

# Mid North Coast District Data Profile

Mid North Coast, New England  
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# Introduction

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

Where possible, we present this information at the Local Government Area (LGA) level.

In the Mid North Coast district there are six LGAs:

- Port Macquarie-Hastings
- Coffs Harbour
- Kempsey
- Nambucca
- Bellingen
- Mid-Coast

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.



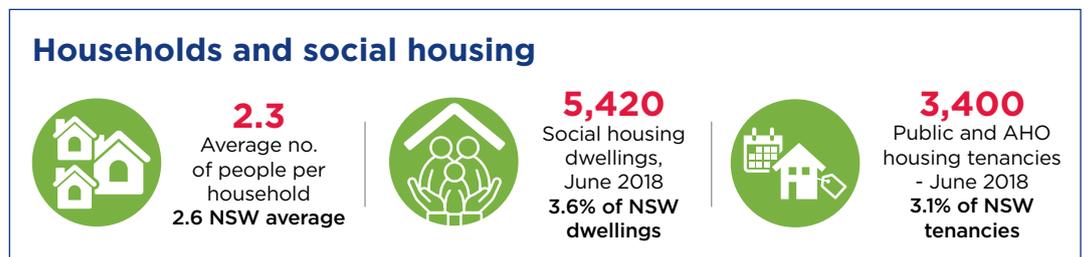
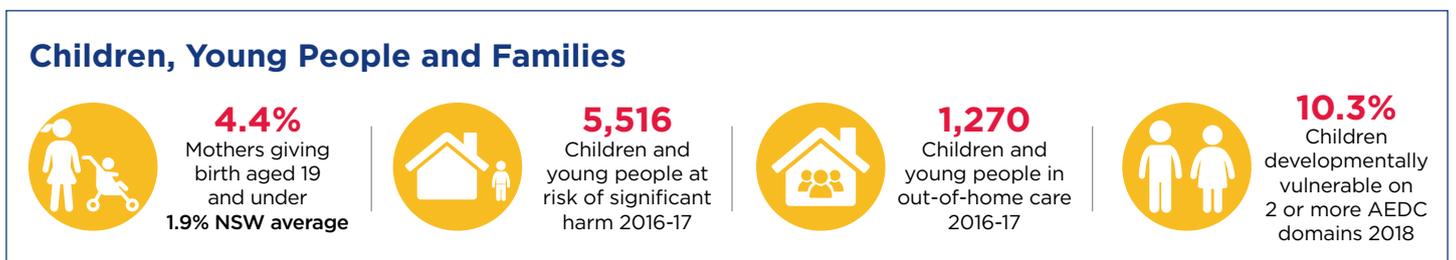
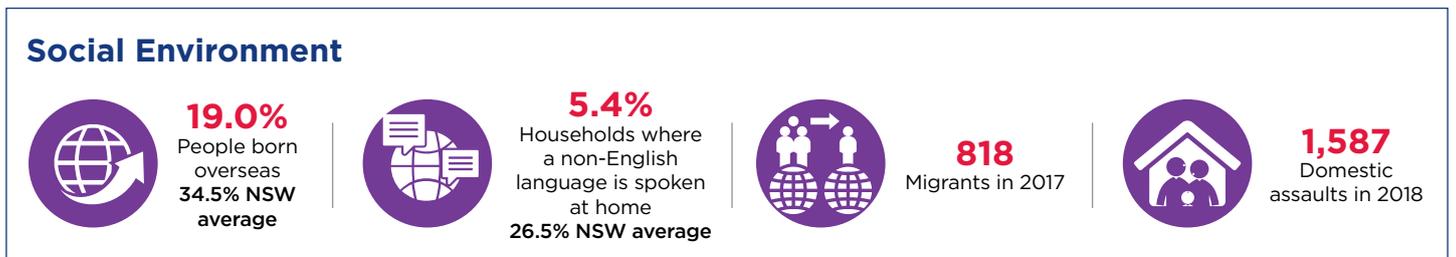
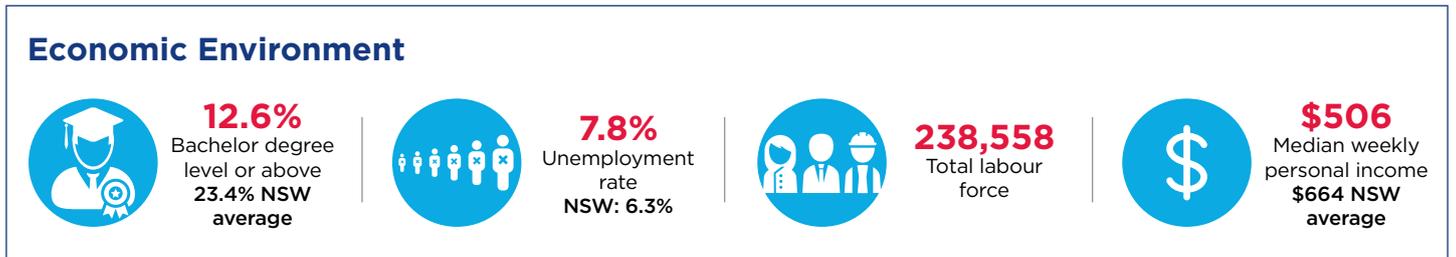
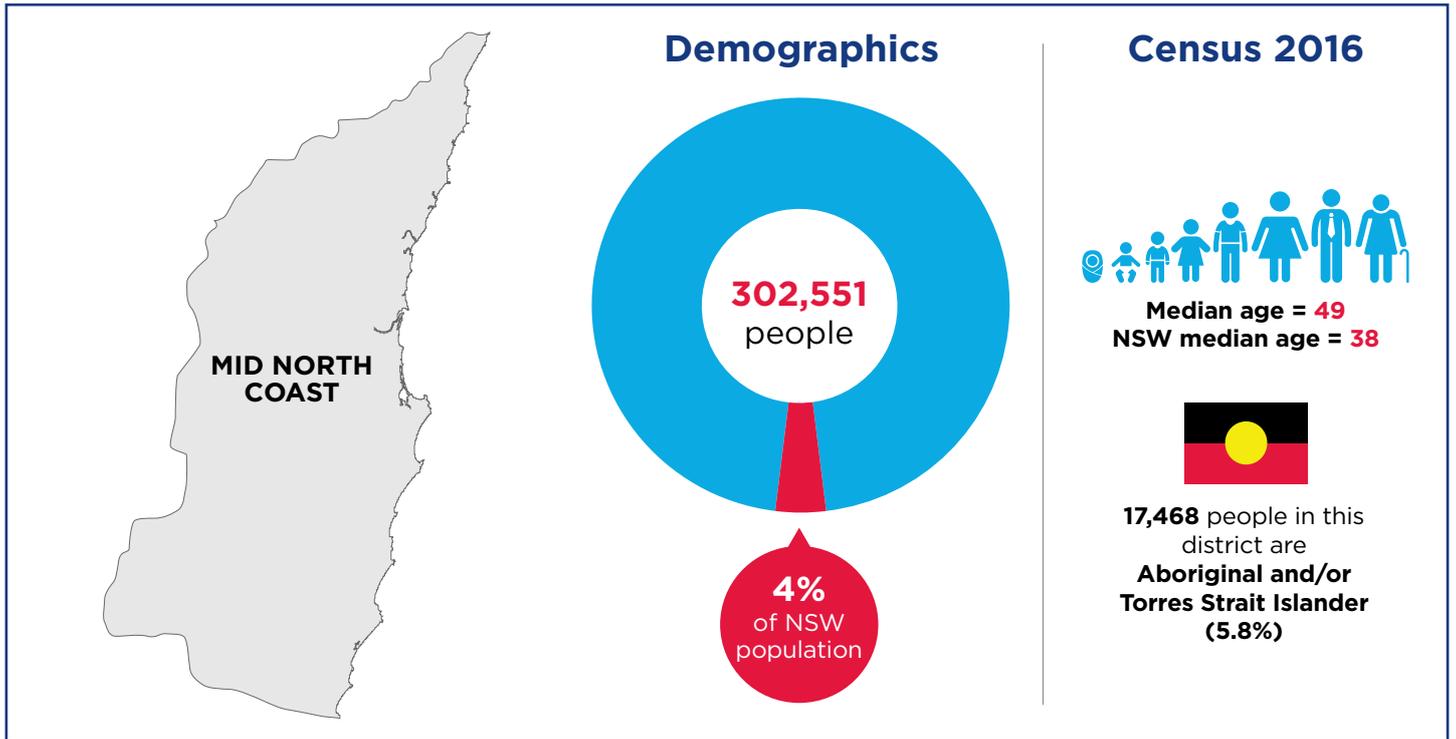
The majority of these sources are publicly available. We have provided source statements for each table and graph. This tells you where the data comes from and where you can find more information.

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 Boambee suburb, select 'Boambee, 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](http://stat.data.abs.gov.au/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SEIFA_SSC). For more information on the SEIFA, see page 23.
- BOSCAR records criminal offences at a suburb level: [https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar\\_datasets/Datasets-.aspx](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 Coffs Harbour, select 'Coffs Harbour (C), NSW: Local Government Area (LGA)' from the drop down menu, and follow the link for the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile'.

# Mid North Coast District

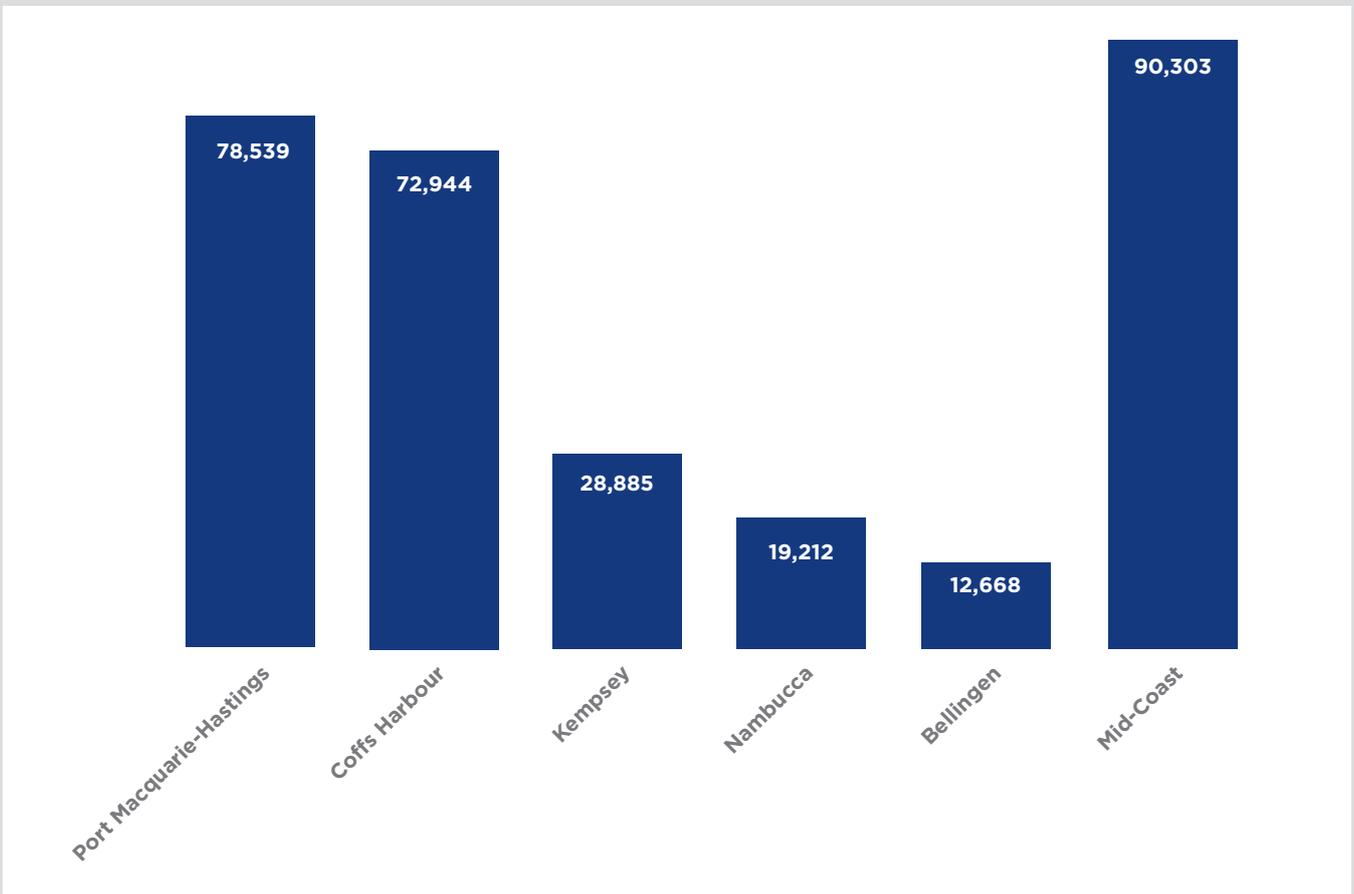


# Demographic Data

## Population – Mid North Coast

The population of the Mid North Coast was estimated at 302,511 at the 2016 Census (see Figure 1). This district is made up of six local government areas (LGAs). The largest LGA is Mid-Coast, with an estimated population of 90,303. The smallest LGA is Bellingen, with an estimated population of 12,668.

Figure 1. Population of Mid North Coast District, by LGA



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

The Mid North Coast district, Coffs Harbour has the youngest population with an average age of 44. This is followed by Kempsey at 47, Port Macquarie-Hastings at 48 and Bellingen at 49. The LGAs in the Mid North Coast district with the oldest population are Nambucca and Mid-Coast, which have a median age of 51 and 52 respectively.

Table 1 shows a breakdown of age for each LGA in the Mid North Coast district.

Table 1. Age breakdown of the population by LGA in Mid North Coast District

| Age Group (years)   | Port Macquarie-Hastings |            | Coffs Harbour |            | Kempsey       |            | Nambucca      |            | Bellingen     |            | Mid-coast     |                  | Mid North Coast District |            |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
|                     | No.                     | %          | No.           | %          | No.           | %          | No.           | %          | No.           | %          | No.           | %                | No.                      | %          |
| 0-4                 | 3,820                   | 4.9        | 4,055         | 5.6        | 1,538         | 5.3        | 917           | 4.8        | 605           | 4.8        | 4,118         | 4.6              | 15,053                   | 5.0        |
| 5-9                 | 4,586                   | 5.8        | 4,762         | 6.5        | 1,729         | 6.0        | 1,126         | 5.9        | 805           | 6.4        | 4,913         | 5.4              | 17,921                   | 5.9        |
| 10-14               | 4,686                   | 6.0        | 4,538         | 6.2        | 1,705         | 5.9        | 1,126         | 5.9        | 789           | 6.2        | 4,905         | 5.4              | 17,749                   | 5.9        |
| 15-19               | 4,438                   | 5.7        | 4,331         | 5.9        | 1,653         | 5.7        | 1,015         | 5.3        | 719           | 5.7        | 4,782         | 5.3              | 16,938                   | 5.6        |
| 20-24               | 3,090                   | 3.9        | 3,688         | 5.1        | 1,336         | 4.6        | 758           | 3.9        | 396           | 3.1        | 3,453         | 3.8              | 12,721                   | 4.2        |
| 25-29               | 3,262                   | 4.2        | 3,759         | 5.2        | 1,370         | 4.7        | 716           | 3.7        | 452           | 3.6        | 3,304         | 3.7              | 12,863                   | 4.2        |
| 30-34               | 3,369                   | 4.3        | 3,888         | 5.3        | 1,305         | 4.5        | 731           | 3.8        | 503           | 4.0        | 3,397         | 3.8              | 13,193                   | 4.4        |
| 35-39               | 3,620                   | 4.6        | 3,789         | 5.2        | 1,324         | 4.6        | 759           | 4.0        | 568           | 4.5        | 3,656         | 4.0              | 13,716                   | 4.5        |
| 40-44               | 4,485                   | 5.7        | 4,426         | 6.1        | 1,562         | 5.4        | 983           | 5.1        | 755           | 6.0        | 4,605         | 5.1              | 16,816                   | 5.6        |
| 45-49               | 4,916                   | 6.3        | 4,701         | 6.4        | 1,703         | 5.9        | 1,044         | 5.4        | 848           | 6.7        | 5,280         | 5.8              | 18,492                   | 6.1        |
| 50-54               | 5,232                   | 6.7        | 4,935         | 6.8        | 2,018         | 7.0        | 1,408         | 7.3        | 977           | 7.7        | 6,081         | 6.7              | 20,651                   | 6.8        |
| 55-59               | 5,665                   | 7.2        | 5,394         | 7.4        | 2,356         | 8.2        | 1,646         | 8.6        | 1,139         | 9.0        | 7,033         | 7.8              | 23,233                   | 7.7        |
| 60-64               | 5,596                   | 7.1        | 5,301         | 7.3        | 2,372         | 8.2        | 1,670         | 8.7        | 1,103         | 8.7        | 7,578         | 8.4              | 23,620                   | 7.8        |
| 65 and above        | 21,766                  | 23.9       | 15,374        | 21.0       | 6,908         | 23.9       | 5,306         | 27.6       | 3,015         | 23.8       | 27,193        | 30.0             | 79,562                   | 26.2       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>78,531</b>           | <b>100</b> | <b>72,941</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>28,879</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>19,205</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>12,674</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>90,298</b> | <b>100</b>       | <b>302,528</b>           | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Total in NSW</b> |                         |            |               |            |               |            |               |            |               |            |               | <b>7,480,228</b> | <b>4.0</b>               |            |

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 Mid North Coast district, 5.8% of the population identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (see Table 2). This is higher than the New South Wales average of 2.9%. The LGA with the highest Aboriginal population is Kempsey, at 11.6%. Following national trends, the Aboriginal population of Mid North Coast District is younger than the non-Aboriginal population. Of the Aboriginal population of the Mid North Coast District, 53.6% are under 25. In comparison, only 26.6% of the Mid North Coast District population as a whole is under 25.

**Table 2. Age breakdown of the Aboriginal population by LGA in Mid North Coast District**

| Age Group (years)    | Port Macquarie-Hastings |            | Coffs Harbour |            | Kempsey      |            | Nambucca     |            | Bellingen  |            | Mid-coast    |            | Mid North Coast District  |            |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
|                      | No.                     | %          | No.           | %          | No.          | %          | No.          | %          | No.        | %          | No.          | %          | No.                       | %          |
| 0-4                  | 369                     | 11.6       | 388           | 10.6       | 417          | 12.4       | 159          | 10.8       | 56         | 12.5       | 686          | 12.3       | 2075                      | 11.9       |
| 5-9                  | 409                     | 12.9       | 474           | 13.0       | 396          | 11.8       | 195          | 13.3       | 51         | 11.4       | 704          | 12.6       | 2229                      | 12.8       |
| 10-14                | 385                     | 12.1       | 401           | 11.0       | 364          | 10.9       | 181          | 12.4       | 53         | 11.8       | 677          | 12.2       | 2061                      | 11.8       |
| 15-19                | 335                     | 10.6       | 415           | 11.4       | 324          | 9.7        | 154          | 10.5       | 53         | 11.8       | 560          | 10.1       | 1841                      | 10.5       |
| 20-24                | 24                      | 7.6        | 293           | 8.0        | 271          | 8.9        | 107          | 7.3        | 25         | 5.6        | 435          | 7.8        | 1155                      | 6.6        |
| 25-29                | 208                     | 6.6        | 257           | 7.0        | 249          | 7.4        | 87           | 5.9        | 31         | 6.9        | 328          | 5.9        | 1160                      | 6.6        |
| 30-34                | 162                     | 5.1        | 200           | 5.5        | 180          | 5.3        | 68           | 4.6        | 21         | 4.7        | 279          | 5.0        | 910                       | 5.2        |
| 35-39                | 138                     | 4.3        | 185           | 5.1        | 160          | 4.8        | 59           | 4.0        | 17         | 3.8        | 220          | 4.0        | 779                       | 4.5        |
| 40-44                | 160                     | 5.0        | 175           | 4.8        | 183          | 5.6        | 88           | 6.0        | 28         | 6.2        | 286          | 5.1        | 920                       | 5.3        |
| 45-49                | 165                     | 5.2        | 222           | 6.1        | 167          | 5.0        | 68           | 4.6        | 24         | 5.4        | 282          | 5.1        | 928                       | 5.3        |
| 50-54                | 160                     | 5.0        | 163           | 4.5        | 171          | 5.1        | 68           | 4.6        | 24         | 5.4        | 272          | 4.9        | 858                       | 4.9        |
| 55-59                | 149                     | 4.7        | 178           | 4.9        | 151          | 4.5        | 72           | 4.9        | 21         | 4.7        | 261          | 4.9        | 832                       | 4.8        |
| 60-64                | 121                     | 3.8        | 117           | 3.2        | 120          | 3.6        | 55           | 3.8        | 21         | 4.7        | 209          | 3.8        | 643                       | 3.7        |
| 65 and above         | 176                     | 5.5        | 184           | 5.1        | 195          | 5.8        | 109          | 7.5        | 29         | 6.5        | 384          | 6.9        | 1077                      | 6.2        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>2,961</b>            | <b>100</b> | <b>3,652</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>3,348</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>1,470</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>454</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>5,583</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>17,468</b>             | <b>100</b> |
| <b>% of LGA pop.</b> | <b>3.8</b>              |            | <b>5.0</b>    |            | <b>11.6</b>  |            | <b>7.6</b>   |            | <b>3.6</b> |            | <b>6.2</b>   |            | <b>% of district pop.</b> | <b>5.8</b> |

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 Mid North Coast NSW district, over 78% 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 Mid North Coast, by LGA**

| Port Macquarie-Hastings    |        |      | Coffs Harbour |        |      | Kempsey     |        |      |
|----------------------------|--------|------|---------------|--------|------|-------------|--------|------|
| Country                    | No.    | %    | Country       | No.    | %    | Country     | No.    | %    |
| Australia                  | 63,852 | 81.4 | Australia     | 57,154 | 78.4 | Australia   | 23,939 | 83.0 |
| <b>Other top responses</b> |        |      |               |        |      |             |        |      |
| England                    | 3,257  | 4.2  | England       | 2,509  | 3.4  | England     | 631    | 2.2  |
| New Zealand                | 1,061  | 1.4  | India         | 1,041  | 1.4  | New Zealand | 262    | 0.9  |
| Scotland                   | 411    | 0.5  | New Zealand   | 1,037  | 0.4  | Philippines | 121    | 0.4  |
| Germany                    | 338    | 0.4  | Germany       | 374    | 0.5  | Germany     | 110    | 0.4  |
| Netherlands                | 298    | 0.4  | Scotland      | 318    | 0.4  | Scotland    | 80     | 0.3  |
| Nambucca                   |        |      | Bellingen     |        |      | Mid-coast   |        |      |
| Country                    | No.    | %    | Country       | No.    | %    | Country     | No.    | %    |
| Australia                  | 15,654 | 81.5 | Australia     | 10,173 | 80.5 | Australia   | 74,289 | 82.3 |
| <b>Other top responses</b> |        |      |               |        |      |             |        |      |
| England                    | 670    | 3.5  | England       | 568    | 4.5  | England     | 3,108  | 3.4  |
| New Zealand                | 245    | 1.3  | New Zealand   | 169    | 1.3  | New Zealand | 946    | 1.0  |
| Germany                    | 78     | 0.4  | Germany       | 91     | 0.7  | Germany     | 337    | 0.4  |
| Scotland                   | 72     | 0.4  | Netherlands   | 67     | 0.5  | Netherlands | 347    | 0.4  |
| Netherlands                | 60     | 0.3  | Scotland      | 65     | 0.5  | Philippines | 333    | 0.4  |

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

## Languages spoken at home

In the Mid North Coast district, over 85% 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 Coffs Harbour at 8.3%. Kempsey and Nambucca had the smallest proportion of English-only speaking households at 3.6% and 3.7% respectively.

**Table 4. Languages spoken at home in Southern NSW, by LGA**

| Port Macquarie-Hastings                                     |        |      | Coffs Harbour                                     |        |      |
|---|--------|------|---|--------|------|
|   | No.    | %    |   | No.    | %    |
| English only spoken at home                                 | 71,257 | 90.8 | English only spoken at home                       | 62,254 | 85.3 |
| Households where a non-English language is spoken           | 1,474  | 4.5  | Households where a non-English language is spoken | 2,433  | 8.3  |
| <b>Top five languages other than English spoken at home</b> |        |      |   |        |      |
| German  | 179    | 0.2  | Punjabi   | 1,280  | 1.8  |
| Spanish   | 154    | 0.2  | German  | 322    | 0.4  |
| French  | 141    | 0.2  | Mandarin  | 234    | 0.3  |
| Mandarin  | 132    | 0.2  | Spanish   | 208    | 0.3  |
| Italian   | 131    | 0.2  | Italian   | 204    | 0.3  |
| Kempsey   |        |      | Nambucca  |        |      |
|   | No.    | %    |   | No.    | %    |
| English only spoken at home                                 | 25,255 | 87.6 | English only spoken at home                       | 17,278 | 90.1 |
| Households where a non-English language is spoken           | 426    | 3.6  | Households where a non-English language is spoken | 310    | 3.7  |
| <b>Top responses other than English</b>                     |        |      |   |        |      |
| German  | 69     | 0.2  | French  | 33     | 0.2  |
| Mandarin  | 59     | 0.2  | Spanish   | 30     | 0.2  |
| Tagalog   | 38     | 0.1  | Gumbaynggir                                       | 28     | 0.1  |
| Spanish   | 33     | 0.1  | German  | 26     | 0.1  |
| Thai  | 24     | 0.1  | Italian   | 23     | 0.1  |

**Table 4. Languages spoken at home in Mid North Coast, by LGA (continued)**

| Bellingen   |        |      | Mid-coast   |        |      |
|---|--------|------|---|--------|------|
|   | No.    | %    |   | No.    | %    |
| English only spoken at home                       | 11,446 | 90.4 | English only spoken at home                       | 81,652 | 90.4 |
| Households where a non-English language is spoken | 241    | 4.5  | Households where a non-English language is spoken | 1,504  | 3.9  |
| <b>Top responses other than English</b>           |        |      |   |        |      |
| German  | 70     | 0.6  | German  | 260    | 0.3  |
| Dutch   | 45     | 0.4  | Italian   | 137    | 0.2  |
| Spanish   | 43     | 0.3  | Dutch   | 117    | 0.1  |
| French  | 26     | 0.2  | Mandarin  | 108    | 0.1  |
| Italian   | 20     | 0.2  | Spanish   | 107    | 0.1  |

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

## Migration streams

Only 1.0% of migrants who arrived in NSW between 1 January to 31 December 2017 migrated to the Mid North Coast District (see Table 5). The largest number of migrants to the Mid North Coast settled in Coffs Harbour. Most were humanitarian migrants (n=281), followed by family migrants (n=121) and skilled migrants (n=105).

**Table 5. Migration Stream in Mid North Coast, by LGA**

| LGA                     | Migration Stream |              |               | Total         |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|                         | Family           | Humanitarian | Skilled       |               |
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 65               | 0            | 56            | 121           |
| Coffs Harbour           | 121              | 281          | 105           | 507           |
| Kempsey                 | 29               | 0            | 8             | 37            |
| Nambucca                | 17               | 0            | 6             | 23            |
| Bellingen               | 20               | 0            | 0             | 20            |
| Mid-Coast               | 68               | 0            | 42            | 110           |
| <b>Mid North Coast</b>  | <b>254</b>       | <b>281</b>   | <b>217</b>    | <b>818</b>    |
| <b>New South Wales</b>  | <b>27,200</b>    | <b>6,514</b> | <b>47,002</b> | <b>80,794</b> |

**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 Mid-North Coast district. These tables provide information on the following factors:

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>No. of FTE enrolments</b> | 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.   |
| <b>% of ATSI</b>             | The percentage of FTE students enrolled who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.  |
| <b>% of LBOTE</b>            | 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.   |
| <b>ISCEA value</b>           | <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> |
| <b>% School attendance</b>   | 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 121 government schools in the Mid North Coast district (See Table 6a-6f):

- 20 in the Port-Macquarie Hastings LGA
- 25 in the Coffs Harbour LGA
- 16 in the Kempsey LGA
- 8 in the Bellingen LGA
- 43 in the Mid-Coast LGA
- 9 in the Nambucca LGA

The largest of these school is Camden Haven High School in Port Macquarie-Hastings (1040.1 FTE enrolments) and the smallest is Medlow Public school in Bellingen (10 FTE enrolments).

The government school with the largest Indigenous population is Green Hills Public School in Kempsey (96%). Green Hills Public School also has the lowest ISCEA value (630). The school with the highest ISCEA value is Tacking Point Public School in Port Macquarie (1036).

The school government with the highest percentage of LBOTE students is Woolgoolga Public School in Coffs Harbour (37%).

The school with the lowest school attendance is Kempsey High School (78.5%) and the school with the highest school attendance is Mount George Public School in Mid-Coast LGA (96.5).

**Table 6a. Profile of government schools in the Coffs Harbour LGA**

| Government school            | No. of FTE enrolments | % of ATSI | % of LBOTE | ISCEA value | % School attendance |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Boambee Public School        | 430                   | 11        | 6          | 985         | 94.7                |
| Bonville Public School       | 125                   | 6         | 6          | 1000        | 95.3                |
| Coffs Harbour High School    | 1002.3                | 9         | 14         | 970         | 89.4                |
| Coffs Harbour Public School  | 459                   | 21        | 35         | 890         | 92.8                |
| Coffs Harbour Senior College | 453.7                 | 3         | 5          | 1029        | Na                  |
| Coramba Public School        | 37                    | 22        | np         | 901         | 92.8                |
| Corindi Public School        | 202                   | 22        | 5          | 918         |                     |
| Crossmaglen Public School    | 10                    | 0         | 0          | 956         | 93.4                |
| Karangi Public School        | 98                    | 15        | 8          | 988         | 93.5                |
| Kororo Public School         | 661                   | 7         | 9          | 1020        | 93.7                |
| Lowanna Public School        | 25                    | 40        | 0          | 799         | 92.5                |
| Mullaway Public School       | 241                   | 11        | 5          | 982         | 92.9                |
| Nana Glen Public School      | 131                   | 8         | 6          | 960         | 94.1                |
| Narranga Public School       | 650                   | 11        | 9          | 957         | 94                  |
| Orara High School            | 591                   | 19        | 16         | 898         | 89.8                |
| Orara Upper Public School    | 32                    | 0         | np         | 971         | 93.6                |
| Sandy Beach Public School    | 356                   | 13        | 3          | 966         | 93.7                |

Table 6a. Profile of government schools in the Coffs Harbour LGA (continued)

| Government school             | No. of FTE enrolments | % of ATSI | % of LBOTE | ISCEA value | % School attendance |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Sawtell Public School         | 352                   | 11        | 6          | 991         | 94.3                |
| Toormina High School          | 735.1                 | 19        | 7          | 930         | 89.9                |
| Toormina Public School        | 281                   | 22        | 6          | 914         | 92.5                |
| Tyalla Public School          | 344                   | 30        | 12         | 848         | 91.6                |
| Ulong Public School           | 23                    | 35        | 0          | 835         | 89                  |
| William Bayldon Public School | 217                   | 39        | 4          | 825         | 93.4                |
| Woolgoolga High School        | 837.8                 | 11        | 11         | 957         | 88.3                |
| Woolgoolga Public School      | 370                   | 10        | 37         | 973         | 93.6                |

**Table 6b. Profile of government schools in the Kempsey LGA**

| Government school              | No. of FTE enrolments | % of ATSI | % of LBOTE | ISCEA value | % School attendance |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Aldavilla Public School        | 305                   | 26        | 3          | 911         | 93.4                |
| Bellbrook Public School        | 22                    | 86        | np         | 732         | 88.8                |
| Crescent Head Public School    | 178                   | 10        | 4          | 975         | 92.3                |
| Frederickton Public School     | 180                   | 21        | 6          | 909         | 93.9                |
| Gladstone Public School        | 40                    | 18        | np         | 912         | 93.6                |
| Green Hill Public School       | 28                    | 96        | np         | 630         | 87.5                |
| Kempsey East Public School     | 222                   | 25        | 5          | 917         | 94.4                |
| Kempsey High School            | 488.6                 | 32        | 5          | 856         | 78.5                |
| Kempsey South Public School    | 155                   | 66        | 4          | 739         | 87.8                |
| Kempsey West Public School     | 346                   | 49        | 3          | 779         | 88.8                |
| Kinchela Public School         | 27                    | 33        | np         | 878         | 91.1                |
| Melville High School           | 587.8                 | 31        | 7          | 882         | 81.6                |
| Smithtown Public School        | 62                    | 21        | 0          | 874         | 93.1                |
| South West Rocks Public School | 327                   | 19        | 5          | 966         | 93.1                |
| Stuarts Point Public School    | 57                    | 28        | np         | 881         | 93.3                |
| Willawarrin Public School      | 34                    | 38        | np         | 837         | 89.9                |

Table 6c. Profile of government schools in the Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA

| Government school                                 | No. of FTE enrolments | % of ATSI | % of LBOTE | ISCEA value | % School attendance |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Herons Creek Public School                        | 28                    | np        | np         | 899         | 86.4                |
| Beechwood Public School                           | 160                   | 10        | 5          | 974         | 93.9                |
| Camden Haven High School                          | 1041.1                | 12        | 2          | 951         | 87.2                |
| Comboyne Public School                            | 30                    | 20        | 0          | 887         | 94.6                |
| Hastings Public School                            | 670                   | 7         | 8          | 1023        | 94.7                |
| Hastings Secondary College, Port Macquarie Campus | 631.6                 | 14        | 8          | 958         | 85.4                |
| Hastings Secondary College, Westport Campus       | 559.2                 | 15        | 6          | 933         | 86.1                |
| Huntingdon Public School                          | 52                    | 15        | np         | 949         | 94.7                |
| Kendall Public School                             | 225                   | 6         | np         | 958         | 94.4                |
| Lake Cathie Public School                         | 287                   | 8         | np         | 996         | 94                  |
| Laurieton Public School                           | 217                   | 6         | 3          | 956         | 92.7                |
| Long Flat Public School                           | 52                    | 21        | 0          | 935         | 94.6                |
| North Haven Public School                         | 240                   | 10        | 4          | 969         | 91.1                |
| Port Macquarie Public School                      | 432                   | 14        | 10         | 922         | 91.9                |
| Rollands Plains Upper Public School               | 30                    | np        | 0          | 943         | 92.1                |
| Tacking Point Public School                       | 748                   | 7         | 8          | 1036        | 94.7                |
| Telegraph Point Public School                     | 110                   | 11        | np         | 963         | 94                  |
| Wauchope High School                              | 560                   | 14        | 3          | 925         | 87                  |
| Wauchope Public School                            | 723                   | 23        | 3          | 907         | 92.9                |
| Westport Public School                            | 384                   | 23        | 5          | 886         | 91.8                |

**Table 6d. Profile of government schools in the Bellingen LGA**

| Government school       | No. of FTE enrolments | % of ATSI | % of LBOTE | ISCEA value | % School attendance |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Dorrigo High School     | 131.2                 | 13        | np         | 955         | 88.8                |
| Orama Public School     | 23                    | 0         | np         | 1002        | 91.1                |
| Bellingen High School   | 564.9                 | 9         | 6          | 993         | 91.4                |
| Bellingen Public School | 383                   | 9         | 6          | 999         | 92.3                |
| Dorrigo Public School   | 100                   | 13        | 9          | 947         | 93.1                |
| Raleigh Public School   | 28                    | np        | np         | 990         | 95.4                |
| Repton Public School    | 68                    | 13        | 0          | 976         |                     |
| Urunga Public School    | 196                   | 13        | 6          | 964         | 93.3                |

**Table 6e. Profile of government schools in Mid Coast LGA**

| Government school          | No. of FTE enrolments | % of ATSI | % of LBOTE | ISCEA value | % School attendance |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Barrington Public School   | 61                    | 18        | np         | 986         | 94.4                |
| Bobin Public School        | 18                    | 0         | np         | 1068        | 90.2                |
| Booral Public School       | 107                   | 9         | np         | 962         | 94.3                |
| Bulahdelah Central School  | 400                   | 14        | 3          | 919         | 88.7                |
| Bungwahl Public School     | 32                    | np        | np         | 972         | 91.7                |
| Chatham High School        | 567.6                 | 32        | 3          | 858         | 78.8                |
| Chatham Public School      | 296                   | 33        | 6          | 835         | 90.8                |
| Coolongolook Public School | 29                    | 34        | np         | 809         | 89.7                |
| Cooperook Public School    | 45                    | np        | 0          | 949         | 93.3                |
| Cundletown Public School   | 337                   | 14        | 2          | 934         | 93.6                |
| Elands Public School       | 12                    | np        | 0          | 940         | 89.9                |
| Forster Public School      | 733                   | 18        | 4          | 941         | 91.9                |
| Gloucester High School     | 371.2                 | 11        | 2          | 947         | 91.2                |

Table 6e. Profile of government schools in Mid Coast LGA (continued)

| Government school                   | No. of FTE enrolments | % of ATSI | % of LBOTE | ISCEA value | % School attendance |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Gloucester Public School            | 314                   | 17        | 3          | 937         | 93.5                |
| Great Lakes College Forster Campus  | 604                   | 12        | 3          | 943         | 87.1                |
| Great Lakes College Senior Campus   | 402.4                 | 9         | 3          | 981         | Na                  |
| Great Lakes College Tuncurry Campus | 540                   | 12        | 3          | 957         | 89.8                |
| Hallidays Point Public School       | 265                   | 9         | 3          | 1005        | 93.6                |
| Hannam Vale Public School           | 23                    | 0         | 0          | 1050        | 92.4                |
| Harrington Public School            | 105                   | 13        | np         | 921         | 93                  |
| Johns River Public School           | 16                    | np        | 0          | 927         | 89.5                |
| Krambach Public School              | 33                    | np        | np         | 941         | 92.7                |
| Lansdowne Public School             | 42                    | np        | np         | 902         | 93.3                |
| Manning Gardens Public School       | 127                   | 67        | np         | 717         | 83.8                |
| Mitchells Island Public School      | 26                    | 23        | np         | 986         | 92.5                |
| Moorland Public School              | 22                    | np        | np         | 921         | 92                  |
| Mount George Public School          | 23                    | 35        | 0          | 826         | 96.5                |
| Nabiac Public School                | 216                   | 15        | np         | 912         | 93.1                |
| Old Bar Public School               | 512                   | 12        | 4          | 960         | 94.9                |
| Pacific Palms Public School         | 313                   | 8         | 6          | 995         | 90.8                |
| Stratford Public School             | 13                    | np        | 0          | 927         | 92.3                |
| Stroud Public School                | 84                    | np        | np         | 974         | 92.8                |
| Stroud Road Public School           | 13                    | np        | 0          | 896         | 92.2                |
| Taree High School                   | 875.6                 | 17        | 3          | 926         | 85                  |
| Taree Public School                 | 85                    | 60        | np         | 729         | 85.6                |
| Taree West Public School            | 536                   | 21        | 4          | 914         | 92.9                |

**Table 6e. Profile of government schools in Mid Coast LGA (continued)**

| Government school             | No. of FTE enrolments | % of ATSI | % of LBOTE | ISCEA value | % School attendance |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Tea Gardens Public School     | 187                   | 22        | 6          | 924         | 92.3                |
| Tinonee Public School         | 168                   | 13        | 7          | 966         | 93.5                |
| Tuncurry Public School        | 383                   | 13        | 4          | 937         | 93                  |
| Upper Lansdowne Public School | 17                    | np        | np         | 989         | 95.2                |
| Wingham Brush Public School   | 190                   | 11        | 5          | 926         | 91.1                |
| Wingham High School           | 519.4                 | 12        | 5          | 928         | 86.8                |
| Wingham Public School         | 315                   | 18        | 2          | 921         | 93.6                |

**Table 6f. Profile of government schools in the Upper Lachlan Shire LGA**

| Government school                | No. of FTE enrolments | % of ATSI | % of LBOTE | ISCEA value | % School attendance |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Barrington Public School         | 61                    | 18        | np         | 986         | 94.4                |
| Bowraville Central School        | 212.4                 | 32        | 3          | 862         | 86.9                |
| Eungai Public School             | 42                    | np        | np         | 909         | 92.3                |
| Frank Partridge VC Public School | 234                   | 41        | np         | 834         | 89.4                |
| Macksville High School           | 503.6                 | 12        | 3          | 937         | 87.1                |
| Macksville Public School         | 338                   | 18        | np         | 913         | 91.8                |
| Medlow Public School             | 10                    | 0         | 0          | 988         | 94.4                |
| Nambucca Heads High School       | 405.1                 | 26        | 7          | 902         | 87.1                |
| Nambucca Heads Public School     | 301                   | 22        | 7          | 929         | 92.7                |
| Scotts Head Public School        | 115                   | 16        | 14         | 971         | 93.3                |

**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 level<sup>1</sup>.

Table 7 shows that the Mid North Coast 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, 6.4% of students received short suspensions in Mid North Coast compared to 4.0% in NSW. The proportion of students who received long suspensions (4-20 school days) is also higher than the NSW state average; 2.7% in the district compared to 1.5% in the state.

In the Mid North Coast district, 13 students were expelled for misbehaviour in 2018, which is 10.6% of the total expulsions for misbehaviour in the state. Another 21 students were expelled for unsatisfactory participation, which is 17.2% of the total expulsions in the state for this reason.

**Table 7. Suspensions and expulsions from government schools in Mid North Coast district, 2018**

|   | Mid North Coast | New South Wales |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total short suspensions <sup>1</sup>              | 2,368           | 52,755          |
| Total number of students short suspended          | 1,471           | 32,343          |
| Students short suspended as % of enrolment        | 6.4%            | 4.0%            |
| Total long suspensions                            | 850             | 17,235          |
| Total number students long suspended <sup>2</sup> | 613             | 12,355          |
| Students long suspended as % of enrolment         | 2.7%            | 1.5%            |
| Students expelled for misbehaviour                | 13              | 175             |
| Expulsion for unsatisfactory participation        | 21              | 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)

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

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

## 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.

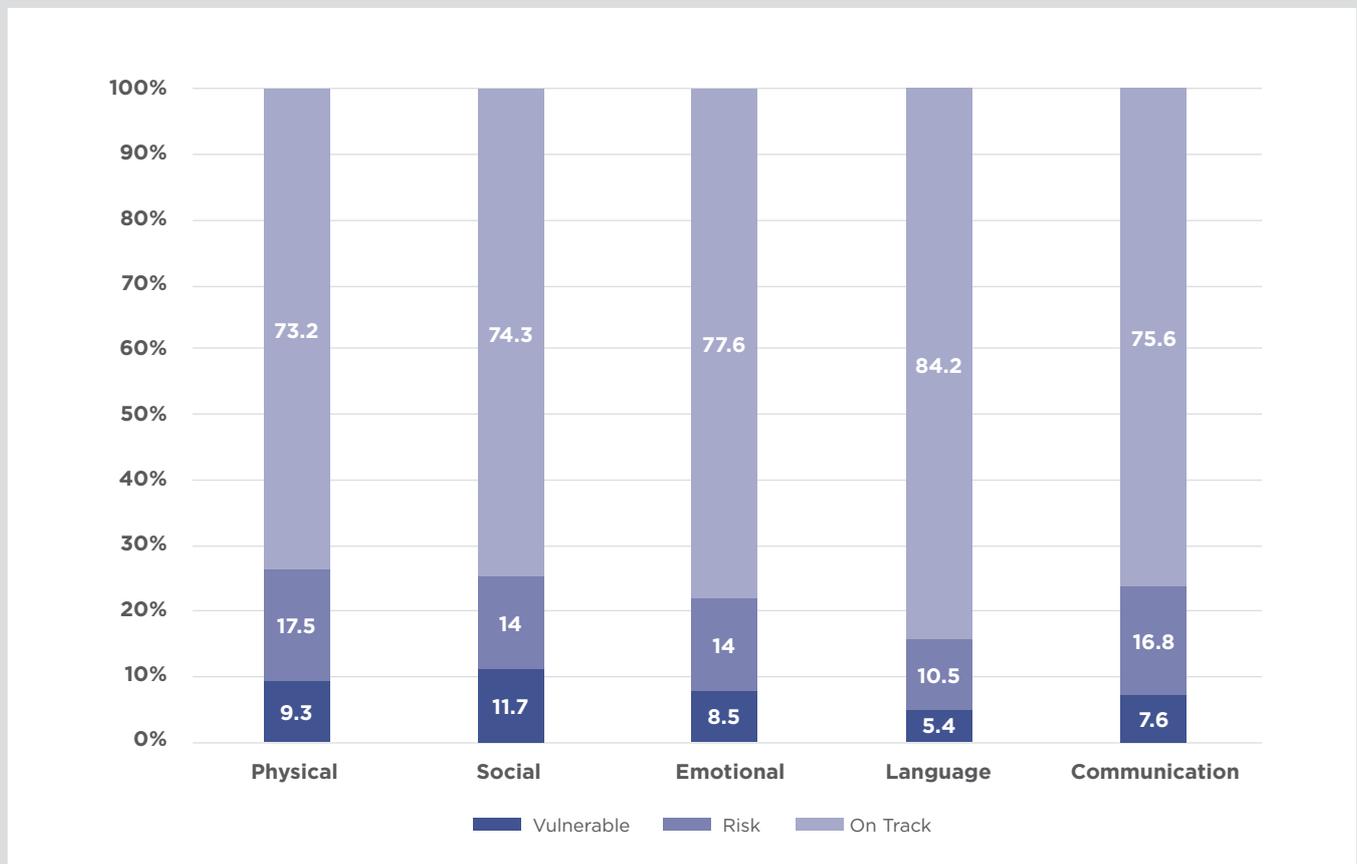
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More information about the AEDC domains can be found in the [About the AEDC Domains](#) fact sheet.

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

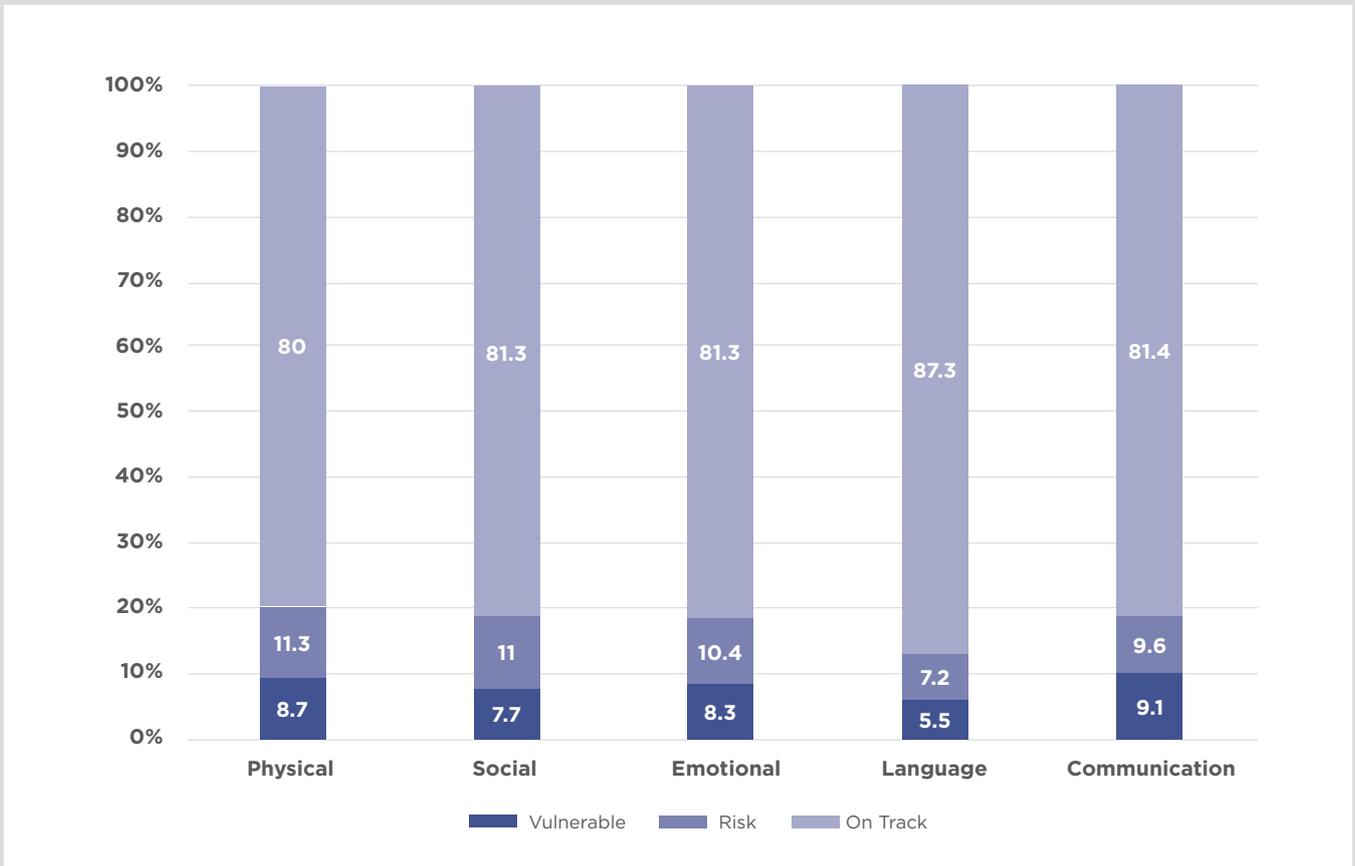
In the Mid North Coast district, over 65% of children were developmentally on track for each of the five AEDC domains in 2018 (see Figures 2-7). Coffs Harbour has the greatest percentage of children who were 'on track' (more than 80% of children were on track across the domains), followed by Bellingen (more than 78%). Kempsey has the greater number of children who were developmentally 'vulnerable' or 'at risk', particularly in the physical, social and communication domains.

Figure 2. 2018 AEDC results for Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA\*



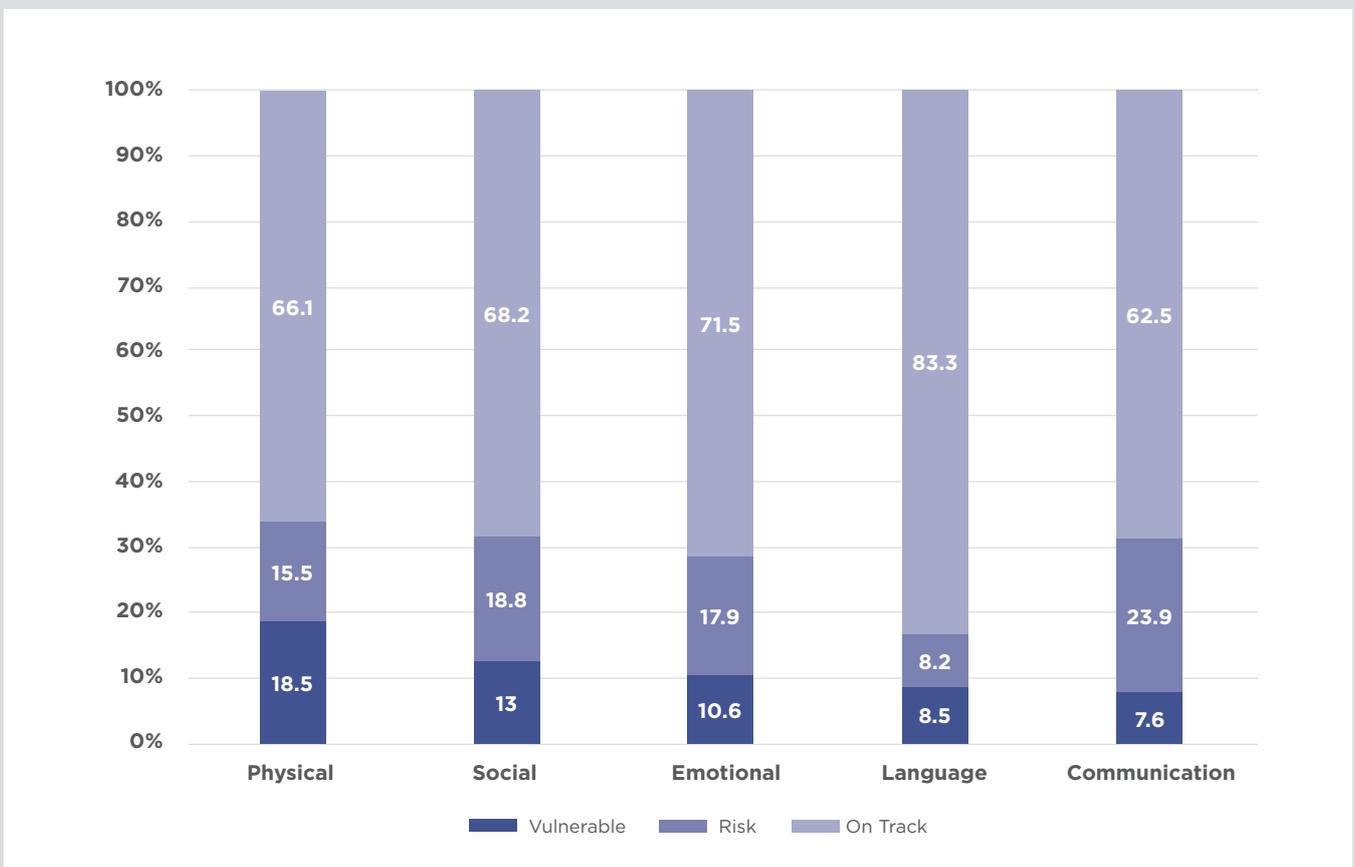
Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer> (accessed 1 October 2019)  
\* referred to as "Hastings" in the AEDC data explorer

**Figure 3. 2018 AEDC results for Coffs Harbour LGA**



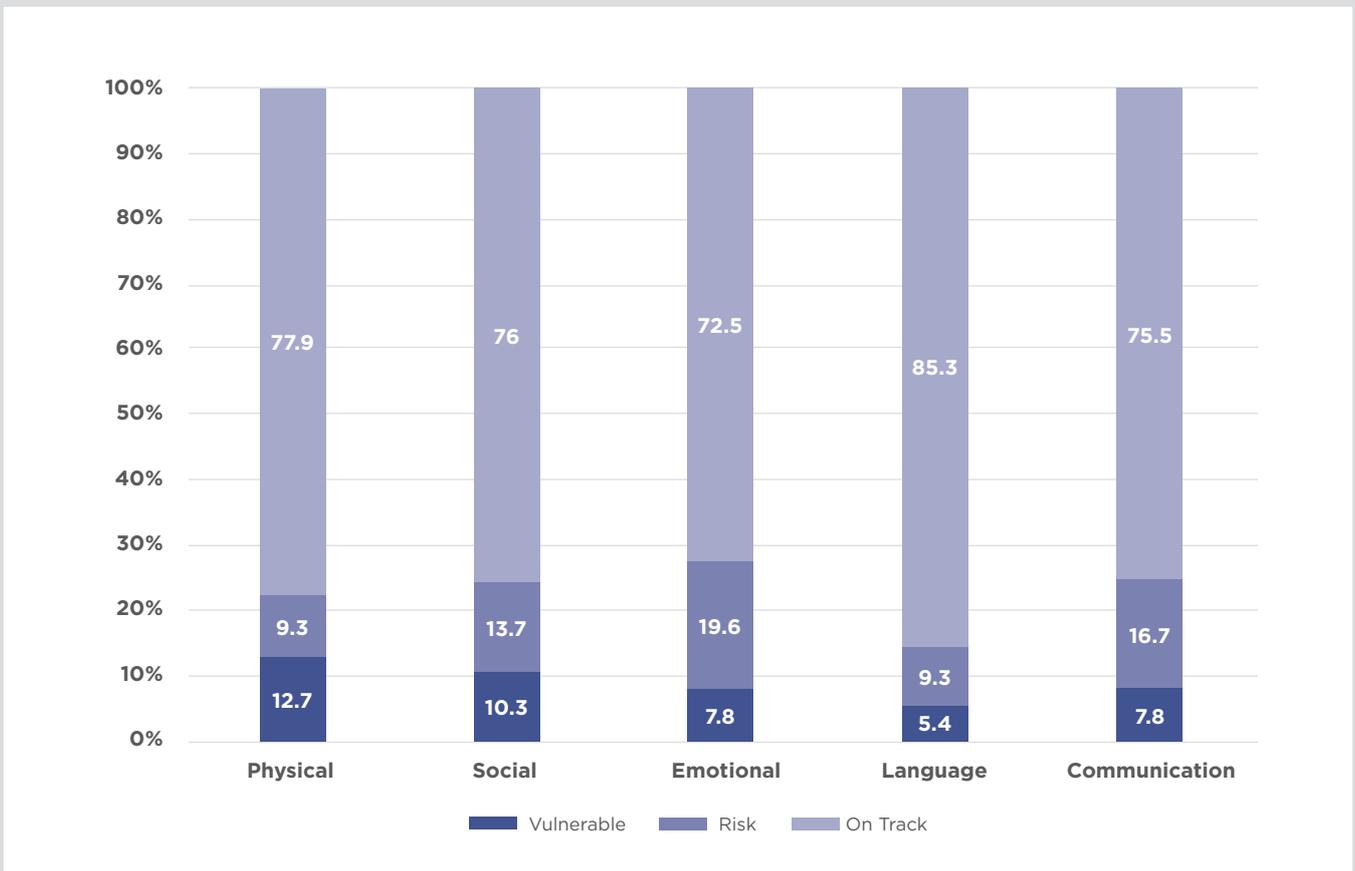
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**Figure 4. 2018 AEDC results for Kempsey LGA**



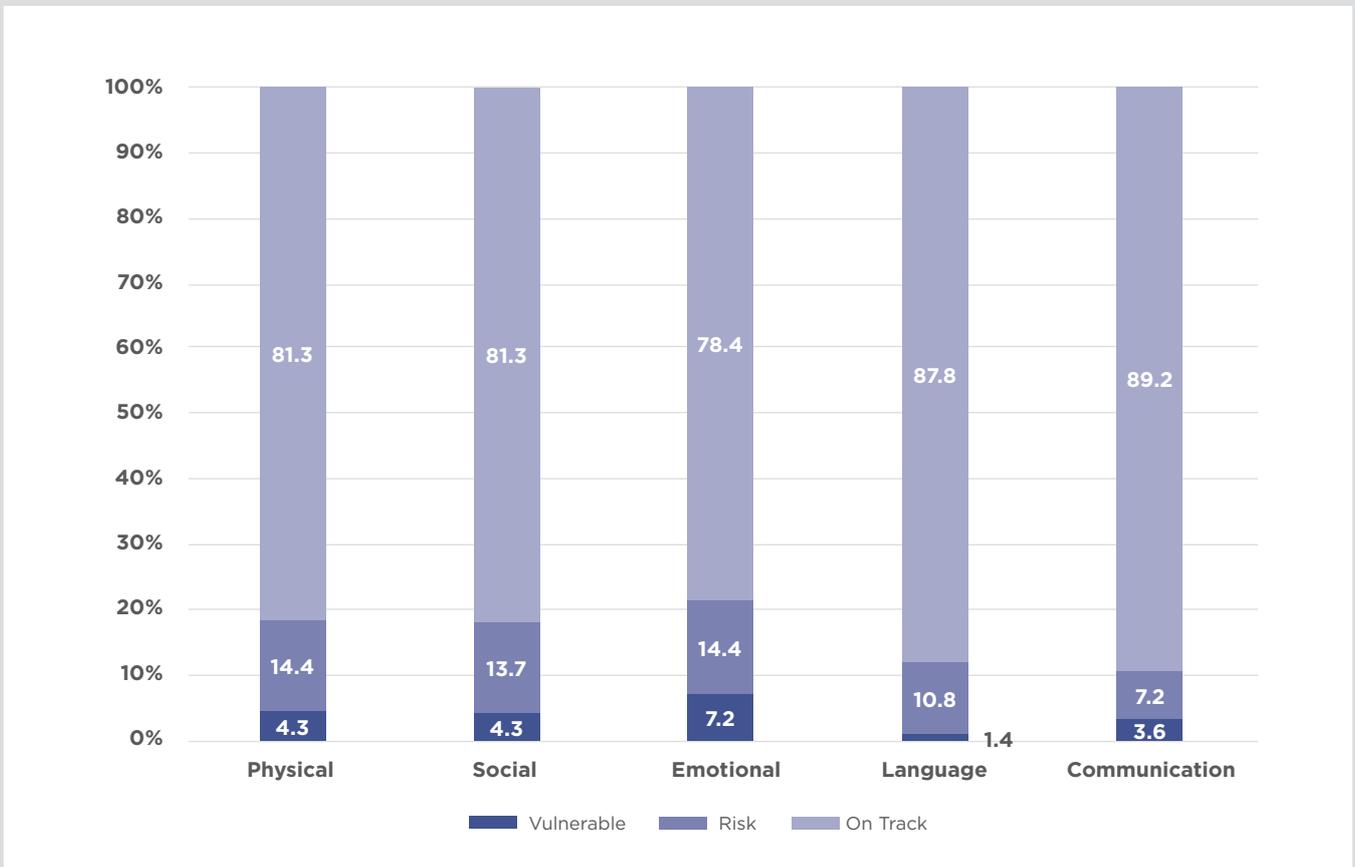
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**Figure 5. 2018 AEDC results for Nambucca LGA**



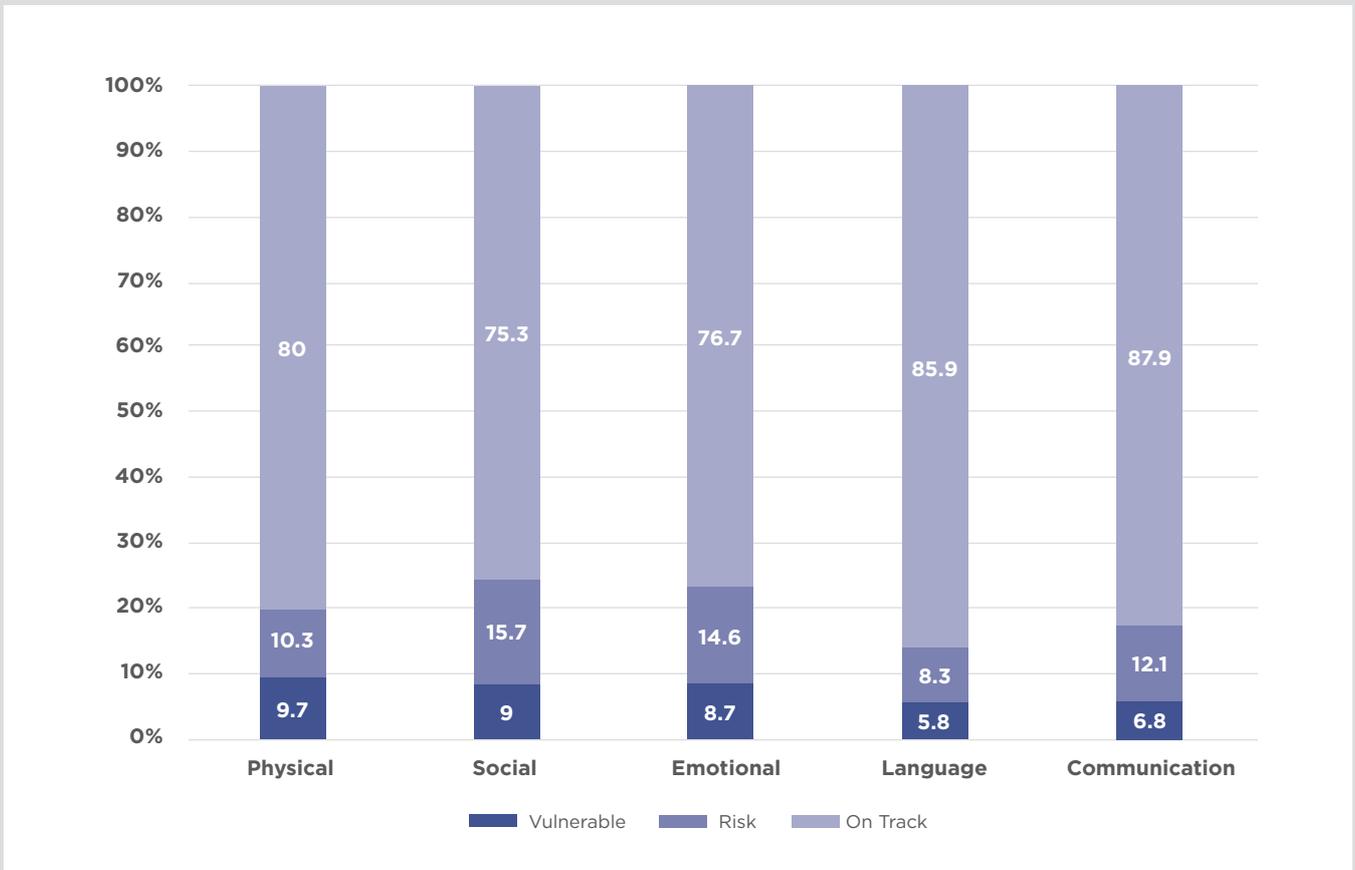
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**Figure 6. 2018 AEDC results for Bellingen LGA**



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

Figure 7. 2018 AEDC results for Mid-Coast LGA (combined results Greater Taree and Clarence Valley)



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 the Mid North Coast district, 10.3% of children were developmentally vulnerable on two or more AEDC domains (see Table 8). Kempsey had the highest proportion of children who were developmentally vulnerable on two or more domains, at 15.5%, followed by Nambucca at 13.7%. By comparison, only 3.6% of children in Bellingen were developmentally vulnerable on two or more domains.

**Table 8. Percentage of children developmentally vulnerable in Mid North Coast 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.   | %           |                                |
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 188  | 21.0        | 99  | 11.0        | 970                            |
| Coffs Harbour           | 165  | 20.2        | 88  | 10.8        | 875                            |
| Kempsey                 | 95   | 28.8        | 51  | 15.5        | 364                            |
| Nambucca                | 43   | 21.1        | 28  | 13.7        | 217                            |
| Bellingen               | 20   | 14.4        | 5   | 3.6         | 142                            |
| Mid-coast               | 230  | 20.8        | 108   | 9.8         | 1103                           |
| <b>Mid North coast</b>  | <b>741</b>                                     | <b>20.2</b> | <b>379</b>  | <b>10.3</b> | <b>3,671</b>                   |
| NSW                     | 18,583   | 19.9        | 9,001   | 9.6         | 97,731                         |

Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer> (accessed 1 October 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:

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

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 Mid North Coast district.

**Table 9. Indicators of vulnerable children and young people in the Mid North Coast district**

| Vulnerable group  | Indicator                                   | % of group with indicator |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| Young children aged 0-5   | Parents have interacted with justice system | 43                        |
|   | Mother smoked during pregnancy              | 35                        |
|   | Child had concern report                    | 31                        |
|   | Mother aged 21 and under at childbirth      | 24                        |
|   | Parents have been in social housing         | 8                         |
| Children aged under 15 and affected by mental illness               | Child had a concern report                  | 45                        |
|   | Mother smoked during pregnancy              | 39                        |
|   | Parents have interacted with justice system | 40                        |
|   | Mother aged 21 and under at childbirth      | 24                        |
|   | Parents have been in social housing         | 14                        |
| Children and young people aged 15-18 and affected by mental illness | NAPLAN Year 7 band less than 6              | 50                        |
|   | Had concern report in the last three years  | 38                        |
|   | Hospital admission in the last three years  | 30                        |
|   | Family have been in social housing          | 23                        |
|   | Has appeared in court                       | 7                         |

**Source:** Their Futures Matter, FACS District Data pack, Mid North Coast 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 Kempsey, 1,981 children were under the age of 5. Of these children, 48% (n=949) were identified as vulnerable and 55% of these vulnerable children identified as Aboriginal. By comparison, in Mid-Coast, 44% of children under the age of 5 were vulnerable and 33% of these vulnerable children identified as Aboriginal.

When looking at children under the age of 15, 22% were affected by mental illness in Kempsey and 45% of this group identified as Aboriginal. In comparison, only 12% of children under 15 years in Coffs Harbour were affected by mental illness.

There are similar differences when looking at young people between the ages of 15 and 18. In Kempsey, 25% were affected by mental illness and 36% of this group are Aboriginal, compared to only 11% in Bellingen.

**Table 10. Vulnerable groups of children and young people in the Southern NSW district, by LGA**

|   |  | Port Macquarie-Hastings | Coffs Harbour | Kempsey | Nambucca | Bellingen | Mid-Coast |
|---|--|-------------------------|---------------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Young children aged 0-5   | No. of C/YP aged under 5                             | 4,039                   | 4,656         | 1,981   | 1,071    | 610       | 4,880     |
|   | No. of <i>vulnerable</i> C/YP aged under 5           | 1,389                   | 1,543         | 949     | 487      | 251       | 2,171     |
|   | % of <i>vulnerable</i> C/YP aged under 5             | 34%                     | 33%           | 48%     | 45%      | 41%       | 44%       |
|   | % who identify as Aboriginal                         | 24%                     | 23%           | 55%     | 43%      | 12%       | 33%       |
| Children aged under 15 and affected by mental illness               | No. of C/YP aged under 15                            | 8,610                   | 9,347         | 4,101   | 2,326    | 1,590     | 11,315    |
|   | No. of C/YP aged under 15 affected by mental illness | 1,322                   | 1,160         | 911     | 364      | 212       | 2,379     |
|   | % of C/YP aged under 15 affected by mental illness   | 15%                     | 12%           | 22%     | 16%      | 13%       | 21%       |
|   | % of identify as Aboriginal                          | 24%                     | 26%           | 45%     | 39%      | 21%       | 31%       |
| Children and young people aged 15-18 and affected by mental illness | No. of C/YP aged 15-18                               | 3,313                   | 3,039         | 1,476   | 809      | 523       | 3,868     |
|   | No. of C/YP aged 15-18 affected by mental illness    | 556                     | 512           | 372     | 137      | 60        | 871       |
|   | % of C/YP aged 15-18 affected by mental illness      | 17%                     | 17%           | 25%     | 17%      | 11%       | 23%       |
|   | % of identify as Aboriginal                          | 17%                     | 27%           | 36%     | 32%      | 8%        | 25%       |

Source: Their Futures Matter, FACS District Data pack, Mid North Coast district

## Contact with child protection services

In 2016-17, 2.0% (n=1,270) of children and young people aged 18 and under were in out-of-home care (OOHC) in the Mid North Coast district (see Table 11). The majority of these children and young people were in Mid-Coast (n=521), Coffs Harbour (n=249), Port Macquarie-Hastings (n=223) and Kempsey (n=184).

In 2016-17, 8.5% (n=5,516) of children and young people aged 18 and under were found to be at risk of significant harm. The majority of these children were also from Mid-Coast (n=1,849), Coffs Harbour (n=1,195), Port Macquarie-Hastings (n=1,056) and Kempsey (n=797).

Table 11. Child Protection Overview in the Mid North Coast 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.                              |
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 1,376  | 8.2         | 1,056   | 6.3        | 223   | 1.3        | 16,834                           |
| Coffs Harbour           | 1,630  | 9.6         | 1,195   | 7.1        | 249   | 1.5        | 16,896                           |
| Kempsey                 | 1,003  | 15.9        | 797   | 12.6       | 184   | 2.9        | 6,322                            |
| Nambucca                | 557  | 13.8        | 457   | 11.4       | 69  | 1.7        | 4,026                            |
| Bellingen               | 223  | 7.9         | 162   | 5.8        | 24  | 0.9        | 2,817                            |
| Mid-coast               | 2,360  | 13.1        | 1,849   | 10.3       | 521   | 2.9        | 17,977                           |
| <b>Mid North coast</b>  | <b>7,149</b>                                       | <b>11.0</b> | <b>5,516</b>  | <b>8.5</b> | <b>1,270</b>  | <b>2.0</b> | <b>64,872</b>                    |
| NSW                     | 230,343  | 13.2        | 168,819   | 9.7        | 36,304  | 2.1        | 1,742,488                        |

Source: FACS Datacube, accessed 1 October 2019



# Economic Environment

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## Education

Of people aged 15 and over In the Mid North Coast district, 20.9% of people aged 15 and over reported having a certificate level III or IV as their highest level of education (see Table 12). This was followed by 17.0% who completed year 10 and 12.6% who completed a bachelor level degree or above.

**Table 12. Level of highest educational attainment in Mid North coast district, by LGA (people aged 15 years and over).**

| Highest level of educational attainment | Port Macquarie-Hastings |      | Coffs Harbour |      | Kempsey |      | Nambucca |      | Bellingen |      | Mid-coast |      | Mid North coast |      | NSW  |
|---|-------------------------|------|---------------|------|---------|------|----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------------|------|------|
|   | No.                     | %    | No.           | %    | No.     | %    | No.      | %    | No.       | %    | No.       | %    | No.             | %    | No.  |
| Bachelor Degree level and above         | 8,783                   | 13.4 | 8,809         | 14.8 | 1,960   | 8.2  | 1,676    | 10.4 | 1,948     | 18.6 | 7,537     | 9.9  | 30,713          | 12.6 | 23.4 |
| Advanced Diploma and Diploma level      | 5,970                   | 9.1  | 5,433         | 9.1  | 1,500   | 6.3  | 1,182    | 7.4  | 975       | 9.3  | 6,012     | 7.9  | 21,072          | 8.7  | 8.9  |
| Certificate level IV                    | 2,401                   | 3.7  | 2,138         | 3.6  | 739     | 3.1  | 543      | 3.4  | 316       | 3    | 2,321     | 3    | 8,458           | 3.5  | 2.8  |
| Certificate level III                   | 11,032                  | 16.9 | 9,563         | 16   | 4,108   | 17.2 | 2,725    | 17   | 1,659     | 15.9 | 13,211    | 17.3 | 42,298          | 17.4 | 12   |
| Year 12                                 | 6,978                   | 10.7 | 6,912         | 11.6 | 2,252   | 9.4  | 1,528    | 9.5  | 1,106     | 10.6 | 7,046     | 9.2  | 25,822          | 10.6 | 15.3 |
| Year 11                                 | 2,584                   | 3.9  | 2,400         | 4    | 861     | 3.6  | 602      | 3.8  | 384       | 3.7  | 2,758     | 3.6  | 9,589           | 3.9  | 3.3  |
| Year 10                                 | 10,315                  | 15.8 | 8,951         | 15   | 4,097   | 17.1 | 2,768    | 17.3 | 1,425     | 13.6 | 13,773    | 18   | 41,329          | 17.0 | 11.5 |
| Certificate level II                    | 95                      | 0.1  | 105           | 0.2  | 50      | 0.2  | 41       | 0.3  | 20        | 0.2  | 127       | 0.2  | 438             | 1.8  | 0.1  |
| Certificate level I                     | 8                       | 0.0  | 13            | 0.0  | 5       | 0.0  | 0        | 0.0  | 3         | 0.0  | 8         | 0.0  | 37              | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Year 9 or below                         | 6,787                   | 10.4 | 5,915         | 9.9  | 3,363   | 14.1 | 2,053    | 12.8 | 1,044     | 10   | 10,251    | 13.4 | 29,413          | 12.1 | 8.4  |
| No education attainment                 | 114                     | 0.2  | 315           | 0.5  | 69      | 0.3  | 41       | 0.3  | 17        | 0.2  | 177       | 0.2  | 733             | 12.3 | 0.9  |
| Not stated                              | 8,008                   | 12.2 | 7,100         | 11.9 | 4,161   | 17.4 | 2,312    | 14.4 | 1,236     | 11.8 | 10,299    | 13.5 | 33,116          | 13.2 | 10.3 |

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 30 September 2019)



# Employment

There were 238,558 people who reported being in the labour force in the week before Census night in the Mid North Coast district. Of these, 49.4% were employed full time, 36.9% were employed part-time and 7.8% were unemployed (see Table 13).

All LGAs in the Mid-North Coast district had a higher proportion of unemployed, compared to the NSW state average of 6.3%. The proportion of people who were unemployed was highest in Nambucca at 9.4% and Mid-Coast at 9.0%.

**Table 13. Employment in Mid North Coast district, by LGA (people aged 15 years and over)**

|                  | Port Macquarie-Hastings |            | Coffs Harbour |            | Kempsey       |            | Nambucca     |            | Bellingen    |            | Mid-coast     |            | Mid North coast |            | NSW        |
|------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
|                  | No.                     | %          | No.           | %          | No.           | %          | No.          | %          | No.          | %          | No.           | %          | No.             | %          | No.        |
| Worked full-time | 16,655                  | 52.4       | 16,313        | 51         | 4,873         | 47.1       | 3,129        | 45.5       | 2,386        | 45.3       | 15,609        | 47.3       | 58,965          | 49.4       | 59.2       |
| Worked part-time | 11,321                  | 35.6       | 11,722        | 36.7       | 3,815         | 36.9       | 2,670        | 38.8       | 2,210        | 41.9       | 12,299        | 37.3       | 44,037          | 36.9       | 29.7       |
| Away from work   | 1,679                   | 5.3        | 1,587         | 5.0        | 774           | 7.5        | 433          | 6.3        | 298          | 5.7        | 2,127         | 6.4        | 6,898           | 5.8        | 4.8        |
| Unemployed       | 2,151                   | 6.8        | 2,347         | 7.3        | 883           | 8.5        | 645          | 9.4        | 378          | 7.2        | 2,975         | 9.0        | 9,379           | 7.8        | 6.3        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>31,806</b>           | <b>100</b> | <b>31,969</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>10,345</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>6,877</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>5,272</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>33,010</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>119,279</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>100</b> |

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 Mid North Coast district was \$506 at the 2016 Census, and the median family income was \$1,193 (see Table 14). This is less than the NSW state average of \$664 and \$1,780, respectively. Of the four LGAs, personal and families incomes are lowest in Nambucca and Kempsey, and highest in Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie.

Table 14. Median weekly income in Mid North Coast district, by LGA (people aged 15 years and over)

|                         | Personal     | Family         | Household    |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | \$540        | \$1,300        | \$1,042      |
| Coffs Harbour           | \$566        | \$1,346        | \$1,107      |
| Kempsey                 | \$474        | \$1,107        | \$894        |
| Nambucca                | \$467        | \$1,080        | \$835        |
| Bellingen               | \$515        | \$1,218        | \$997        |
| Mid-coast               | \$476        | \$1,108        | \$887        |
| <b>Mid North coast</b>  | <b>\$506</b> | <b>\$1,193</b> | <b>\$960</b> |
| NSW                     | \$664        | \$1,780        | \$1,486      |

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 30 September 2019)

The LGAs in the Mid North Coast district have a higher proportion of low-income households, compared to the NSW state average (19.7%) (see Table 15). In Nambucca, 33.8% of households have less than \$650 gross weekly income, followed by Kempsey and Mid-Coast, both at 31.1%.

**Table 15. Household income in Mid North Coast district, by LGA**

|                         | % of households with less than \$650 gross weekly income | % of households with more than \$3000 gross weekly income |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 26.2   | 7.9   |
| Coffs Harbour           | 25.0   | 8.2   |
| Kempsey                 | 31.1   | 4.4   |
| Nambucca                | 33.8   | 4.4   |
| Bellingen               | 28.9   | 5.8   |
| Mid-coast               | 31.1   | 4.8   |
| <b>NSW</b>              | <b>19.7</b>  | <b>18.7</b>   |

**Source:** ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 30 September 2019)

## Socio-economic advantage and disadvantage

The Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) is a measure used to rank areas in Australia according to socio-economic advantage and disadvantage. It is based on information from the five-yearly 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 Mid North Coast District, out of the four LGAs, Port Macquarie-Hastings has the highest SEIFA score (958) and is ranked the highest (68 out of 129) (see Table 16). This means Port Macquarie is relatively advantaged compared to the other LGAs in the Mid North Coast District.

Conversely, Kempsey has the lowest SEIFA score (877) and has the lowest ranking in New South Wales (4 out of 129). This means Kempsey is relatively disadvantaged compared to the other LGAs in the Mid North Coast district.

**Table 16. LGA Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage in Mid North Coast, 2016**

|                         | Score <sup>1</sup> | NSW Rank <sup>2</sup> | NSW Decile <sup>3</sup> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 958                | 68                    | 6                       |
| Coffs Harbour           | 954                | 61                    | 5                       |
| Kempsey                 | 877                | 4                     | 1                       |
| Nambucca                | 896                | 9                     | 1                       |
| Bellingen               | 954                | 90                    | 7                       |
| Mid-coast               | 911                | 20                    | 2                       |

**Source:** ABS, Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), 2016, 2033.0.55.001, accessed 1 October 2019, <https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/2033.0.55.0012016?OpenDocument>

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

<sup>2</sup> **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.

<sup>3</sup> **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 Mid North Coast district, 1,587 domestic violence-related assaults and 1,515 non-domestic violence-related assaults occurred between January and December 2018 (see Table 17).

Domestic violence-related assaults were most likely to occur in the Kempsey LGA, with a rate of 816.0 per 100,000 population. Kempsey has the 11th highest rate of domestic violence in NSW. Rates of non-domestic violence are highest in Nambucca, at 772.0 per 100,000 people. Nambucca has the 8th highest rate of non-domestic violence-related assault in NSW.

**Table 17. Incidents of crime recorded by the NSW Police Force in Mid North Coast, by LGA, January – December 2018**

|                         | Domestic violence-related assault |                             |                          | Non-domestic violence-related assault |                             |             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
|                         | No.                               | Rate per 100,000 population | Rank in NSW <sup>1</sup> | No.                                   | Rate per 100,000 population | Rank in NSW |
| Bellingen               | 46                                | 355.3                       | 67                       | 30                                    | 231.7                       | 95          |
| Coffs Harbour           | 473                               | 626.5                       | 21                       | 459                                   | 607.9                       | 21          |
| Kempsey                 | 241                               | 816.0                       | 11                       | 183                                   | 619.6                       | 18          |
| Mid-coast               | 425                               | 459.6                       | 51                       | 421                                   | 455.3                       | 48          |
| Nambucca                | 130                               | 660.3                       | 17                       | 152                                   | 772.0                       | 8           |
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 272                               | 334.1                       | 73                       | 270                                   | 331.7                       | 71          |

**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](https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_crime_stats/bocsar_lgaexceltables.aspx) (accessed 26 September 2019)

<sup>1</sup> 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).

The most common drug offence in the Mid North Coast district is cannabis use and/or possession. In 2018, the highest rate of cannabis use and/or possession offences were in the Mid-Coast LGA (407.7 offences per 100,000 population) followed by Coffs Harbour (386.7 offences per 100,000 population). The second most common drug offence during this period was amphetamine use, which was highest in Kempsey (159.1 offences per 100,000 population) followed by Coffs Harbour (144.4 offences per 100,000 population).

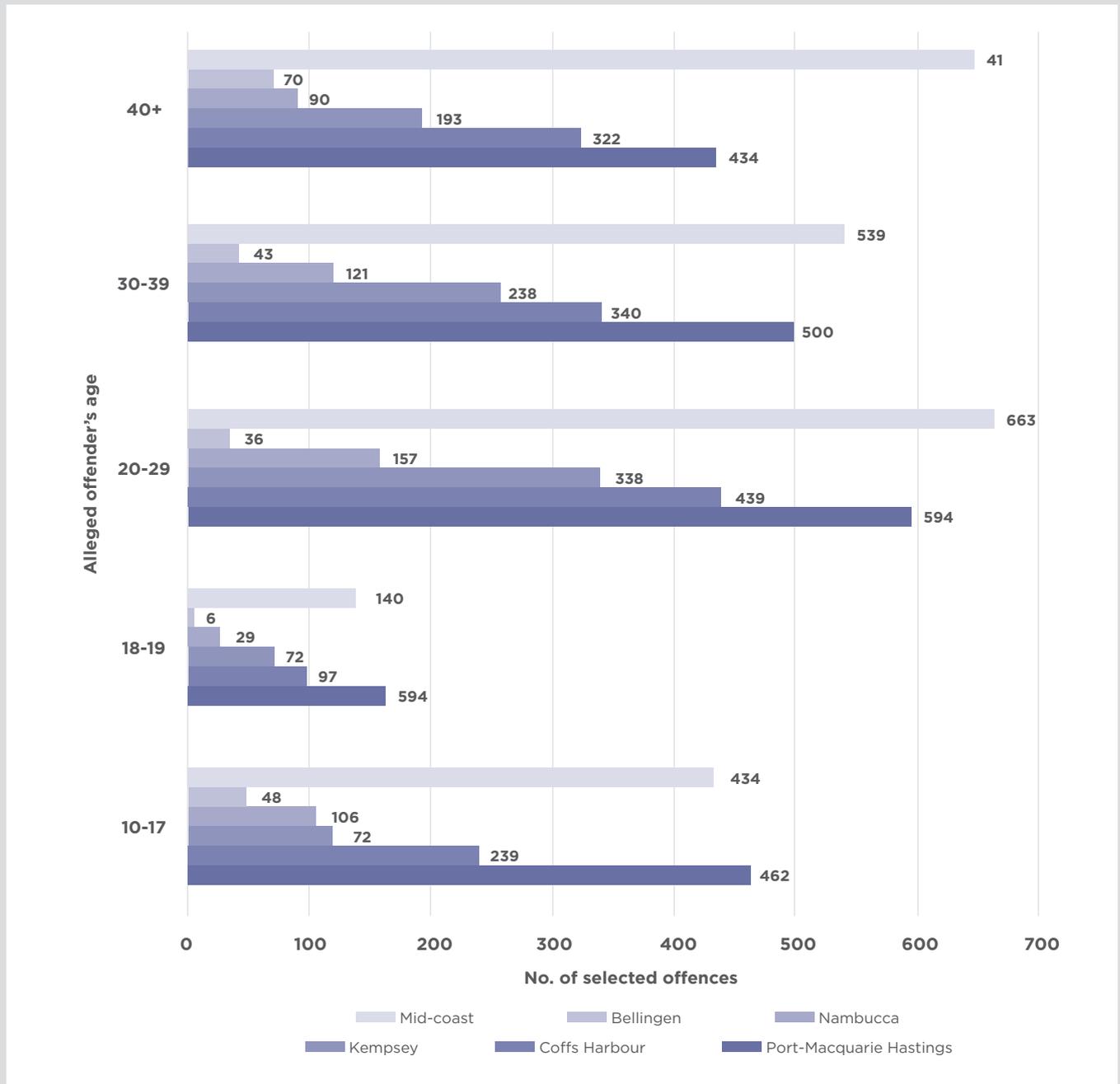
**Table 18. Recorded drug offences (possession and/or use) in Mid North Coast district, Jan-Dec 2018, by LGA**

|             | Bellingen |       | Coffs Harbour |       | Kempsey |       | Mid-Coast |       | Nambucca |       | Port Macquarie-Hastings |       |
|-------------|-----------|-------|---------------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
|             | No.       | %     | No.           | %     | No.     | %     | No.       | %     | No.      | %     | No.                     | %     |
| Cocaine     | 0         | 0.0   | 10            | 13.2  | 2       | 6.8   | 12        | 13.0  | 0        | 0.0   | 7                       | 8.6   |
| Narcotics   | 1         | 7.7   | 4             | 5.3   | 18      | 60.9  | 11        | 11.9  | 2        | 10.2  | 3                       | 3.7   |
| Cannabis    | 23        | 177.7 | 292           | 386.7 | 97      | 328.4 | 377       | 407.7 | 30       | 152.4 | 214                     | 262.9 |
| Amphetamine | 7         | 54.1  | 109           | 144.4 | 47      | 159.1 | 122       | 131.9 | 9        | 45.7  | 73                      | 89.7  |
| Ecstasy     | 0         | 0.0   | 12            | 15.9  | 1       | 3.4   | 30        | 32.4  | 0        | 0.0   | 24                      | 29.5  |
| Other drugs | 2         | 15.4  | 47            | 62.2  | 15      | 50.8  | 65        | 70.3  | 2        | 10.2  | 34                      | 41.8  |

**Source:** NSW Local Government Area excel crime tables, BOCSAR: [https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar\\_crime\\_stats/bocsar\\_lgaexceltables.aspx](https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_crime_stats/bocsar_lgaexceltables.aspx) (accessed 10 October 2019)

When looking at the age of alleged offenders in the Mid North Coast district, 20-29-year-olds had the highest number of offences in most LGAs (see Figure 8).

**Figure 8. Age of alleged offenders proceeded against by NSW Police for incidents of selected offences<sup>1</sup> in the Mid North Coast district, 2018<sup>2</sup>**



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

<sup>1</sup> For the full list of selected offences please see the original source

<sup>2</sup> 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 drugs abuse. In turn, young parenthood can act to further entrench some of these problems and perpetuate a cycle of disadvantage.

In the Mid North Coast district, 124 births were to mothers aged 19 and under (see Table 19). This amounts to 4.4% of all births in the district and is more than double the NSW state average of 1.9%.

Kempsey had the highest proportion of teenage mothers at 11.5%.

Table 19. Young mothers who gave birth<sup>1</sup> in Mid North Coast, by LGA, 2018

| LGA                     | No. of mothers 19 and under | % of mothers giving birth aged 19 and under | Total no. of births |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 16                          | 2.4   | 676                 |
| Coffs Harbour           | 21                          | 2.8   | 768                 |
| Kempsey                 | 39                          | 11.5  | 339                 |
| Nambucca                | 7                           | 3.8   | 184                 |
| Bellingen               | 2                           | 2.2   | 106                 |
| Mid-coast               | 39                          | 5.2   | 755                 |
| <b>Mid North Coast</b>  | <b>124</b>                  | <b>4.4</b>                                  | <b>2,828</b>        |
| NSW                     | 1,792                       | 1.9   | 94,145              |

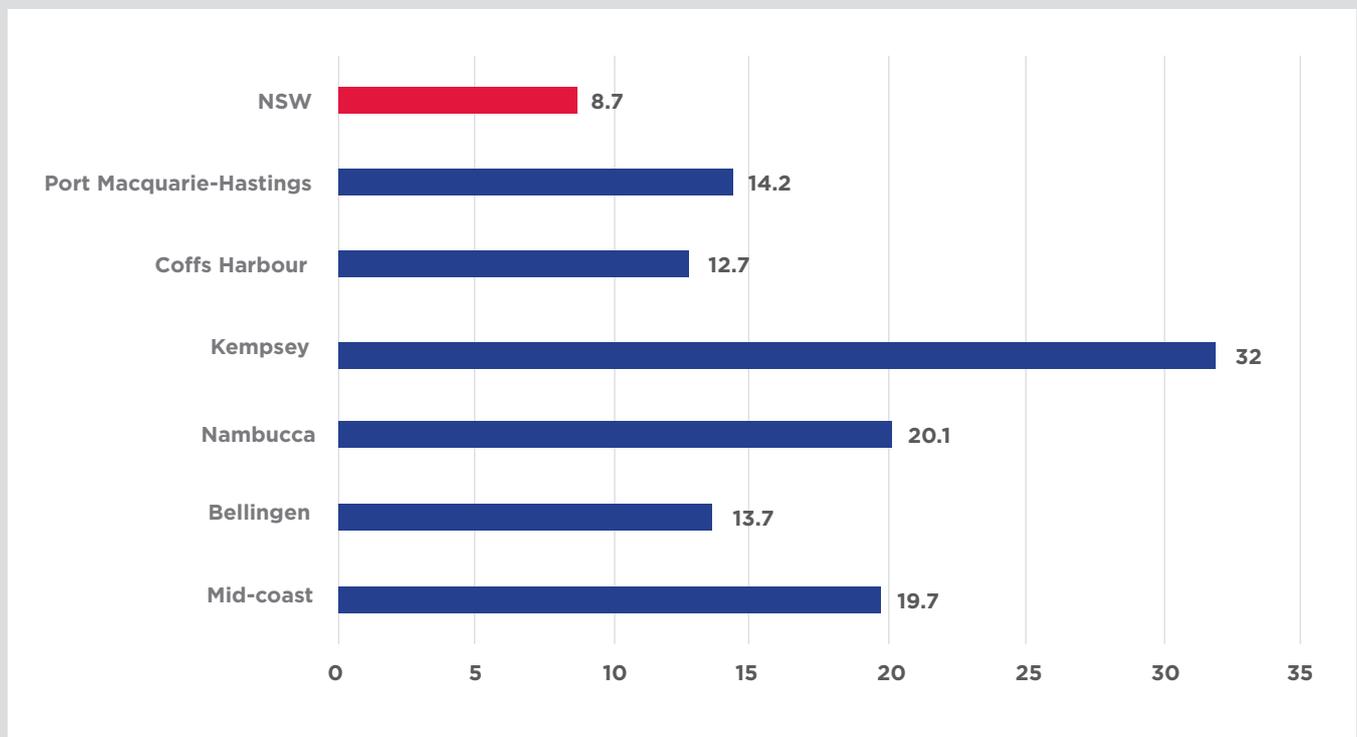
Source: Healthstats NSW: [http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/mab\\_mbth\\_age/mab\\_mbth\\_age\\_lgamap](http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/mab_mbth_age/mab_mbth_age_lgamap) (accessed 1 October 2019)

<sup>1</sup> 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. Mothers in the Mid North Coast district are more likely to smoke while pregnant than the state average (8.4%) (see Figure 9). Mothers in the Kempsey LGA were more likely to smoke during their pregnancy (32%) compared to mothers in Coffs Harbour (12.7%).

**Figure 9. Proportion of mothers in the Mid North Coast district who smoked during pregnancy, 2015-2017, by LGA**



**Source:** Healthstats NSW: [http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/mab\\_smo\\_cat/mab\\_smo\\_cat\\_lga\\_trend](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 one is the best rank and 152 is the worst.

Port Macquarie-Hastings performed the best of our the LGAs in the Mid-North Coast district, receiving a rank of 61 out of 152 (see Table 20). Kempsey and Nambucca received the lowest ranks of the four LGAs, at 147 and 148 out of 152 respective. This means that mothers in Nambucca and Kempsey are facing much greater hardships than mothers in Port Macquarie-Hastings.

**Table 20. Australian Mothers Index of Mid North Coast district, by LGA 2016**

| LGA                     | NSW Ranking            |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 61                     |
| Coffs Harbour           | 89                     |
| Kempsey                 | 147                    |
| Nambucca                | 148                    |
| Bellingen               | 98                     |
| Mid-coast               | Greater Taree<br>145   |
|                         | Clarence Valley<br>128 |

**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 Mid-North Coast district, 7.5% of the population need help or assistance with core activities (see Table 21). This amounts to 22,553 people. In the Kempsey LGA, 8.7% of people need help or assistance with core activities. This was the highest proportion of all six LGAs. This was followed by 8.2% in Mid-Coast and 8.0% in Nambucca.

**Table 21. Need for assistance with core activities<sup>1</sup> in Mid North Coast district, by LGA**

|                         | Has need for assistance |            | Does not have need for assistance |             | Need for assistance not stated |            | Total          |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|
|                         | No.                     | %          | No.                               | %           | No.                            | %          |                |
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 5,797                   | 7.4        | 67,403                            | 85.8        | 5,337                          | 6.8        | 78,539         |
| Coffs Harbour           | 4,533                   | 6.2        | 62,573                            | 85.8        | 5,837                          | 8.0        | 72,944         |
| Kempsey                 | 2,506                   | 8.7        | 23,128                            | 80.1        | 3,245                          | 11.2       | 28,885         |
| Nambucca                | 1,544                   | 8.0        | 16,025                            | 83.4        | 1,643                          | 8.6        | 19,212         |
| Bellingen               | 750                     | 5.9        | 10,960                            | 86.5        | 955                            | 7.5        | 12,668         |
| Mid-coast               | 7,423                   | 8.2        | 76,018                            | 84.2        | 6,865                          | 7.6        | 90,303         |
| <b>Mid North Coast</b>  | <b>22,553</b>           | <b>7.5</b> | <b>256,107</b>                    | <b>84.6</b> | <b>23,882</b>                  | <b>7.9</b> | <b>302,551</b> |
| NSW                     |                         | 5.4        |                                   | 87.7        |                                | 6.9        |                |

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

<sup>1</sup> 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

# Households and Social Housing

## Households

In the Mid North Coast district there is an average of 2.3 people per household (see Table 22). This is slightly less than the NSW state average of 2.6. All the LGAs have a similar number of people per household, ranging from 2.2 to 2.4.

The majority of households in the Mid North Coast district are family households, at 68.0%. This is followed by single-person households at 28.9%. Only 3.2% of households in the district are group households.

Table 22. Household Composition in Mid North Coast, by LGA

| LGA                     | Family Households |             | Single-person households |             | Group households |            | Total          | Average people per household |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|----------------|------------------------------|
|                         | No.               | %           | No.                      | %           | No.              | %          |                | No.                          |
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 21,086            | 68.3        | 8,819                    | 28.6        | 950              | 3.1        | 30,855         | 2.3                          |
| Coffs Harbour           | 18,743            | 69.3        | 7,276                    | 26.9        | 1,025            | 3.8        | 27,044         | 2.4                          |
| Kempsey                 | 7,205             | 67.7        | 3,111                    | 29.2        | 328              | 3.1        | 10,644         | 2.4                          |
| Nambucca                | 4,981             | 64.8        | 2,450                    | 31.9        | 250              | 3.3        | 7,681          | 2.3                          |
| Bellingen               | 3,370             | 67.8        | 1,440                    | 29.0        | 163              | 3.3        | 4,971          | 2.3                          |
| Mid-coast               | 24,408            | 67.4        | 10,798                   | 29.8        | 1,021            | 2.8        | 36,227         | 2.2                          |
| <b>Mid North Coast</b>  | <b>79,793</b>     | <b>68.0</b> | <b>33,894</b>            | <b>28.9</b> | <b>3,737</b>     | <b>3.2</b> | <b>117,422</b> | <b>2.3</b>                   |
| <b>NSW</b>              |                   | <b>72.0</b> |                          | <b>23.8</b> |                  | <b>4.2</b> |                | <b>2.6</b>                   |

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 30 September 2019)

## Tenure types

In the Mid North Coast district, 42.5% of occupied private dwellings were owned outright, which is above the state average of 32.3%. Mid Coast LGA had the highest proportion of homes owned outright, at 46.0%. Coffs Harbour had the smallest proportion of homes owned outright, at 36.4%.

The Mid North Coast district also has a smaller percentage of renters, compared to the state average. Coffs Harbour LGA has the highest proportion of rented private dwellings, at 30.7%, which is slightly below the state average of 31.8%. Bellingen LGA has the lowest proportion of renters, at 24.6%.

**Table 23. Tenure of occupied private dwelling in the Mid North Coast, by LGA**

| LGA                     | Owned outright |             | Owned with mortgage |             | Rented       |             | Other tenure |            | Not stated   |            |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|                         | No.            | %           | No.                 | %           | No.          | %           | No.          | %          | No.          | %          |
| Bellingen               | 2,259          | 45.5        | 1,311               | 26.4        | 1,222        | 24.6        | 39           | 0.8        | 134          | 2.7        |
| Coffs Harbour           | 9,850          | 36.4        | 7,751               | 28.7        | 8,316        | 30.7        | 312          | 12         | 816          | 3.0        |
| Kempsey                 | 4,585          | 43.0        | 2,878               | 27.0        | 2,764        | 25.9        | 64           | 0.6        | 368          | 3.5        |
| Mid-Coast               | 16,668         | 46.0        | 8,784               | 24.2        | 9,087        | 25.1        | 492          | 1.4        | 1,209        | 3.3        |
| Nambucca                | 3,504          | 45.6        | 1,833               | 23.9        | 2,012        | 26.25       | 64           | 0.8        | 263          | 3.4        |
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 13,010         | 42.2        | 8,159               | 26.4        | 8,160        | 26.4        | 577          | 1.3        | 956          | 3.1        |
| <b>Mid North Coast</b>  | <b>49,876</b>  | <b>42.5</b> | <b>30,761</b>       | <b>26.2</b> | <b>1,548</b> | <b>26.9</b> | <b>3,746</b> | <b>1.0</b> | <b>4,099</b> | <b>3.2</b> |
| <b>NSW</b>              |                | <b>32.2</b> |                     | <b>32.3</b> |              | <b>31.8</b> |              | <b>0.9</b> |              | <b>2.8</b> |

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 Mid North Coast district, Coffs Harbour has the highest proportion of households in rental stress (14.0%). This is slightly above the state average of 12.9% (see Table 24). Other LGAs in the district all had smaller proportions of households with rental stress than the NSW average. Bellingen had the lowest proportion of households spending more than 30% of their income on rent, at 10.8%.

All LGAs in the Mid North Coast district had smaller proportions of households in mortgage stress, compared the NSW average. Coffs Harbour and Kempsey had the highest proportion of households in mortgage stress, both at 6.1%. Nambucca had the smallest proportion of households in mortgage stress at 5.1%.

**Table 24. Mortgage and rent payments in the Mid North Coast, by LGA<sup>1</sup>**

|  | Bellingen | Coffs Harbour | Kempsey | Mid-Coast | Nambucca | Port Macquarie-Hastings | New South Wales |
|--|-----------|---------------|---------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Average weekly rent  | \$280     | \$305         | \$240   | \$250     | \$250    | \$310                   | \$380           |
| Renting households where rent payments are less than 30% of household income                     | 89.2%     | 86.0%         | 88.6%   | 88.1%     | 88.6%    | 88.0%                   | 87.1%           |
| Renting households where rent payments are less than 30% of household income                     | 10.8%     | 14.0%         | 11.4%   | 12.0      | 11.4%    | 12.0%                   | 12.9%           |
| Average monthly mortgage repayments  | \$1,400   | \$1,603       | \$1,300 | \$1,324   | \$1,300  | \$1,671                 | \$1,986         |
| Home-owning households where mortgage repayments are less than 30% of household income           | 94.1%     | 93.9%         | 93.9%   | 94.5%     | 94.9%    | 94.4%                   | 92.6%           |
| Home-owning households with mortgage repayments greater than or equal to 30% of household income | 5.9%      | 6.1%          | 6.1%    | 5.5%      | 5.1%     | 5.6%                    | 7.4%            |

**Source:** ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au> (accessed 25 September 2019)

<sup>1</sup> 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 5,420 social housing residential dwellings in the Mid North Coast district (see Table 25). Public housing accounted for 57.7% of these dwellings and community housing accounted for 26.5%. The majority of these dwellings were in Coffs Harbour, Mid-Coast and Port Macquarie-Hastings.

**Table 25. Social Housing Residential Dwellings in Mid North Coast, as at 30 June 2018**

|                         | Public Housing |             | Aboriginal Housing Office |            | Community Housing |             | Indigenous Community Housing |            | Total        |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|
|                         | No.            | %           | No.                       | %          | No.               | %           | No.                          | %          |              |
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 872            | 66.9        | 45                        | 3.5        | 338               | 25.9        | 49                           | 3.8        | 1,304        |
| Coffs Harbour           | 978            | 62.5        | 95                        | 6.1        | 426               | 27.2        | 67                           | 4.3        | 1,566        |
| Kempsey                 | 207            | 30.9        | 94                        | 14.0       | 194               | 29.0        | 175                          | 26.1       | 670          |
| Nambucca                | 255            | 60.1        | 32                        | 7.5        | 26                | 6.1         | 111                          | 26.1       | 424          |
| Bellingen               | 96             | 76.8        | 6                         | 4.8        | 17                | 13.6        | 6                            | 4.8        | 125          |
| Mid-Coast               | 719            | 54.0        | 77                        | 5.8        | 433               | 32.5        | 102                          | 7.7        | 1,331        |
| <b>Mid North Coast</b>  | <b>3,127</b>   | <b>57.7</b> | <b>349</b>                | <b>6.4</b> | <b>1,434</b>      | <b>26.5</b> | <b>510</b>                   | <b>9.4</b> | <b>5,420</b> |
| 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 3,400 public housing and Aboriginal housing tenancies in the Mid North Coast district (see Table 26). Public housing made up 89.8% of all tenancies and Aboriginal housing made up 9.9% of all tenancies. The majority of these tenancies were in Coffs Harbour.

**Table 26. Public Housing and Aboriginal Housing Office Tenancies in Mid North Coast, as at 30 June 2018**

|                         | Public Housing |             | Aboriginal Housing Office |            | Total          |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------|
|                         | No.            | %           | No.                       | %          |                |
| Port Macquarie-Hastings | 852            | 95.1        | 44                        | 4.9        | 896            |
| Coffs Harbour           | 963            | 91.1        | 94                        | 8.9        | 1,057          |
| Kempsey                 | 195            | 66.3        | 89                        | 30.3       | 294            |
| Nambucca                | 254            | 88.8        | 32                        | 11.2       | 286            |
| Bellingen               | 93             | 93.9        | 6                         | 6.1        | 99             |
| Mid-coast               | 696            | 90.6        | 72                        | 9.4        | 768            |
| <b>Mid North Coast</b>  | <b>3,053</b>   | <b>89.8</b> | <b>337</b>                | <b>9.9</b> | <b>3,400</b>   |
| <b>NSW</b>              | <b>106,895</b> | <b>96.0</b> | <b>4,414</b>              | <b>4.0</b> | <b>111,309</b> |

Source: FACS Administrative Data, unpublished.

As of 30 June 2018, there were 2,020 vacant social housing residential dwellings in the Mid North Coast district (see Table 25 and 26).