

A snapshot of young people (aged 15-24) in Newcastle



City of Newcastle



How many young people live in Newcastle?

2019

9,671

15-19 year olds, being 5.8% of total population

14,724

20-24 year olds, being 8.9% of total population*

2007 to 2019

↓ Number and percentage of 15-19 year olds slightly decreased (from 6.5% to 5.8%)

↑ Number of 20-24 year olds slightly increased while the proportion slightly decreased (from 9.2% to 8.9%)

Total people in LGA
165,571

29,451
by 2041

How many young people will there be in the future?

↑ Number of 15-19 year olds will increase by 34% from 2016 to 12,527 people

↑ Number of 20-24 year olds will increase by 15% to 16,924 people. (General population will increase 26%)²

Where do young people live?



Shortland-Jesmond SA2 (including the University of Newcastle Callaghan campus):

24.7% of it were aged 20-24 and **10.7%** were aged 15-19



Maryland-Fletcher-Minmi SA2 had the second highest proportion of **15-19 year olds = 7.5%**



Waratah-North Lambton SA2 had the second highest proportion of **20-24 year olds = 11.6%**³



When it comes to learning, earning and engagement:

In 2016,

87% of 15-24 year olds were engaged in school, work or further education/ training (NSW= 85%)

↑ This rate has increased 11% points since 2006, when the rate for the LGA was 76% (NSW=79%)⁴

Learning

↑ The rate of young people learning is increasing:

45% of 15-19 year olds were studying full time (not working) in 2016. Up from 39% in 2011.

25% of 15-19 year olds were working part-time and studying full-time in 2016 and in 2011.



In 2016,

24% of 15-19 year olds were unemployed. Highest (31%) in Newcastle - Cooks Hill and Wallsend - Elernore Vale SA2s

In 2016,

11% of 20-24 year olds were unemployed. Highest (18%) in Beresfield - Hexham SA2



Unemployment

1,416 people
10.2% of young people aged 16 to 21

in the Newcastle LGA received an unemployment benefit (June 2020) (NSW=8.1%)⁵

Monthly unemployment rates since then have varied a lot, including differences between males and females per month (eg male unemployment rate Sept 2020 was 34% and females 7%)⁶

Participation in the labour force

79% of 15-19 year olds
not attending an educational institution in 2016 (NSW=79%) (down from 82% in 2006)

87% of 20-24 year olds
not attending an educational institution in 2016 (NSW=85%) (down from 89% in 2006)

Full time and part time work

Newcastle's young people who aren't attending an educational institution are changing to more part time work

32% of 15-19 year olds
working full time. This decreased from 2006 to 2016 (39% to 32%), while the proportion of those working part time grew (31% to 40%).

57% of 20-24 year olds
working full time decreased from 2006 to 2016 (62% to 57%), the % of those working part time grew (21% to 28%).



Education

20-24 year olds in 2016:

13% have a Bachelor degree

Less likely to have a Bachelor degree level or higher (13%) than NSW (17%)

16% have a Certificate III & IV

More likely to have a Certificate III & IV Level (16%) than NSW (15%)

56% finish school

More likely to have finished their education at Secondary Education - Years 10 and above (56%)

Unpaid childcare responsibilities

52 young people aged 15-19
cared for their own child/ren

565 or **6.4%**
cared for other child/ren (NSW=5.6%)

Occupations

Of the almost 1000 15-19 year olds
employed in 2016:

25% were Sales Workers
(70% of these were female)

21% Labourers
(77% were male)

21% Community & Personal Service Workers
(82% female)

Of the 4,755 20-24 year olds
employed in 2016:

19% were Technicians & Trades Workers
(83% were male)

19% were Community & Personal Service Workers
(66% female)

17% Professionals
(60% female)

1 Reference: June 2019 estimated population: data for Newcastle LGA

2 Reference: id Population Forecast, Newcastle LGA 2016-2041

3 Reference: June 2019 estimated population: data for Newcastle SA3

4 Reference: Public Health Information Development Unit, 2020 and 2009: data for Newcastle LGA

5 Reference: Public Health Information Development Unit, 2021

6 Reference: Australian Bureau of Statistics Labour Market Regions monthly data: data for 15-24 year olds in Newcastle-Lake Macquarie SA4

A summary sheet of 'A demographic profile of diverse communities within the City of Newcastle'
Prepared by Jan Fallding, May 2021

NB:

• All references unless specified are: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 Census: data for Newcastle LGA

• SA = Statistical Area (geographical area used in Population Census)