

Overview of the Monaro Electorate

Monaro is a southern NSW electorate that lies to the east and south of the Australian Capital Territoryⁱ. It includes the Queanbeyan-Palerang and Snowy Monaro local government areas. It is dominated by the city of Queanbeyan, but also includes Bungendore, Braidwood, Cooma, Bombala and the NSW snowfieldsⁱⁱ. It is ranked 20th in the state (out of 93 electorates) for the proportion of people employed in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (3.7%). Monaro has experienced impacts from drought, bushfire and COVID-19 in recent years.

Population: 76,014

Population density: 3.7 people per square km (ranked 87th from 93)

First Nations people: 2,169 people 2.9% (congruent with 2.9% for NSW)

People who speak a language other than English at home: 10.3% (25.1%) 7805 people

Median Age: 39 (38)

Median Weekly Household Income: \$1,666 (\$1,486)

Education: Certificates and Diplomas 27.4% (23.7%) Bachelor Degree or above 20.8% (23.4%)

Top 5 Occupations: The most common occupations include Professionals 18.4%, Managers 16.8%, Clerical and Administrative 16.6%, Technicians and Trades Workers 13.5%, and Community and Personal Service Workers 10.8%

Top 5 areas of employment: Public Administration and Safety 21.3% Healthcare and Social Assistance 9.2% Retail Trade 8.4% Accommodation & Food 7.4%, Education & Training 7.3%.

Women in the labour force: 47.8% of women are in the labour force (47.4%)

Households: Families 70.2% (76.2%), Lone Person households 27.1% (23.8%), Group 2.7%

Families: Couples with no children at home 39.1% (36.6%), Couples with children 45.9% (45.7%), Single Parents 13.9% (16%) Other 1.1%

Housing tenure: Own home 68.6% (64.5%) Private Rental 25.3% (28%) Public Housing 2.4% (3.8%) Other or not known 3.7% (3.7%)

Disability: 4.0% of people 16 and over need assistance with core activities (5.4%)

Disadvantage: Refer to [Mapping Disadvantage – Monaro Electorate](#)

ⁱ All statistics in this document are from the following sources:

NSW Parliamentary Research Service 2018 *NSW State Electoral Districts Ranked by 2016 Census Characteristics Background Paper No 03/2018* viewed 20 January 2022

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/researchpapers/Documents/NSW%20SEDS%20Ranked%20by%202016%20Census%20Characteristics.pdf>

Australian Bureau Statistics 2021 *2016 Census Quickstats Bega SED* viewed 20 January 2022

https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/SED10009.

ⁱⁱ Mental Health Commission of NSW 2022 *Community Case Studies – Snowy Monaro* viewed 19 January at

<https://www.nswmentalhealthcommission.com.au/advocacy-work/community-resilience-wellbeing-and-recovery-project-resources>