

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. **49%** or more than **22,000** children in out-of-home care are aged 10-17 years.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) - Child Protection 2021-22



Substance abuse

Suicide & self-inflicted injuries was the **leading specific cause** of burden in males aged 15-24 years. Anxiety disorders was the leading specific cause in females.

AIHW Australian Burden of Disease Study 2022



Mental health

1 in 7 children and young people aged 4 - 17 years experience a mental health condition in any given year.

AIHW - Australia's Youth - Mental Illness 2021



Homelessness

Over 28,000 young people aged 12-24 years were estimated to be homeless on Census night 2021.

Australian Bureau of Statistics "Estimating Homelessness: Census" 2021



Abuse

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

AIHW - Australia's children 2022



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.

Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) 2020-2021



Unemployment

Youth unemployment is **8%** which is more than twice that of the overall population.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Census, and Labour Force, Australia, September 2023



Poverty

419,000 young people or Australians aged 15-24 years are living in poverty.

Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) Poverty in Australia 2023

1800 061 000
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How Barnardos helps

Building resilience

We offer young people a chance for their voices to be heard while understanding the enormous pressure and expectations placed on them.

We prevent youth homelessness by reconnecting young people with their families, community and education, giving them the tools and resilience to deal with life's challenges.



Youth homelessness services



Counselling and mediation



Mentoring and advocacy



Youth drop-in and street outreach



Drug and alcohol services



Juvenile justice support

Barnardos made a big impact in 2022-23!*

15,209

children, young people and their families were assisted by Barnardos.

1,404

children aged 0-17 in foster care.

30

children adopted from foster care.

8,410

children aged 0-17 assisted through our Children's Family Centres.

6,646 children, young people and families helped through referrals and information.

988 children and families assisted through parenting programs.

1,005 children, young people and families assisted through early learning and education.

1,713 young people assisted through youth programs.

801 children, young people and families assisted through supported housing.

* in NSW and ACT

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