

# Sydney – Blacktown

Dharug Country



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## Poverty & Demographics



Poverty Rate

41.23%

13.4%



Single Parent Families

16.5%

15.8%



Median Household Income

\$2,109

\$1,829

## Housing and Financial Stress



72%

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

41%

have gone without meals because they were short of money.

53%

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

## Health



19%

One in five people have waited longer than acceptable to see a specialist.<sup>2</sup>



240%

The number of people who waited over 24 hours for urgent GP care has increased 240% since 2020.

51%

people have gone without prescribed medication because of cost.

## Children and Young People



16.1%

children are living in poverty at a cost of \$3.73 billion.<sup>4</sup>

1,037

young offenders recorded in Blacktown in the last 12 months. Less than 50% accessed a diversion option.<sup>6</sup>

14%

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

## Local Challenges



2,403

Blacktown LGA recorded 2,403 DV related assaults in the last 12 months. Ranking 50<sup>th</sup> in NSW.<sup>8</sup>

5 – 10 years

There are currently over 700 people in Mt Druitt on the waitlist for social housing. The waiting time is 5 – 10 years.<sup>8</sup>

35.2

Rooty Hill LGA has 35.2 pokie machines for every 1000 people. Significantly higher than the NSW average of 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>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.