

## Northern Beaches

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### Poverty & Demographics

Northern Beaches

NSW



Poverty Rate

7.05%

13.4%



Single Parent Families

11.9%

15.8%



Median Household Income

\$2,592

\$1,829

### Housing and Financial Stress



75%

Of people living on the Northern Beaches are living in housing stress<sup>1</sup>

30%

Have gone without meals because they were short of money.

30%

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

### Health



22%

Of people have attended the ED because the GP was unavailable.<sup>3</sup>

20%

Of people have waited longer than acceptable to see a specialist.

33%

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

### Children and Young People



4.2%

Of children are living in poverty at a cost of \$535million.<sup>4</sup>

456

young offenders across the region in the last 12 months. 50.2% who proceeded to court.<sup>6</sup>

5.5%

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

### Local Challenges



608

People were on the general waitlist for social housing in the Northern Beaches at June 2024. The wait time on average is 5 to 10 years.<sup>9</sup>

116

The Northern Beaches LGA is currently ranked 116 in NSW for recorded incidents of DV related assaults.<sup>8</sup>

30.9

Dee Why North has just over 30 pokie machines per 1000 people, more than twice the NSW average of 14/1000.<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> NSW FACS (2024) Expected Waiting Times <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.