

Issues facing young people in Australia



Out-of-home care

45,000 children and young people are unable to live with their parents due to abuse and neglect. **47%** or more than **22,000** children in out-of-home care are aged 10-17 years.

AIHW 2018/19



Care leavers

Within one year of exiting out-of-home care, **50%** of care leavers will be unemployed, in jail, homeless or become a new parent.

Homestretch.org.au



Mental health

1 in 7 young Australians experience a mental health condition.

www.health.gov.au 2018



Poverty

1 in 7 Australians aged 15-24 years are living in poverty.

ACOSS 2020



Abuse

1 in 6 girls and **1 in 9** boys were physically and/or sexually abused before the age of 15.

AIHW 2018



Homelessness

Young people aged 12-24 years make up **one quarter** of Australia's total homeless population.

ACOSS 2020



Unemployment

Youth unemployment is **16%** which is more than twice that of the overall population.

ABS 2020



Substance abuse

Alcohol and illicit drug use were the **leading causes** of total burden of disease in males aged 15-24 and the second and third leading causes (respectively) for females.

AIHW 2020

Find out more

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Child Protection 2018/19
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia 2018
- The Mental Health of Children and Adolescents www.health.gov.au 2018
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Australia 2020
- Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census 2016, and Labour Force, Australia, July 2020
- Australian Council of Social Services, Poverty in Australia 2020



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How Barnardos Australia helps

Our services for young people

Barnardos Australia youth programs provide services for young people aged 12-18 years who are unable to live at home safely.

- **Reconnect Program** - reconnects young people with their families to prevent youth homelessness.
- **Streetwork Program** - youth outreach for young people with drug and alcohol issues, disconnected from family, education and their community.
- **Joint Support Program** - provides support to young people involved in the Juvenile Justice system in the areas of education, employment and accommodation.
- **Supported Accommodation Program** - provides safe accommodation for young people facing homelessness and helps them on their journey to independence.

2019-20 at a glance



13,654

children, young people
and their families
helped by Barnardos.



12,241

Families kept
their children
safe at home



1,413

Children lived
safely in foster
and kinship care



61

Children found
families through
open adoption

Children, young people and their families helped through



5,605

Referrals and
information



6,636

Family
support



1,600

Youth
programs



1,225

Parenting
programs



1,302

Early learning
and education



1,167

Supported
housing

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