

Sydney – South West

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Poverty & Demographics

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NSW



Poverty Rate

20.09%

13.4%



Single Parent Families

19.7%

15.8%



Median Household Income

\$1,713

\$1,829

Housing and Financial Stress



60%

people living in the South West of Sydney are living in housing stress.¹

45%

have gone without meals because they were short of money.

47%

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

Health



21%

One in five people have gone to the ED because the GP was not available.²



370%

The number of people delaying or avoiding seeing a GP due to cost has increased 370% since 2020.

53%

people have gone without prescribed medication because of cost.

Children and Young People



28.4%

children are living in poverty at a cost of \$7.32billion. **The highest percentage in NSW.**⁴

768

young offenders were recorded in the last 12 months in Sydney South West. 61.3% proceeded to court.⁶

15%

children are developmentally vulnerable in two or more domains.⁵

Local Challenges



10%

people have had their home severely damaged by natural disaster or severe weather, above the NSW average (7%).¹

44

Liverpool LGA is currently ranked at 44 in the state for recorded DV related assaults.⁸

480+

Wetherill Park, in the Fairfield LGA, has over 480 pokie machines for every 1000 people. The NSW average is 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. ³ NSW Street Count results. NSW Government. 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 (2021) 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 Quickstats.