

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

How many young people?

2021

9,317 15 - 19 year olds

being **5.8%** of total population
(**5.7%** in NSW)

12,248 20 - 24 year olds

being **8.5%** of total population
(**6.1%** in NSW)¹

By 2041:

Number of **15 - 19 year olds** will increase by **23%** from 2021 to

12,166 people

Number of **20 - 24 year olds** will increase by **11%** to

16,426 people

(General population will increase **19%**)²

Where do young people live³?

- In 2021, **Birmingham Gardens - Callaghan** (including the University of Newcastle Callaghan campus) had the **highest proportion of 18 - 24 year olds** in Newcastle with **49%**, or **1,951 people**, living there. Followed by **North Lambton (18% or 619 people)** and **Waratah West (17% or 527 people)**.
- In 2021, **Merewether Heights** had the highest proportion of **12 - 17 years olds** in Newcastle with **10.4%** or **155 people**, living there. Followed by **New Lambton Heights (10% or 103 people)** and **Fletcher-Minmi (9.9% or 859 people)**.



When it comes to learning, earning and engagement⁴:

- In 2021, **87%** of **15 - 24 year olds** were **engaged in school, work or further education/ training**, which was the same in 2016.

Learning

- 71%** of **15 - 19 year olds** were **studying full time** in 2021, same as in 2016.
- 35%** of **20 - 24 year olds** were engaged in **full time study**.

The rate of young people learning remains relatively high





Unemployment

- **6.6%** of young people **aged 16 – 21 (883 people)** in the Newcastle LGA **received an unemployment benefit** (June 2021), which decreased from 2016 (10.2%) (NSW= 5%)⁵
- In 2021, **8% of 15 – 19 year olds** were **unemployed** and searching for work. **34%** were **not in the labour force**.
- In 2021, **6% of 20 – 24 year olds** were **unemployed** and searching for work. **14%** were not in the labour force.

Full time and part time work

- In 2021, **8% of 15 – 19 year olds** worked **full time** and **38%** worked **part-time**.
- **29% of 20 – 24 year olds** worked **full time** and **39%** worked **part time**.

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



Education

In 2021, 20 – 24 year olds had attained the following highest level of education:

- **15%** had a **Bachelor degree**, compared to 13% in 2016.
- **16%** had a **Certificate III & IV level**, same as in 2016.
- **54%** had **finished their education at year 10 and above**, slighter lower than 56% in 2016.



Unpaid carer responsibilities

In 2021, 42 young people aged between 15 – 19 years cared for their own child/ren

- **472 (5%)** cared for other child/ren
- **416 (4%)** provided **unpaid assistance** to a person with a disability, health condition or due to old age.



Occupations

Of the 15 – 19 year olds employed in 2021 :

- **17%** were **sales workers** (70% were female, same as 2016)
- **12%** **labourers** (68% were male, in 2016 this was 77%)
- **10% Community & Personal Service Workers** (73% were female, in 2016 this was 82%)

Of the 20–24 year olds employed in 2021:

- **20%** were **Community & Personal Service Workers** (70% were female, in 2016 this was 66%)
- **12%** were **Professionals** (60% female, same as in 2016)
- **10%** were **Technicians & Trades Workers** (80% were male, in 2016 this was 83%)

¹ Reference: ABS Census 2021, prepared in .id Community Profile

² Reference: .id Population Forecast, Newcastle LGA 2021 –2041

³ Reference: ABS Census 2021, prepared in .id Social Atlas

⁴ Reference: ABS Census 2021, prepared in TableBuilder

⁵ Reference: Public Health Information Development Unit, 2021

NB:

• All references unless specified are: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021 Census: data for Newcastle LGA

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

