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# **Overview of the Crisis Accommodation Program in 2005–06**

This section presents a summary of the data reported for the 2005–06 Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) Crisis Accommodation Program data collection.

Dwellings funded under the CSHA Crisis Accommodation Program are used by governments, churches and other welfare organisations to assist people in situations of actual or impending crisis or homelessness. Support services to these households are provided directly by health and community service organisations, and by the national Supported Accommodation Assistance Program.

The Crisis Accommodation Program, along with private rent assistance and home purchase assistance are managed under the CSHA. These programs, however, demonstrate considerable variability across jurisdictions in terms of program guidelines and coverage. As a result, despite the development and agreement of standard national data definitions, the data derived are less comparable than for the major national programs such as public rental housing and community housing. Nonetheless, the available information provides a valuable resource for understanding the characteristics of this program across all jurisdictions.

In 2005–06 the CSHA provided 7,346 dwellings for emergency accommodation under the Crisis Accommodation Program. Approximately \$55.7 million was spent on additional dwellings or new constructions, compared to \$49.2 million the previous year, an increase of 13%.

There were 62,383 households assisted by the Crisis Accommodation Program in Australia during 2005–06. Of these 1,871 were identified as Indigenous households.

# 1 Introduction

This publication is one of a set of six that report on housing assistance provided in 2005–06 under the 2003 Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA). This report focuses on the Crisis Accommodation Program, presenting a compilation of available data from all jurisdictions.

The remaining five reports in the series are:

- *Community housing 2005–06: Commonwealth State Housing Agreement national data reports* (AIHW 2007a)
- *Home purchase assistance 2005–06: Commonwealth State Housing Agreement national data reports* (AIHW 2007b)
- *Private rent assistance 2005–06: Commonwealth State Housing Agreement national data reports* (AIHW 2007c)
- *Public rental housing 2005–06: Commonwealth State Housing Agreement national data reports* (AIHW 2006b)
- *State owned and managed Indigenous housing 2005–06: Commonwealth State Housing Agreement national data reports* (AIHW 2006c).

These publications are part of the Housing Assistance Data Development Series. This series was initially developed under the 1999 National Housing Data Agreement (NHDA) and the 1999 Agreement on National Indigenous Housing Information to report on the data collections and the associated standards, definitions and classifications under these agreements. Related publications in the series include the *National housing assistance data dictionary version 2* (AIHW 2003), the *National housing assistance data dictionary version 3* (AIHW 2006a) and *Measuring housing assistance: national data standards developed under the 1999 Commonwealth–State Housing Agreement* (AIHW 2004).

The 2005–06 Crisis Accommodation Program data collection is the third to occur under the 2003 CSHA, and the seventh to occur under the 1999 NHDA. Previous reports are available from <[www.aihw.gov.au](http://www.aihw.gov.au)>.

## **2 Background**

The 2003 CSHA aims to provide appropriate, affordable and secure housing assistance for those who most need it, for the duration of their need. To ensure these aims are being met, all jurisdictions and the Commonwealth have agreed to a CSHA National Performance Indicator Framework for the public rental housing, community housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections. This contains eleven indicators against which all jurisdictions must report. The CSHA National Performance Indicator Framework is not applied to the Crisis Accommodation Program, home purchase assistance or private rent assistance data collections.

Further details on the data items can be found in the 2005–06 Crisis Accommodation Program data collection manual (AIHW 2005) and the *National housing assistance data dictionary version 3* (AIHW 2006a).

# **3 General notes**

These data should be read in conjunction with the 2005–06 Crisis Accommodation Program data collection manual (AIHW 2005).

## **3.1 Symbols**

..	not applicable
n.a.	not available
\$	Australian dollars
'000	thousands
%	per cent

## **3.2 Scope**

The data reported in this collection relate only to crisis accommodation covered by the 2003 Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.

It includes forms of accommodation where:

- funding (capital and/or recurrent) is provided fully or partly through the CSHA
- the tenancy management functions are undertaken by a community organisation or local government
- properties are leased for the provision of crisis accommodation (headleasing) provided the tenancy management function is undertaken by a community organisation.

It excludes properties where the tenancy management function is managed under:

- public rental housing programs
- state owned and managed Indigenous rental housing programs
- Indigenous community-managed rental housing programs (e.g. the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program)
- community housing and related programs.

These properties (with the exception of the Indigenous community-managed rental housing programs) are reported under the relevant CSHA data collection report.

Also excluded are non-CSHA programs such as those provided by:

- the Australian Government Department Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs
- other state/territory-based funding programs
- properties owned and managed by community housing groups not funded under the CSHA.

### **3.3 Data qualifications**

In addition to minor qualifications detailed in the footnotes, national totals are calculated using only those states and territories where information are available.

# 4 CSHA 2005–06 crisis accommodation data

## 4.1 Tenancy management

**Table 4.1: Crisis accommodation tenancy management 2005–06**

Data item	For year ending 30 June 2006	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total <sup>(a)</sup>
C1	Total number of new households assisted for year ending 30 June 2006 (number)	n.a.	12,602	9,846	2,932	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	25,380
C2	Total number of new Indigenous households assisted for year ending 30 June 2006 (number)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,790	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,790
C3	Total number of all households assisted for year ending 30 June 2006 (number)	29,000	16,870	9,846	3,667	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	59,383
C4	Total number of all Indigenous households assisted for year ending 30 June 2006 (number)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,871	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,871

(a) May not represent national total due to data not being available for all jurisdictions. Also note that total figures should be interpreted with caution due to data inconsistency between jurisdictions.

### Notes

NSW	C3	This item is number of assistances, not number of households. This item is calculated using 2005–06 stock figures and data from the <i>Homeless people in Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection Annual Report 2005–06</i> .
Vic	General	The data includes two programs: (i) Crisis Supported Accommodation and (ii) the Transitional Housing Management Program. Crisis Supported Accommodation provides an immediate response to people who are homeless and in crisis. Accommodation is provided from 1 night to 6 weeks and is closely linked to support services generally managed by agencies funded under the SAAP. The Transitional Housing Program complements the provision of crisis supported accommodation. Accommodation is provided for up to 12 months (18 months for young people). Information referral services, housing advocacy and financial assistance are also provided through the program.
	C2, C4	Information systems do not currently capture this household attribute.
WA	C1–C4	These data items are significantly different from those reported in 2004–05 due to survey response rates.
Qld	C1, C3	The number of households assisted is the same for new and total households assisted as they are measures of instances of assistance not ongoing assistance.
Tas	C1–C4	Not reported to Housing Tasmania. Refer to SAAP National Data Collection for information.
ACT	C1–C4	Organisations which receive Crisis Accommodation Program (CAP) funding are not required to report household data to Housing ACT. Information on supported accommodation is collected for completed support periods and reported by the SAAP National Data Collection. These support periods may relate to numerous episodes of support to the same household or individual.

## 4.2 Property management

**Table 4.2: Crisis accommodation property management 2005–06**

Data item		NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>At 30 June 2005</b>										
C5	Total number of crisis accommodation dwellings at 30 June 2005 (number)	1,414	3,804	1,064	491	239	122	59	121	7,314
<b>At 30 June 2006</b>										
C6	Total number of crisis accommodation dwellings at 30 June 2006 (number)	1,439	3,768	1,089	485	255	126	60	124	7,346
<b>For year ending 30 June 2006</b>										
C7	Total number of additional dwellings for year ending 30 June 2006 (number)	29	102	123	13	24	5	1	10	307
C8	Total number of new constructions for year ending 30 June 2006 (number)	0	2	12	6	12	4	0	0	36
C9	Total number of dwellings deleted from stock for year ending 30 June 2006 (number)	4	138	98	19	3	1	0	7	270
C10	Total capital expenditure for year ending 30 June 2006 (\$'000)	9,103	4,386	31,683	4,785	1,100	3,624	402	644	55,727

(a) Total figures should be interpreted with caution due to data inconsistency between jurisdictions.

### Notes

NSW	C5	The number of total Crisis Accommodation Program (CAP) properties as at 30 June 2005 has been revised to account for properties under the Surplus Government Leasing Program (SGLP) used for CAP purposes. This constitutes a net increase of 22 properties from 1,394 to 1,414.
	C8	All new CAP dwellings were acquired either by purchasing an existing property or by leasing accommodation from the private rental market, and therefore there are no new constructions.
Vic	General	The data includes two programs: (i) Crisis Supported Accommodation and (ii) the Transitional Housing Management Program. Crisis Supported Accommodation provides an immediate response to people who are homeless and in crisis. Accommodation is provided from 1 night to 6 weeks and is closely linked to support services generally managed by agencies funded under the Supported Accommodation assistance Program (SAAP). The Transitional Housing Program complements the provision of crisis supported accommodation. Accommodation is provided for up to 12 months (18 months for young people). Information referral services, housing advocacy and financial assistance are also provided through the program.
	C9	Deletions include transfer of dwellings to other programs, sales, demolitions and stock loss through conversion of dwellings.
WA	C5	The total number of CAP properties as at 30 June 2005 has been revised to account for stock adjustments and therefore does not match the figure reported for C6 in the 2004–05 national data report.
	C5–C10	Figures are sourced from administrative data.

NT            C5            Figures subject to dwelling reclassification from Crisis Accommodation to Community Housing Program.  
              C10            Three grants approved in 2004–05 included in 2005–06 payments.

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