HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT

The data included has been collated under four themes which reflect the quadruple bottom line: community, economy, urban and natural environment, and community leadership.

Lithgow has been compared to the same data for the Central NSW region as a whole, including the 10 local government areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes and Weddin.

The data included for Lithgow is reflected as follows:

Indicates Lithgow's data is comparable with the region as a whole (or a comparison is not useful).

Lithgow's data shows a higher result which is positive compared to the regional average.

Lithgow's data shows a lower result which is positive compared to the regional average.

Lithgow's data shows a higher result which is negative compared to the regional average.

Lithgow's data shows a lower result which is negative compared to the regional average.

Data boxes flagged with a green or red triangle highlight the data that deviates by more than 10% from the CNSW average.

RATE OF HOMELESSNESS (PER 10,000)

14

CNSW 23

as at 2021

FOR EXAMPLE: This data tile demonstrates the rate of homelessness per 10,000 Lithgow is lower compared to the rate of homelessness per 10,000 in the other 10 LGAs within the CNSWJO which is a positive result.

SOURCING THE DATA

This Snapshot relies on data from a number of sources. These data sets are updated with varying frequency.

The most recent and up-to-date data is included in the summary (and the date of its publication is provided in each data cell). This means that some data is older than others. The primary sources of data used in this Snapshot include:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research
- Transport for NSW road safety statistics
- SnapshotClimate.com.au
- NSW Health
- NSW Electoral Commission
- Destination NSW
- Local councils

LITHGOW NSW

OUR STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT 2023

Lithgow AT A GLANCE

20,810 population

46.2 average age

$926 median weekly income

6.5% unemployment rate

$365,000 average house price

ABOUT THIS SNAPSHOT OF LITHGOW

This Snapshot provides a non-exhaustive summary of information about the Lithgow Local Government Area at a point in time. It helps our local community, government and other decision-makers to understand where some of the opportunities and challenges exist in the local area.

It is intended that this Snapshot will be updated with contemporary data ahead of each local government election (usually every four years) and will be available to local communities to inform the review and development of each Community Strategic Plan. Information on how to read this document is provided on the back page.

Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) provides strong cohesive leadership that aligns all tiers of government to deliver our region's community derived strategic priorities. CNSWJO has co-ordinated this project.

Our member councils Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council, Cabonne Council, Cowra Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council, Lachlan Shire Council, Lithgow City Council, Oberon Council, Orange City Council, Parkes Shire Council, and Weddin Shire Council all have unique strengths and weaknesses which shape their individual opportunities and challenges, as demonstrated in the following data Snapshot of Lithgow.

Lithgow
CITY COUNCIL

CENTRAL NSW
JOINT ORGANISATION

Lithgow COMMUNITY

MEDIAN AGE
46.2yrs
CNSW 40.5 yrs
as at 2021

NUMBER OF FAMILIES
5,397
CNSW 46,612
as at 2021

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS
8,319
CNSW 67,894
as at 2021

OUR URBAN & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

TOTAL LAND AREA OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
451,225.6ha
CNSW 5,164,204ha
as at 2021

TOTAL LENGTH OF ROADS
924.5km
PER CAPITA = 44.3m
CNSW 13,830.8km/141m
2020-2021

2 FATALITIES CNSW 17
94 VEHICLE CRASHES CNSW 551
76 INJURIES CNSW 467
for the year 2021

POPULATION
20,813
CNSW 181,881 as at 2022
DENSITY
4.6 persons/km²
CNSW 3.5 persons as at 2022

MEDIAN WEEKLY RENT
$270
CNSW $254
as at 2021

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
256
CNSW 2,720
as at 2021

% OF HOMES WITH INTERNET ACCESS
71.8%
CNSW 72.4%
as at 2016

GREENHOUSE GAS (CO2) EMISSIONS TONNES PER ANNUM
567,000
PER CAPITA = 27.2
CNSW 5,042,000/27.7
2020-2021

DOMESTIC WASTE PER CAPITA KG/WK
74.1kg
CNSW 32.6kg
RECYCLING RATE
40.3%
CNSW 40.3%
2021-2022

NUMBER OF SMALL SCALE SOLAR INSTALLATIONS
326
CNSW 3,821
as at 2021

NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTRIC VEHICLES
3
CNSW 22
as at 2020

% OF POPULATION 65 YEARS +
23.8%
CNSW 22.57%
as at 2021

MEDIAN MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENT
$1500
CNSW $1,375
as at 2021

% OF ADULTS WHO'VE ATTAINED YEAR 12 EDUCATION OR EQUIVALENT
34.8%
CNSW 39.1%
as at 2021

TOP 3 SELF-REPORTED HEALTH CONDITIONS
13.9% ARTHRITIS CNSW 11.5%
9.8% ASTHMA CNSW 10.1%
10.7% MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION CNSW 9.7%
as at 2021

OUR ECONOMY

GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT
$2b
CNSW $16b
2021-2022

TOTAL GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION
$31.4m
CNSW $1.83b
2021

SOCIO-ECONOMIC AVERAGE INDEX RANKING (1 = POOREST)
23
CNSW 32
2021

% OF POPULATION WHO ARE ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
7.8%
CNSW 8.7%
as at 2021

% OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOUSING STRESS
47.8%
CNSW 37.4%
as at 2021

% OF 15-19 YEAR OLDS FULLY ENGAGED IN EDUCATION/ EMPLOYMENT
73.3%
CNSW 77.1%
as at 2021

SELF-HARM HOSPITALISATIONS (PER 100,000)
249
CNSW 245
2021-2022

TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSINESSES
1,470
CNSW 18,004
as at 2022

NETT BUSINESS GROWTH (ENTRIES LESS EXITS)
+106
CNSW +896
as at 2022

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES WITH ONE OR MORE EMPLOYEES
547
CNSW 7,274
as at 2022

TOP 3 BUSINESS TYPES BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:
1. ACCOMM/FOOD SERVICES
2. PUBLIC ADMIN/SAFETY
3. HEALTH/SOCIAL

CNSW
1. HEALTH/SOCIAL
2. EDUC/TRAINING
3. RETAIL
as at 2022

% OF POPULATION WITH A DISABILITY
28.3%
CNSW 22.3%
as at 2018

RATE OF HOMELESSNESS (PER 10,000)
14
CNSW 23
as at 2021

RATE OF THEFTS FROM DWELLINGS (PER 100,000)
316
CNSW 468
as at 2022

RATE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSAULTS (PER 100,000)
706
CNSW 605
as at 2022

NUMBER OF JOBS
13,135
CNSW 136,000
as at 2020

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (15 YEARS AND OVER)
6.5%
CNSW 1.8%
as at 2022

MEDIAN PERSONAL WEEKLY INCOME
$926
CNSW $897
as at 2021

TOP 3 BUSINESSES BY TYPE OF BUSINESS:
1. CONSTRUCTION
2. AG/FOREST/FISH
3. REAL ESTATE/HIRE

CNSW
1. HEALTH/SOCIAL
2. EDUC/TRAINING
3. RETAIL
as at 2022

OUR LEADERSHIP

% OF RESIDENTS WHO VOLUNTEER WITH AN ORGANISATION OR GROUP
14.5%
CNSW 18.7%
as at 2021

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS
32 CANDIDATES CNSW 280
9 COUNCILLORS CNSW 107
as at 2021

% OF LOCAL COUNCILLORS WHO ARE FEMALE
44%
CNSW 36%
as at 2021

NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL SALES
512
CNSW 4,810
as at 2021

MEDIAN HOUSE PRICE
$365,000
CNSW $350,862
as at 2021

NUMBER OF TOURISM BUSINESSES
204
CNSW 1,924
2019

AVERAGE TOURIST NIGHT STAY / APPROX. NIGHTLY SPEND
3/$125
CNSW 2.6/$124
as at 2019