

## Western NSW

## PHN Fact sheet 2024

### Snapshot:

Western NSW PHN has a total population of 312365 people. Of this total, 45153 are First Nations people. The total population growth from 2016 to 2022 was 1.59%. The population aged 65 years and over equates to 62411 people. Population growth for this age group from 2016 to 2022 was 12.23%. The PHN covers 433365.19 square kilometres. Snapshot information is based on data published by the Public Health Information Development Unit (PHIDU) at Torrens University, from the Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network, December 2023. Population data for 2016 is sourced from the PHIDU Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network, December 2017, which is used to calculate population growth.

### Key Information:

Western NSW PHN has 6.29% of its population who require assistance for core activities due to a disability. The unemployment rate for the labour force is 2.58%. People who use another language and who do not speak English well account for 0.38% of people, while 0.14% do not speak English at all. Unemployment rate is based on the PHIDU Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network, December 2023. Need for assistance due to disability and English language proficiency are based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census of Population and Housing 2021.

### Demographics:

Western NSW PHN has a male population of 156898 people, which equates to 50.23% of the total population. Females account for 155467 people. That is 49.77% of the total population. Demographics information is based on PHIDU Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network, December 2023.

### Age:

Western NSW PHN 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 54625 people. Lastly those aged 85 years and above account for 7786 people. This data is sourced from the PHIDU Social Health Atlas of Australia by Primary Health Network, December 2023.

Data has been obtained from a range of publicly available sources, and the Department of Health and Aged Care does not take responsibility for data quality. Last Updated: March 2025