

StreetCount 2018

A snapshot of people living rough: Five inner Melbourne municipalities

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StreetCount 2018 aims to continue to develop an understanding of rough sleeping in Melbourne. This was the first joint count of people sleeping rough in the Cities of Melbourne, Maribyrnong, Yarra, Stonnington and Port Phillip. 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: Approximately 70% of the municipalities
* Areas: 176 across all five municipalities
* Volunteers: 400 volunteers assisted with the count
* Total count: 392 people sleeping rough.

## Location

### Where people were sleeping

* 35% on the street
* 13% in parks
* 48% in other locations.

392 people were counted.

### Length of time in current location

* 42% had stayed in their current location for under one month
* 15% had stayed in their current location for over one year.

109 people were counted.

### Number of places stayed in last month

* 31% had stayed in the one place in the last month
* 22% had stayed in seven places or more in the last month.

100 people were counted.

### Length of time moving around

14% transient for more than five years (101 people counted).

## Demographics

### Age

* 54% aged 26 to 40
* 34% aged 41 to 60.

283 people counted.

### Gender

* 78% male
* 22% female.

301 people counted

### Other demographic information

* 31% presented as single (374 people counted)
* 79% were Australian born (113 people counted)
* 14% identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (112 people counted).

## Use of services

### Planned service usages

68% planned to use a service later in the day (112 people counted).

### Public housing

42% were on the public housing waiting list (109 people counted).

### Smartphone usage

49% said they used a smartphone (109 people counted).