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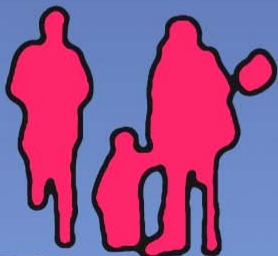
Australia's welfare



Homelessness in Australia

What the data tells us

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How many homeless?

100,000 homeless on Census night 2001

105,000 homeless Census night 2006

BUT

RATE of homelessness steady (**53** per 10,000)



Rate of homelessness

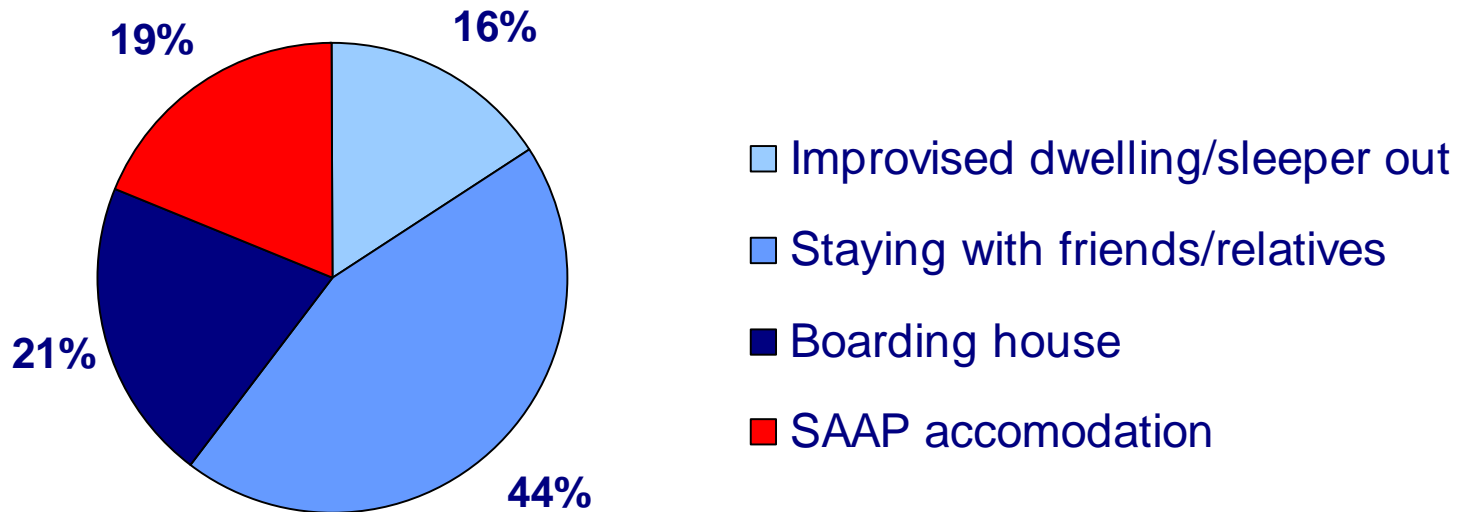
Homeless people on Census night, per 10,000 population

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust.
2001	42	44	70	64	52	52	40	288	53
2006	42	42	69	68	53	53	42	248	53



SAAP in the context of homelessness

Counting the homeless 2006, by sector of the homeless population



How many people used SAAP services?

146,500 people in 2001-02

(95,600 clients and 50,900 accompanying children)

Up 40% to

202,500 people in 2007-08

(125,600 clients and 76,900 accompanying children)



Rate of SAAP use

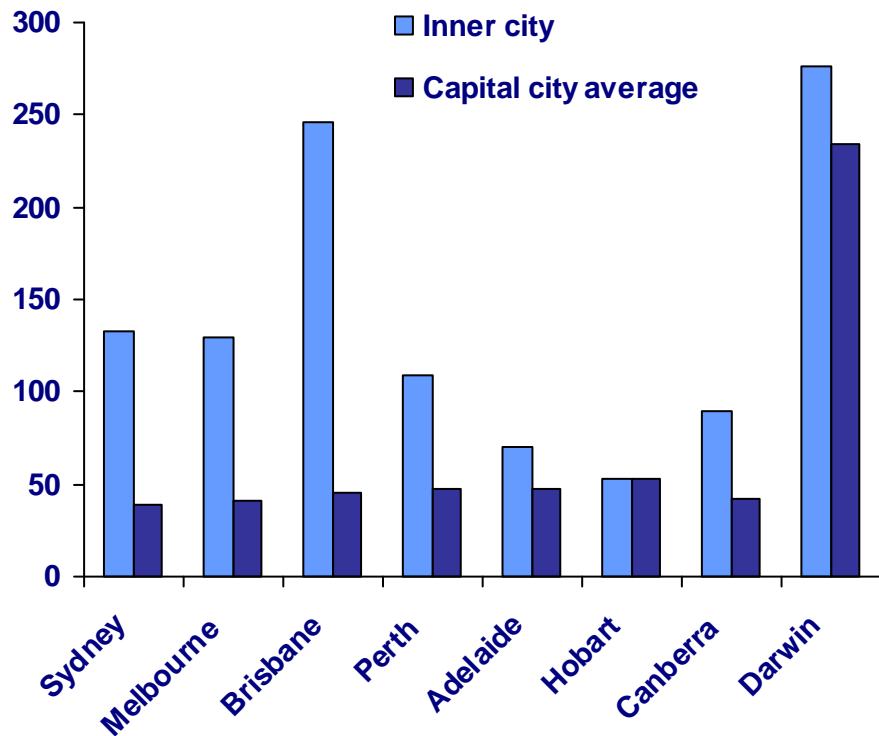
SAAP clients & accompanying children per 10,000 population

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust.
2001–02	56	99	61	79	91	120	85	255	75
2007–08	82	111	80	91	141	143	102	270	96

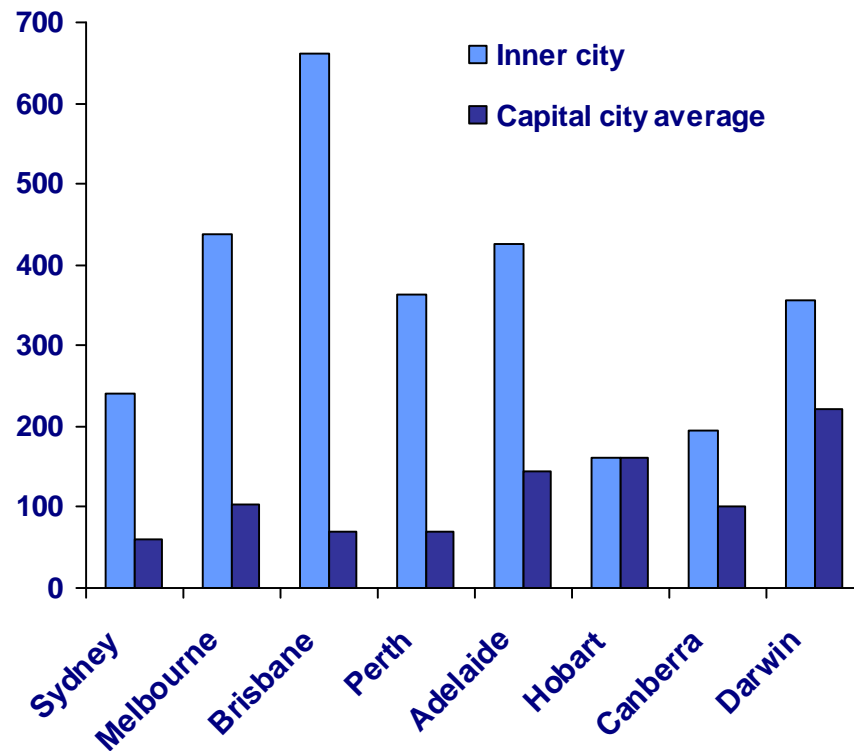


Highest rates of homelessness are in inner city areas

Counting the homeless 2006 per 10,000



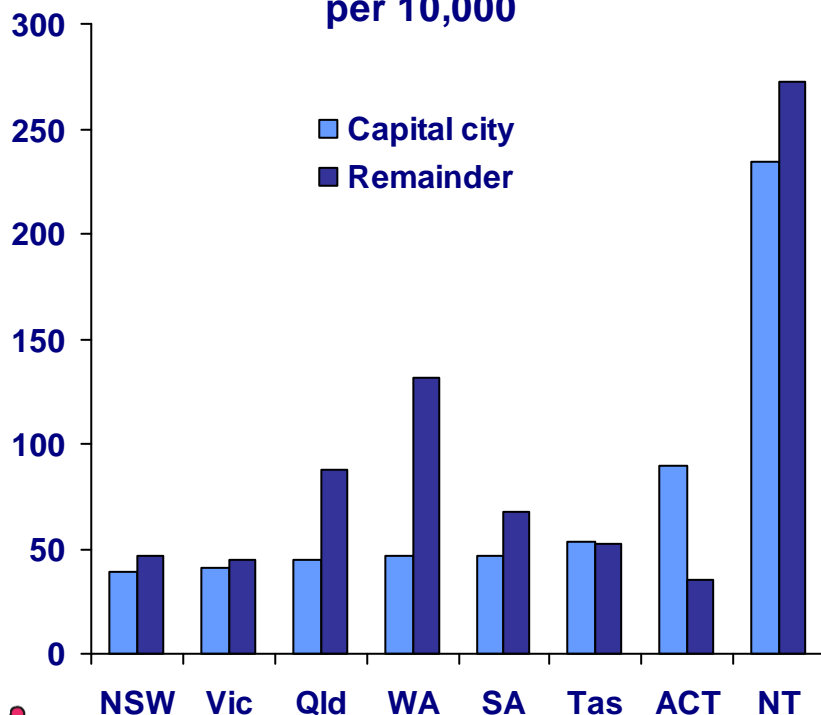
SAAP 2007-08 per 10,000



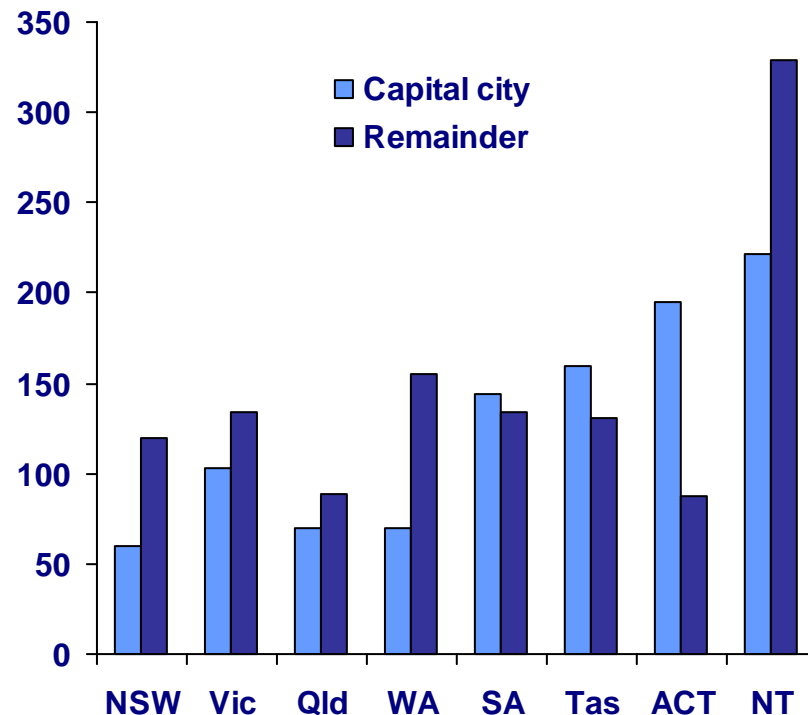
BUT homelessness is not just in capital cities

High rates in regional and remote areas

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per 10,000



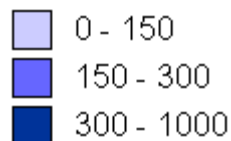
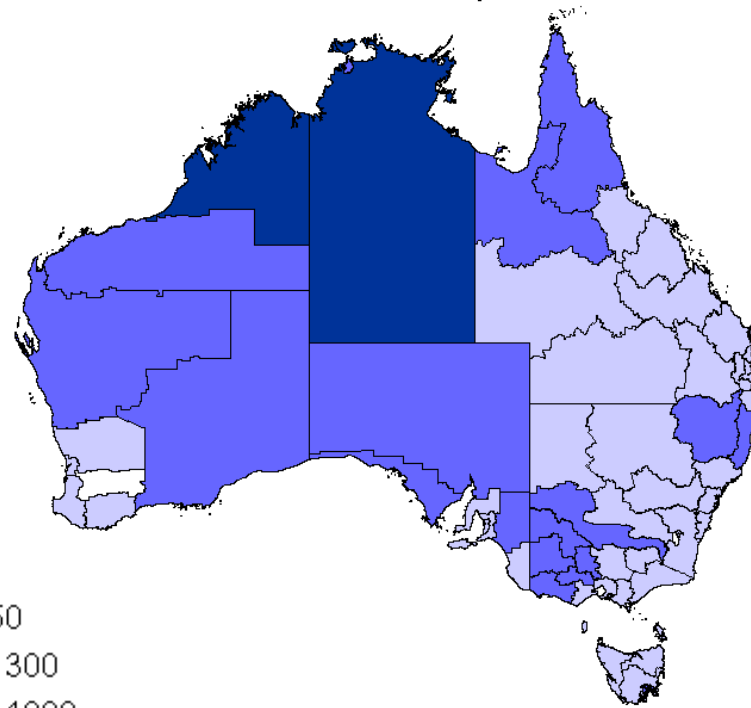
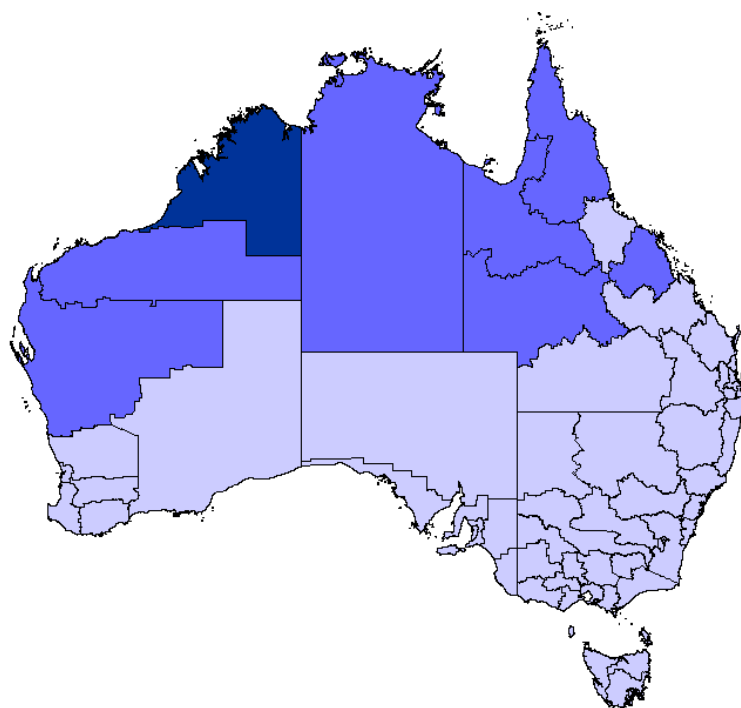
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Geographical distribution

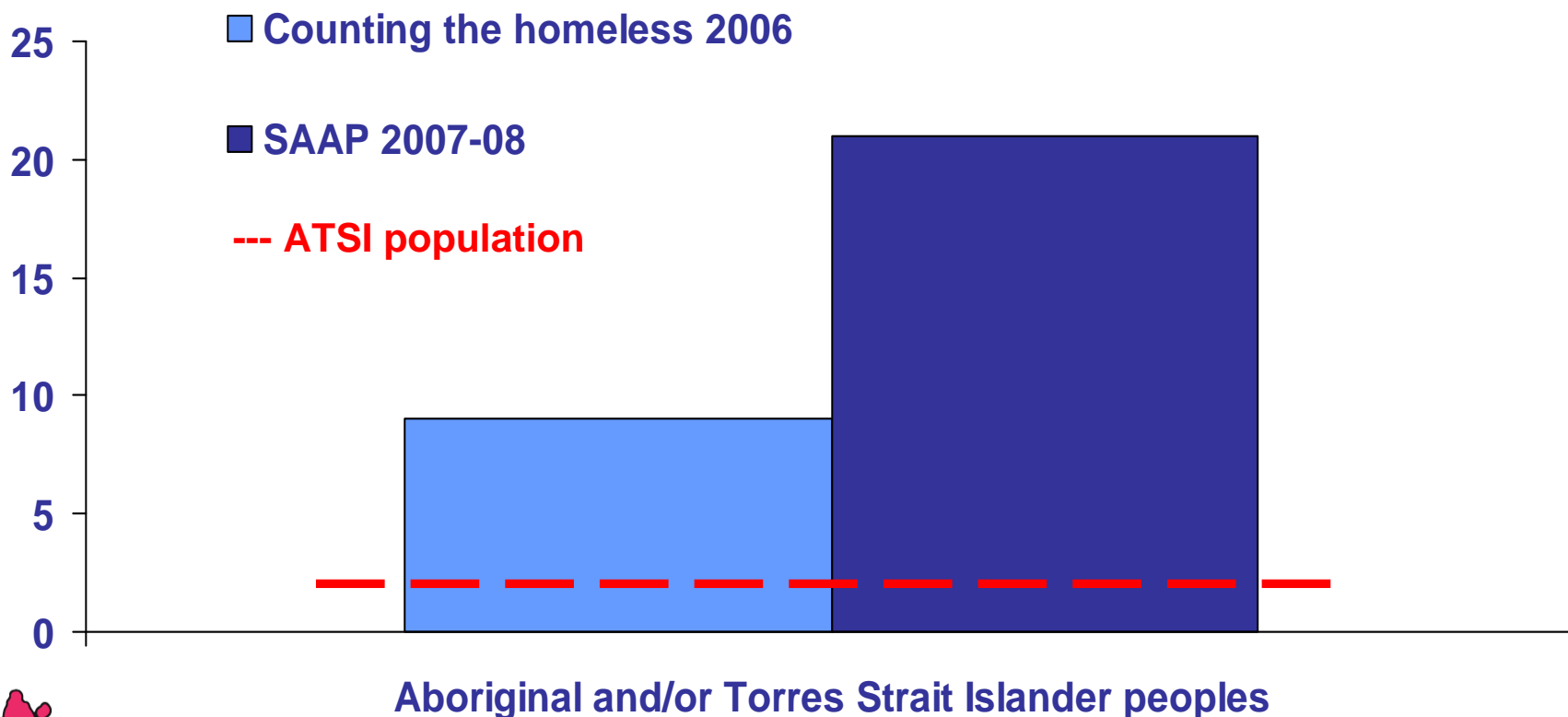
Counting the homeless per 10,000 by
Statistical Division, 2006

SAAP clients and accompanying children per
10,000 by Statistical Division 2007-08



Indigenous people overrepresented

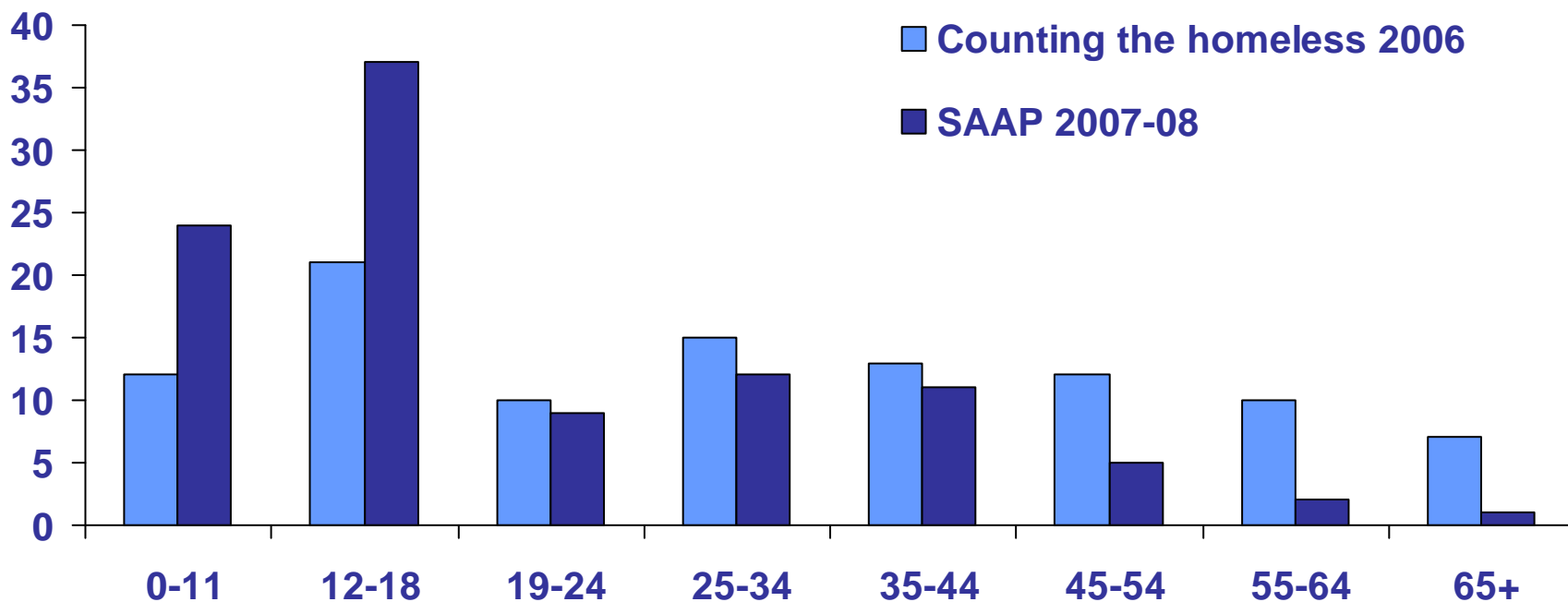
Per cent



Differences in age

Counting the homeless vs SAAP clients & accompanying children

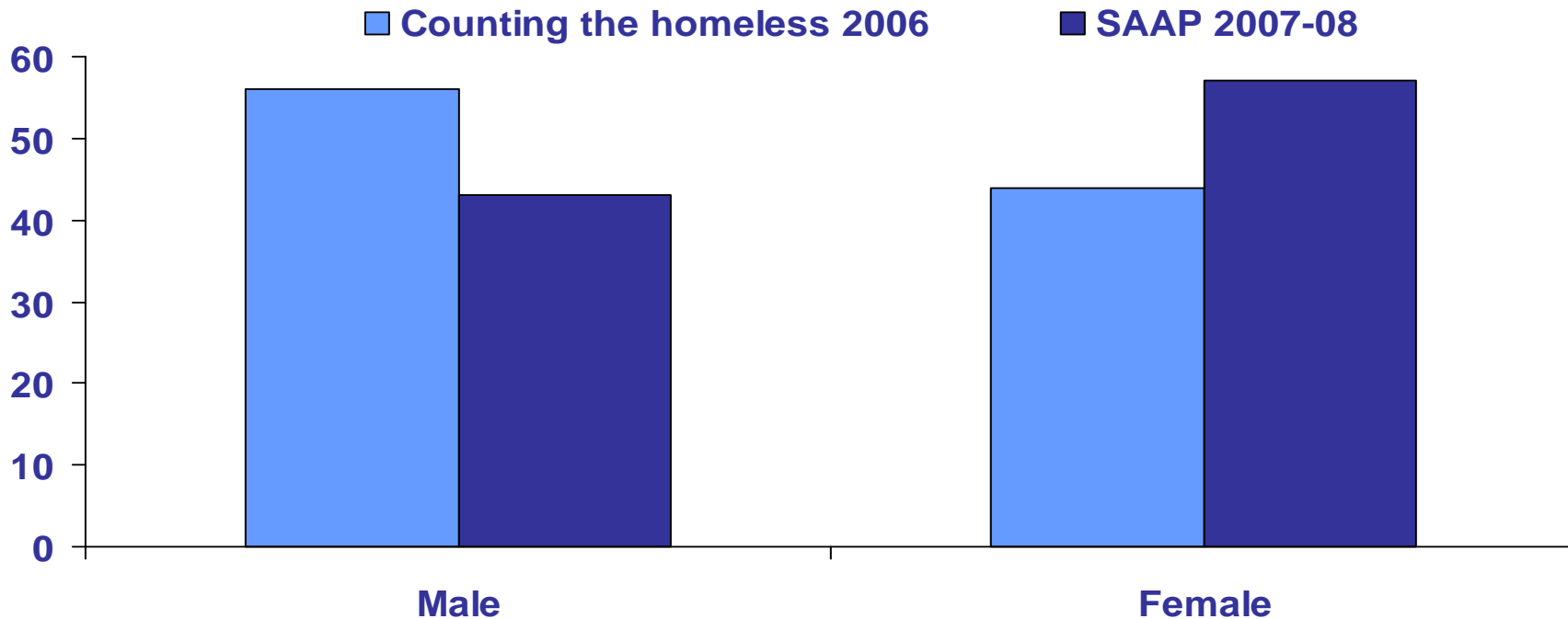
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Differences in sex

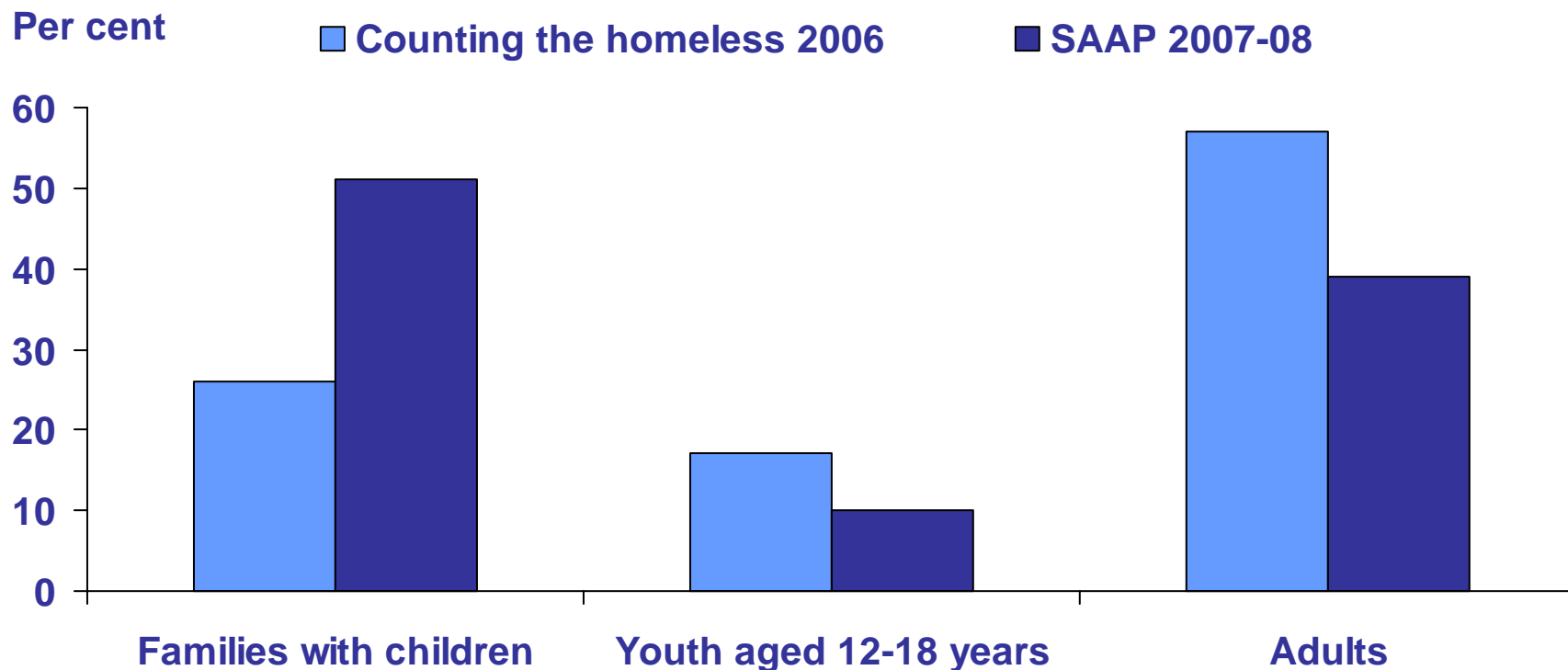
Counting the homeless vs SAAP clients & accompanying children

Per cent



Differences in family type

Counting the homeless vs SAAP clients & accompanying children



Family homelessness is increasing

Counting the homeless — up 17%

SAAP — up 45%

(and most likely group to be turned away)



New homelessness collection 2011

