

Young people in Waverley – a snapshot

ABS Census 2011

Young population

Young people aged 12–17 make up 5.3% of the population living in Waverley area, with 18–24 year olds accounting for a further 5.6%. The proportion of 12–24 year olds in Greater Sydney is considerably greater at 17.2%.

Cultural background

More than a third (37%) of Waverley residents aged 15–24 years were born overseas, with South Africa, Ireland, England and New Zealand being the main countries of origin, respectively. Just 0.7% of the total population of young people aged 15–24 in the Waverley area identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Religion

37% of young people aged 15–24 identified as being Christian, 19% Jewish, and 24% did not affiliate with any religion.

Young work force

25% of young people aged 15–19 years had paid employment, mostly in retail sales and in the hospitality sector. Young people aged 15–24 years make up 16% of the Waverley local government area work force. At the time of the 2011 census 35.9% of young people aged 19–24 years lived and worked in the Waverley area while the other 64.1% of Waverley's young work force lived elsewhere.



Housing types of dependent young people

65% of young people aged 15–19 years lived in a house or terrace, and 29% lived in a flat or unit. 23% of young people aged 12–17 years and 45% aged 18–24 years lived in rental accommodation, compared with 26% and 36% respectively in Greater Sydney.

Education

20% of young people aged 15–24 years in the Waverley area attended an educational institution including, high school and/or a higher education facility such as, TAFE or university. For Greater Sydney the proportion was 15.2%.

Young people living at home

82% of young people aged 15–19 years lived in family households. There is a total 7,826 households with children in the Waverley area. 20% of this total consist of Couple Families with children 15 years, and older, and Single Parent Families with children 15 and older making up 12%.

Unpaid domestic work and volunteering

Young people aged 15–24 years in the Waverley area help around the home, care for siblings or other children, provide care for a person who has a disability, and offer their time in community volunteer work on a weekly basis. At the time of the 2011 census 46% of 15–19 year olds did 5 or more hours of unpaid domestic work and 24% did voluntary work outside their home.

We value and support young people through...

grants and funding for local non-government services

delivering creative arts and cultural programs and events

providing accessible sports facilities and programs

offering library services and extra HSC study support

planning and delivering school holiday activities

supporting national youth week events

supporting the ESYSN – Eastern Sydney Youth Services Network

Waverley area is a bustling hub for young people from all over Sydney

As well as the young people who live and/or work in Waverley, the beaches and parks, arts culture and sporting facilities, schools and transport interchange are used by young people from across Eastern and inner Sydney making Waverley an important regional hub for young people.