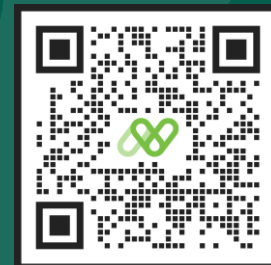


Far West & Orana

Wiradjuri, Gamilaraay, Ngiyampaa, Muruwari and
Barranbinya Country



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Poverty & Demographics

Far West & Orana

NSW



Poverty Rate

13.3%

13.4%



Single Parent Families

19.6%

15.8%



Median Household Income

\$1,377

\$1,829

Housing and Financial Stress



67%

people living in the Far West & Orana are living in housing stress.¹

41%

have gone without meals because they were short of money.

56%

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

Health



38%

4 in 10 people have waited longer than acceptable to see a specialist, the highest proportion across NSW.²



430%

The number of people delaying or avoiding seeing a specialist due to cost has increased 430% since 2020.

41%

people in the region have gone without prescribed medication because of cost.

Children and Young People



21.5%

children are living in poverty at a cost of \$1.26 billion.⁴

954

young offenders across the region in the last 12 months. Decreasing from 1,219 in the previous year.⁶

15.1%

children are developmentally vulnerable in two or more domains.⁵

Local Challenges



Highest in NSW

The Far West and Orana has some of the highest rates of DV across the state, including Walgett ranked at number one.⁸

15%

people have had their home severely damaged by extreme weather.

18.1

pokie machines per 1000 people in Broken Hill, higher than the NSW average of 14.⁷

¹ 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. ² Access Denied: Australians Locked Out of Quality Healthcare Patient Experience and Socioeconomic Disadvantage in NSW. NCOSS 2024/2024. ⁴ Lasting Impacts of Child Poverty. NCOSS. ⁵ Australian Early Development Census 2024. Data by SA4. ⁶ Trends in youth offending in NSW 2025. NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research ⁷ Liquor and Gaming NSW. Electronic Gaming Machines by SA2. ⁸ NSW Domestic Violence Quarterly Report. March 2025. NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research. ⁹ 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.