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# Preface

This publication contains statistical tables and charts in relation to Western Australia and is intended to supplement the Series 11 (2005–06) annual national report on the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection. The first national report, containing 1996–97 data, was published in December 1997. The reports provide information on people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

A productive and cooperative partnership has continued between the SAAP National Data Collection Agency (managed by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare), SAAP agencies and the SAAP Information Subcommittee. Valuable support and encouragement have been provided by the SAAP Coordination and Development Committee, which is responsible for the national direction of SAAP.

This partnership has been built on shared goals and mutual trust. The key has been agencies' willingness to collect and provide data to the National Data Collection Agency, knowing that any personal information provided by clients is protected by the extremely strict confidentiality provisions of the *Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987*.

The fact that 93% of agencies in Western Australia provided data in 2005–06 is testimony to their collective commitment to, and confidence in, the collection. A 94% participation rate was recorded in 2004–05. The proportion of SAAP clients who consented to the provision of their personal data to the National Data Collection Agency decreased slightly from 92% in 2004–05 to 90% in 2005–06.

This large and complex project has not only a high level of support but also a high level of accuracy. We are confident that we can further improve the quality of the information provided to help policy makers and the community better understand and provide for the needs of people who are homeless or at risk of being so.

Under the Coordination and Development Committee's direction, a SAAP National Research Program has been established to undertake and fund studies on homeless people, often using data from the National Data Collection. Each year, the National Data Collection Agency receives many requests for data used for research purposes.

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# Abbreviations and symbols

## Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
CAP	Crisis Accommodation Program
DV	Domestic violence
FaCSIA	Department of Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
NDC	National Data Collection
NDCA	National Data Collection Agency
SAAP	Supported Accommodation Assistance Program

## Symbols in tables

..	Not applicable
–	Nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
n.a.	Not available
n.e.s.	Not elsewhere specified

