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National Housing
Women Building Futures

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women face significant housing challenges.

We surveyed 61 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Their replies show they are significantly more likely to experience housing and financial difficulties when compared to non-Indigenous women.

31%

had been homeless at some point in the past five years (12%*)

36%

know at least one woman who is currently homeless (19%*)

56%

had gone without meals to pay for their rent or mortgage (28%*)

43%

had accessed emergency food relief (17%*)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are more likely to have accessed accommodation outside the private housing market in the past five years due to affordability. This includes:

25%

with friends or relatives (13%*)

21%

in caravan parks (4%*)

16%

in crisis accommodation (3%*)

15%

in their car (4%*)

**Responses from non-Indigenous women indicated as (X%).*

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