

Western NSW

# PHN Fact sheet 2024

## Snapshot:

Western NSW has a total population of 312365 people. Of this total 45153 are First Nations people. The total population growth for 2016 to 2022 was 0.02%. The population aged 65 years and over equate to 143451 people. Population growth for this age group for 2016 to 2022 was 0.14%. The PHN covers 433365.19 square kilometres. Snapshot information is based on data published by the Public Health Information Development Unit at Torrens University from the Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network December 2023.

## Key Information:

Western NSW has 6.29% of its population who require assistance for core activities due to a disability. The unemployment rate is 2.58%. People who do not speak English well account for 0.14% of the population, while 0.38% do not speak English at all.

## Demographics:

Western NSW has a male population of 156898 people, which equates to 50% of the total population. Females account for 155467 people or 50% of the total population. Demographic information is based on Estimated Resident Population for 2022 calculated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

## Age:

Western NSW has the following age distribution: Zero to fourteen year olds account for 62961 people. 15- to 24-year-olds account for 35228 people. 25- to 44-year-olds account for 75023 people. 45- to 64-year-olds account for 76742 people. 65- to 84-year-olds account for 135665 people. And lastly those aged 85 years and above account for 7786 people. This data is sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

**Source**: a – Australian Bureau of Statistics – Census of Population and Housing 2021 l b – PHIDU Social Health Atlas of Australia Data by Primary Health Network Dec 2023

**ERP**: Estimated Resident Population l Need for Assistance: Core activity need for assistance (ASSNP) l English Proficiency: Proficiency in spoken English (ENGLP) | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au) Data has been obtained from a range of publicly available sources, and DoHAC does not take responsibility for data quality. Last Updated: May 2024