

Illawarra Shoalhaven District Data Profile

Illawarra Shoalhaven
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Introduction


This document presents a brief data profile for the Illawarra Shoalhaven district. It contains a series of tables and graphs that show the characteristics of persons, families and communities. It includes demographic, housing, child development, income and education community safety and child protection information.

Where possible, we present this information at the local government area (LGA) level. In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district there are four LGAs:

- Kiama
- Shoalhaven
- Shellharbour
- Wollongong

The data presented in this document is from a number of different sources, including:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
- Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR)
- NSW Health Stats
- Australian Early Developmental Census (AEDC)
- NSW Government administrative data.



The majority of these sources are publicly available. We have provided source statements for each table and graph. This tells you where the data comes from and where you can find more information.

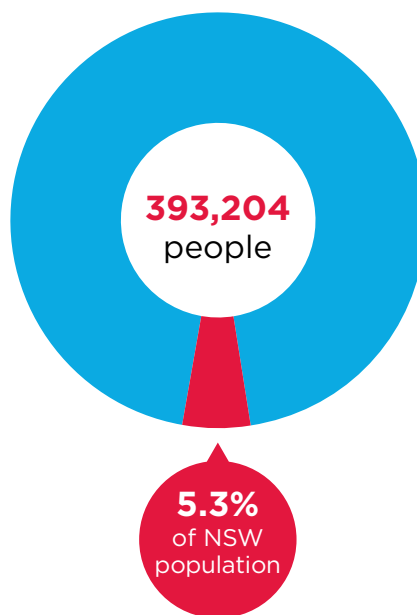
Please note, the information in the original sources may change as authors (e.g. ABS, NSW Healthstats) update the data. As such, we have also recorded the date we accessed the information.

If you would like additional suburb-level and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific data, the following sources are available to you:

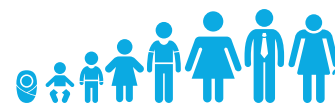
- The ABS provides demographic, cultural and linguistic diversity, employment and housing data at a suburb level through Quick Stats: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats>. For example, for the Fairy Meadow suburb, select 'Fairy Meadow, NSW: State Suburb (SSC)' from the drop down menu.
- The ABS also ranks suburbs on the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA): http://stat.data.abs.gov.au/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SEIFA_SSC. For more information on the SEIFA, see page 28.
- BOSCAR records criminal offences at a suburb level: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_datasets/Datasets.aspx. Follow the 'Suburb' link in the Geographic breakdown category for a spreadsheet containing all suburb-level crime data.
- Information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons, families and dwellings, including comparisons with non-Indigenous people, is also available at LGA level through the ABS 2016 Census Community Profiles: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20Census%20Community%20Profiles>. For example, for information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of Wollongong, select 'Wollongong (C), NSW: Local Government Area (LGA)' from the drop down menu, and follow the link for the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile'.

Illawarra Shoalhaven District

Demographics



Census 2016



Median age = 43
NSW median age = **38**



13,845 people in this district are
Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait Islander
(**3.5%**)

Economic Environment



18.4%
Bachelor degree
level or above
23.4% NSW
average



6.8%
Unemployment
rate
NSW: **6.3%**



175,650
Total labour
force



\$589
Median weekly
personal income
\$664 NSW
average

Social Environment



24.6%
People born
overseas
34.5% NSW
average



15.3%
Households where
a non-English
language is spoken
at home
26.5% NSW average



1,436
Migrants in 2017



1,332
Domestic
assaults in 2018

Children, Young People and Families



1.8%
Mothers giving
birth aged 19
and under
1.9% NSW average



5,466
Children and
young people at
risk of significant
harm 2016-17



1,313
Children and
young people in
out-of-home care
2016-17



9.5%
Children
developmentally
vulnerable on
2 or more AEDC
domains 2018

Disability



6.7%
People need
assistance with
core activity
5.4% NSW
average



2.5
Average no.
of people per
household
2.6 NSW average



11,490
Social housing
dwellings,
June 2018
7.6% of NSW
dwellings



9,048
Public and AHO
housing tenancies
- June 2018
8% of NSW
tenancies

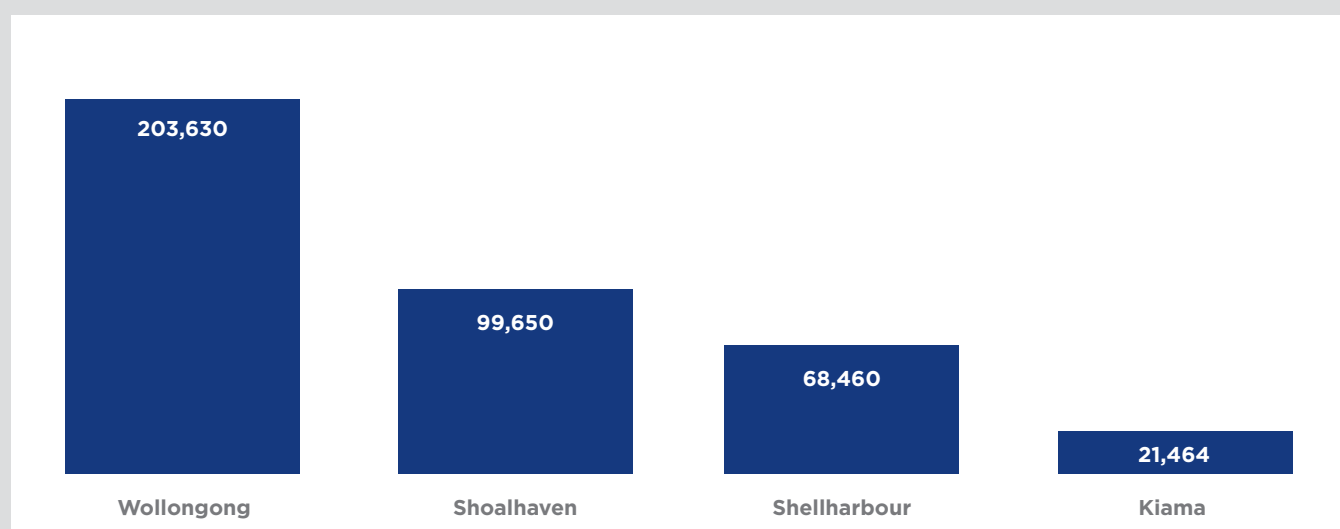
Households and social housing

Demographic Data

Population – Illawarra Shoalhaven

The population in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district was estimated at 393,204 in the 2016 Census. This district is made up of four local government areas (LGAs). The largest LGA is Wollongong, with an estimated population of 203,630. The smallest LGA is Kiama with an estimated population of 21,464 (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Population of Illawarra Shoalhaven District, by LGA



Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)

The median age in New South Wales is 38 years of age. In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, the LGAs of Wollongong and Shellharbour are close to the state average, with their median ages both at 39. Kiama and Shoalhaven have an older population with their median ages at 47 and 48, respectively.

Table 1 shows a breakdown of age for each LGA in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district.

Table 1. Age breakdown of the population by LGA in Illawarra Shoalhaven District

Age Group (years)	Kiama		Shellharbour		Shoalhaven		Wollongong		Illawarra Shoalhaven	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4	1,109	5.2	4,335	6.3	5,122	5.1	12,034	5.9	22,600	5.7
5-9	1,168	5.4	4,690	6.9	5,659	5.7	12,646	6.2	24,163	6.1
10-14	1,332	6.2	4,580	6.7	5,534	5.6	11,877	5.8	23,323	5.9
15-19	1,254	5.8	4,714	6.9	5,309	5.3	13,007	6.4	24,284	6.2
20-24	1,058	4.9	4,276	6.2	4,622	4.6	15,523	7.6	25,479	6.5
25-29	891	4.1	3,856	5.6	4,579	4.6	13,356	6.6	22,682	5.8
30-34	968	4.5	4,152	6.1	4,736	4.8	12,678	6.2	22,534	5.7
35-39	1,057	4.9	4,020	5.9	4,710	4.7	12,455	6.1	22,242	5.7
40-44	1,291	6.0	4,593	6.7	5,381	5.4	13,387	6.6	24,652	6.3
45-49	1,326	6.2	4,530	6.6	5,791	5.8	13,027	6.4	24,674	6.3
50-54	1,500	7.0	4,716	6.9	6,507	6.5	13,431	6.6	26,154	6.7
55-59	1,690	7.9	4,558	6.7	7,560	7.6	12,971	6.4	26,779	6.8
60-64	1,780	8.3	3,951	5.8	7,786	7.8	11,306	5.6	24,823	6.3
65 and above	5,049	23.5	11,485	16.7	26,347	26.4	35,934	17.6	78,815	20.0
Total	21, 473	100	68,456	100	99, 643	100	203, 632	100	393,204	100
Total in NSW									7,480,228	5.3

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, 3.5% (n=13,845) of the population identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (see Table 2). The majority of these people are children and young people; 55.3% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district are under 25 years old. This is higher than the NSW state average, where only 28.6% of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population are under 25 years old.

Table 2. Population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in Illawarra Shoalhaven, by Age

Age Group (years)	Kiama		Shellharbour		Shoalhaven		Wollongong		Illawarra Shoalhaven	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4	34	8.5	317	12.1	685	12.4	548	10.3	1,584	11.4
5-9	40	10.0	332	12.6	677	12.3	628	11.8	1,677	12.1
10-14	46	11.5	321	12.2	586	10.6	580	10.9	1,533	11.1
15-19	35	8.8	327	12.5	575	10.4	604	11.4	1,541	11.1
20-24	35	8.8	218	8.3	445	8.1	499	9.4	1,197	8.6
25-29	34	8.5	183	7.0	368	6.7	398	7.5	983	7.1
30-34	19	4.8	123	4.7	334	6.1	342	6.4	818	5.9
35-39	18	4.5	133	5.1	249	4.5	257	4.8	657	4.7
40-44	24	6.0	142	5.4	283	5.1	280	5.3	729	5.3
45-49	27	6.8	115	4.4	277	5.0	267	5.0	686	5
50-54	22	5.5	113	4.3	249	4.5	276	5.2	660	4.8
55-59	24	6.0	113	4.3	227	4.1	213	4.0	577	4.2
60-64	20	5.0	74	2.8	209	3.8	150	2.8	453	3.3
65 and above	22	5.5	114	4.3	342	6.2	272	5.1	750	5.4
Total	400	100	2,625	100	5,506	100	5,314	100	13,845	100
% of LGA population	1.9		3.8		5.5		2.6		% of district pop.	3.5

Source: ABS Community Profiles, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20Census%20Community%20Profiles> (accessed 30 September 2019)

Country of birth

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, 75.4% of residents were born in Australia (see Table 3). This is higher than the New South Wales state average of 65.5%. The most common birthplaces, other than Australia, were England, New Zealand, Scotland and Germany.

Table 3. Country of Birth in Illawarra Shoalhaven, by LGA

Kiama			Shellharbour		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	17,036	79.4	Australia	52,951	77.4
Other top responses					
England	1,112	5.2	England	3,174	4.6
New Zealand	317	1.5	Macedonia ¹	806	1.2
Scotland	141	0.7	New Zealand	606	0.9
Germany	106	0.5	Germany	547	0.8
South Africa	101	0.5	Scotland	538	0.8

Shoalhaven			Wollongong		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	78,741	79.0	Australia	147,933	72.7
Other top responses					
England	4,662	4.7	England	8,092	4.0
New Zealand	1,196	1.2	China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	3,035	1.5
Germany	561	0.6	Macedonia ¹	2,896	1.4
Scotland	540	0.5	Italy	2,617	1.3
Netherlands	404	0.4	New Zealand	2,158	1.1

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)

¹ The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Language spoken at home

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, 82.3% of residents spoke only English at home (see Table 4). This is higher than the New South Wales state average of 68.5%.

The proportion of households where a non-English language was spoken at home was highest in Wollongong (20%) and Shellharbour (14.2%), compared to Kiama (6.4%) and Shoalhaven (5.8%).

Table 4. Languages spoken at home in Illawarra Shoalhaven, by LGA

Kiama			Shellharbour		
	No.	%	Country	No.	%
English only spoken at home	19,210	89.6	English only spoken at home	57,950	84.7
Households where a non-English language is spoken	530	6.4	Households where a non-English language is spoken	3,507	14.2
Top responses other than English					
Italian	106	0.5	Macedonian	1,513	2.2
German	93	0.4	Spanish	757	1.1
Spanish	65	0.3	Italian	566	0.8
French	58	0.3	German	316	0.5
Greek	55	0.3	Turkish	309	0.5
Shoalhaven			Wollongong		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
English only spoken at home	88,148	88.5	English only spoken at home	159,289	78.2
Households where a non-English language is spoken	2,371	5.8	Households where a non-English language is spoken	15,551	20.0
Top responses other than English					
Italian	367	0.4	Macedonian	4,764	2.4
Greek	279	0.3	Italian	3,675	1.8
German	278	0.3	Mandarin	3,048	1.8
Spanish	228	0.2	Arabic	2,873	1.4
Mandarin	186	0.2	Greek	1,714	0.8

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)

Migration streams

Only 1.8% of migrants who arrived in NSW between 1 January and 31 December 2017 settled in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district (see Table 5). The largest number of migrants to the District settled in Wollongong LGA. Most of these were skilled migrants (n=599) followed by family migrants (n=349) and then humanitarian migrants (n=117).

Table 5. Migration Stream in Illawarra Shoalhaven, by LGA, between 1 January and 31 December 2017

LGA	Migration Stream			Total
	Family	Humanitarian	Skilled	
Kiama	25	0	13	38
Shellharbour	75	0	59	134
Shoalhaven	125	0	74	199
Wollongong	349	117	599	1,065
Illawarra Shoalhaven	574	117	745	1,436
Total NSW	27,200	6,514	47,002	80,794

Source: Department of Social Services, Settlement Data Reports January 2017 to 31 December 2017: <https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/ds-dga-8d1b90a9-a4d7-4b10-ad6a-8273722c8628/details> (accessed 25 September 2019).

Children and Young People

Government schools

The following tables provide information about the government schools in the four LGAs that make up the Illawarra Shoalhaven district. These tables provide information on the following factors:

No. of FTE enrolments	The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolments indicates the number of students who attended the school over the course of the academic year. For example, 39.2 means 39 students were enrolled full time for one academic year and one student was enrolled for a fifth of the year.
% of ATSI	The percentage of FTE students enrolled who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
% of LBOTE	The percentage of students (headcount) who have a language background other than English (LBOTE). A student has a LBOTE if they, or their parents or guardians, speak a language other than English at home.
ISCEA value	<p>The Index of Community Socio-Education Advantage (ICSEA) provides information about the socio-educational backgrounds of a school's students. This is worked out by looking at the parents' occupation and education, a school's geographical location, and the proportion of Indigenous students.</p> <p>The ICSEA is set at an average of 1000. The lower the ICSEA level, the lower the educational advantage of students who go to this school. The highest score of a public school in New South Wales is 1245, and the lowest score is 543.</p>
% School attendance	The attendance rate is the number of actual FTE student days attended by full-time students in Years 1-10 in Semester One as a percentage of the total number of possible student-days attended in semester one.

There are 112 government schools in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district (see Table 6a-d):

- 61 in the Wollongong LGA
- 18 in the Shellharbour LGA
- 28 in the Shoalhaven LGA
- 5 in the Kiama LGA.

The largest of these schools is Warilla High School in the Shellharbour LGA (1125 FTE enrolments) and the smallest is Falls Creek public school in the Shoalhaven LGA (37 FTE enrolments).

The government school with the highest proportion of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students is Bellambi Public School in the Wollongong LGA (33%). The government school with the highest proportion of students from a language background other than English is Cringila Public School (75%), also in Wollongong.

The government school with the lowest ISCEA is Nowra East Public school (752) in the Shoalhaven LGA. The school with the highest ISCEA is Smith's Hill High School, a selective high school in Wollongong (1195). This means that students who attend Smith's Hill High School have a higher education advantage than students who attend Nowra East Public school.

Smith Hill High School also has the highest school attendance rate in the district (96.3%). The school with the lowest school attendance rate is Five Islands Secondary College in Wollongong (74.7%) followed by Shoalhaven High School (79.1%).

Table 6a. Profiles of government schools in Kiama LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Gerringong Public School	453	4	5	1063	94
Jamberoo Public School	134	6	5	1030	94.8
Kiama High School	1040.2	4	8	1033	91
Kiama Public School	526	3	12	1052	93.9
Minnamurra Public School	408	4	5	1042	93.5

Table 6b. Profiles of government schools in Shoalhaven LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Berry Public School	335	2	10	1066	93.5
Bomaderry High School	725	14	6	957	86.7
Bomaderry Public School	328	30	9	884	91.5
Callala Public School	201	13	5	959	93.5
Cambewarra Public School	300	11	6	988	94.2
Culburra Public School	183	25	3	929	91.5
Falls Creek Public School	37	19	np	925	94.1
Greenwell Point Public School	91	14	6	955	90.6

Table 6b. Profiles of government schools in Shoalhaven LGA (continued)

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Huskisson Public School	198	5	8	1009	93.2
Illaroo Road Public School	526	11	11	1009	95.5
Kangaroo Valley Public School	78	np	8	1039	95
Milton Public School	698	6	6	1012	94.1
North Nowra Public School	199	17	7	910	93.2
Nowra East Public School	339	55	6	752	86.6
Nowra High School	915.2	11	7	964	91.7
Nowra Hill Public School	155	9	4	969	93.7
Nowra Public School	649	26	4	897	94.1
Sanctuary Point Public School	483	26	4	894	93
Shoalhaven Heads Public School	191	7	10	1011	92.2
Shoalhaven High School	589	25	5	885	79.1
St Georges Basin Public School	418	14	5	956	93.8
Sussex Inlet Public School	234	9	np	962	92.1
Terara Public School	92	8	np	993	94.5
Tomerong Public School	170	12	5	967	91.1
Ulladulla High School	1196.2	7	6	980	90.3
Ulladulla Public School	744	8	6	970	93.9
Vincentia High School	1018.4	16	4	928	85.2
Vincentia Public School	324	9	9	1012	94.1

Table 6c. Profiles of government schools in Shellharbour LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Albion Park High School	746.6	9	6	962	87.8
Albion Park Public School	469	6	5	972	93.1
Albion Park Rail Public School	356	21	8	900	91.2
Balarang Public School	270	12	16	950	95.8
Barrack Heights Public School	236	21	17	875	94.2
Flinders Public School	568	6	25	998	94.8
Lake Illawarra High School	514.8	18	8	888	85.4
Lake Illawarra South Public School	235	8	15	956	94.2
Mount Terry Public School	729	6	9	988	93.3
Mount Warrigal Public School	213	22	14	900	91.7
Oak Flats High School	687.8	11	12	932	91.4
Oak Flats Public School	437	10	8	957	92.9
Shell Cove Public School	535	4	19	1034	92.8
Shellharbour Public School	482	4	5	1033	94.6
Tullimbar Public School	326	6	6	994	92.4
Warilla High School	1254	8	15	965	88.8
Warilla North Public School	154	33	6	818	89.2
Warilla Public School	258	10	13	945	92.3

Table 6d. Profiles of government schools in Wollongong LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Austinmer Public School	327	2	11	1104	95.4
Balgownie Public School	333	np	18	1072	95.2
Bellambi Public School	172	35	25	866	91.2
Berkeley Public School	341	15	27	925	92.9
Berkeley West Public School	219	21	15	896	93.3
Bulli High School	883.6	3	10	1042	89.7
Bulli Public School	211	8	15	1075	93.8
Coledale Public School	149	np	10	1090	95.5
Coniston Public School	185	6	52	987	91.7
Corrimal East Public School	216	5	14	994	93.0
Corrimal High School	316.2	17	20	899	83.1
Corrimal Public School	217	9	17	1000	94.7
Cringila Public School	145	np	76	904	91.2
Dapto High School	915	6	9	969	91.1
Dapto Public School	713	7	14	988	94.2
Fairy Meadow Public School	355	6	27	984	93.8
Farmborough Road Public School	180	13	6	930	91.7
Figtree Heights Public School	240	3	18	1080	95.8
Figtree High School	917.8	5	25	1000	89.2
Figtree Public School	292	4	32	1037	93.4
Five Islands Secondary College	242.5	9	9	936	74.7
Gwynneville Public School	232	4	55	1059	93.5

Table 6d. Profiles of government schools in Wollongong LGA (continued)

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Hayes Park Public School	554	8	9	972	94.0
Helensburgh Public School	475	6	10	1027	93.3
Illawarra Sports High School	733.4	13	26	914	84.7
Kanahooka High School	587.6	16	7	915	87.3
Keira High School	896.6	5	39	988	89.8
Keiraville Public School	351	np	38	1103	94.7
Kemblawarra Public School	100	29	20	876	90.3
Koonawarra Public School	230	33	3	840	90.5
Lake Heights Public School	146	10	21	936	92.9
Lakelands Public School	319	13	8	936	94.1
Lindsay Park Public School	403	2	21	1063	93.9
Mount Brown Public School	357	10	8	958	94.0
Mount Keira Public School	90	np	27	1081	94.3
Mount Kembla Public School	124	5	8	1049	95.4
Mount Ousley Public School	219	3	32	1052	93.3
Mount St Thomas Public School	349	3	16	1066	95.0
Nareena Hills Public School	272	0	17	1077	94.3
Otford Public School	49	0	27	1117	94.3
Pleasant Heights Public School	262	np	21	1118	93.4
Port Kembla Public School	277	10	22	975	93.1
Primbee Public School	138	13	24	957	93.4
Russell Vale Public School	270	4	8	1026	94.5
Scarborough Public School	68	np	19	1133	94.3
Smiths Hill High School	727.4	np	32	1195	96.3

Table 6d. Profiles of government schools in Wollongong LGA (continued)

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Stanwell Park Public School	156	np	8	1119	94.5
Tarrawanna Public School	127	15	26	900	93.2
Thirroul Public School	499	3	12	1088	94.7
Towradgi Public School	159	12	33	1023	94.8
Unanderra Public School	381	8	23	995	94.1
Waniora Public School	370	3	11	1065	94.6
Warrawong High School	518.2	11	48	895	87.4
Warrawong Public School	268	19	38	877	90.5
Windang Public School	171	9	3	970	94.8
Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts	1187.7	5	25	1045	90.3
Wollongong Public School	479	2	60	1084	94.4
Wollongong West Public School	214	8	44	959	94.7
Woonona East Public School	188	11	6	1027	94.1
Woonona High School	734.8	6	8	1012	92.3
Woonona Public School	562	4	6	1059	95.0

Source: NSW Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation, Master dataset: NSW government school locations and student enrolment numbers (2017) <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/nsw-public-schools-master-dataset> (accessed 7 October 2019), Student attendance rate by individual government schools (2011-2017): <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/student-attendance-rate-by-school> (accessed 7 October 2019).

The Department of Education also provides information about suspensions and expulsions from government schools at the district level¹.

Table 7 shows the Illawarra Shoalhaven district has a higher proportion of students who received short suspensions (four days or less) in 2018 compared to the NSW state average. In 2018, 5.3% of students received short suspensions in Illawarra Shoalhaven, compared to 4.0% in NSW.

The proportion of students who received long suspensions (4-20 school days) was similar to the NSW state average; 1.6% in the district compared to 1.5% in the state.

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, 16 students were expelled for misbehaviour in 2018, which is 9.1% of the total expulsions for misbehaviour in the state.

Table 7. Suspensions and expulsions from government schools in Illawarra Shoalhaven district, 2018

	Illawarra Shoalhaven	New South Wales
Total short suspensions ¹	3,999	52,755
Total number of students short suspended	2,359	32,343
Students short suspended as % of enrolment	5.3%	4.0%
Total long suspensions	964	17,235
Total number students long suspended ²	698	12,355
Students long suspended as % of enrolment	1.6%	1.5%
Students expelled for misbehaviour	16	175
Students expelled for unsatisfactory participation	<5 ³	122

Source: NSW Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation, Suspensions and Expulsions in NSW government schools (2015-2018): <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/suspensions-and-expulsions-in-nsw-government-schools> (accessed 9 October 2019)

¹ includes students on short suspension (four days or less) on more than one occasion

² includes students on long suspension (four to 20 school days) on more than one occasion

³ In order to protect individual students' identities, values 5 and under are represented as <5

¹ To our knowledge, LGA data is unavailable

Early childhood development

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) measures the early childhood development of children in Australia in their first year of full-time school. It measures this across five domains that predict later health, education and social outcomes:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills (school-based)
- communication skills and general knowledge.

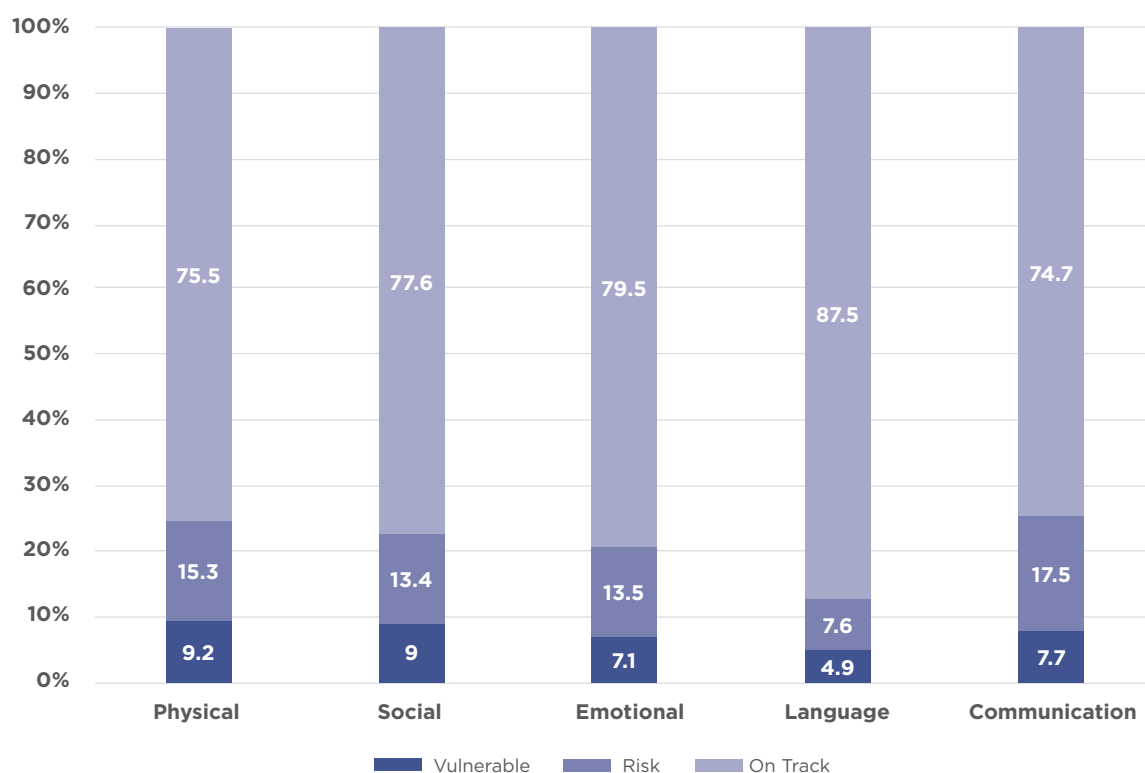
The AEDC results can tell us if children are developmentally on track or if they need more support through their school years.

In the 2018 AEDC, the majority of children in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district were developmentally on track (see Figures 2-5). In all four LGAs, over 75% of children were developmentally on track for each of the five AEDC domains. The proportion of children developmentally 'at risk' and 'vulnerable' was greater in Wollongong and Shoalhaven than in Kiama.

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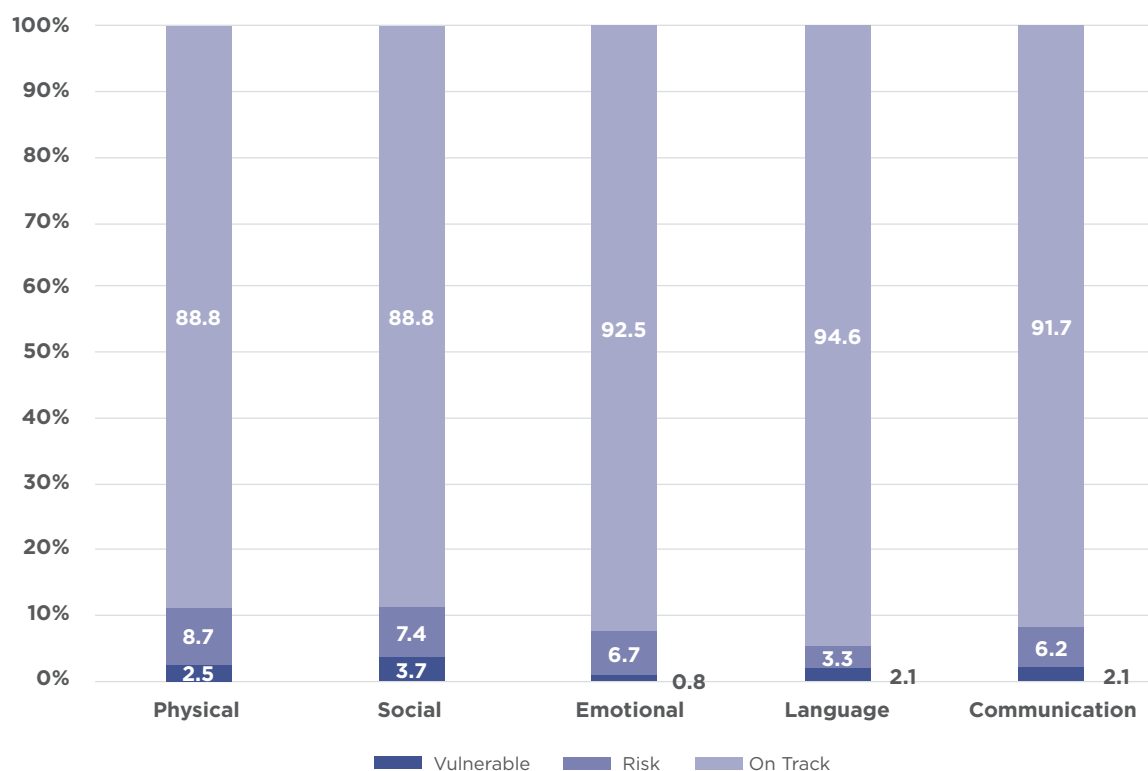
More information about the AEDC domains can be found in the [About the AEDC Domains](#) fact sheet.

Figure 2. 2018 AEDC results for Wollongong LGA



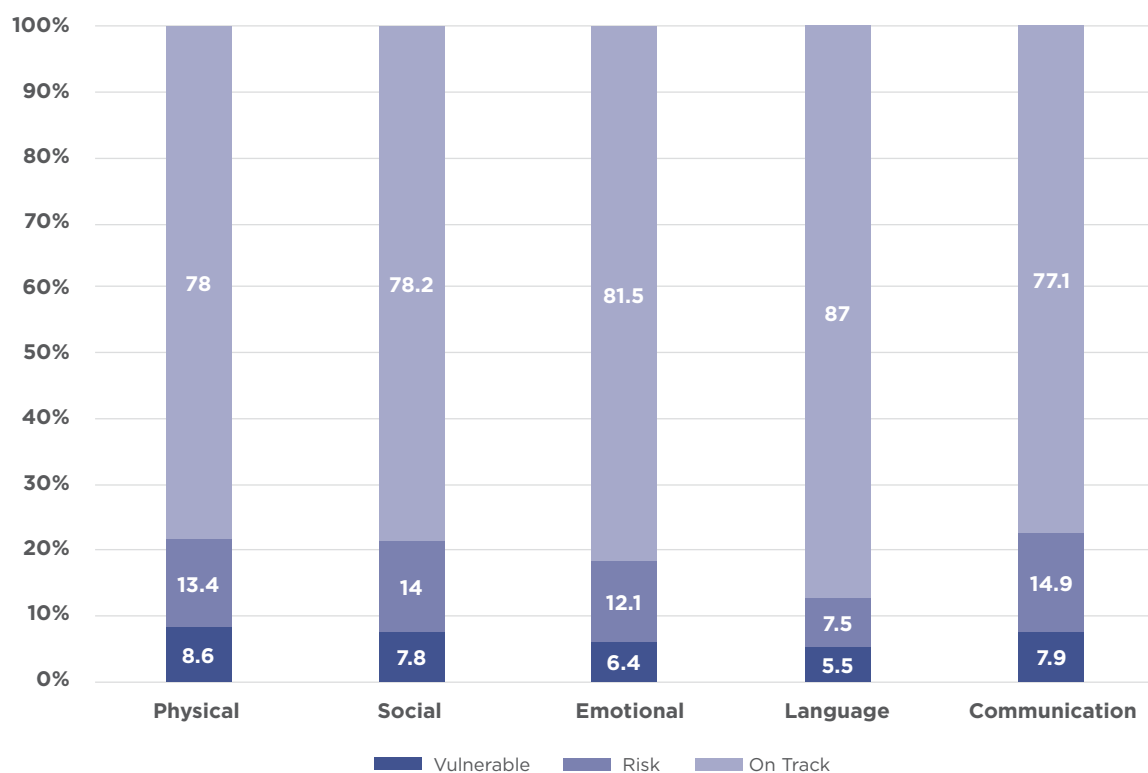
Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer> (accessed 26 September 2019)

Figure 3. 2018 AEDC results for Kiama LGA



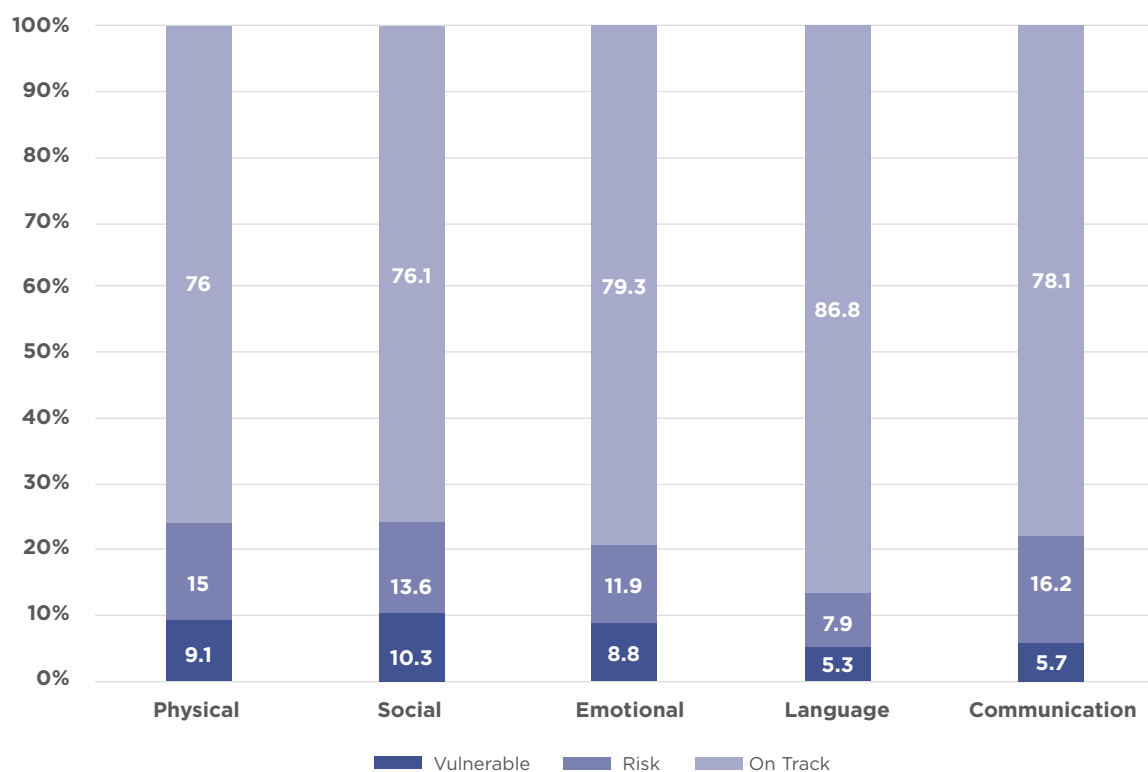
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Figure 4. 2018 AEDC results for Shellharbour LGA



Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer> (accessed 26 September 2019)

Figure 5. 2018 AEDC results for Shoalhaven LGA



Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer> (accessed 26 September 2019)

The AEDC also has two summary indicators that measure developmental vulnerability across all five domains. In 2018, 9.5% of children were developmentally vulnerable on two or more domains in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district. Approximately 10% of children were developmentally vulnerable on two or more domains in Shellharbour, Shoalhaven and Wollongong (see Table 8). Only 2.5% of children in Kiama were developmentally vulnerable on two or more domains.

Table 8. Percentage of children developmentally vulnerable in Illawarra Shoalhaven District, by LGA, 2018

	Developmentally vulnerable on 1 or more domain		Developmentally vulnerable on two or more domains		Total no. of children measured
	No.	%	No.	%	
Kiama	20	8.3	6	2.5	253
Shellharbour	168	18.6	95	10.4	949
Shoalhaven	210	20.7	105	10.3	1,102
Wollongong	468	18.9	255	10.2	2,571
Illawarra Shoalhaven	866	17.8	461	9.5	4,875
NSW	18,583	19.9	9,001	9.6	97,731

Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer> (accessed 26 September 2019)

Vulnerable children and young people

Using the Their Futures Matter (TFM) Human Services Dataset, TFM identified three vulnerable groups of children and young people in NSW:

Young children aged 0-5	Children aged 5 or younger at 30 June 2017 with one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 or more parental risk factors• 2 or more perinatal risk factors• Assessment as at ROSH
Children aged under 15 and affected by mental illness	Children under 15 years at 30 June 2017 with one or more the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of NSW mental health services (hospital or ambulatory)• Parental use of NSW mental health services (hospital or ambulatory)
Children and young people aged 15-18 and affected by mental illness	Children and young people between 15-18 years at 30 June 2017 with one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of NSW mental health services (hospital or ambulatory)• Parental use of NSW mental health services (hospital or ambulatory)

For each vulnerable group, TFM identified five indicators associated with poor outcomes later in life. They also identified the proportion of this group with this indicator. TFM identified these indicators by undertaking predictive modelling and analysis, using the TFM Human Services Data set. This dataset brings together data collected by ten different government agencies. It includes data on child protection, housing, justice, health, education, and commonwealth service use.

Table 9 shows the top five indicators for each vulnerable group in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district.

Table 9. Indicators of vulnerable children and young people in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district

Vulnerable group	Indicator	% of group with indicator
Young children aged 0-5	Parents have interacted with justice system	33
	Mother smoked during pregnancy	32
	Child had concern report	27
	Mother aged 21 and under at childbirth	17
	Parents have been in social housing	14
Children aged under 15 and affected by mental illness	Child had a concern report	44
	Mother smoked during pregnancy	33
	Parents have interacted with justice system	33
	Mother aged 21 and under at childbirth	20
	Parents have been in social housing	23
Children and young people aged 15-18 and affected by mental illness	NAPLAN Year 7 band less than 6	49
	Had concern report in the last three years	38
	Hospital admission in the last three years	30
	Family have been in social housing	29
	Has appeared in court	8

Source: Their Futures Matter, FACS District Data pack, Illawarra Shoalhaven district

Table 10 shows the number and proportion of children in each of the vulnerable groups by LGA. It also shows us what proportion of this group identifies as Aboriginal.

For example, in Wollongong, 13,432 children were under the age of five. Of these children, 29% (n=3,941) were identified as vulnerable and 15% of these vulnerable children identified as Aboriginal. By comparison, in Shoalhaven, 43% of children under the age of five were vulnerable and 31% of these vulnerable children identified as Aboriginal.

When looking at children under the age of 15, 19% were affected by mental illness in Shoalhaven, compared to 13% in Shellharbour, 12% in Wollongong and 9% in Kiama.

When looking at children and young people between the ages of 15 and 18, 21% were affected by mental illness in Shoalhaven, compared to only 15% in Shellharbour, 14% in Wollongong and 11% in Kiama.

Table 10. Vulnerable groups of children and young people in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, by LGA

		Kiama	Shellharbour	Shoalhaven	Wollongong
Young children aged 0-5	No. of C/YP aged under 5	1,101	4,975	3,827	13,432
	No. of vulnerable C/YP aged under 5	286	1,820	1,637	3,941
	% of vulnerable C/YP aged under 5	26%	37%	43%	29%
	% who identify as Aboriginal	4%	16%	31%	15%
Children aged under 15 and affected by mental illness	No. of C/YP aged under 15	2,385	10,587	8,169	25,974
	No. of C/YP aged under 15 affected by mental illness	211	1,343	1,591	3,005
	% of C/YP aged under 15 affected by mental illness	9%	13%	19%	12%
	% of identify as Aboriginal	3%	18%	34%	17%
Children and young people aged 15-18 and affected by mental illness	No. of C/YP aged 15-18	855	3,470	2,916	8,126
	No. of C/YP aged 15-18 affected by mental illness	92	508	616	1,144
	% of C/YP aged 15-18 affected by mental illness	11%	15%	21%	14%
	% of identify as Aboriginal	8%	20%	24%	16%

Source: Their Futures Matter, FACS District Data pack, Illawarra Shoalhaven district

Contact with child protection services

In 2016-17, 1.5% (n=1,313) of children and young people aged 18 and under were in out-of-home care (OOHC) in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district (see Table 11). The majority of these children and young people were in the Shoalhaven (n=498) and Wollongong (n=481) LGAs.

In 2016-17, 6.1% (n=5,466) of children and young people aged 18 and under were found to be at risk of significant harm (ROSH). The majority of these children were in the Wollongong LGA (n=2,503).

Kiama had the smallest number of children reported at ROSH or in OOHC.

Table 11. Child Protection Overview in the Illawarra Shoalhaven District, by LGA, 2016-17

	Total number of children and young people reported		Total number of children and young people at risk of significant harm		Total number of children and young people in out-of-home care, as of 30 June 2017		Total number of CYP 18 and under
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Kiama	163	3.5	105	2.3	35	0.8	4,627
Shellharbour	1,403	8.1	1,093	6.3	299	1.7	17,427
Shoalhaven	2,349	11.4	1,766	8.5	498	2.4	20,687
Wollongong	3,462	7.4	2,503	5.4	481	1.0	46,515
Illawarra Shoalhaven district	7,377	8.3	5,466	6.1	1,313	1.5	89,256
NSW	230,343	13.2	168,819	9.7	36,304	2.1	1,742,488

Source: FACS Datacube, accessed 27 September 2019



Economic Environment

Education

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, 18.4% of people aged 15 and over reported having completed a Bachelor degree level and above as their highest level of educational attainment. 12.7% of people aged 15 and over reported having completed Year 12 and 19.2% had completed a Certificate III or IV (see Table 12).

Table 12. Level of highest educational attainment in the Illawarra Shoalhaven District, by LGA, 2016-17

Highest level of educational attainment	Kiama		Shellharbour		Shoalhaven		Wollongong		Illawarra Shoalhaven		NSW
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Bachelor Degree level and above	4,331	24.3	5,723	10.4	4,331	24.3	33,287	19.9	47,672	18.4	23.4
Advanced Diploma and Diploma level	2,073	11.6	4,710	8.6	2,073	11.6	14,989	9.0	23,845	9.2	8.9
Certificate level IV	597	3.3	2,161	3.9	597	3.3	5,593	3.3	8,948	3.5	2.8
Certificate level III	2,689	15.1	10,345	18.9	2,689	15.1	24,821	14.9	40,544	15.7	12.0
Year 12	1,914	10.7	6,344	11.6	1,914	10.7	22,733	13.6	32,905	12.7	15.3
Year 11	514	2.9	2,257	4.1	514	2.9	5,388	3.2	8,673	3.4	3.3
Year 10	2,081	11.7	9,396	17.1	2,081	11.7	21,439	12.8	34,997	13.5	11.5
Certificate level II	13	0.1	62	0.1	13	0.1	145	0.1	233	0.1	0.1
Certificate level I	0	0	7	0	0	0	31	0.0	38	0.0	0.0
Year 9 or below	1,205	6.8	6,229	11.4	1,205	6.8	16,719	10.0	25,358	9.8	8.4
No education attainment	30	0.2	295	0.5	30	0.2	1,272	0.8	1,627	0.6	0.9
Not stated	1,725	9.7	5,415	9.9	11,283	13.5	15,225	9.1	33,648	13.0	10.3

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)

Employment

There were 175,650 people who reported being in the labour force in the week before Census night in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district. Of these, 54.2% were employed full time, 33.7% were employed part-time and 6.8% were unemployed (see Table 13).

The proportion of people who were unemployed was highest in Wollongong (7.1%) and lowest in Kiama (4.4%).

Table 13. Employment in Illawarra Shoalhaven district, by LGA

	Worked full-time		Worked part-time		Away from work		Unemployed		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Kiama	5,384	54.3	3,545	35.7	556	5.6	436	4.4	9,921	100
Shellharbour	17,655	55.5	10,327	32.5	1,623	5.1	2,201	6.9	31,806	100
Shoalhaven	1,977	50.7	14,288	36.7	2,267	5.8	2,589	6.7	38,914	100
Wollongong	52,444	55.2	31,062	32.7	4,750	5.0	6,753	7.1	95,009	100
Illawarra Shoalhaven	95,253	54.2	59,222	33.7	9,193	5.2	11,979	6.8	175,650	100
NSW	59.2		29.7		4.8		6.3		100	

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)

Income

The median weekly personal income for people aged 15 years and over in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district was \$589 (see Table 14).

Table 14. Median weekly income in Illawarra Shoalhaven district, by LGA (people aged 15 years and over)

	Kiama	Shellharbour	Shoalhaven	Wollongong	Illawarra Shoalhaven	NSW
Personal	\$683	\$579	\$511	\$584	\$589	\$664
Family	\$1,820	\$1,562	\$1,226	\$1,710	\$1,580	\$1,780
Household	\$1,502	\$1,343	\$992	\$1,339	\$1,294	\$1,486

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)

The LGAs of Shellharbour, Shoalhaven and Wollongong all have higher proportions of low-income households compared to the state average (see Table 15). In Shoalhaven, 27.9% of households earned less than \$650 a week, compared to the NSW state average of 19.7%.

Table 15. Household income in Illawarra Shoalhaven district, by LGA

	Kiama	Shellharbour	Shoalhaven	Wollongong	NSW
% of households with less than \$650 gross weekly income	17.7	20.5	27.9	23.1	19.7
% of households with more than \$3000 gross weekly income	18.3	12.3	6.8	14.8	18.7

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)

Socio-economic advantage and disadvantage

The Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) is a suite of four indices based on a broad range of social and economic aspects of the Australian population. It is developed from information taken from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

The information presented below is based on the Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage (IRSAD). The IRSAD summarises information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area.

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, out of the four LGAs, Kiama has the highest SEIFA score (1,056) and is ranked the highest (see Table 16). This means Kiama is relatively advantaged compared to the other LGAs in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district.

Conversely, out of the four LGAs, Shoalhaven has the lowest SEIFA score (944) and is ranked the lowest (see Table 14). This means Shoalhaven is relatively disadvantaged compared to the other LGAs in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district.

Table 16. LGA Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage in Illawarra Shoalhaven, 2016

	Score ¹	NSW Rank ²	NSW Decile ³
Kiama	1,056	108	9
Shellharbour	958	66	6
Shoalhaven	944	50	4
Wollongong	990	94	8

Source: ABS, Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), 2016, 2033.0.55.001, <https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/2033.0.55.0012016?OpenDocument> (accessed 26 September 2019)

¹ **Score:** A low IRSAD score indicates that an area is relatively disadvantaged compared to an area with a higher score.

² **Rank:** All areas are ranked from the lowest to the highest score. The area with the lowest score is ranked number one, the area with the highest score is ranked 129. The State Rank can only be used to compare areas with a single state/territory.

³ **Decile:** All areas are ordered from the lowest to highest score, the lowest 10% of areas are given a decile number of 1 and so on, up to the highest 10% of areas which are given a number of 10. This means that areas are divided into 10 groups, depending on their score. Decile 1 is the most disadvantaged relative to other deciles.

Social Environment

Community safety and crime

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, 1,332 domestic violence-related assaults and 1,300 non-domestic violence-related assaults occurred between January and December 2018. Domestic violence-related assault was most likely to occur in the Shoalhaven LGA, with a rate of 416.5 per 100,000 people (see Table 17).

Table 17. Incidents of crime recorded by the NSW Police Force in Illawarra Shoalhaven, by LGA, January-December 2018

	Domestic violence-related assault			Non-domestic violence-related assault		
	No.	Rate per 100,000 population	Rank in NSW ¹	No.	Rate per 100,000 population	Rank in NSW
Kiama	36	160.4	107	24	106.9	117
Shellharbour	202	281.7	84	171	240.9	92
Shoalhaven	429	416.5	54	419	406.7	54
Wollongong	665	312.0	77	785	368.8	59

Source: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Local Government Area Excel crime table: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_crime_stats/bocsar_lgaexceltables.aspx (accessed 26 September 2019)

¹ Ranked by rate of domestic and non-domestic violence per 100,000 population, from 1-129 (where number 129 equals the lowest rate, and number one equals the highest).

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, Kiama has the highest proportion of cannabis-related offences, at a rate of 372.9 per 100,000 of the population (see Table 18). Shoalhaven has the highest rate of amphetamine-related offences at a rate of 260.2 per 100,000 of the population.

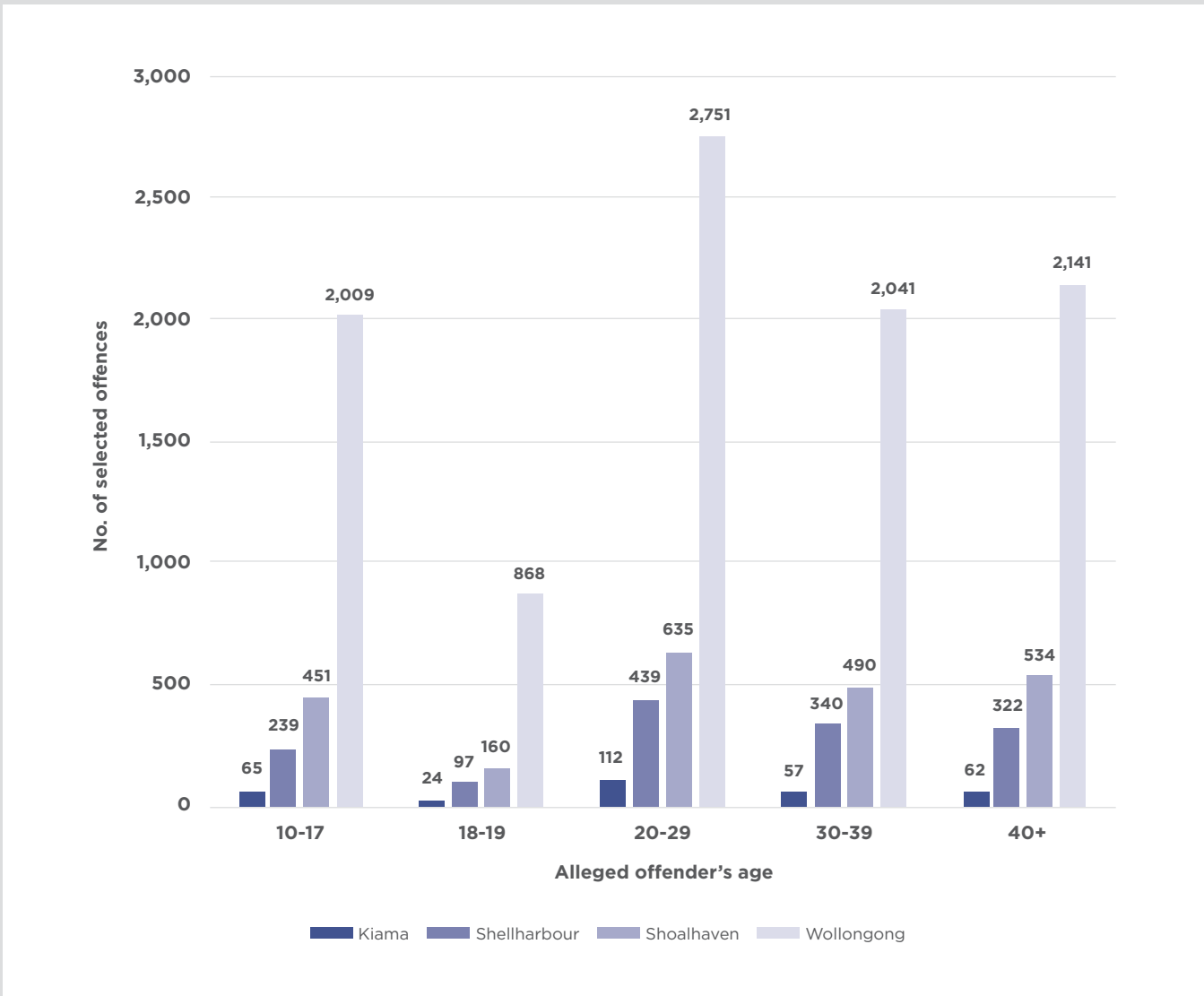
Table 18. Recorded drug offences (possession and/or use) in Illawarra Shoalhaven district, Jan-Dec 2018, by LGA

	Kiama		Shellharbour		Shoalhaven		Wollongong	
	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000
Cocaine	3	7.9	14	19.7	12	11.6	34	16.0
Narcotics	1	2.6	5	7.0	3	2.9	17	8.0
Cannabis	142	372.9	130	183.1	268	260.2	405	190.0
Amphetamine	33	86.7	73	102.8	134	130.1	242	113.5
Ecstasy	6	15.8	3	4.2	11	10.7	66	31.0
Other drugs	19	49.9	18	25.4	74	71.8	99	46.5

Source: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Local Government Area Excel crime table: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_crime_stats/bocsar_lgaexceltables.aspx (accessed 26 September 2019)

When looking at the age of alleged offenders in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, 20-29-year-olds committed the largest number of offences. This was followed by 30-39 year olds and 40 year olds and above (see Figure 6). This was common across all LGAs, except Kiama. In Kiama, the largest number of offences were committed by 10-17 old's, followed closely by 40-year old's and above.

Figure 6. Age of alleged offenders proceeded against by NSW Police for incidents of selected offences¹ in Illawarra Shoalhaven, 2018²



Source: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Local Government Area Excel crime table: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_crime_stats/bocsar_lgaexceltables.aspx (accessed 26 September 2019)

¹ For the full list of selected offences please see the original source

² The year the alleged offenders were proceeded against, rather than the year the incident was recorded.

Maternal Health

Teenage pregnancy

Teenage parenthood is associated with a number of adversities, including low socioeconomic status, educational under-achievement and drug abuse. In turn, young parenthood can act to further entrench some of these problems and perpetuate a cycle of disadvantage.

In 2018, 105 mothers aged 19 and under gave birth in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district (see Table 19). This accounts for 1.8% of all births in this district. This proportion is very similar to the NSW state average of 1.9%. The LGA of Shoalhaven had the highest proportion of young mothers aged 19 and under in 2018.

Table 19. Young mothers who gave birth¹ in Illawarra Shoalhaven district, by LGA, 2018

LGA	No. of mothers 19 and under	% of mothers giving birth aged 19 and under	Total no. of births
Kiama	0	0.0	196
Shellharbour	25	2.9	2,303
Shoalhaven	32	3.2	2,310
Wollongong	48	2.1	1,030
Illawarra Shoalhaven	105	1.8	5,839
NSW	1,792	1.9	94,145

Source: Healthstats NSW: http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/mab_mbth_age/mab_mbth_age_lgmap (accessed 1 October 2019)

¹ Number of mothers who gave birth (stillbirth or live birth) in NSW, regardless of place of permanent residence

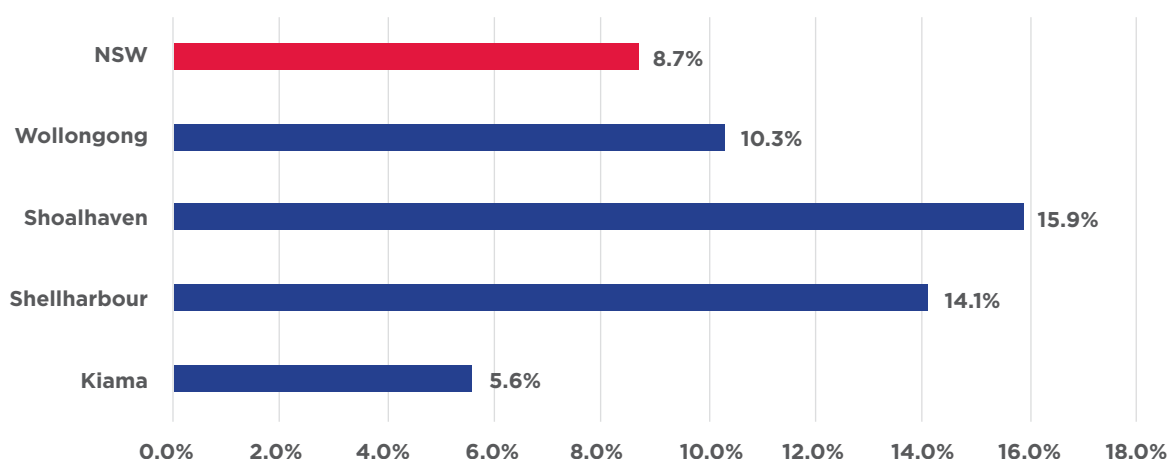
Smoking during pregnancy

Smoking during pregnancy is an important modifiable risk factor for low birth weight, pre-term birth, placental complications, and perinatal mortality.

Between 2015-2017, mothers in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district were more likely to smoke during their pregnancy, compared to the NSW state as a whole (see Figure 7).

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, Shoalhaven LGA had the highest proportion of mothers who smoked during their pregnancy, at 15.9%. Kiama had the lowest proportion of mothers who smoked during their pregnancy, at 5.6%.

Figure 7. Proportion of mothers in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district who smoked during pregnancy, 2015-2017



Source: Healthstats NSW: http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/mab_smo_cat/mab_smo_cat_lga_trend (accessed 26 September 2019)

Australian Mothers Index

Since 2000, Save the Children has produced a Mother's Index showing where mothers do best and where they face the greatest hardships. This index compares countries worldwide, as well as Australian states and territories and LGAs.

The information in Table 20 is derived from the Local-level Mothers Index. Five indicators make up this index:

- maternal health - the proportion of pregnant women with at least one antenatal visit in the first trimester
- children's wellbeing - the proportion of children under 5 developmentally on track (measured by the AEDC)
- educational status - the proportion of women completing Year 12 or above
- economic status - average household income
- relative socioeconomic disadvantage - a measure of a mother's access to material and social resources and her ability to participate in society.

These indicators were used to rank every LGA in NSW, where 1 is the best rank and 152 is the worst.

Kiama performed the best out of the four LGAs in the Illawarra Shoalhaven District, receiving a rank of 18 out of 152 (see Table 20). Shoalhaven received the lowest rank of the four LGAs, at 96 out of 152. This means that mothers in Shoalhaven are facing much greater hardships than mothers in Kiama.

Table 20. Mothers Index Ranking in the Illawarra Shoalhaven District, by LGA

LGA	NSW Ranking
Shoalhaven	96
Shellharbour	92
Wollongong	30
Kiama	18

Source: Harris, J and Wells, M, 2016, *State of Australia's Mothers*, Save the Children, Sydney, <https://apo.org.au/sites/default/files/resource-files/2016/05/apo-nid63692-1201431.pdf> (accessed 26 September 2019)

Disability

Need for assistance with core activities

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, 6.7% of the population need help or assistance with core activities (see Table 21). This amounts to 26,306 people. In the Shoalhaven LGA, 7.7% of people need help or assistance with core activities. This was the highest proportion of all four LGAs. In the Kiama LGA, 4.6% of people need help or assistance with core activities. This was the smallest proportion of all four LGAs.

Table 21. Need for assistance with core activities¹ in Illawarra Shoalhaven district, by LGA

	Has need for assistance		Does not have need for assistance		Need for assistance not stated		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Kiama	977	4.6	19,053	88.8	1,432	6.7	21,462
Shellharbour	4,593	6.7	60,028	87.7	3,836	5.6	68,457
Shoalhaven	7,654	7.7	83,893	84.2	8,103	8.1	99,650
Wollongong	13,082	6.4	179,185	88.0	11,356	5.6	203,623
Illawarra Shoalhaven	26,306	6.7	342,159	87.0	24,717	6.3	393,192
NSW	402,048	5.4	6,558,727	87.7	519,452	6.9	7,480,228

Source: ABS, 2016 Census Community Profiles: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20Census%20Community%20Profiles> (accessed 2 October 2019)

¹ A person's need for help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility, and communication, because of a disability, long-term health condition (lasting six months or more) or old age.

Housing

Households

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, the average number of people per household was 2.5. Shellharbour and Wollongong have the highest average of people per household, 2.7 and 2.6 respectively (see Table 22). The majority of households in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district are family households (71.4%). Single-person households make up 25.4% of all households. Only 3.2% of households in the district are group households.

Table 22. Household Composition in Illawarra Shoalhaven, by LGA

LGA	Single-person households		Group households		Family households		Total	Average people per household
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.
Kiama	1,665	21.6	186	2.4	5,865	76.0	7,716	2.5
Shellharbour	4,859	20.6	460	1.9	18,321	77.5	23,640	2.7
Shoalhaven	10,916	28.6	980	2.6	26,292	68.8	38,188	2.3
Wollongong	18,871	25.5	3,034	4.5	51,776	70.0	73,681	2.6
Illawarra Shoalhaven	36,311	25.4	4,660	3.2	102,254	71.4	143,225	2.5
NSW	23.8		4.2		72.0			2.6

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)

Tenure types

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, 37.7% of occupied private dwellings were owned outright, 30.8% were owned with a mortgage and 27.6% were rented (see Table 23).

Kiama had the highest proportion of homes owned outright, at 46.7%. Shoalhaven had the smallest proportion of homes owned outright.

Wollongong had the highest proportion of rented private dwellings, at 30.3%.

Table 23. Tenure of occupied private dwelling in the Illawarra Shoalhaven, by LGA

LGA	Owned outright		Owned with mortgage		Rented		Other tenure		Not stated	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Kiama	3,571	46.2	2,391	31.0	1,466	19.0	139	1.8	156	2.0
Shellharbour	8,102	34.3	8,498	34.9	6,286	26.6	156	0.7	599	2.7
Shoalhaven	16,732	26.8	10,243	26.8	9,544	25.0	462	1.2	1,203	3.2
Wollongong	25,727	34.8	23,035	31.1	22,378	30.3	681	0.9	2,141	2.9
Illawarra Shoalhaven	54,132	37.7	44,167	30.8	17,318	27.6	1438	1.0	4,099	2.9
NSW	32.2		32.3		32.3		0.9		2.8	

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)



Housing affordability

One way to measure housing stress is to calculate the percentage of households who spend more than 30% of their household income on rent or mortgage payments.

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, Wollongong has the highest proportion of households in rental stress (13%). This is similar to the state average of 12.9% (see Table 24). Kiama had the lowest proportion of households in rental stress (7.7%).

Shellharbour had the highest proportion of households in mortgage stress, at 7.6%. This is, however, close to the NSW average of 7.5%. Again, Kiama had the lowest proportion of households in mortgage stress (5.4%).

Table 24. Mortgage and rent payments in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district, by LGA¹

	Kiama	Shellharbour	Shoalhaven	Wollongong	New South Wales
Average weekly rent	\$395	\$340	\$280	\$320	\$380
Renting households where rent payments are less than 30% of household income	92.3%	88.5%	89.1%	87.0%	87.1%
Renting households where rent payments are greater than 30% of household income	7.7%	11.5%	10.9%	13.0%	12.9%
Average monthly mortgage repayments	\$2,000	\$1,846	\$1,517	\$1,950	\$1,986
Home-owning households where mortgage repayments are less than 30% of household income	94.6%	7392.4%	94.0%	93.7%	92.6%
Home-owning households with mortgage repayments greater than or equal to 30% of household income	5.4%	7.6%	6.0%	6.3%	7.4%

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 25 September 2019)

¹ The number of households where rent and mortgage payments were 30% or more of an imputed income measure are expressed in this table as a proportion of the total number of households in an area. The nature of the income imputation means that the reported proportion may significantly overstate the true proportion.

Social housing

As of 30 June 2018, there were 11,490 social housing residential dwellings in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district (see Table 25). Public housing accounted for 78.4% of these dwellings and community housing accounted for 16.9%. The majority of these dwellings were in the Wollongong LGA.

Table 25. Social Housing Residential Dwellings in Illawarra Shoalhaven, as at 30 June 2018

	Public Housing		Aboriginal Housing Office		Community Housing		Indigenous Community Housing		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Kiama	0	0.0	0	0.0	86	90.5	9	9.5	95
Shellharbour	1,711	82.6	56	2.7	264	12.7	41	2.0	2,072
Shoalhaven	955	47.3	158	7.8	755	37.4	150	7.4	2,018
Wollongong	6,342	86.8	93	1.3	838	11.5	32	0.4	7,305
Illawarra Shoalhaven	9,008	78.4	307	2.7	1,943	16.9	232	2.0	11,490
NSW	111,341	73.4	4,603	3.0	30,757	20.3	4,971	5.3	151,672

Source: FACS Administrative Data, unpublished.

As of 30 June 2018, there were 9,048 public housing and Aboriginal housing tenancies in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district (see Table 26). Public housing made up 96.6% of all tenancies and Aboriginal housing made up 3.4% of all tenancies.

Table 26. Public Housing and Aboriginal Housing Office Tenancies in Illawarra Shoalhaven, as at 30 June 2018

	Public Housing		Aboriginal Housing Office		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	
Kiama	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Shellharbour	1,691	96.8	56	3.2	1,747
Shoalhaven	915	85.4	155	14.5	1,071
Wollongong	6,138	98.5	93	1.5	6,231
Illawarra Shoalhaven	8,744	96.6	304	3.4	9,048
NSW	106,895	96.0	4,414	4.0	111,309

Source: FACS Administrative Data, unpublished.

As of 30 June 2018, there were 2,442 vacant social housing residential dwellings in the Illawarra Shoalhaven district (see Table 25 and 26).