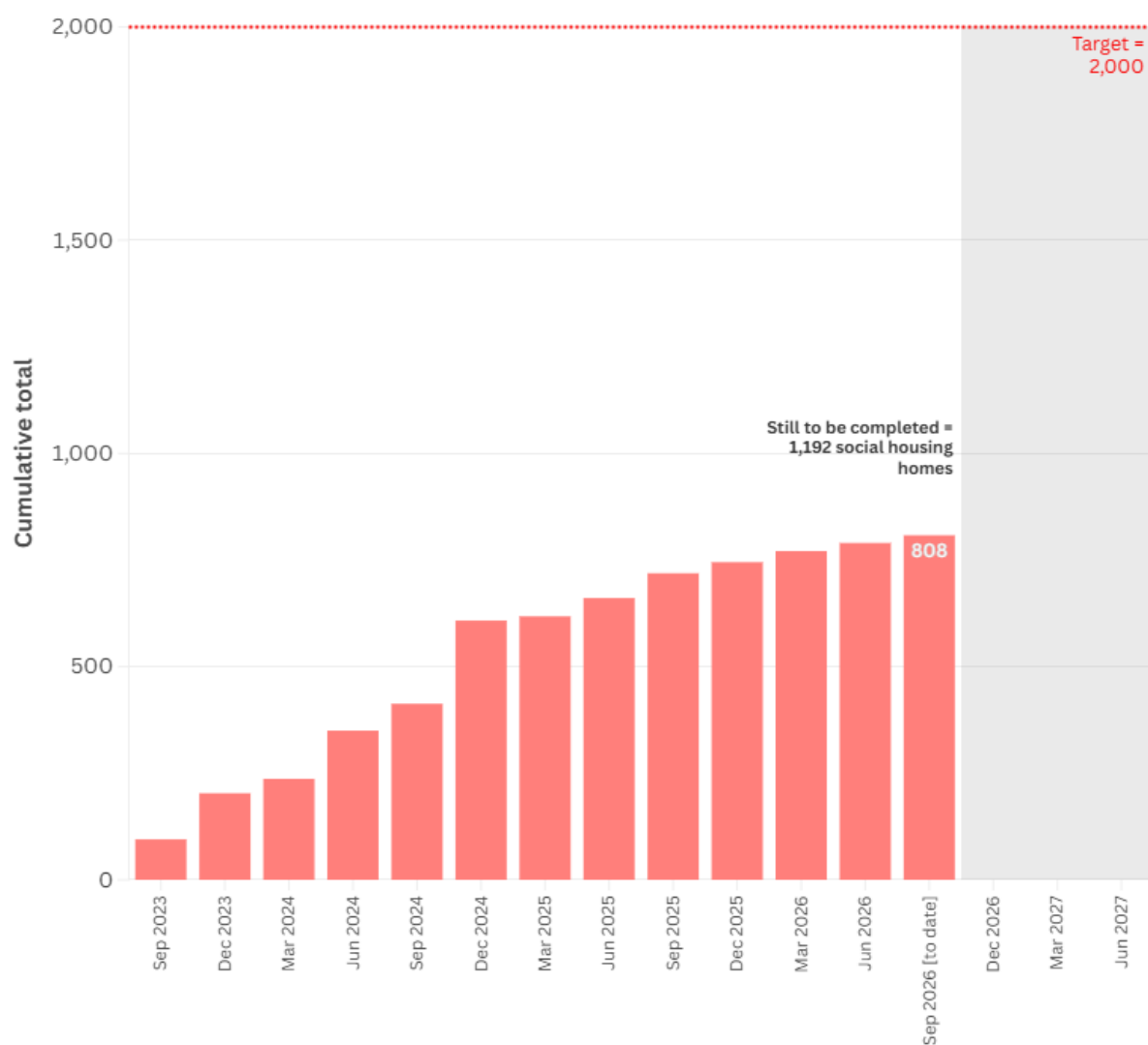
From 1 October 2020 to 31 July 2026



Source: Homes Tasmania Dashboard, July 2026

Figure 2.2:
Progress towards 2,000 social homes target by 2027

From 1 July 2023 to 31 July 2026



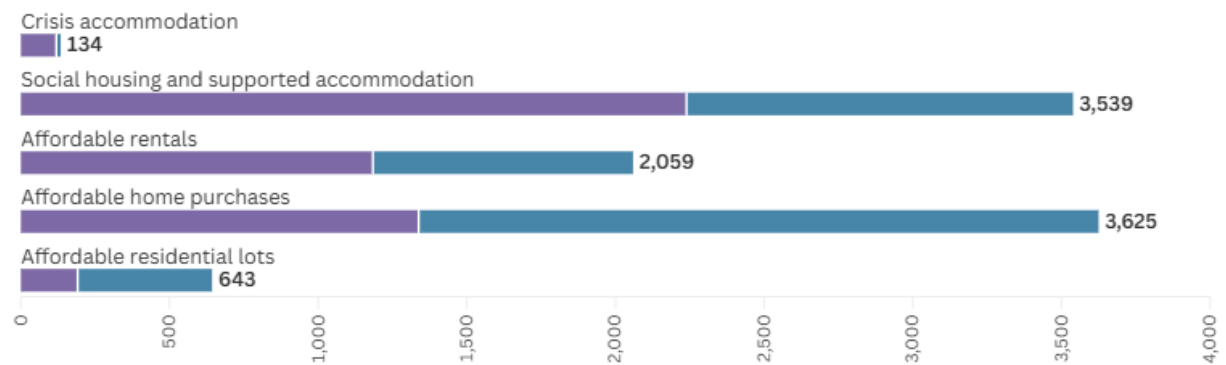
Source: Homes Tasmania dashboard, July 2026

Figure 2.3:

Progress towards the targets

As of 31 July 2026

Stage ■ Completed ■ Current pipeline

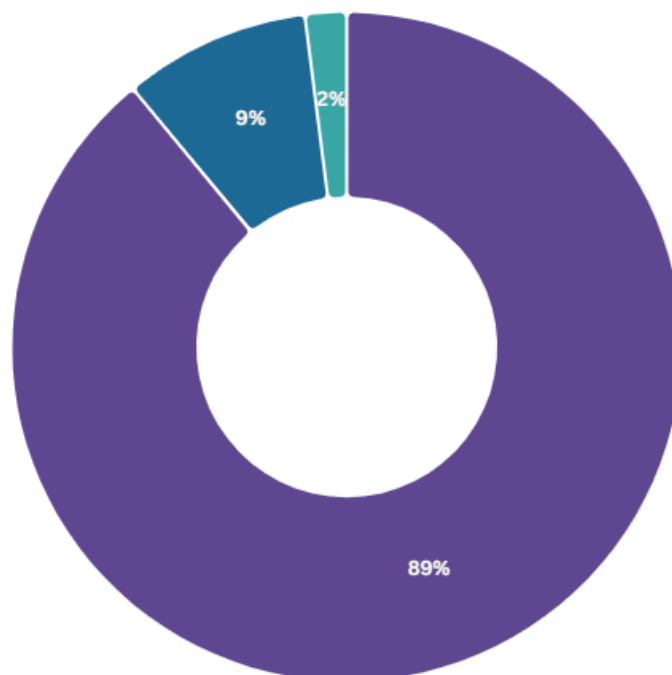


Source: Homes Tasmania Dashboard, July 2026

Figure 2.4a:

Baseline housing for Tasmania, 2020

■ Social housing ■ Affordable housing ■ Crisis accommodation

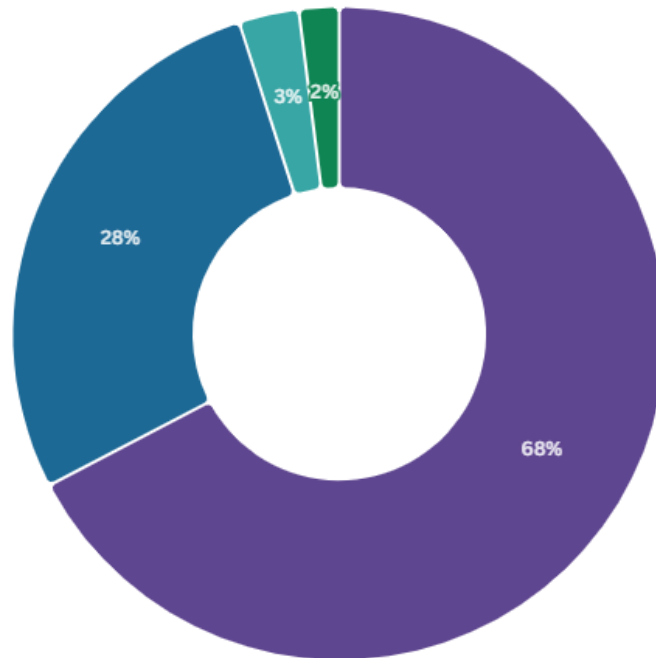


Source: Baseline figures provided by Homes Tasmania

Figure 2.4b:

Projected housing for Tasmania, 2032

■ Social housing
 ■ Affordable housing
 ■ Affordable land
 ■ Crisis accommodation



Source: Homes Tasmania Dashboard, July 2026, Baseline figures provided by Homes Tasmania, 2024

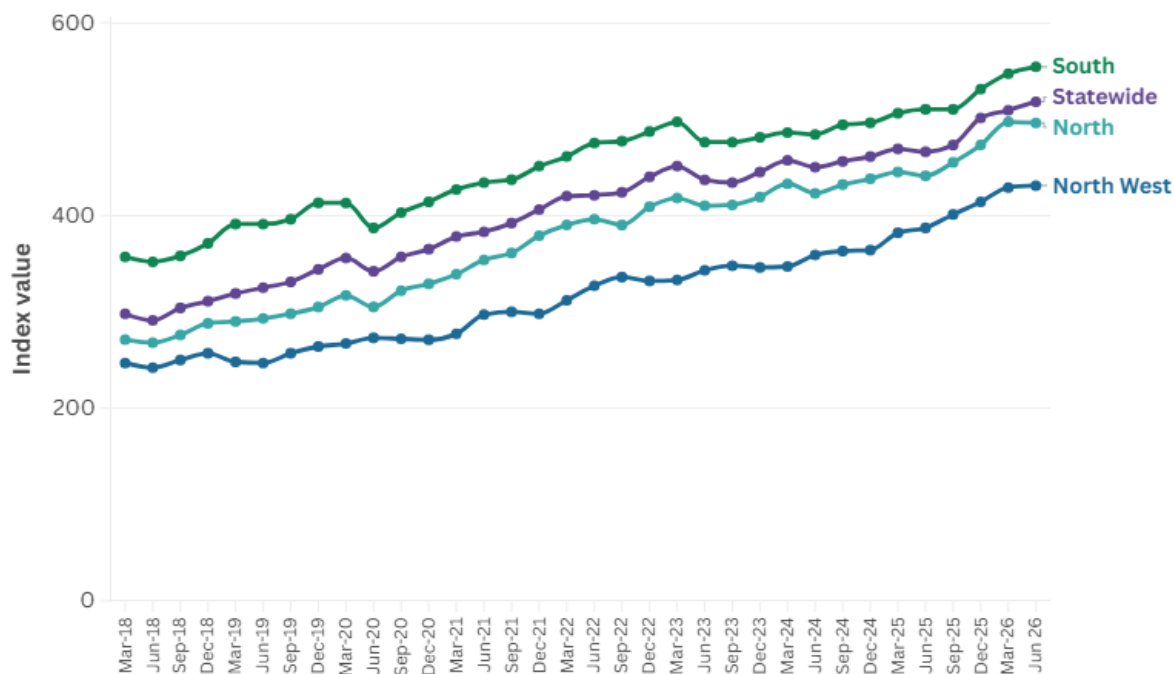
Topic 3: Rental affordability

💰 Affordable rentals for low income households — North <1% March 2026, Anglicare Tasmania	💰 Affordable rentals for low income households — North-West <1% March 2026, Anglicare Tasmania	💰 Affordable rentals for low income households — South <1% March 2026, Anglicare Tasmania	🏠 Rental vacancy rate — Burnie 0.6% August 2026, SQM Research
🏠 Rental vacancy rate — Launceston 0.7% August 2026, SQM Research	🏠 Rental vacancy rate — Hobart 0.7% August 2026, SQM Research	📈 Growth in median residential rent in Tasmania, 2020-25 43.3% May 2025, Australian Bureau of Statistics	👤 Population growth in Tasmania, 2020-25 6.5% December 2024, Dept of Treasury & Finance

Figure 3.1:

Weighted Median Rent Index for Tasmania, Tenants' Union of Tasmania

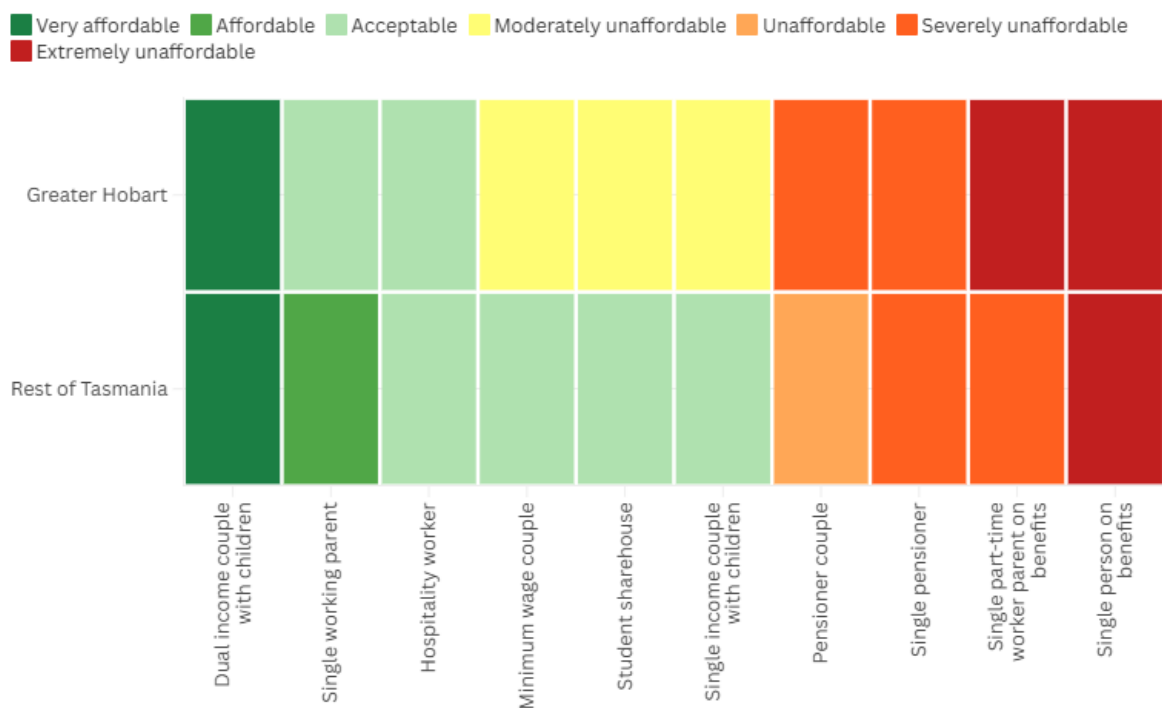
From March 2018 quarter to June 2026 quarter



Source: Tasmanian Rents, Tenants' Union of Tasmania

Figure 3.2:

Rental affordability for low-income households in Tasmania



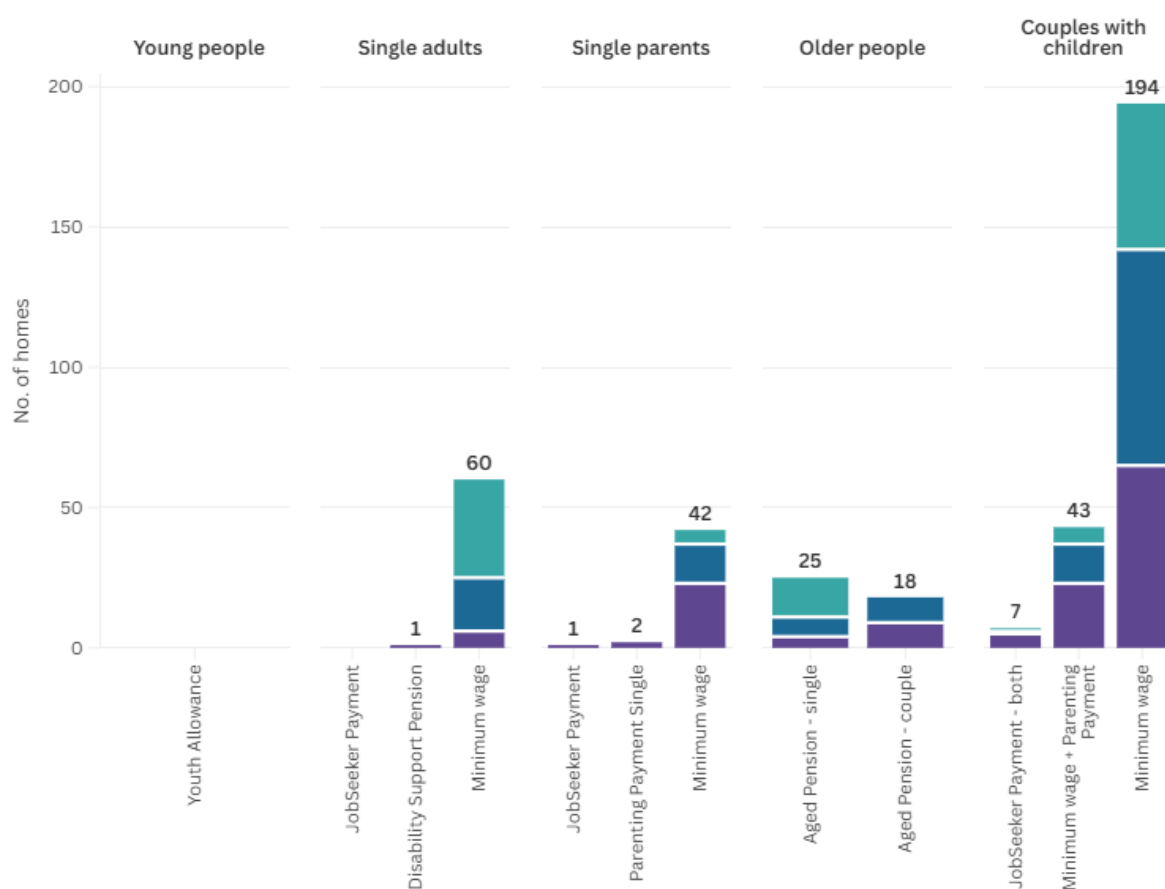
Source: SGS Rental Affordability Index 2025

Figure 3.3:

Appropriate and affordable rental homes, Anglicare Tasmania

No. of homes advertised during snapshot weekend, late March 2026 = 770

■ North West ■ North ■ South

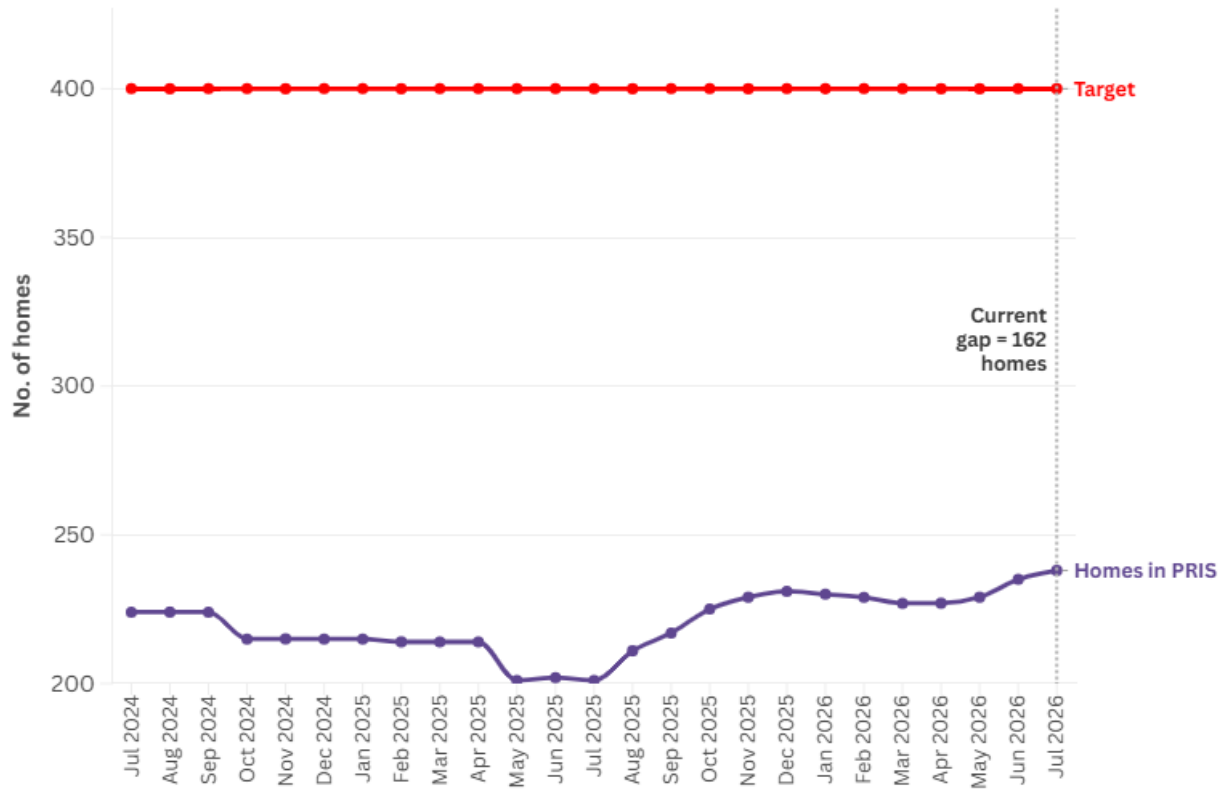


Source: Rental Affordability Snapshot 2026, Anglicare Tasmania • Refer to source for details of household types

Figure 3.4a:

Uptake of Homes Tasmania's Private Rental Incentive Scheme

From July 2024 to July 2026

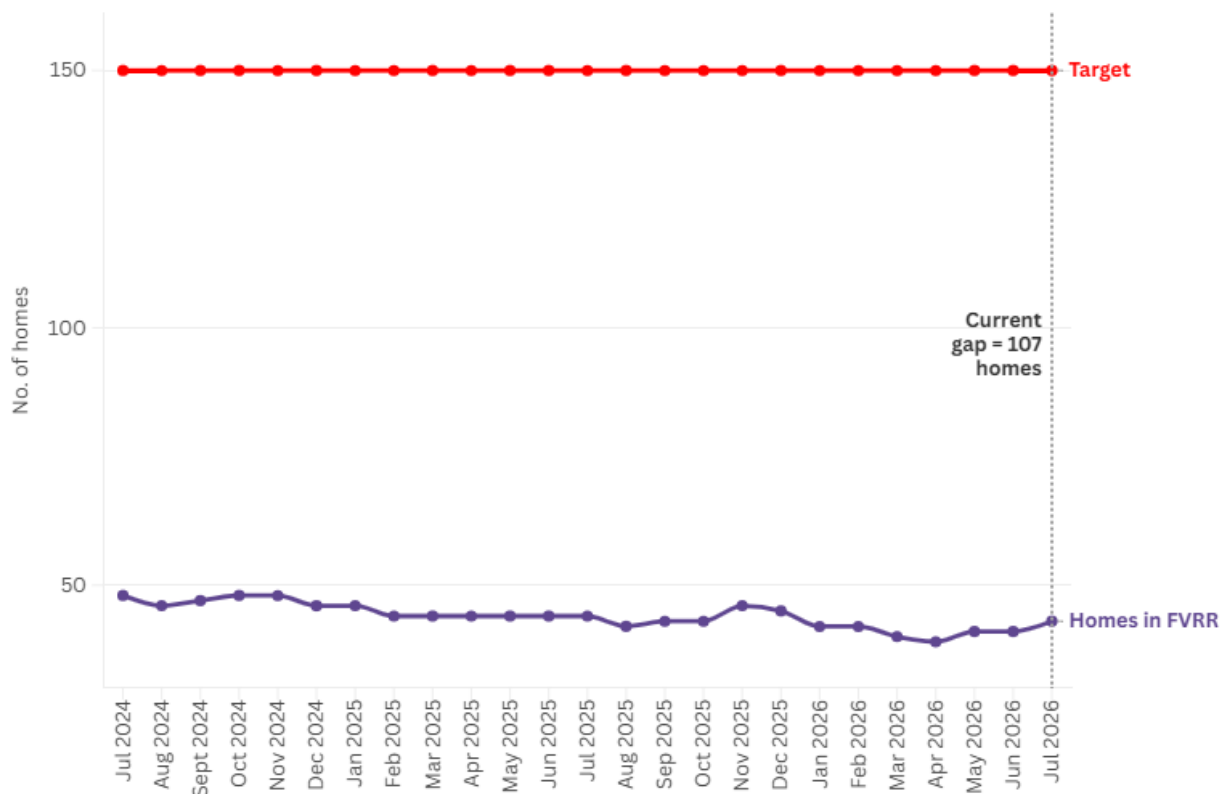


Source: Homes Tasmania Dashboard, July 2026

Figure 3.4b:

Uptake of Homes Tasmania's Family Violence Rapid Rehousing program

From July 2024 to July 2026



Source: Homes Tasmania Dashboard, July 2026

Topic 4: Child and youth homelessness

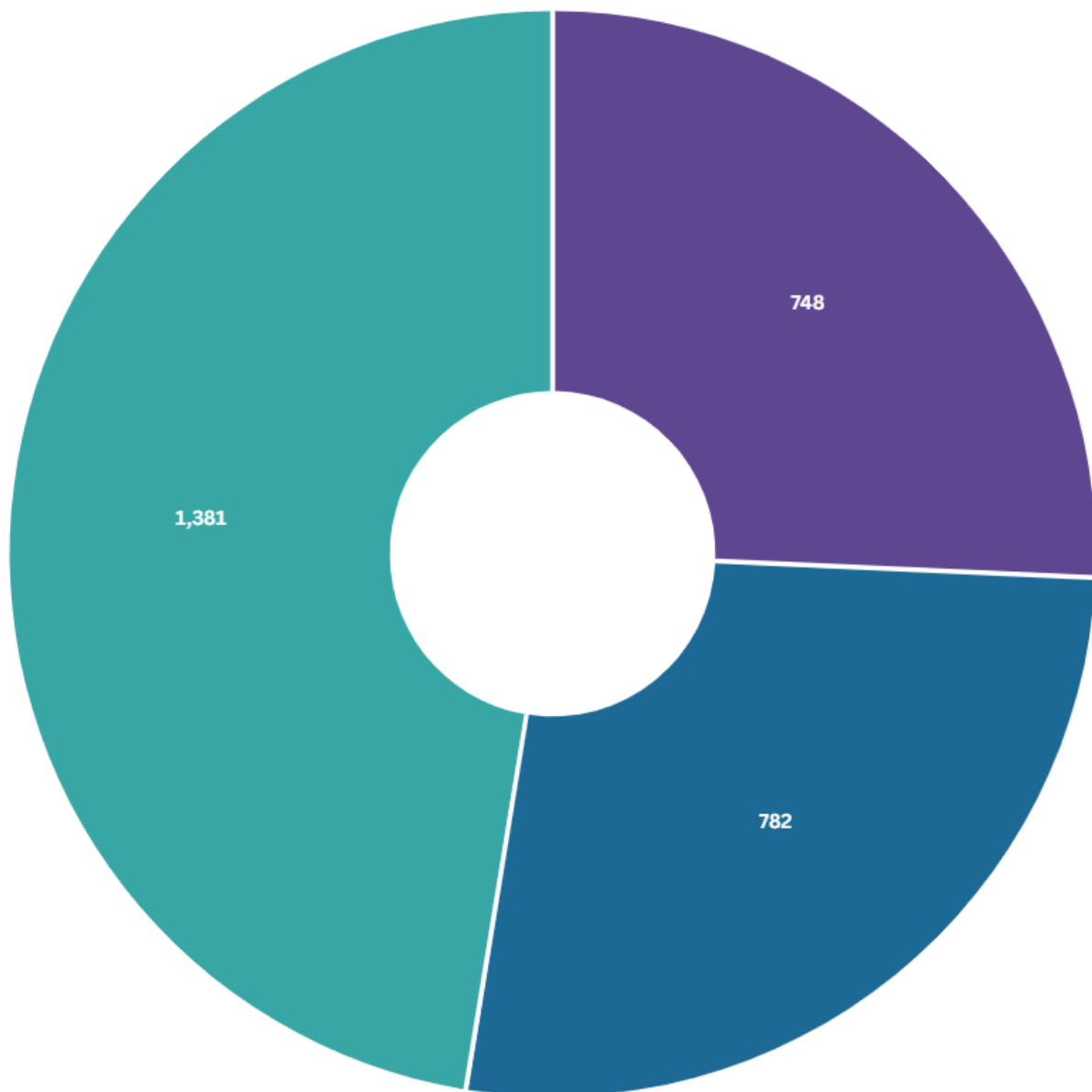


Figure 4.1:

Children waiting for social housing in Tasmania, April 2026

Children aged under 18 years

■ North ■ North West ■ South

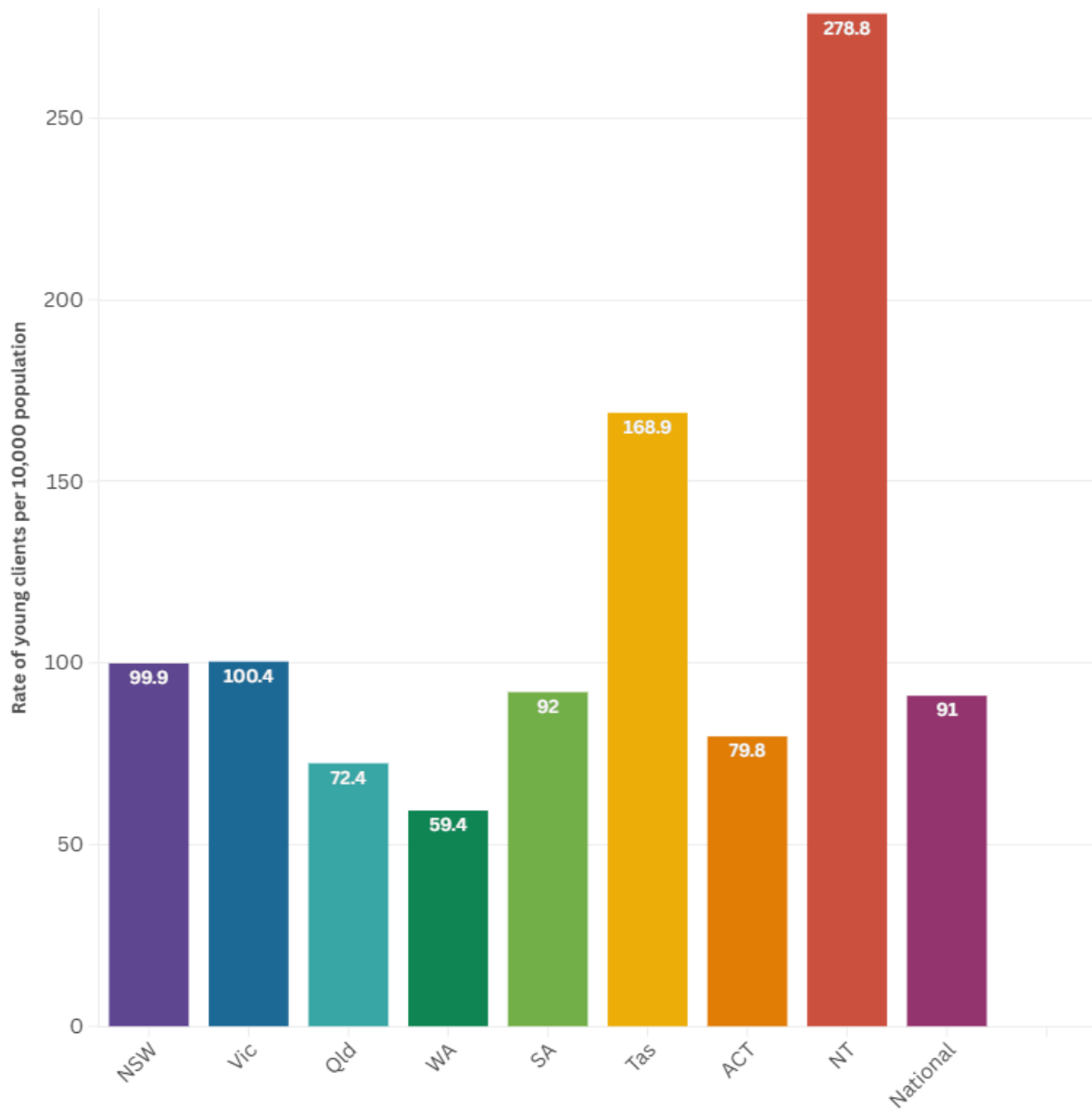


Source: Answers to Questions on Notice at Estimates, Minister Vincent, 13 June 2026 • Total children waiting for social housing, June 2026: 2,911 children

Figure 4.2:

Young people presenting alone to Specialist Homelessness Services, 2024-25

Clients aged 15-24 years per 10,000 Estimated Resident Population

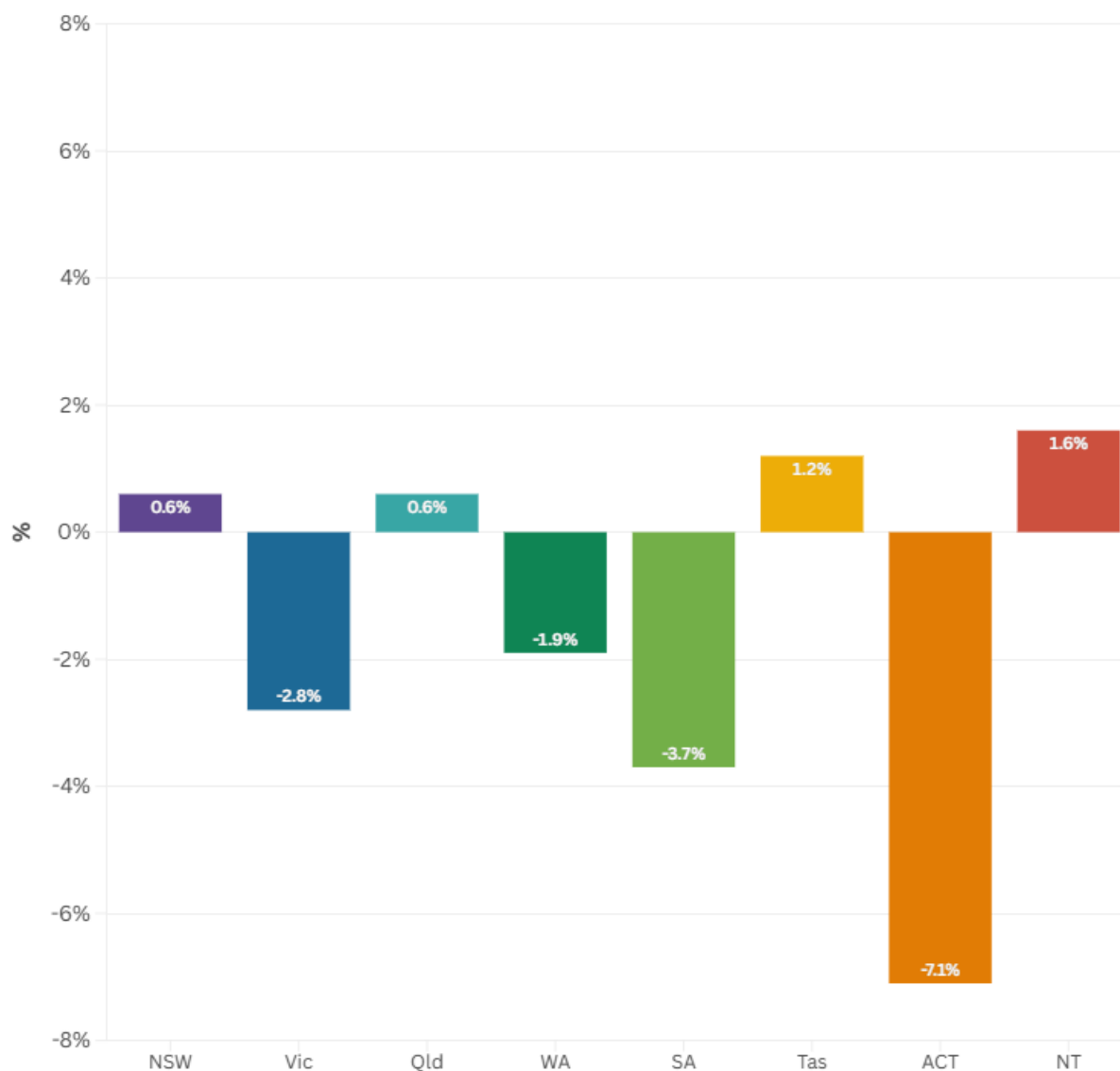


Source: AIHW Specialist Homelessness data 2024-25

Figure 4.3:

Average annual change in young people presenting alone to Specialist Homelessness Services, 2011-12 to 2023-24

Young people (15-24 years)



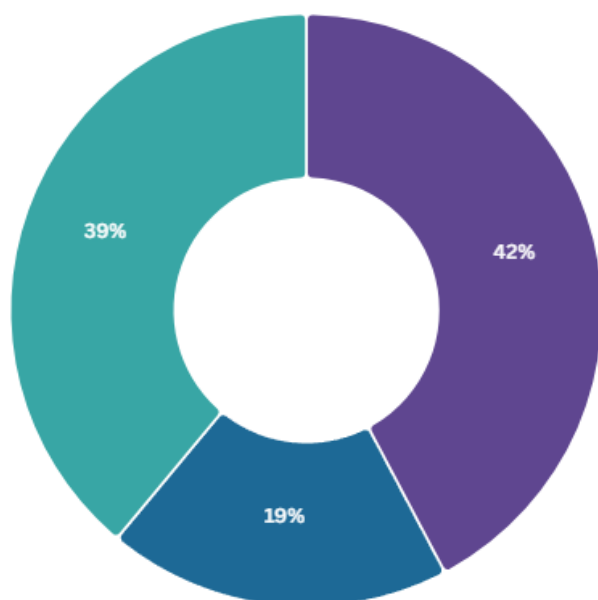
Source: AIHW Specialist Homelessness Services data, 2011-12 to 2023-24

Figure 4.4:

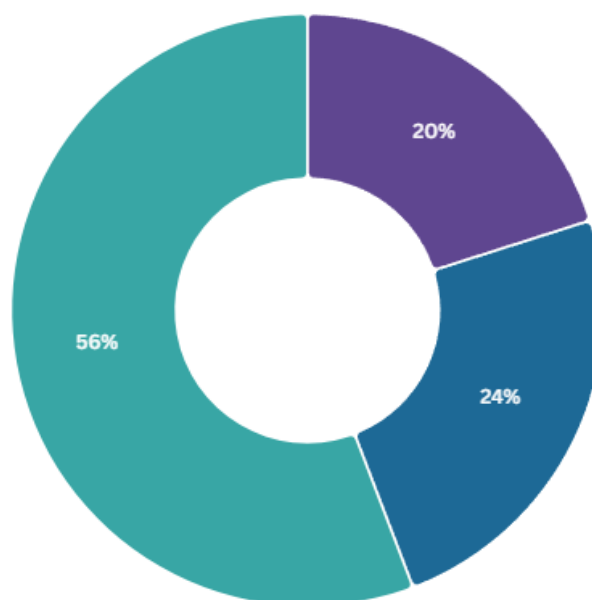
Unassisted requests for homelessness services, Tasmania & Australia, 2024-2025

■ Children (0-14 years) ■ Young people (15-24 years) ■ 25 years and over

Tasmania



Australia



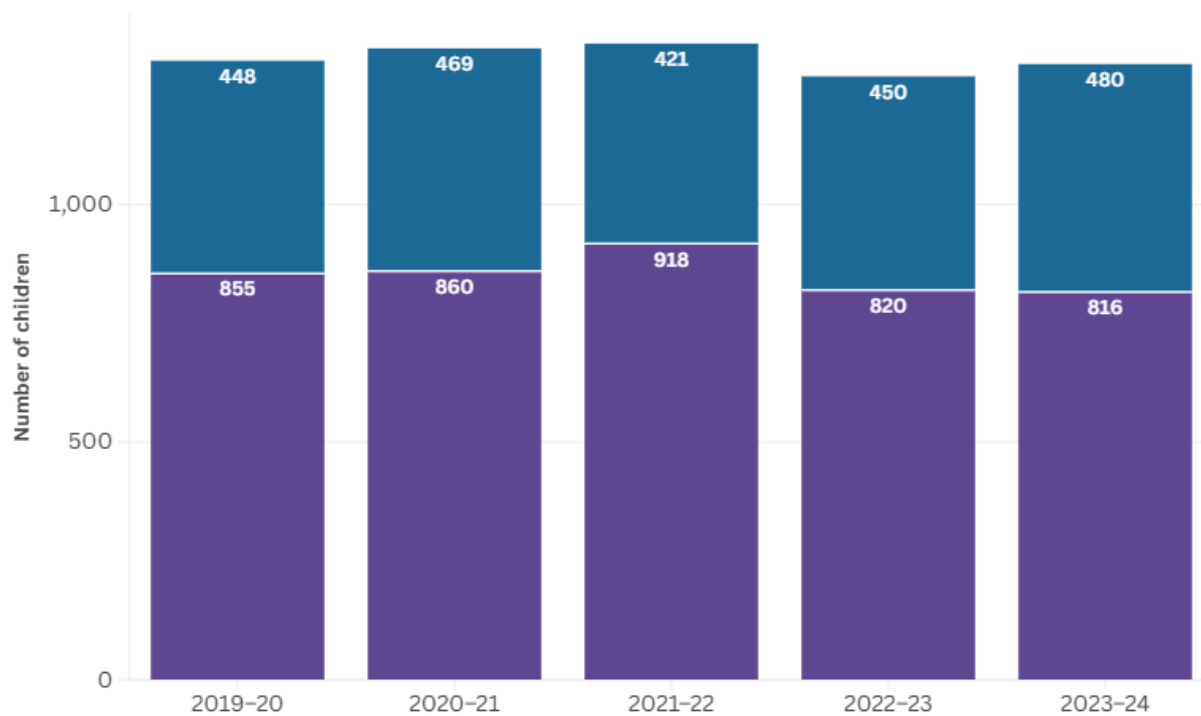
Source: AIHW Specialist Homelessness Services data 2024-25

Figure 4.5:

Children receiving Specialist Homelessness Services support in Tasmania

Children aged 12-17 years, 2019-20 to 2023-24

■ Children accompanied by an adult ■ Unaccompanied children

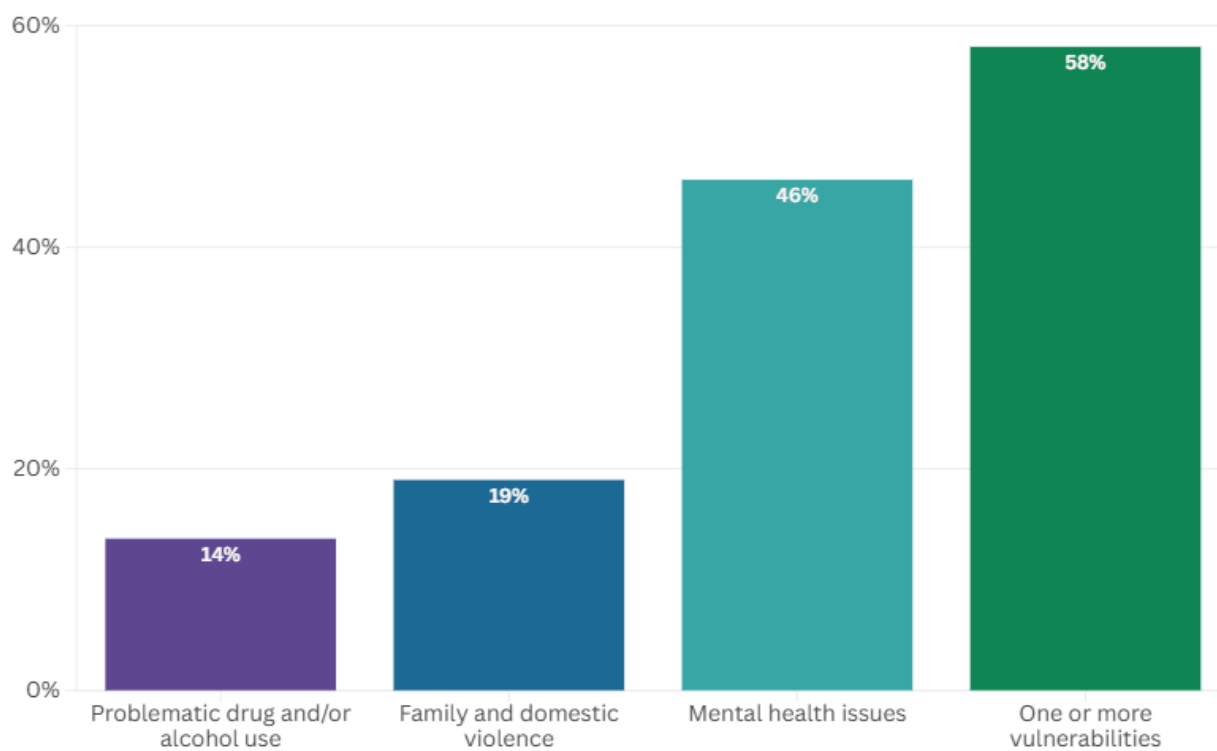


Source: Specialist Homelessness Services, AIHW: Feature analysis, Last updated: 26 August 2025

Figure 4.6:

Specialist Homelessness Services support for unaccompanied children with vulnerabilities, Tasmania

Support periods for unaccompanied children aged 12-17 years, July 2021 to June 2024

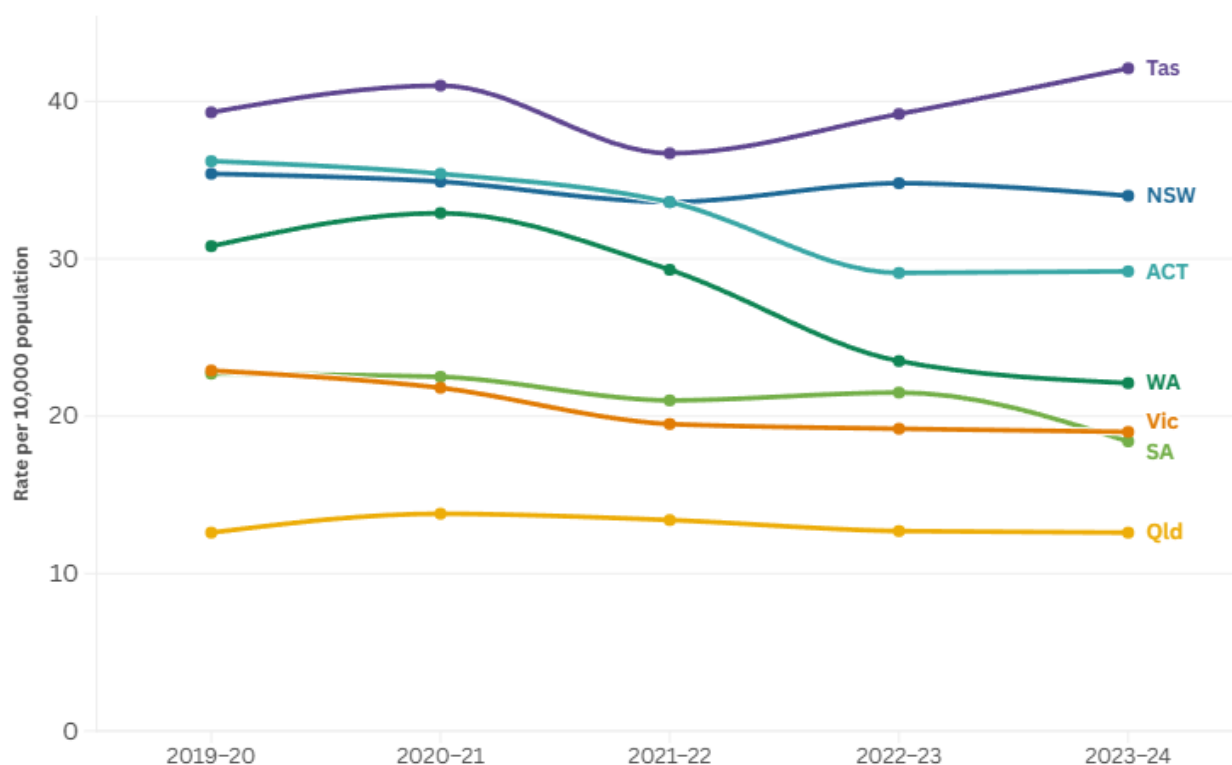


Source: Specialist Homelessness Services: Feature analysis. AIHW, Last updated: 26 August 2025

Figure 4.7:

Tasmania has the highest rate of unaccompanied children receiving Specialist Homelessness Services support

Rate per 10,000 population for unaccompanied children aged 12-17 years, 2019-2020 to 2023-24



Source: Specialist Homelessness Services: Feature analysis. AIHW, Last updated: 26 August 2025 • Data for the Northern Territory omitted due to data issues

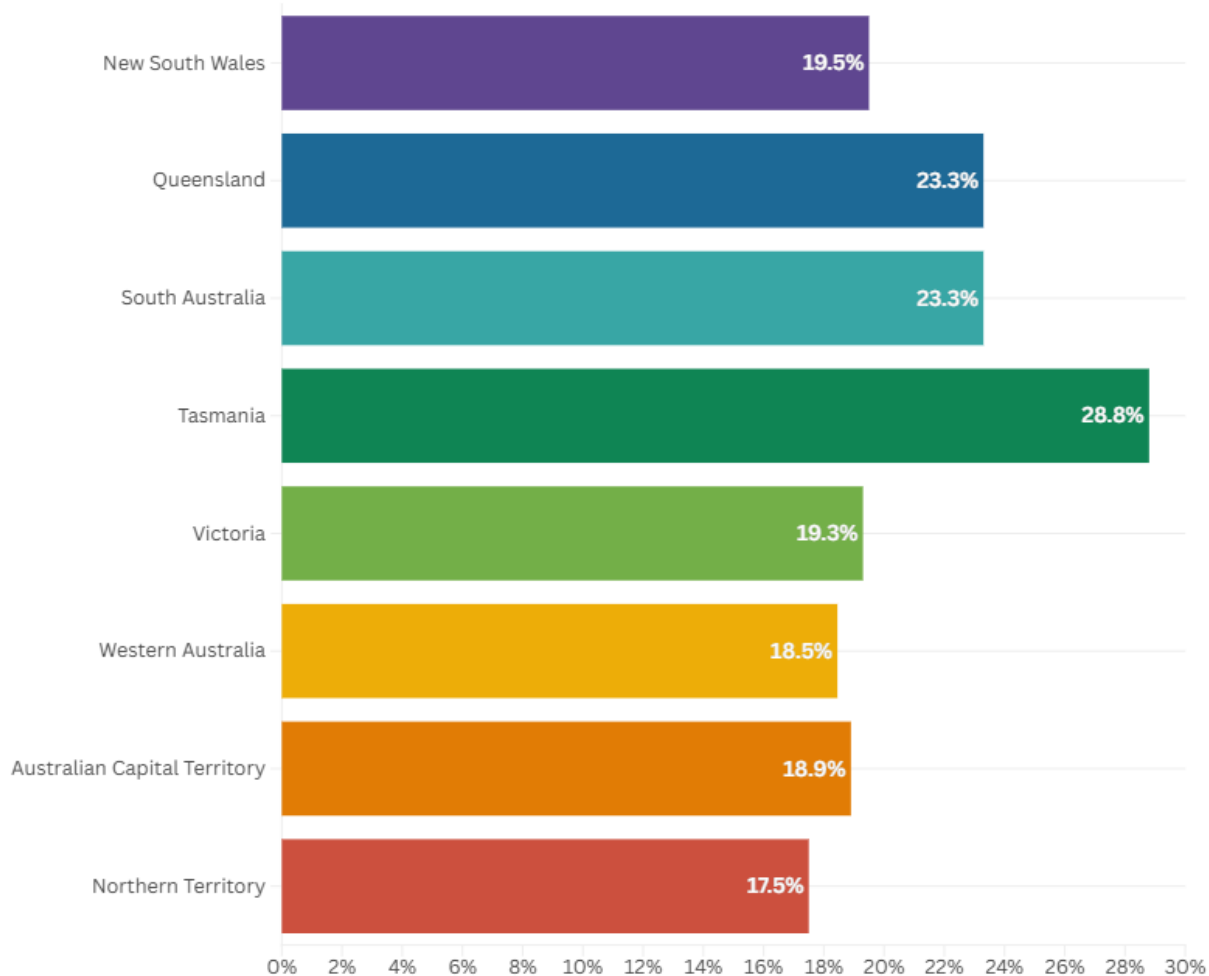
Topic 5: Disability and housing



Figure 5.1:

Estimated proportion of population with reported disability

All persons



Source: Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 2022, Australian Bureau of Statistics

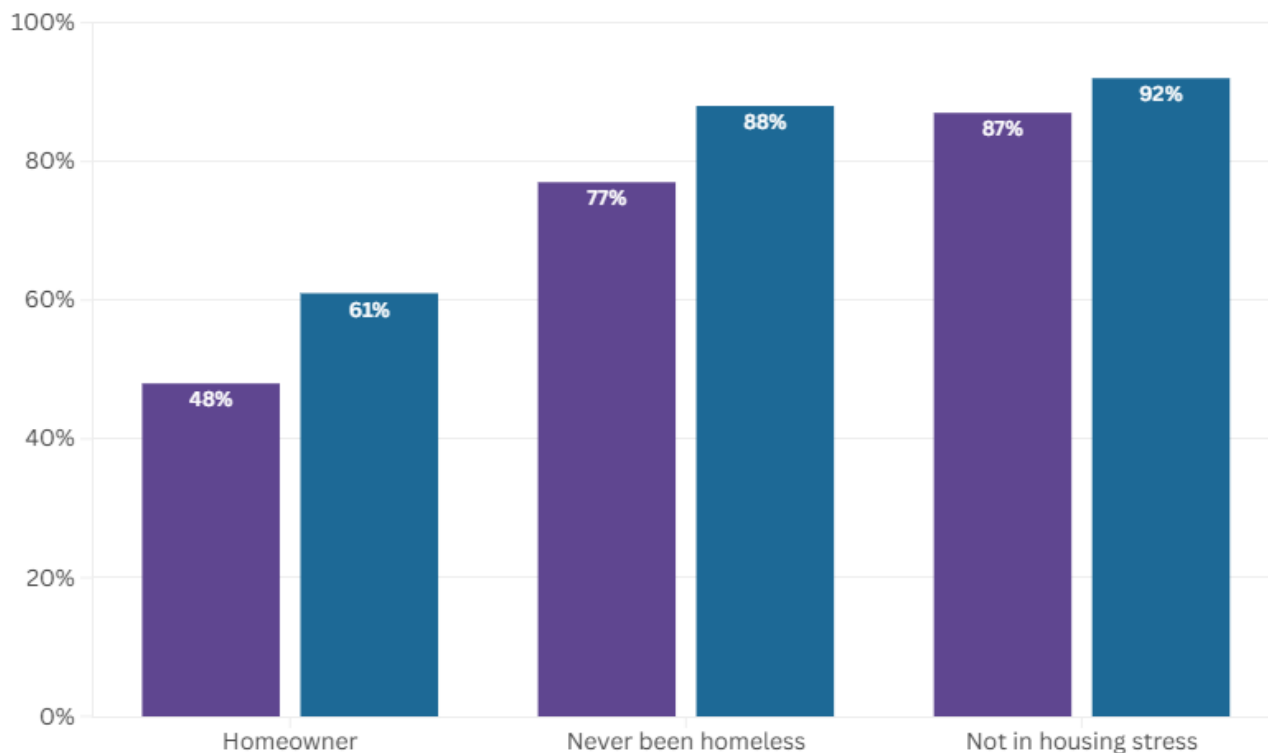
Figure 5.2:

Housing security for people with and without disability in Australia

People aged 18-64 years



■ People with disability ■ People without disability

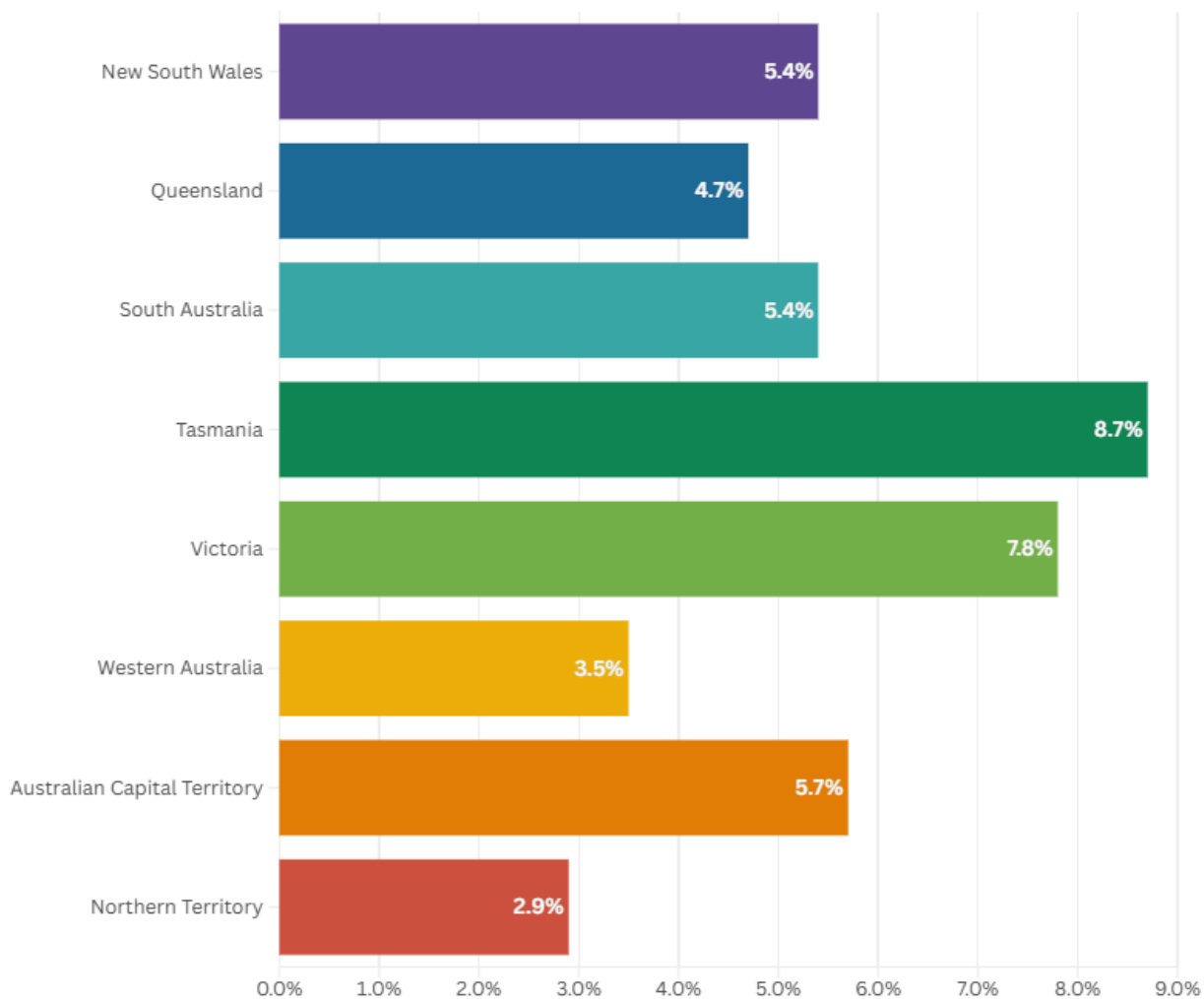


Source: Disability and Wellbeing Monitoring Framework: Baseline Indicator Data for Australians aged 18-64 years

Figure 5.3:

Proportion of people receiving Specialist Homelessness Services support who are NDIS participants

All people receiving Specialist Homelessness Services



Source: Specialist Homelessness Services Annual Report, 2024-25, AIHW

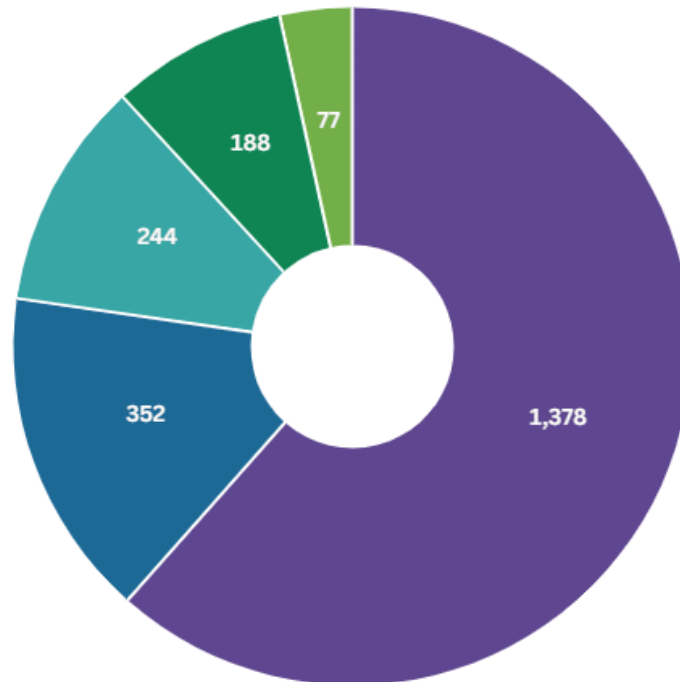
Figure 5.4:

New social housing built to Livable Housing Design standards, Tasmania

For the period 1 October 2020 - July 2026



■ Silver
 ■ Not met
 ■ Unknown
 ■ Gold
 ■ Platinum or above



Source: Homes Tasmania Dashboard, July 2026

Topic 6: Rental reform

\$ Proportion of Tasmanian households who privately rent their home, 1994-95

14.6%

Australian Bureau of Statistics, May 2022

\$ Proportion of Tasmanian households who privately rent their home, 2019-20

21.7%

Australian Bureau of Statistics, May 2022

📅 Average time to save for a deposit to buy a home, median income households, 2024

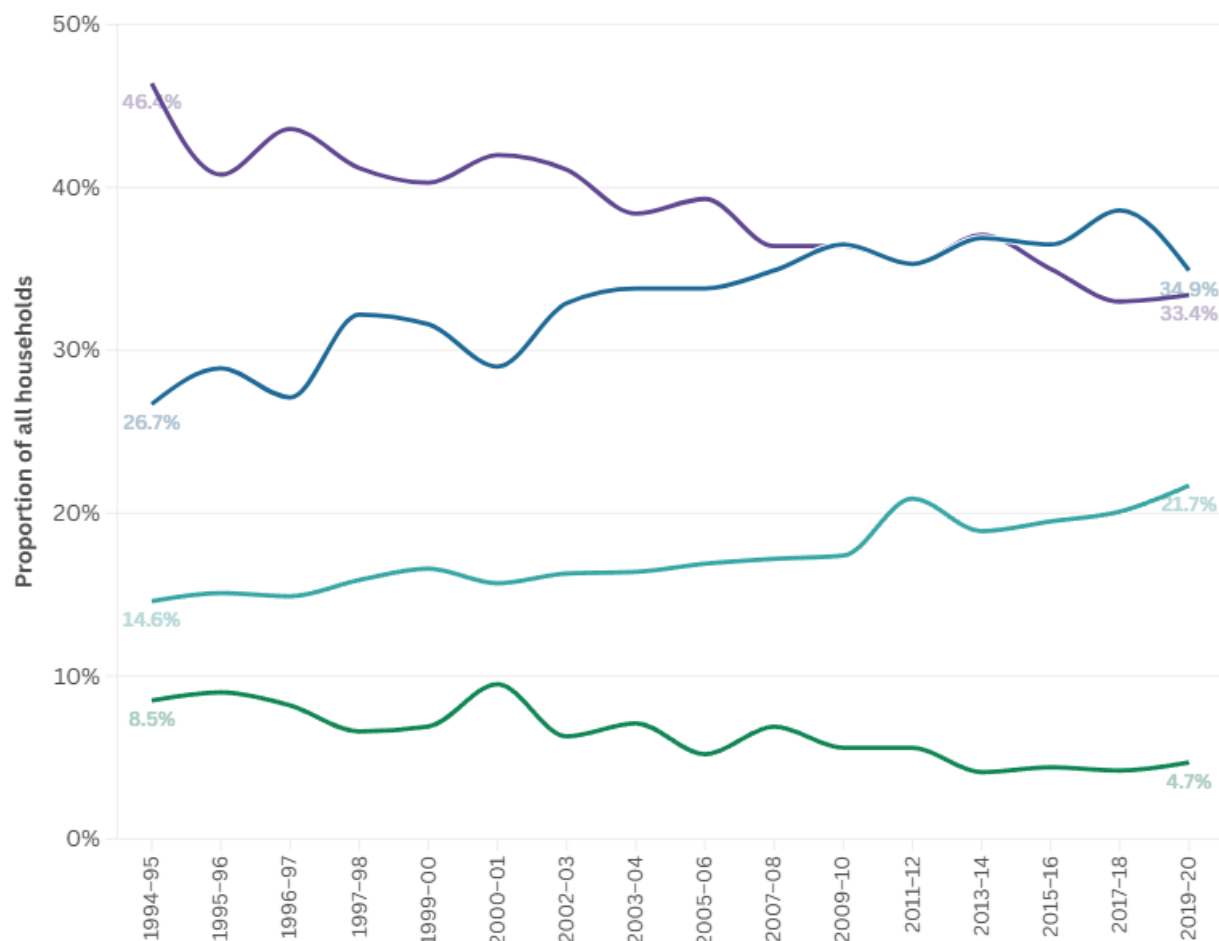
10.6 years

NHSAC, 2025

Figure 6.1:

Households by tenure type (%), 1994-95 to 2019-20, Tasmania

■ Owner without a mortgage
 ■ Owner with a mortgage
 ■ Renting - private landlord
 ■ Renting - state or territory housing authority



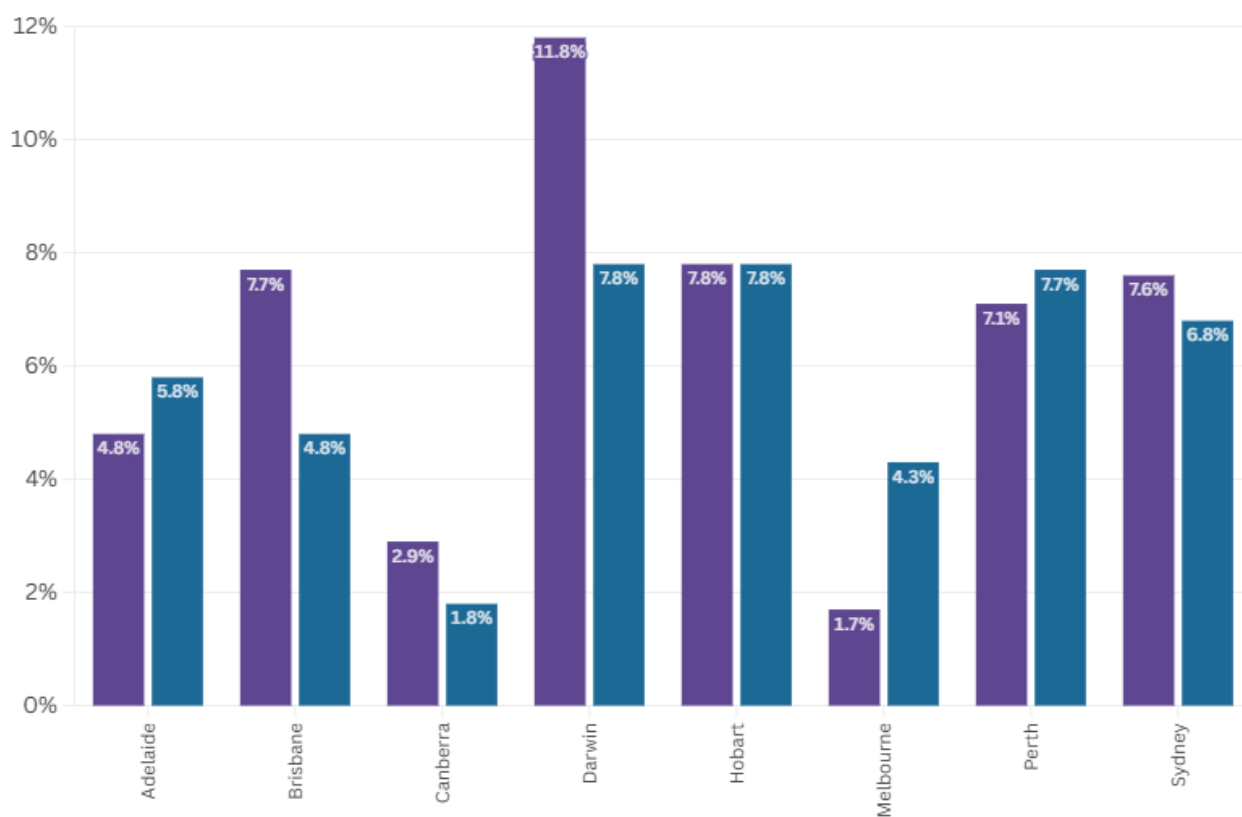
Source: ABS Housing Occupancy and Costs, Australia, 2019-20, Table 12.18 Household Estimates 1994-95 to 2019-20 • Refer to "Insights into this data" for an explanation of why we've used this data

Figure 6.2:

Annual growth in new median rents in capital cities, 2025 - 2026

For the period June 2025 quarter - June quarter 2026

■ Median house rent - annual growth ■ Median unit rent - annual growth

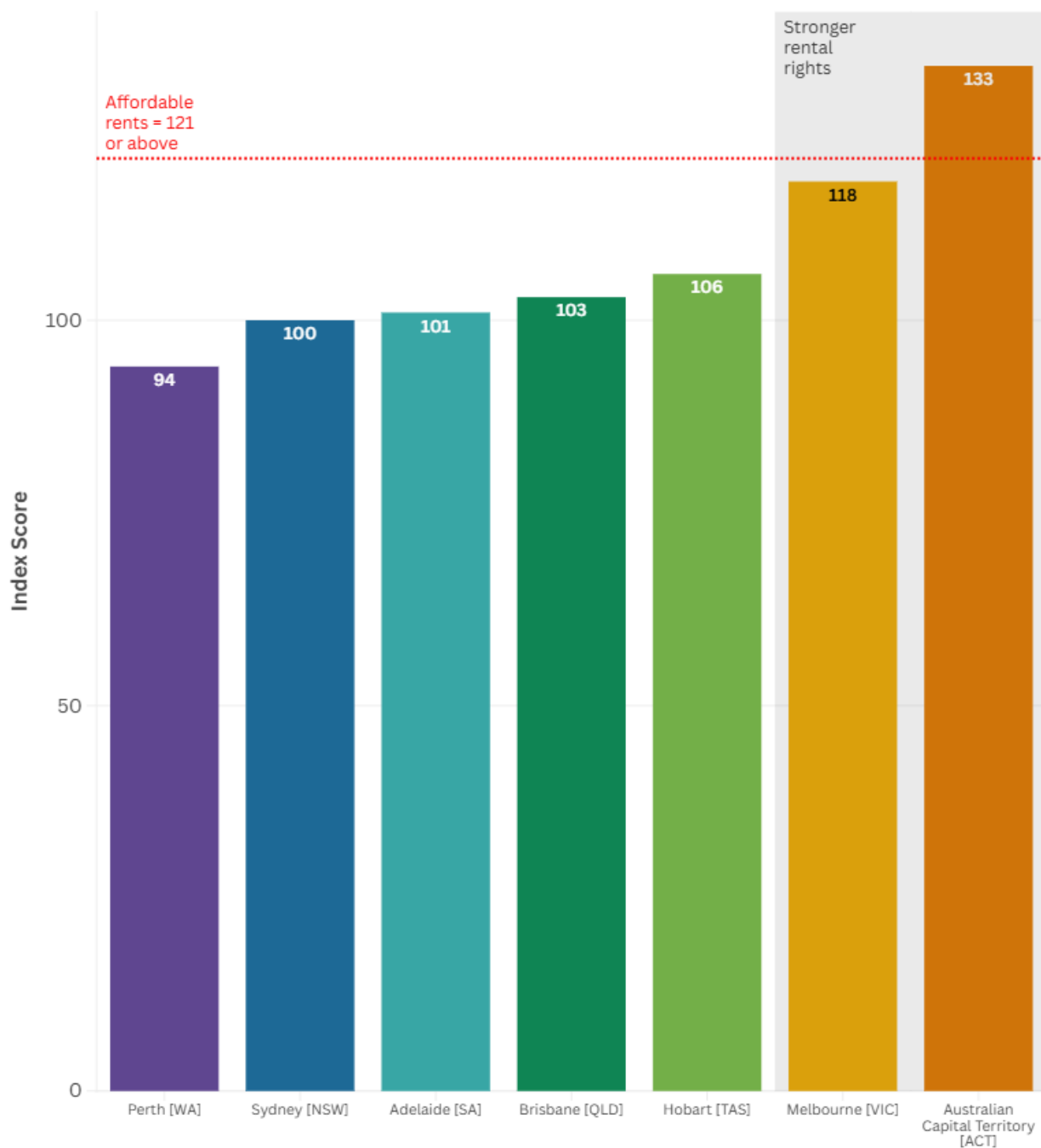


Source: Domain Rental Report, June 2026

Figure 6.3:

Rental Affordability Index Scores for Metropolitan Areas, June 2025

The higher the score, the more affordable the rent



Source: SGS Rental Affordability Index, 2025 • Rental Affordability Index Score not available for Darwin [NT]

Figure 6.4:

Comparing rental rights and protections in Australian jurisdictions, June 2026

State or territory	Vic	NSW	ACT	Qld	SA	WA	NT	Tas
Unsolicited rent bidding banned	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
No-grounds evictions banned	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Rent increases capped	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Break-lease fees limited	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Portable bond scheme	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Standard lease agreements or terms mandated	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Standard application forms mandated	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Minor modifications allowed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Energy efficiency mandated	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Adequate protections for domestic violence	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Score	8	6	6	6	5	3	2	0

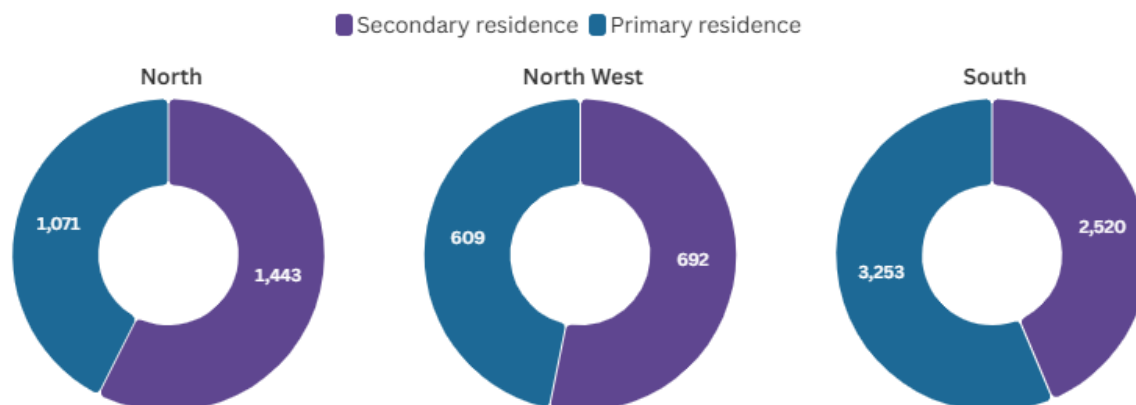
For additional information, refer to TasCOSS's submission to the review of the *Residential Tenancy Act 1997* on our website.

Topic 7: Short-stay rental accommodation

Figure 7.1:

Short-stays by region, Tasmania

All short-stay rental accommodation, April-June 2026



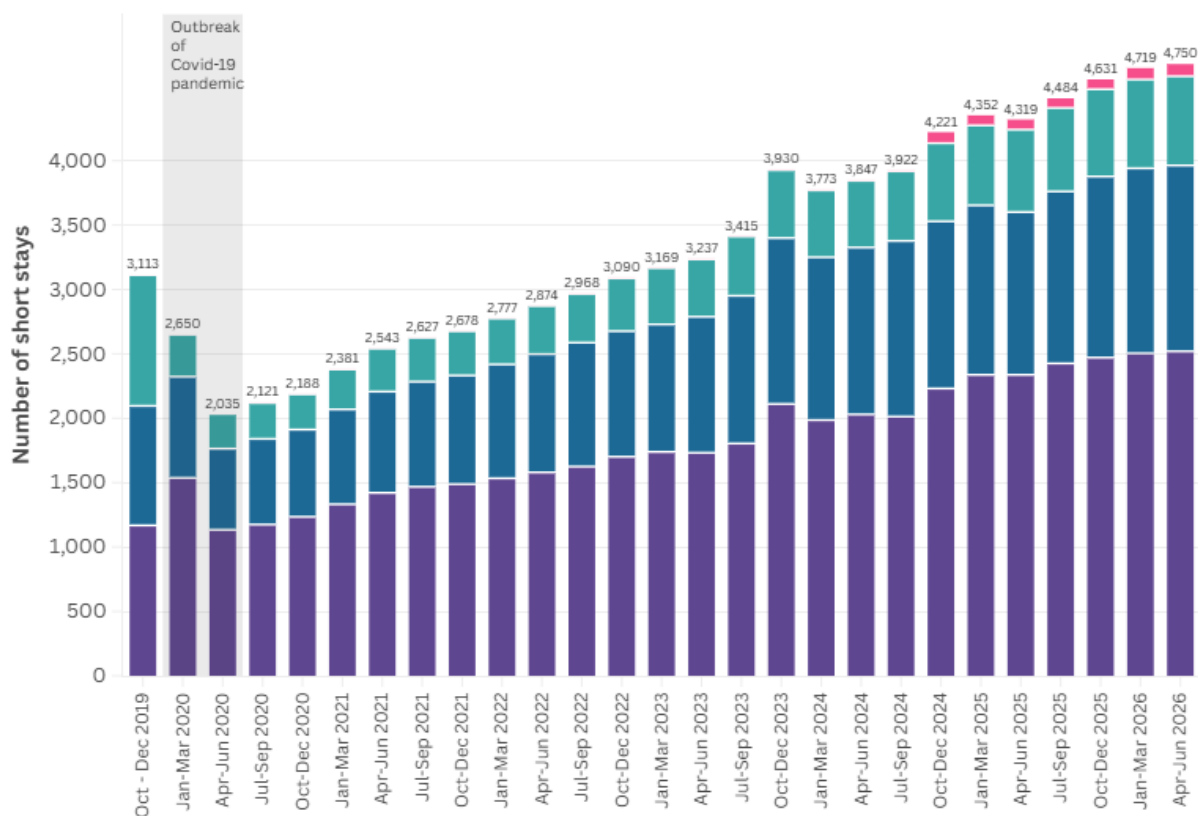
Source: Short Stay Accommodation Act data collection, Consumer, Building and Occupational Services, Tasmanian Government

Figure 7.2:

Growth in short stays in Tasmania by region, 2019 to 2026

Secondary residence short stays, Oct-Dec 2019 to Apr-Jun 2026

■ South ■ North ■ North West ■ LGA Unknown



Source: Short Stay Accommodation Act data collection, Consumer, Building and Occupational Services, Tasmanian Government

Figure 7.3:

Short stay accommodation in Tasmania by LGA and region, 2026

Secondary residence short stay accommodation (Apr-Jun 2026) and all dwellings (Census 2021)

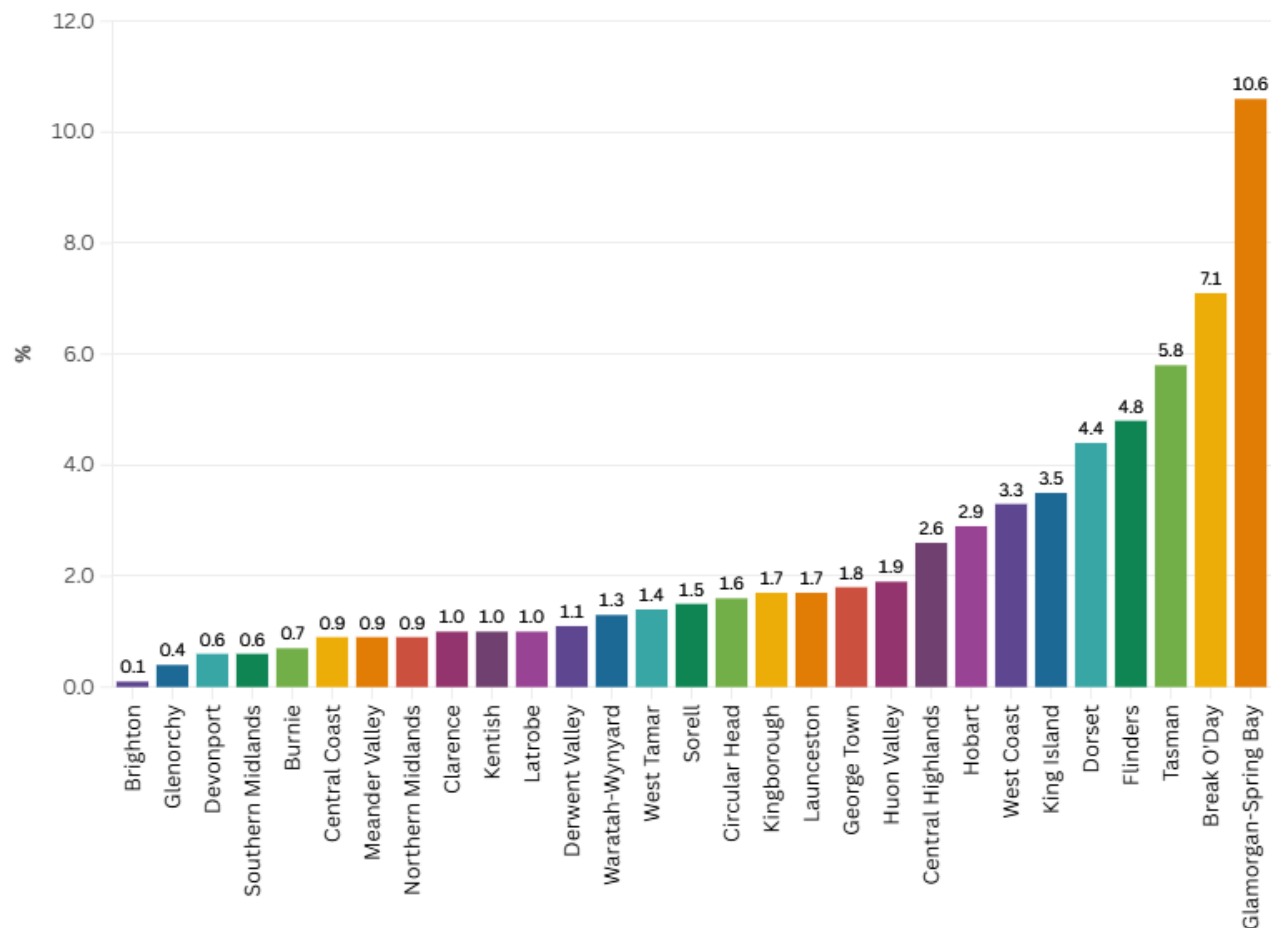


Source: Short Stay Accommodation Act data collection, Consumer, Building and Occupational Services, Tasmanian Government

Figure 7.4:

Density of short-stay accommodation by Local Government Area, Tasmania

'Secondary residence' short-stays (Apr-Jun 2026) as a proportion of all dwellings (2021 Census)

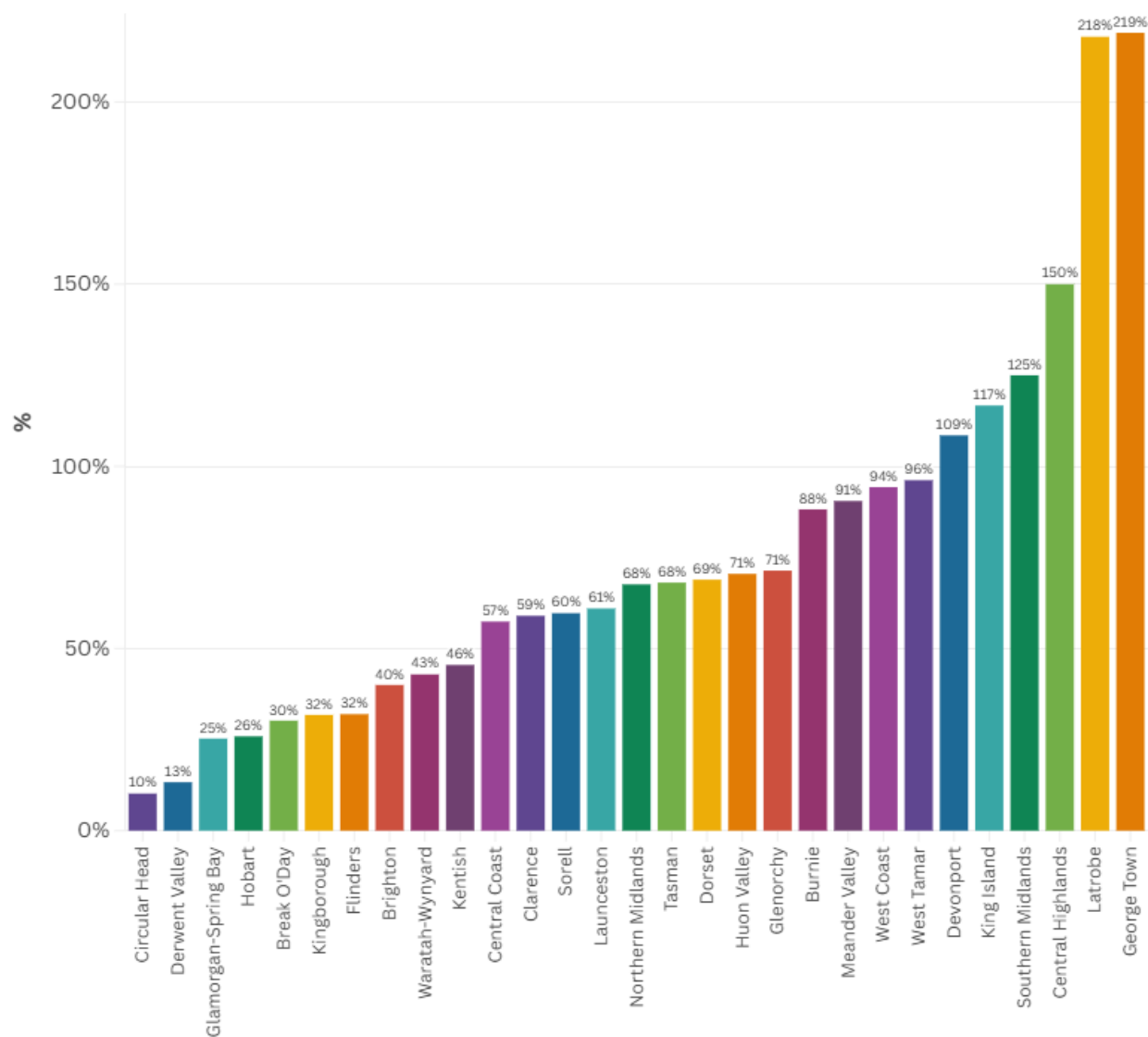


Source: Short Stay Accommodation Act data collection, Consumer, Building and Occupational Services, Tasmanian Government

Figure 7.5:

Growth rate of short stay accommodation by Local Government Area, 2019 - 2026

'Secondary residence' short stays, from Oct-Dec 2019 to Apr-Jun 2026

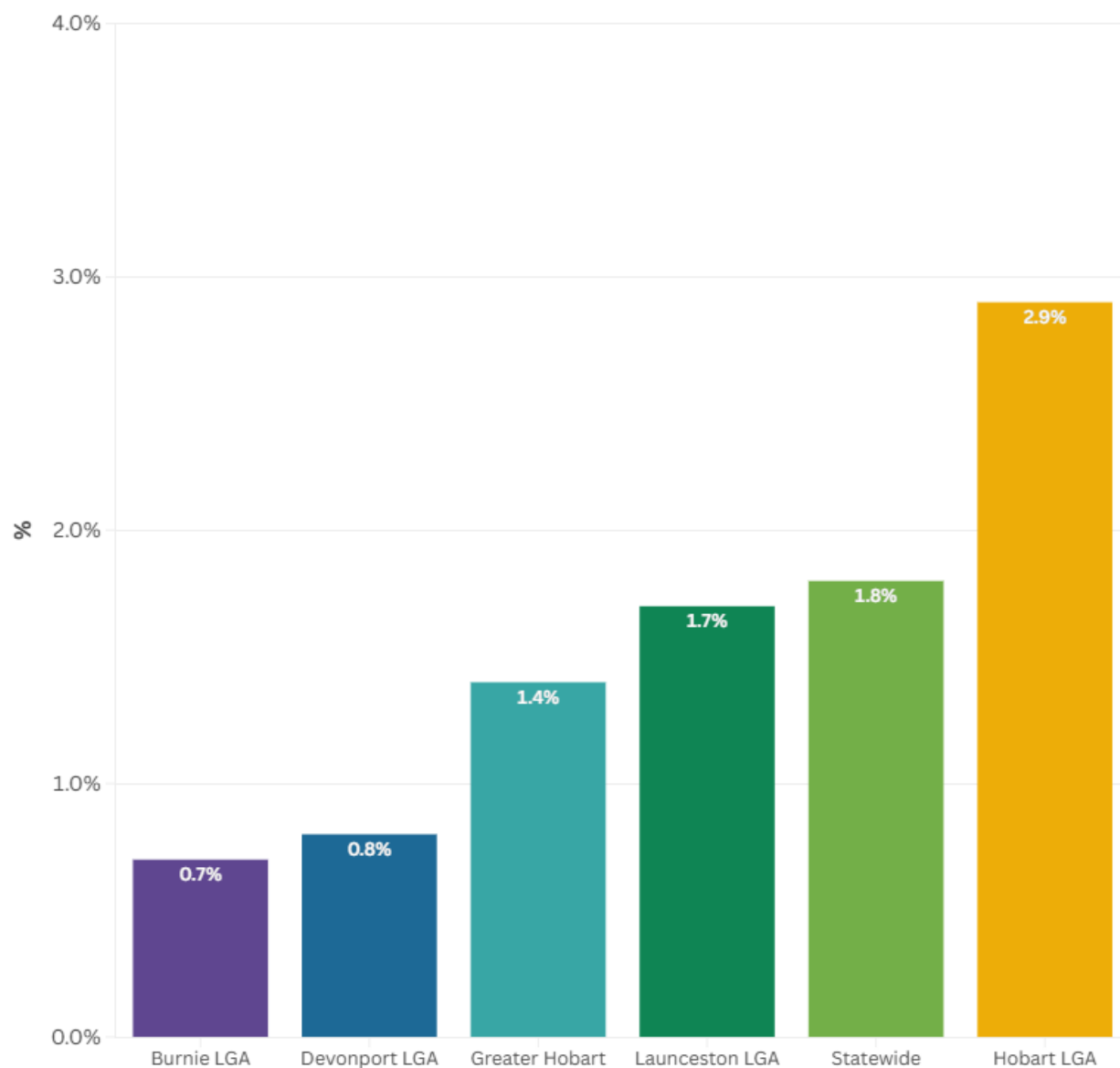


Source: Short Stay Accommodation Act data collection, Consumer, Building and Occupational Services, Tasmanian Government

Figure 7.6:

Density of short stays by city, Tasmania, 2026

Secondary residence short stays (Apr-Jun 2026) and all dwellings (Census 2021)



Source: Short Stay Accommodation Act data collection, Consumer, Building and Occupational Services, Tasmanian Government • Greater Hobart includes the LGAs of Brighton, Clarence, Hobart, Glenorchy, Kingborough and Sorell.