Risk of homelessness

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
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| METEOR identifier: | 401065 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 23/08/2010 |
| Definition: | A person is at **risk of homelessness** if they are at risk of losing their accommodation.  A person may be at risk of homelessness if they are experiencing one or more of a range of factors or triggers that can contribute to homelessness.  Risk factors include:   * Financial stress (including due to loss of income, low income, gambling, change of family circumstances). * Housing affordability stress and housing crises (pending evictions/foreclosures, rental and/or mortgage arrears). * Inadequate or inappropriate dwelling conditions, including accommodation which is unsafe, unsuitable or overcrowded. * Previous accommodation ended. * Relationship/family breakdown. * Child abuse, neglect or environments where children are at risk. * Sexual abuse. * Domestic/family violence. * Non-family violence. * Mental health issues and other health problems. * Problematic alcohol, drug or substance use. * Employment difficulties and unemployment. * Problematic gambling. * Transitions from custodial and care arrangements, including out of home care, independent living arrangements for children aged under 18, health and mental health facilities/programs, juvenile/youth justice and correctional facilities. * Discrimination including racial discrimination (e.g. Aboriginal people in the urban rental market). * Disengagement with school or other education and training. * Involvement in or exposure to criminal activities. * Antisocial behaviour. * Lack of family and/or community support. * Staying in a boarding house for 12 weeks or more without security of tenure. |