

Sydney – Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury

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Poverty & Demographics	Baulkham Hills & Hawkesbury	NSW
Poverty Rate	8.52%	13.4%
Single Parent Families	10.1%	15.8%
Median Household Income	\$2,703	\$1,829

Housing and Financial Stress



64%

people living in housing stress 1

32%

have gone without meals because they were short of money. 53%

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

Health



25.5%

One in four people have waited longer than acceptable to see a specialist.² **488.6%**

The number of people who waited over 24 hours for urgent GP care has increased 488.6% since 2020.

38%

people have gone without prescribed medication because of cost.

Children and Young People



6.2%

children are living in poverty at a cost of \$884 million.4

379

young offenders recorded in the last 12 months. 66% accessed a diversion option.⁶ 6 8%

children are developmentally vulnerable in two or more domains.

Local Challenges



470

recorded DV related assaults in the last 12 months.8

156.9%

number of people who waited over one month for public dental care increased by 156.9% since 2020.² **22 1**

pokie machines for every 1000 people in Castle Hill - North. Significantly 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 20242024. 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 NSW FACS (2024) Expected Waiting Times 10 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 Ouickstats.