

Trans and Gender Diverse People's Housing Experiences

Household and Neighbourhood Safety, Housing Insecurity, and Homelessness

Findings from the TRANSform Australian national trans health survey



Key Findings

A total of **807 trans and gender diverse people** completed this 2024 Australian national survey. Of those survey respondents living with other people, **9 in 10 (92%)** 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that the person/people they lived with treated them **fairly and respectfully**. In the **previous 12 months**:



1 in 9 (11%)

had experienced **violence, abuse, harassment or controlling behaviour** from someone they lived with.



1 in 14 (7%)

had experienced **anti-trans discrimination, threats of violence, or violence** from a neighbour.



1 in 17 (6%)

had moved where they were living because they felt unsafe.



1 in 10 (10%)

had lived somewhere they felt **unsafe**, but **did not have the option to move**.



1 in 2 (52%)

reported one or more type of **housing insecurity**.



1 in 8 (12%)

reported one or more type of **homelessness**.

Recommendations

Government, and family violence and housing services must commit to reducing family violence, housing insecurity, and homelessness amongst trans and gender diverse people, including:



Trans-inclusive prevention strategies.

- Public education campaigns to reduce stigma and promote safe, welcoming homes and communities.
- Ensuring anti-discrimination laws are upheld by government services and service providers, and strengthening tenancy laws and rental processes to prevent discrimination.
- Increasing financial supports to reduce risk of housing insecurity and homelessness.



Trans-inclusive housing policies, services and programs.

- Targeted family violence and housing programs that cater to the needs of trans and gender diverse people.
- Services and programs must identify trans and gender diverse people as a priority group in their strategies.
- Improving rights literacy amongst trans and gender diverse people.

"In my last share house I was bullied, harassed, and assaulted for being trans and disabled."
-Aaron, trans man.

"I take down my LGBTQIA+ flag during rental inspections, just in case they are anti-LGBTQIA+ and would not renew [my] lease."
-Troye, trans man.

"I have had mould in my house for months, the Wi-Fi stops working for at least a few months every year, and other issues take months to fix, if they are fixed at all."
-Stefania, trans woman.

"I feel anxiety about trying to find somewhere to rent while visibly looking trans/non-binary, and when I have to do it next time I will try to disguise my transness/pass as cis while inspecting rentals, etc."
-Kai, non-binary.