

The Sharehouse Generation 2026

Fact sheet. A study of 3,562 Australians living in share accommodation, by Homerun with Flatmate Finders.

This is not a representative sample of all Australian sharehouses. It is a study of Australians actively forming or reforming one, recruited through Flatmate Finders and Homerun in March and April 2026. 3,672 responses were collected; 110 duplicate submissions were removed, leaving 3,562 unique respondents. Participation was incentivised. Percentages are of all 3,562 respondents unless stated, and our own figures are rounded to whole numbers. Unrounded figures on request. Figures cited from external sources appear as published.

WHO LIVES IN A SHAREHOUSE

44%	are aged 40 or over, the largest single age group in the study
17%	already own a home and let rooms in it
35%	have shared for five years or more
18%	have shared for more than ten years

NOBODY PLANNED TO BE HERE

69%	did not expect, when they were 20, to still be sharehousing at their current age
78%	of those aged 40 and over never expected it
31%	never expect to own a home
75%	say the high cost of housing has extended their stay, 55% significantly

THE HOUSEHOLD KEEPS CHANGING

71%	had at least one person move in or out in the last 12 months
41%	had two or more people move in or out
18%	had three or more people move in or out
16%	describe a housemate moving out as difficult or very difficult

WHAT GOES WRONG, AND WHAT DOES NOT

40%	believe they have overpaid on household bills
33%	have chased a housemate for rent
38%	moved in without fully understanding the lease
81%	share an electricity account
86%	describe their household as a positive place to live

THE FIVE CAPITALS

CITY	RESPONDENTS	AGED 40 OR OVER	DID NOT EXPECT TO STILL BE SHAREHOUSING	NEVER EXPECT TO OWN	HOUSEMATE MOVED THIS YEAR	HOUSEHOLD IS POSITIVE
National	3,562	44%	69%	31%	71%	86%
Sydney	1,063	35%	69%	27%	71%	88%
Melbourne	849	46%	66%	32%	72%	85%
Brisbane	516	45%	67%	38%	69%	86%
Perth	441	41%	69%	30%	72%	88%
Adelaide (ind.)	147	54%	70%	29%	71%	84%

Adelaide is reported on a base of 147 and is indicative only. The remainder came from Canberra, Hobart, Darwin and regional areas. Note two unrelated figures share the digits 18%: time spent sharing, and households with three or more people moving.

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Question wording and full frequency tables available on request. Interviews with respondents matched to your angle, allow three to five days.