

# Sydney – Inner South West

Dharug Country

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## Poverty & Demographics



Poverty Rate

17.62%

13.4%



Single Parent Families

16.9%

15.8%



Median Household Income

\$1,734

\$1,829

## Housing and Financial Stress



69%

people living in housing stress.<sup>1</sup>

43%

have gone without meals because they were short of money.

50%

of people have been unable to pay a utility bill on time at least once.

## Health



24.6%

One in four people have waited longer than acceptable to see a specialist.<sup>2</sup>



143.2%

The number of people who waited over 24 hours for urgent GP care has increased 143.2% since 2020.

46%

people have gone without prescribed medication because of cost.

## Children and Young People



23.8%

children are living in poverty at a cost of \$6.68 billion.<sup>4</sup>

799

young offenders recorded in the last 12 months. 42% accessed a diversion option.<sup>6</sup>

11.1%

children are developmentally vulnerable in two or more domains.<sup>5</sup>

## Local Challenges



2,546

recorded DV related assaults in the last 12 months.<sup>8</sup>

3,999

people in Fairfield are on the social housing waitlist.<sup>9</sup>

487.2

pokie machines for every 1000 people in Wetherill Park – Industrial. Significantly higher than the NSW average of 14.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Impossible Choices: Decisions NSW families shouldn't have to make. Regional Snapshot. NSW Council of Social Service. Following statistics have come from the NCOSS Cost of Living report. <sup>2</sup> Access Denied: Australians Locked Out of Quality Healthcare Patient Experience and Socioeconomic Disadvantage in NSW. NCOSS 2024/2024. <sup>4</sup> Lasting Impacts of Child Poverty. NCOSS. <sup>5</sup> Australian Early Development Census 2024. Data by SA4. <sup>6</sup> Trends in youth offending in NSW 2025. NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research <sup>7</sup> Liquor and Gaming NSW. Electronic Gaming Machines by SA2. <sup>8</sup> NSW Domestic Violence Quarterly Report. March 2025. NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research. <sup>9</sup> Social housing applicant households on the NSW Housing Register by Allocation Zone. May 2025. NSW Department of Communities and Justice <sup>10</sup> Poverty rate is defined as 15.27% of households. Single parent families is defined as 18.5% of all families. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2022. 2021 Census Quickstats.