

Cross Sector Orientation Workshop: 2019

**Homelessness and
Housing
in Alice Springs**

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Homelessness in the NT

About 13727 people in the NT are homeless*



Of these

Over half are female*



47% Are seeking homeless services due to domestic & family violence**



4942 Children are homeless in the NT*



Everyday Homeless Services turn people away because they lack the resources, funding or capacity to help

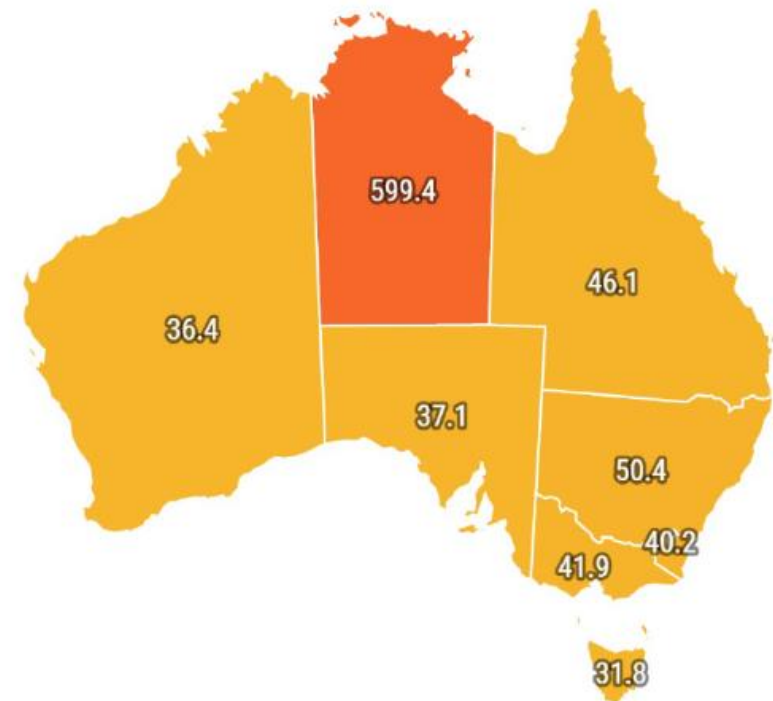
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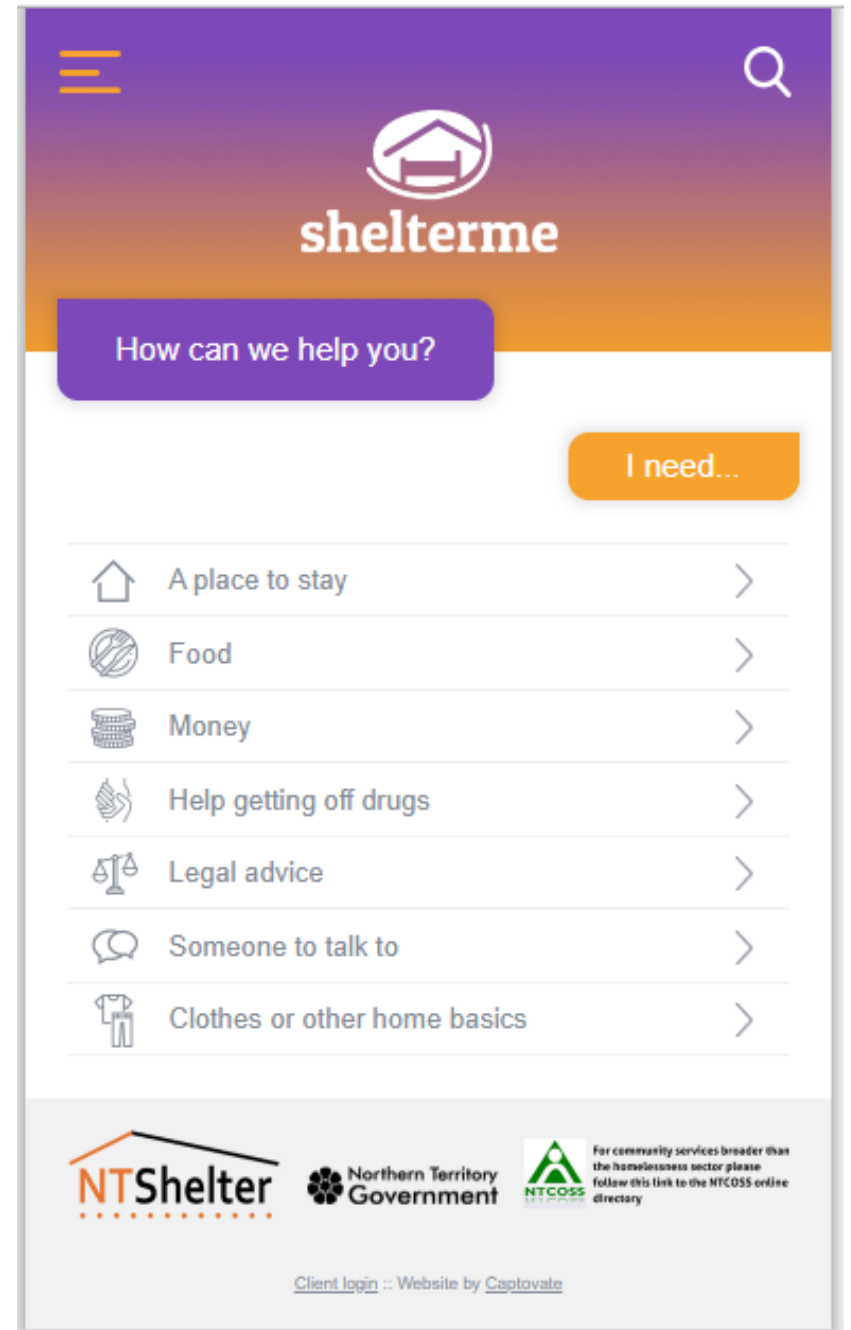
Highest Homelessness Rates in the Nation

Rate per 10,000 population



How to Link with Services

- NT Shelter's 'Shelter Me' app/webpage:
- Crisis Accommodation
- Transitional or Medium Term Accommodation
- Public Housing
- Bond Assistance/private rental



PURPOSE

Develop sustainable communities through partnerships to enhance the physical and social wellbeing of Territorians through connected and resourceful service delivery.

VISION

An engaged, dynamic social service that maximises opportunities for Territorians to strive, thrive and prosper.



MISSION

We will know our business, our people and our community to deliver improved social outcomes for the Territory.



WHO WE ARE

Partnered
Respectful
Objective
United
Diverse

Present
Empathetic
Open
Principled
Linked
Empowered

WHAT WE DO

- Develop towns, regions and remote areas through respectful engagement
- Provide accommodation pathways and housing options for those who need them
- Support local government
- Promote Aboriginal languages and provide interpreting and translating services
- Lead homeland, land tenure and Aboriginal essential services.

HOW WE DO IT

Teams
Abilities
Skills
Knowledge

Future
Organisation
Clients
Understanding
Synergies
Engagement
Delivery

Longer term accommodation options – How to access

Accessing public housing

The department's primary function is to provide safe, affordable and secure housing services to eligible residents. Application forms and eligibility fact sheets for public housing are available online or from your local housing office or service provider.

Wait times for public housing

There are over 1000 people currently on the public housing waiting list. The average wait time for public housing is 4-6 years.

Priority public housing

Priority housing is considered a need for people who are experiencing urgent and extreme hardship. A hardship could be homelessness, serious medical conditions or disability, or social problems that affect peoples ability to find housing.

Priority housing is not considered crisis or emergency accommodation. However the department will offer referrals to other organizations that will not impact an application for priority housing.

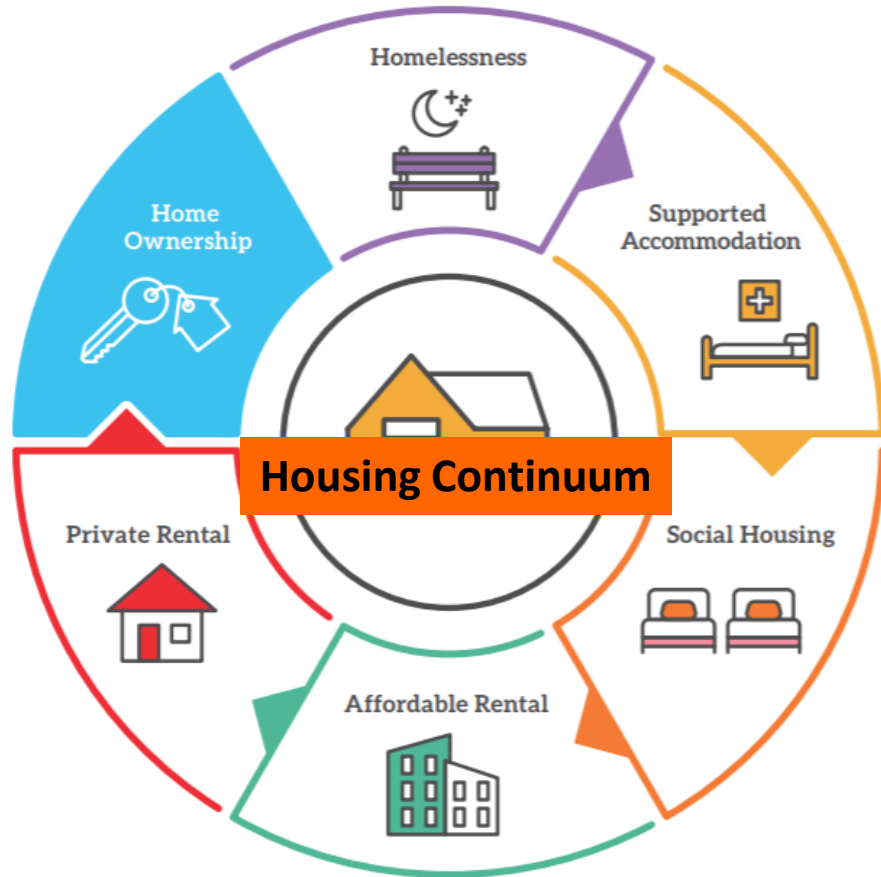
Other Accommodation Options – How to access

Town Camps Housing

Affordable and Community Housing – People working income

Private Rental and Home Ownership





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