

# Sydney – South West

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## Poverty & Demographics

	Sydney – South West	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.<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup>

↑ 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.**<sup>4</sup>

768

Young offenders were recorded in the last 12 months in Sydney South West. 61.3% proceeded to court.<sup>6</sup>

15%

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

## Local Challenges



10%

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

44

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

480+

Wetherill Park, in the Fairfield LGA, has over 480 pokie machines for every 1000 people. 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. <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> NSW FACS (2021) 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.