Housing assistance in Victoria

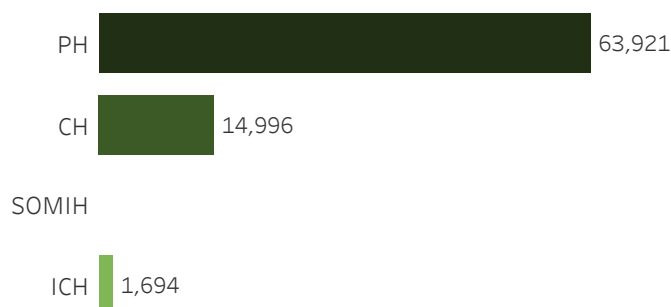| Australia	NSW	**Vic**	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT

Australians having difficulty meeting costs of housing can be supported by housing assistance programs, including social housing and financial assistance.

Social housing programs

Social housing provides eligible households with rents set below market rates (based on a percentage of a tenant's income). Forms of social housing include:
- public housing (**PH**)
- state owned & managed Indigenous housing (**SOMIH**)
- community housing (**CH**)
- Indigenous community housing (**ICH**).

Number of social housing dwellings 2021
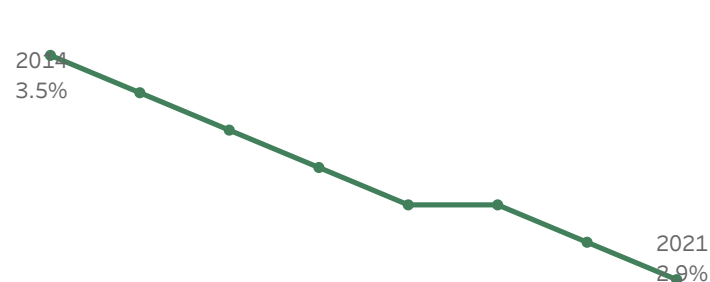

PH 63,921
CH 14,996
SOMIH
ICH 1,694

Newly allocated households

In 2020–21, there were 3,828 households newly allocated social housing including, 1,912 households allocated public housing, 1,916 community housing and 0 to state owned and managed Indigenous housing.

Supply of social housing

There has been a decline in the proportion of social housing households in Victoria since 2014, from 3.5% of all households to 2.9% in 2021.

Proportion of social housing households (per cent)

2014 3.5%
2021 2.9%

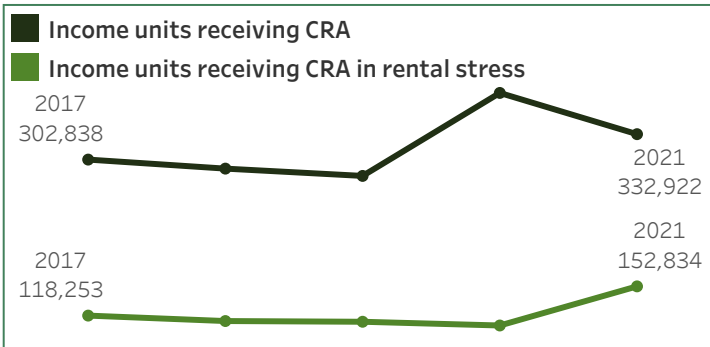## Quick facts – Vic

In 2021 there were:
- **80,611** social housing dwellings
- housing **76,396** households
- with **145,895** occupants throughout 2020–21.

In 2021, most (**57,465**) social housing dwellings met the size requirements for the household composition. There were **10,708** dwellings that were considered to be underutilised and **3,818** dwellings that were considered to be overcrowded.

Financial assistance programs

Governments provide various forms of financial support to assist people on lower incomes to meet housing costs.

At June 2021, 332,922 income units were receiving Commonwealth Rent Assistance in Victoria, a decrease from 2020. Of these income units 152,834 were in rental stress, an increase from 2020.

■ Income units receiving CRA
■ Income units receiving CRA in rental stress

2017 302,838
2021 332,922
2017 118,253
2021 152,834

*CRA data are from the last Friday in the financial year.

In 2020–21, 6,630 income units in Victoria received Private Rent Assistance and 177 income units received Home Purchase Assistance.

■ Home Purchase Assistance   ■ Private Rent Assistance

2013–14 12,443
2020–21 6,630
2013–14 706
2020–21 177