

Housing assistance in Australia 2017

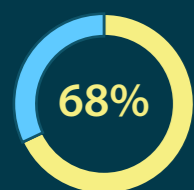
Housing assistance programs help Australian households having difficulty meeting housing costs. They are run by governments and community-based organisations. Housing assistance includes:

- 🏠 **Social housing**, including
 - PH—public rental housing
 - SOMIH—State owned & managed Indigenous housing
 - CH—mainstream community housing
 - ICH—Indigenous community housing
- 🏠 **Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) and Private Rent Assistance (PRA)**
- 🏠 **Home Purchase Assistance and First Home Owners Grant**



Financial assistance

In June 2016, **1.35 million** singles and families received CRA. The median payment was **\$130/fortnight**.



68% of CRA recipients would have spent over 30% of their income on rent without it.

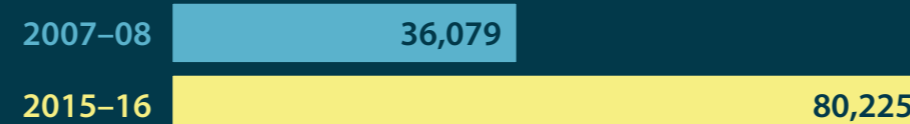
States & territories assisted **128,100** people through PRA in 2015–16, over half of them aged **under 35**.

Tenants

In 2016, **845,400** tenants lived in social housing.



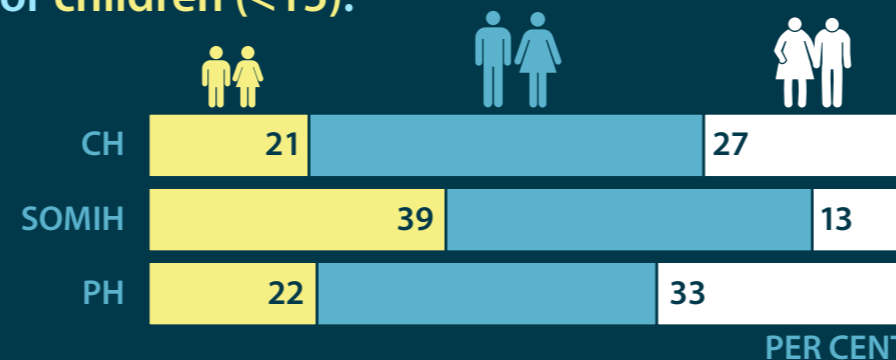
Community housing has **doubled** since 2007–08.



61% of main tenants are women.



More than half of tenants are older (55+) or children (<15).



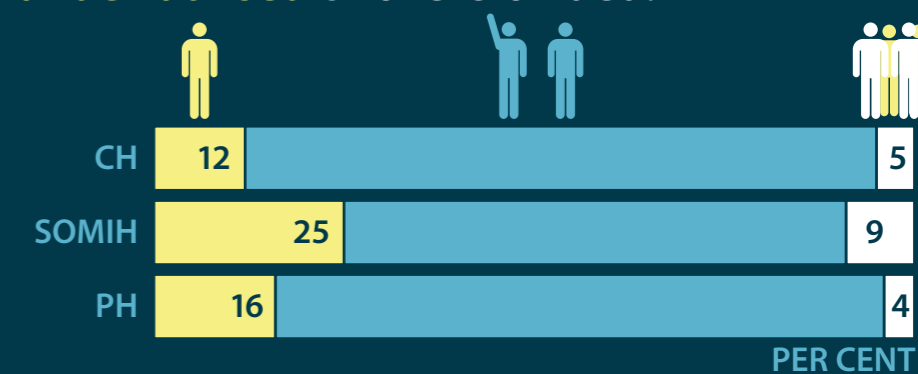
80% of tenants are happy with their tenancy.

Dwellings

Australia had **427,800** social housing dwellings in 2015.

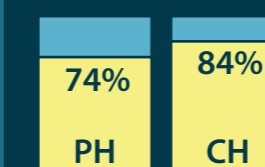


Some social housing is considered **under-utilised** or overcrowded.



Access & waiting lists

194,600 households were on social housing waiting lists in 2016.



74% of PH and **84%** of CH dwellings went to households in greatest need.

Tenants in greatest need spent less time on waiting lists.

