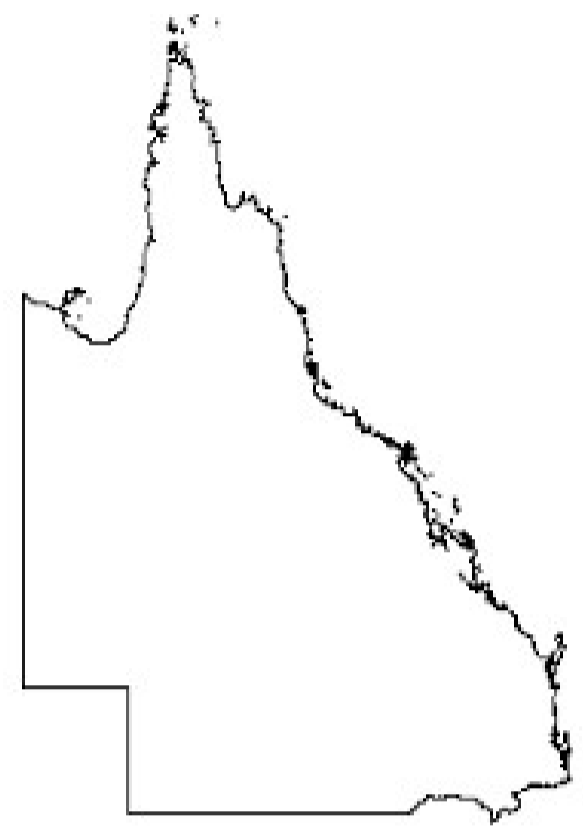


Leaving Care and the Impact of Homelessness

Homelessness Prevalence



According to the 2016 Census, **4,454** young Queenslanders were homeless.

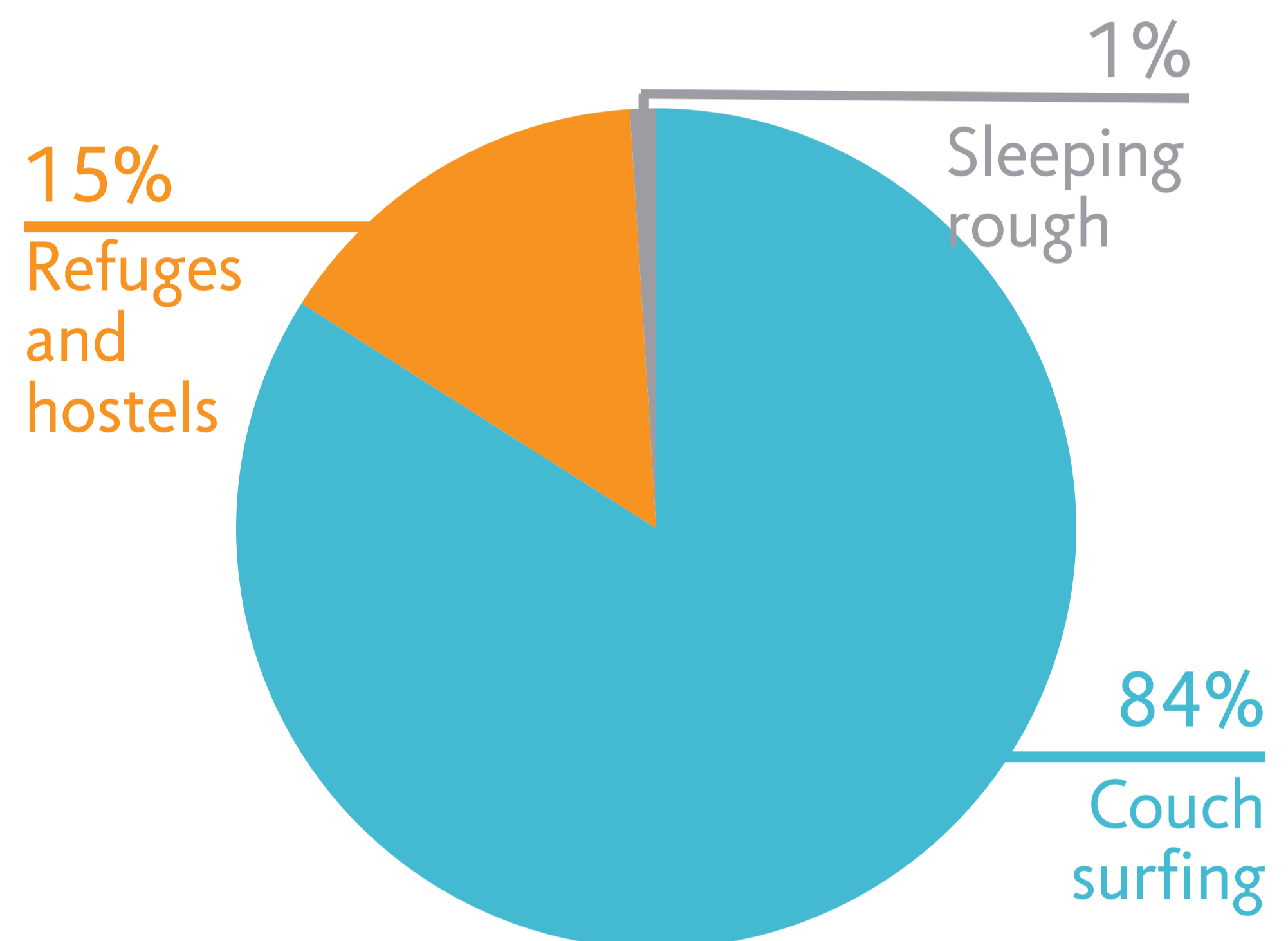
In 2016-17, **8,081** young people accessed specialist QLD homelessness services

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders are

7x

more likely to be homeless than non-Indigenous Queenslanders

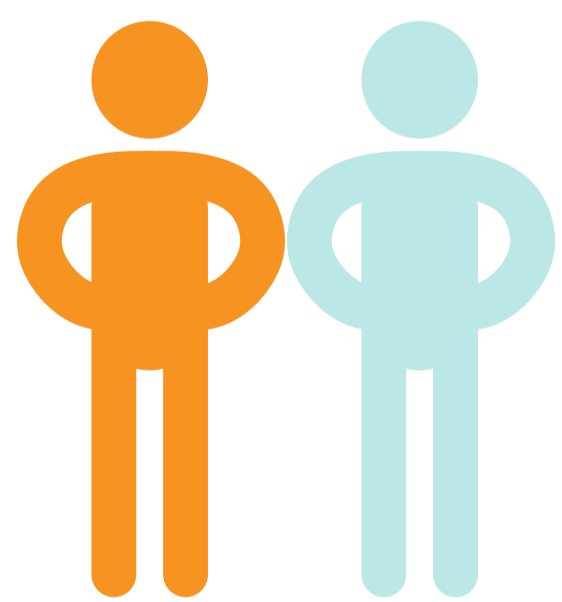
The Australian National Census of Homeless School Students explored where young homeless people were living



Leaving Care

590

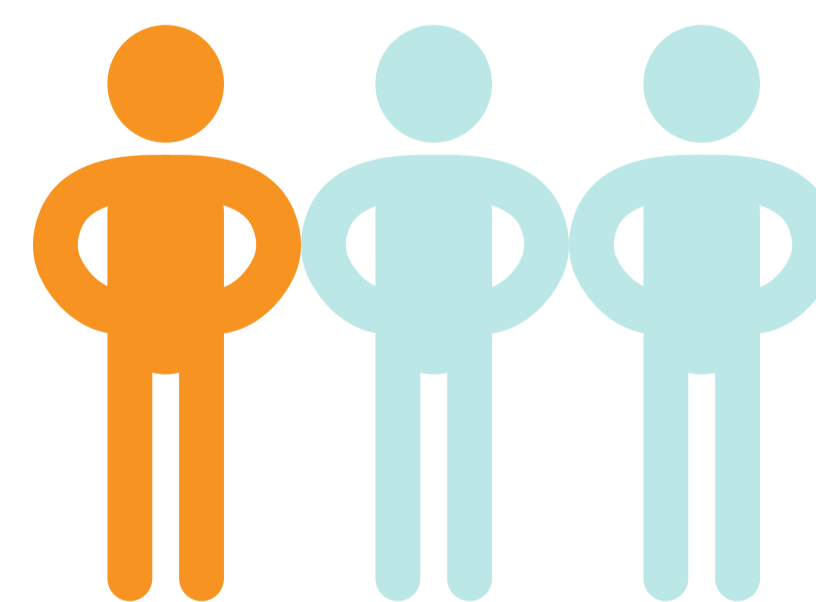
Young people aged 15-18 left out-of-home care in Queensland in 2016-17



young people leaving care will become homeless within 5 years

50%

young people had to leave their placement when their care arrangement ended



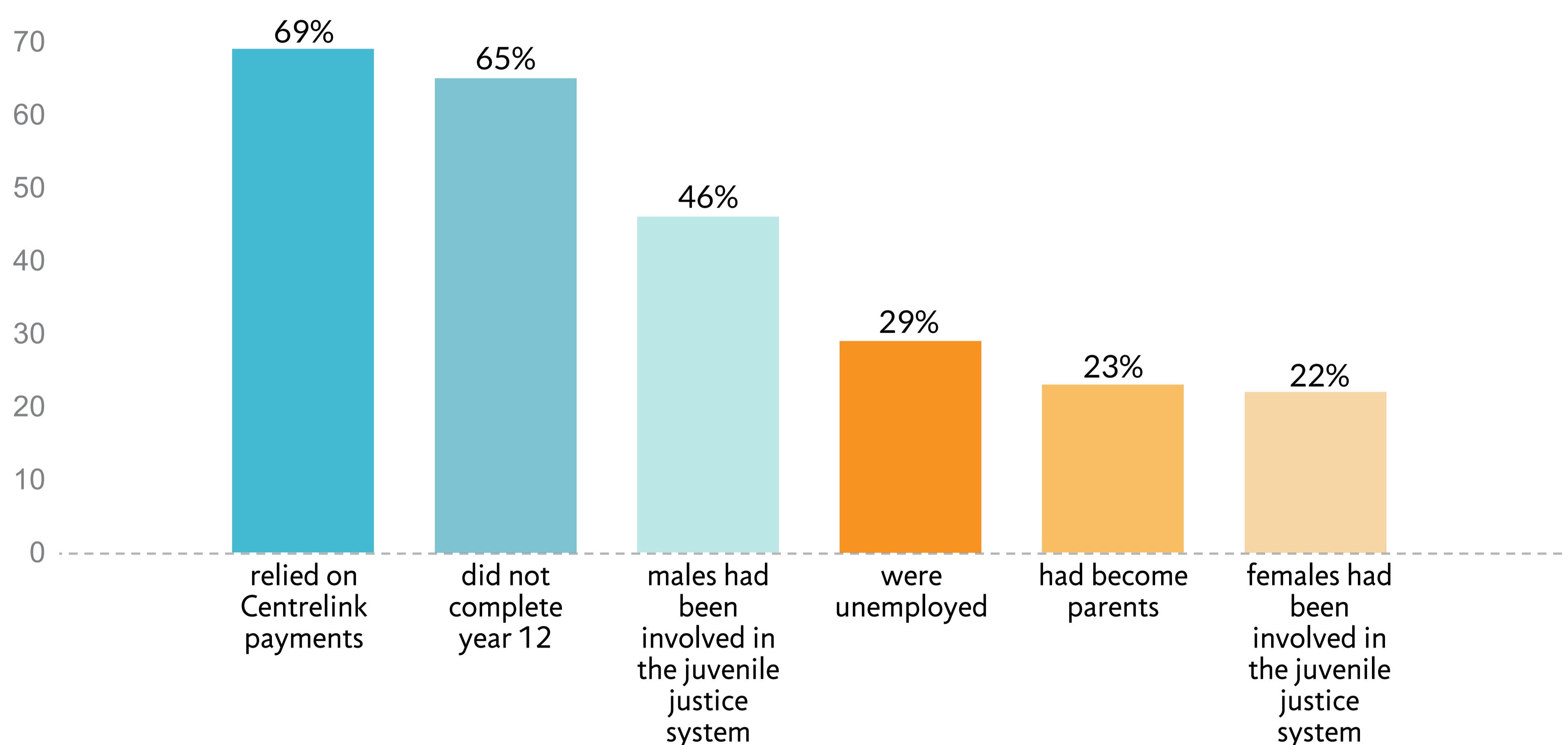
young people leaving care will become homeless within 12 months

Care Leaver Outcomes

Both care-leavers and homeless young people have high rates of:

Reliance on welfare payments Failure to complete high school Early parenthood
Juvenile justice involvement Mental health problems Substance misuse problems
Unemployment

A CREATE study of young people who had recently left care in Australia found:



A Victorian study of care leavers aged 18-25 found:

50%

were unemployed, in jail or taking parenting roles

36%

had moved more than five times in previous 12 months

65%

were diagnosed with an illness or disability

\$738,741

Estimated cost to the State per care-leaver resulting from these poor outcomes