



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, breast and bowel cancer screening rates and a 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.



2.4% of people aged 16-64 years receive unemployment benefits
NSW: 6.2%



43.1% of people aged 17 years participating in tertiary education
NSW: 28.3%



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

VULNERABLE GROUPS

Children

2.5%
(4,643)

of children in low-income, welfare-recipient families
NSW: 10.3%



Older People

17.1% (158,142)

of the total population aged 65+ years
NSW: 17.2%

Between 2021-2041, there will be an increase of **57.8%** in the 65+ years population
NSW: 55.4%



Disability

3.9% of the population have severe or profound disability
NSW: 5.8%



HEALTH RISK FACTORS



Obesity

20.1 per 100
(18+ years) obese
NSW: 30.9



Alcohol

16.6 per 100
(18+ years) engaging in high risk drinking
NSW: 15.5



Smoking

7.9 per 100
(18+ years) current smokers
NSW: 14.4

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 rate among people aged **50-74 years in SNHN (34.8%)** is lower than the NSW rate (36.3%).

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

Breast cancer screening participation rate among women aged **50-74 years (48.5%)** is lower than the NSW rate (49.4%).

