

StreetCount 2018

A snapshot of people living rough: Melbourne municipality

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StreetCount 2018 aims to continue to develop an understanding of rough sleeping in Melbourne. This was the eighth count of people sleeping rough in the City of Melbourne since 2008. Thank you to the many volunteers and partner organisations who assisted in StreetCount 2018.

Note: population numbers varied to each survey question. The number of people counted is listed in each section.

## StreetCount 2018 details

* When: Tuesday 19 June 2018
* Time: Conducted between 3am and 3pm
* Where: 100% of the municipality
* Areas: 131 across the municipality
* Volunteers: 180 volunteers assisted with the count
* Total count: 279 people sleeping rough.

## Location

### Where people were sleeping

* 33% on the street
* 12% in parks
* 48% in other locations.

279 people were counted.

### Length of time in current location

* 34% had stayed in their current location for under one month
* 18% had stayed in their current location for over one year.

62 people were counted.

### Number of places stayed in last month

* 32% had stayed in the one place in the last month
* 14% had stayed in seven places or more in the last month.

56 people were counted.

### Length of time moving around

14% transient for more than five years (56 people counted).

## Demographics

### Age

* 58% aged 26 to 40
* 27% aged 41 to 60.

201 people counted.

### Gender

* 79% male
* 21% female.

218 people counted

### Other demographic information

* 29% presented as single (269 people counted)
* 77% were Australian born (65 people counted)
* 9% identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (64 people counted).

## Use of services

### Planned service usages

65% planned to use a service later in the day (65 people counted).

### Public housing

34% were on the public housing waiting list (61 people counted).

### Smartphone usage

56% said they used a smartphone (61 people counted).

## Key comparisons between 2018 and 2016 StreetCount data

15% decline in rough sleepers between 2016 and 2018 in the same StreetCount area[[1]](#footnote-1).

Total number of rough sleepers counted in 2016 in the City of Melbourne: 247.

Number of rough sleepers counted in 2018 in the City of Melbourne in the same area as the previous StreetCount: 210.

1. This StreetCount was across the entire municipality. This figure relates to comparison between the same StreetCount areas in 2016 and 2018 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)