

WILLOUGHBY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA HEALTH PROFILE

Willoughby Local Government Area (LGA) is one of 9 LGAs in the Sydney North Health Network (SNHN) region.

Key Areas: Larger culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) population, childhood immunisation rates and financial stress from mortgage or rent.

HEALTH DRIVERS

Willoughby LGA is an affluent area, ranking in the least disadvantaged quintile (20%) on the index of relative socio-economic disadvantage. There is a small area of comparatively high socio-economic disadvantage in the suburbs of Chatswood and Artarmon.



1.1% of people aged 16-64 years receive unemployment benefits
SNHN: 1.3%; NSW: 4.5%



48.4% of people aged 17 years participating in tertiary education
SNHN: 41.3%; NSW: 28.9%



34.1% of low-income families experience financial stress from mortgage or rent
SNHN: 28.8%; NSW: 29.3%

VULNERABLE GROUPS

Children

4.7%
(756)

of children in low-income, welfare-recipient families
SNHN: 5.3%; NSW: 20.6%



Older People

13.6% (10,853)

of the total population aged 65+ years
SNHN: 15.7%; NSW: 15.9%

Between 2016-2036, there will be an increase of **54.6%** in the 65+ years population
SNHN: 55.1%; NSW: 67.1%



Disability

3.4% of the population have severe or profound disability
SNHN: 3.7%; NSW: 5.4%



HEALTH RISK FACTORS



Obesity

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



Alcohol

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



Smoking

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

CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION

IMMUNISATION RATES LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL ASPIRATIONAL TARGET OF 95%



1-year-old

94.7%
fully immunised
SNHN: 93.9%
NSW: 94%



2-years-old

89.4%
fully immunised
SNHN: 90.3%
NSW: 90.2%



5-years-old

91.6%
fully immunised
SNHN: 92.5%
NSW: 94.6%

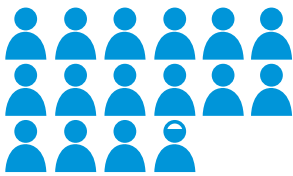
CANCER SCREENING

Bowel cancer screening participation rates in **Willoughby (38%)** similar to both SNHN (39%) and NSW (36.8%) rates.

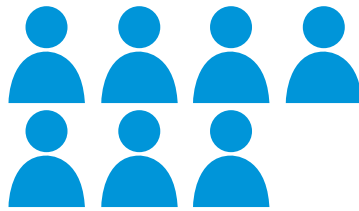
Cervical cancer screening participation rates among women aged **20-69 years (58.6%)** lower than the SNHN rate (62.7%) and higher than the NSW rate (55.9%).

Breast cancer screening participation rates among women aged **50-74 years (52.5%)** similar to both SNHN (53.2%) and NSW (53.1%) rates.

MENTAL HEALTH



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

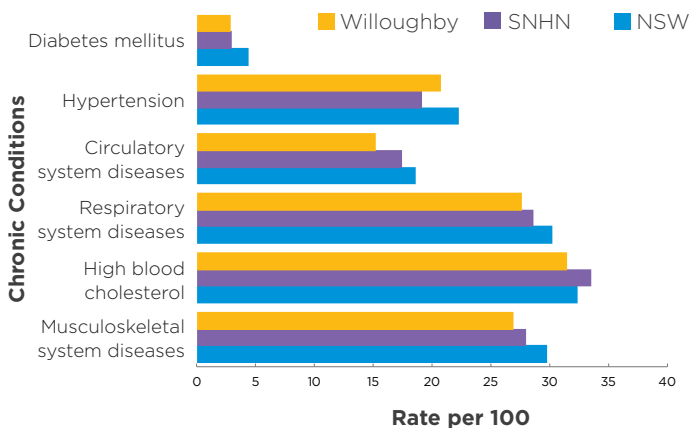


7 per 100
(18+ years) report high or very high psychological distress
SNHN: 7.3; NSW: 11



2,275 per 100,000
mental health related hospitalisations
SNHN: 2,222; NSW: 1,975

CHRONIC CONDITIONS



POTENTIALLY PREVENTABLE HOSPITALISATIONS



1,708 per 100,000
NSW: 2,213 per 100,000

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

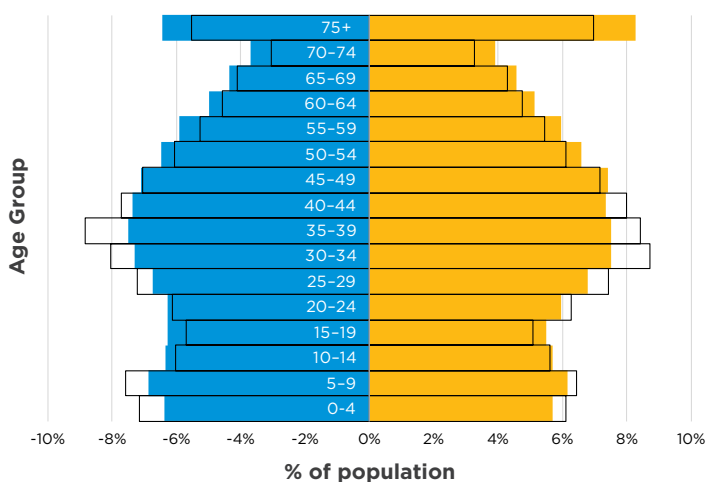


29 GP practices in the Willoughby region

213 GPs per 100,000 people SNHN: 129 per 100,000 people; NSW: 119 per 100,000 people

DEMOGRAPHY

Age structure comparison by sex for Willoughby and SNHN



□ Willoughby males ■ SNHN males □ Willoughby females ■ SNHN females

Total population 79,681. Between 2016-2036, the total population will increase by 17.5% to 88,650
SNHN: 23.5%; NSW: 28.1%

Area: 22.4 km²

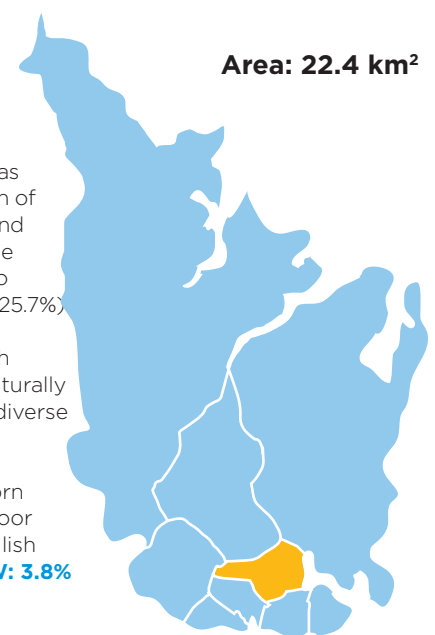
CALD

Willoughby LGA has a higher proportion of people culturally and linguistically diverse (37%) compared to the SNHN region (25.7%) and NSW (21%). Chinese and South Korean largest culturally and linguistically diverse groups.

6.5% of people born overseas report poor proficiency in English
SNHN: 3.4%; NSW: 3.8%

Aboriginal

0.2% (157) of the population identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
SNHN: 0.4%; NSW: 3.4%



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