



SYDNEY NORTH HEALTH NETWORK HEALTH PROFILE

Sydney North Health Network (SNHN) is one of 31 Primary Health Networks (PHNs) in Australia covering 9 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in the Northern Sydney region.

Key Areas: Childhood immunisation rates, ageing population and growing culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) population.

HEALTH DRIVERS

SNHN is ranked the least socio-economically disadvantaged PHN in Australia. However, there are pockets of high socio-economic disadvantage within Hornsby, Hunters Hill, North Sydney, Northern Beaches, Ryde and Willoughby LGAs.



1.3% of people aged 16-64 years receive unemployment benefits
NSW: 4.5%



41.3% of people aged 17 years participating in tertiary education
NSW: 28.9%



28.8% of low-income families experience financial stress from mortgage or rent
NSW: 29.3%

VULNERABLE GROUPS

Children

5.3%
(9,724)

of children in low-income, welfare-recipient families
NSW: 20.6%



Older People

15.7% (145,154)

of the total population aged 65+ years
NSW: 15.9%

Between 2016-2036, there will be an increase of **55.1%** in the 65+ years population
NSW: 67.1%



Disability

3.7% of the population have severe or profound disability
NSW: 5.4%



HEALTH RISK FACTORS



Obesity

18.1 per 100
(18+ years) obese
NSW: 28.2



Alcohol

17.9 per 100
(15+ years) engaging in high risk drinking
NSW: 16.7



Smoking

9.5 per 100
(18+ years) current smokers
NSW: 16

CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION

IMMUNISATION RATES LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL ASPIRATIONAL TARGET OF 95%



1-year-old

93.9%
fully immunised
NSW: 94%



2-years-old

90.3%
fully immunised
NSW: 90.2%



5-years-old

92.5%
fully immunised
NSW: 94.6%

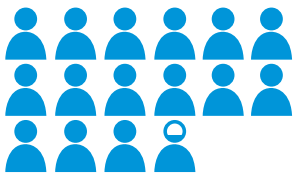
CANCER SCREENING

Bowel cancer screening participation rates among people aged **50-74 years in SNHN (39%)** higher than the NSW rate (36.8%).

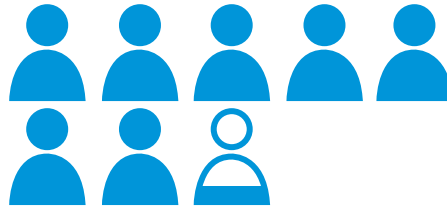
Cervical cancer screening participation rates among women aged **20-69 years (62.7%)** higher than the NSW rate (55.9%).

Breast cancer screening participation rates among women aged **50-74 years (53.2%)** similar to the NSW rate (53.1%).

MENTAL HEALTH



15.8 per 100
(15+ years) report mental and behavioural problems
NSW: 17.7

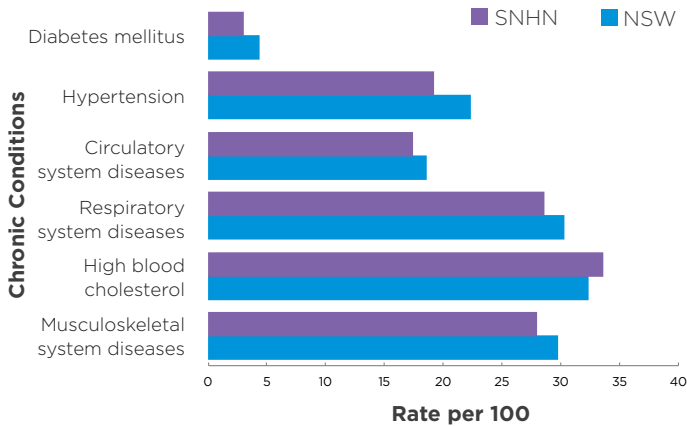


7.3 per 100
(18+ years) report high or very high psychological distress
NSW: 11



2,222 per 100,000
mental health related hospitalisations
NSW: 1,975

CHRONIC CONDITIONS



POTENTIALLY PREVENTABLE HOSPITALISATIONS



1,711 per 100,000

NSW: 2,192 per 100,000
Cellulitis, kidney and urinary tract infections, and dental conditions accounted for 36% of potentially preventable hospitalisations.

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

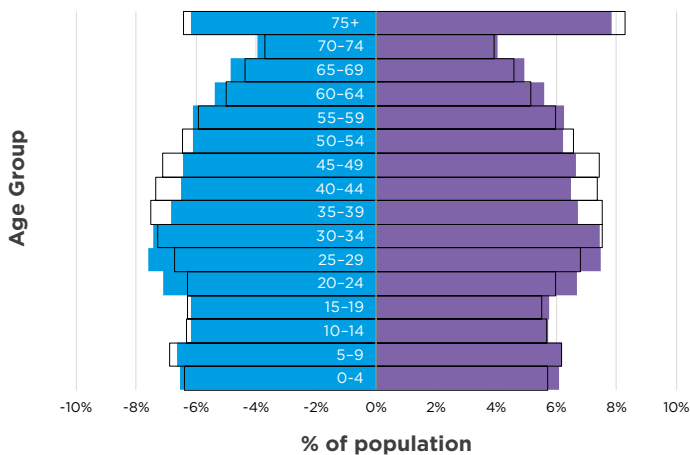


295 GP practices in the SNHN region

129 GPs per 100,000 people
NSW: 119 per 100,000 people

DEMOGRAPHY

Age structure comparison by sex for SNHN and NSW



□ SNHN males ■ NSW males □ SNHN females ■ NSW females

Total population 926,912. Between 2016-2036, the total population will increase by 23.5% to 1,122,930
NSW: 28.1%

Area: 899.9 km²

CALD

SNHN has a higher proportion of people culturally and linguistically diverse (25.7%) compared to NSW (21%). Chinese and Indian largest culturally and linguistically diverse groups.

3.4% of people born overseas report poor proficiency in English
NSW: 3.8%

Aboriginal

0.4% (4,080) of the population identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
NSW: 3.4%



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