Ending street homelessness in the inner city
Adelaide Zero Project
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The goal of the Adelaide Zero Project is to end street homelessness in the inner city and ultimately end homelessness in South Australia.

This project will engage with all people sleeping on the streets of the Adelaide inner city area.

A person is recognised as a rough sleeper if they are living in a:

- STREET/PARK/OUT IN THE OPEN
- IMPROVISED BUILDING OR DWELLING
- TENT
- BOAT
- MOTOR VEHICLE
- CABIN

Source: DCSI

Functional Zero
Functional Zero is reached when the number of people who are homeless in a city at any point in time is no greater than the average housing placement rate for that same period (usually a month).

A community reaches Functional Zero when the average capacity of the housing system is greater than the existing need and it can be proven.

Adelaide Zero Project principles
- Person-Centred and Inclusive
- Housing First
- No Wrong Door
- Continuous Improvement
- Collective Action

Housing
- Placement
- Placed in secure housing

Moved to inactive
- System not engaged with the person for 90 days

System has engaged with person

Actively Homeless

INFLOW
- Returned from housing
  - Evicted or left housing for various reasons
- Newly Identified
  - Identified on the by-name list for the first time
- Returned from inactive
  - Seeking housing again

OUTFLOW
- Housing Placement
  - Placed in secure housing
- Moved to inactive
  - System not engaged with the person for 90 days

Coverage
The City of Adelaide boundaries, which includes the Central Business District, North Adelaide and the parklands.
### Phases of the Adelaide Zero Project

**Phase 1: ESTABLISH**
- **October 2017**: 90-Day Project commenced to establish deliverables.
- **November 2017**: Adelaide announced as a Vanguard City committed to tackling street homelessness.
- **February 2018**: Implementation Plan 1.0 released.

**Phase 2: IMPLEMENT**
- **May 2018**: Connections Week. Establish By-Name List.
- **August 2018**: Charter underway. Project target confirmed using 3 months of data since Connections Week. Public dashboard launched to count down to Functional Zero by sharing the number of people sleeping rough in the inner city.
- **Dec 2018**: Aligned Housing Plan released.
- **2018 TBD**: Commencement & completion of Aboriginal Homelessness 90-Day Project – details subject to consultation.

**Phase 3: SUSTAIN**

**Phase 4: EXPAND**

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### Rough Sleeping in Adelaide

**143**

Connections Week volunteers engaged with 143 people sleeping rough in Adelaide’s inner city in May 2018.

#### Rough Sleepers

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#### Age of Rough Sleepers

Over two-thirds of people sleeping rough were aged between 26-54 years old.

- **21.7%**: Aged 35 — 44
- **22.4%**: Aged 26 — 34
- **24.5%**: Aged 45 — 54
- **44%**: Aged 35 — 44
- **73%**: Aged 45 — 54

#### Length of time sleeping rough

- **29%**: had been sleeping rough for more than 2 years
- **15%**: had been sleeping rough between 1 & 2 years
- **35%**: had been sleeping rough for less than 1 year

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28% of rough sleepers were **ABORIGINAL** and/or **TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER** despite being only 3% of the overall Australian population.

73% of rough sleepers were **male**.
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