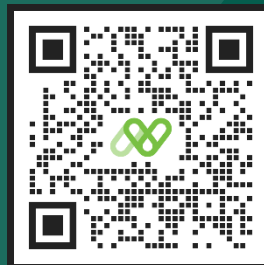


## New England & North West

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### Poverty & Demographics

	New England & North West	NSW
Poverty Rate	14.77%	13.4%
Single Parent Families	17.8%	15.8%
Median Household Income	\$1,328	\$1,829

### Housing and Financial Stress



54%

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

54%

have gone without meals because they were short of money.

32%

people have moved in with family or friends due to costs. Significantly higher than the NSW average.

### Health



38%

Over one in three people have attended the ED because they could not see a GP, the highest across NSW regions.<sup>2</sup>

57%

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

62%

6 in 10 people are living with a long-term health condition.

### Children and Young People



21.8%

children are living in poverty at a cost of \$2.03 billion.<sup>4</sup>

1,332

young offenders across the region in the last 12 months. Just over 6% of the total young offenders across NSW.<sup>6</sup>

17%

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

### Local Challenges



3 in 10

The New England & North West has some of the highest DV rates in NSW, with 3 of its LGAs ranking among the top 10 for incident rates per population.<sup>8</sup>

2nd Highest

Inverell LGA had the highest increase in rough sleepers in 2025 outside of Sydney. Increasing. Increasing from 5 to 71.<sup>3</sup>

23.7

pokie machines per 1000 in Narrabri LGA; the NSW average is 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>3</sup> NSW Street Count results. NSW Government. <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> 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.