

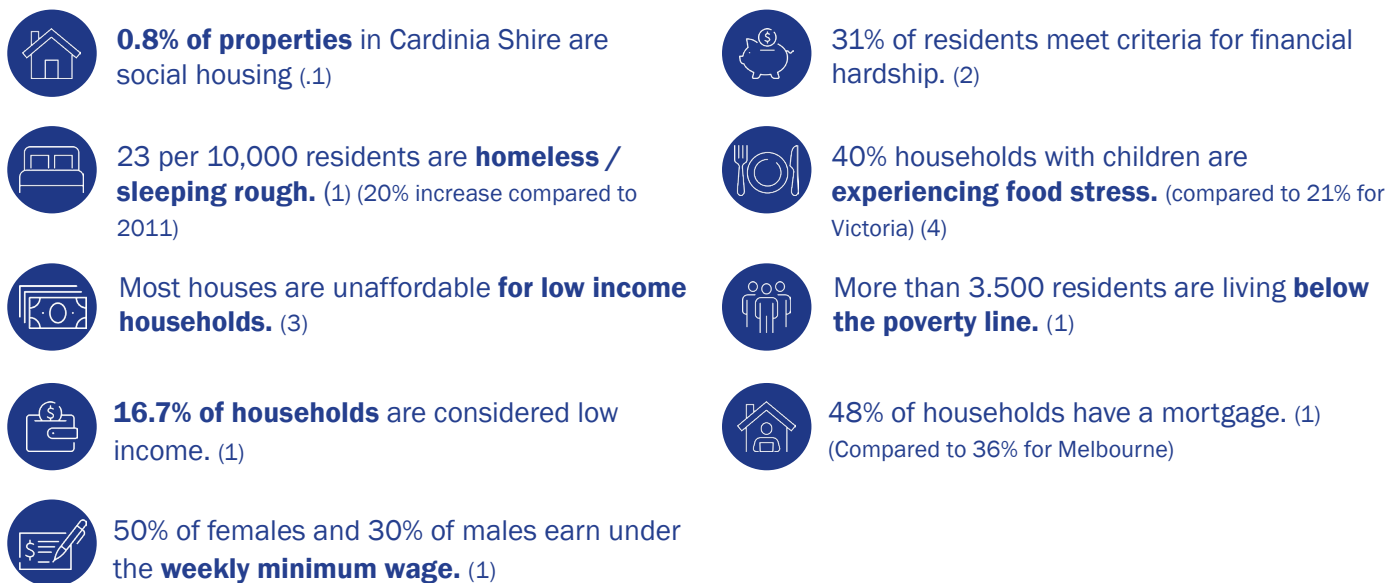
Improve financial wellbeing and resilience

Financial security means basic costs are met for housing, food, transport, health and education.

Households experiencing financial stress are not able to meet basic costs which can affect their ability to participate fully in their community, having significant impacts on their health and wellbeing.

People most at risk of financial vulnerability are those receiving a low income or income support.

Key statistics



Health considerations in priority populations

- Single parents, those who speak a language other than English, and young people were more likely to experience mortgage or rental stress in 2023.
- In 2023, 36% of renters and 47% of single parents had experienced financial difficulties.
- North and West regions are more likely than South and East regions to experience rental or mortgage stress. (6)
- Males are more likely to be employed full time; females more likely to work part time.

Impact of climate change on financial wellbeing and resilience

- Climate change events will affect agricultural productivity and threatens established farming practices.
- Heat related climate events will reduce the desirability of outdoor based employment and commercial activities.
- Extreme weather events will increase the incidence of 'stop work' conditions and disruption of businesses due to extreme heat and other climate shocks.
- Increased incidence of extreme events results in significant increases in insurance premiums.

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