CAMDEN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Total population:
146,483

Total dwellings:
39,596

50.9%
Female

49.1%
Male

23%
Born overseas

22.5%
Speak a language other than English at home

3.2%
Is Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

55.3%
Have completed year 12 or equivalent (15 years old+)

21.6%
Have completed a bachelor's degree or above

22.8%
Rent their home (private)

19.5%
Own their home

51.3%
households have a mortgage

4.6% Live with a disability

54%
Are married

9%
aged between 30 to 34 years old

Under **20** years old
31.6%
are younger than 20

Over **60** years old
13.9%
are older than 60

Reference: All statistics are from .id (informed decisions) community profile unless otherwise specified - https://profile.id.com.au/camden

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledges that the Camden LGA is situated on the sacred Traditional Lands and Waterways of the Dharawal people. We also recognise surrounding Dharug and Gundungurra peoples that may have connections to these lands. We would like to pay respect to the Elders past and present. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land.

CAMDEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA MAP

OUR CONNECTION

The Camden area has a long history of Aboriginal occupation and is located at the intersection of three tribal boundaries; the Gundungurra, Tharawal or Dharawal, and Dharug. The people of the Camden town location, the western Cowpastures and the adjoining mountainous areas were Gundungurra. The eastern Cowpastures were Tharawal, and the people to the northeast of the Nepean River were Dharug.

Sources: Local history - Camden High School (nsw.gov.au) | Camden History

CAMDEN COUNCIL BEGINNINGS

A meeting of local notables formed the municipality of Camden at a public meeting in 1883. In 1993, Camden Municipal became Camden Council.

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Camden is a connected, diverse, and thriving community, embracing opportunities of growth, while valuing our rich heritage and protecting and sharing responsibility for our natural environment.

Our vision is built on five key directions to make Camden Welcoming, Liveable, Prosperous, Balanced and Leading. These directions, with the objectives and strategies that support them, give all community members – Council staff, residents, and other partners – a shared and united approach to shaping Camden's future.

Community-Strategic-Plan-Document.PDF (nsw.gov.au)

OUR IDENTITY

During 2005, Council formally adopted the platypus (Djamalang) into its logo as a symbol of a Sustainable Camden because although once common in the area, the effect of human activities has impacted on the Nepean River and has seen the decline of the platypus. One of Council's goals is to improve the quality of the river so that the platypus can return to its natural habitat.

Campbelltown-based Aboriginal artist Michael Fardon holds a Bachelor of Visual Arts from the University of Western Sydney.

Michael is a proud Dharawal man and self-taught artist who lives and works on country in a wide range of styles and mediums including painting and digital formats.

Michael works closely with community and schools to create collaborative murals and other works of art with Indigenous students.

Designed by Michael Fardon for NAIDOC Week 2023

POPULATION CHANGE (as at 2021 Census)

SUBURBS AND LOCATIONS	2021	2016	2011	5-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
Bringelly – Cobbitty	4,761	2,573	1,224	85.0%	289.0%
Camden	3,378	3,230	3,242	4.6%	4.2%
Camden South	4,595	4,540	4,342	1.2%	5.8%
Currans Hill	5,541	5,311	4,967	4.3%	11.6%
Elderslie	7,878	6,341	4,261	24.2%	84.9%
Gledswood Hills - Gregory Hills	15,253	4,875	75	212.9%	20237.3%
Grasmere - Ellis Lane & District	3,127	2,987	2,722	4.7%	14.9%
Harrington Park - Kirkham	14,022	11,359	8,315	23.4%	68.6%
Leppington - Rossmore - Catherine Field	11,206	5,757	4,973	94.6%	125.3%
Mount Annan	11,784	11,704	10,540	0.7%	11.8%
Narellan - Smeaton Grange	3,372	3,309	3,522	1.9%	-4.3%
Narellan Vale	6,931	7,196	7,155	-3.7%	-2.6%
Oran Park	17,624	4,766	125	269.8%	13999.2%
Spring Farm	9,868	4,304	1,310	129.3%	653.3%
Camden Council Area	119,325	78,218	56,720	52.6%	110.4%
Greater Sydney	5,231,147	4,823,991	4,391,636	8.4%	19.1%
New South Wales	8,072,163	7,480,228	6,917,601	7.9%	16.7%
Australia	25,422,797	23,401,890	21,504,691	8.6%	18.2%

Camden LGA is projected to grow by **81.9%** from 2021-2041 and is predicted to have a population of 217,047 by 2041 at an average annual change of **4.09%.**

AGE STRUCTURE

AGE GROUP (YEARS)	NUMBER	CAMDEN %	GREATER SYDNEY %
Babies and pre- schoolers (0-4)	11,190	9.4%	6.0%
Primary schoolers (5-11)	13,659	11.4%	8.8%
Secondary schoolers (12-17)	9,881	8.3%	7.1%
Tertiary education & independence (18-24)	9,852	8.3%	8.8%
Young workforce (25-34)	19,454	16.3%	15.5%
Parents and homebuilders (35-49)	26,691	22.4%	21.5%
Older workers and pre-retirees (50-59)	11,961	10.0%	12.0%
Empty nesters and retirees (60-69)	8,693	7.3%	9.8%
Seniors (70-84)	6,727	5.6%	8.7%
Elderly aged (85 and over)	1,220	1.0%	2.0%
Total	119,328		

The median age in the Camden LGA is 33.

LANGUAGES

LANGUAGES	2016	2021
Speaks English Only	81.1%	74.0%
Non-English Total	14.4%	22.5%
Not Stated	4.5%	3.5%

The top 5 languages spoken at home (other than English) are:

Arabic: **2.3%**
Spanish: **1.6%**
Hindi: **1.5%**
Punjabi: **1.1%**
Italian: **1.1%**

EDUCATION

- There are 18 public primary schools and five public high schools in the Camden LGA.
- In 2021, **24.3%** of the Camden LGA was attending an educational institution. To break that down, **10.7%** of the Camden LGA was in primary school, **7.3%** in secondary school and **6.3%** in tertiary education.
- Overall, **56.3%** of people aged over 15 have completed Year 12 or equivalent. A total of **21.6%** have completed a bachelor's degree or above.

EMPLOYMENT

The top 5 industries of employment for residents of the Camden LGA are:

12.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance

12.8%
Construction

9.8%
Education and Training

9.8%
Retail Trade

7%
Manufacturing

HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENSES

In 2021, **32.1%** of households in the Camden LGA earned an income of $3,000 or more per week.

The median weekly household income was $2,353.

The median weekly rental payment was $500.

The median weekly mortgage repayment was $576.

VOLUNTEERING

In the Camden LGA, **9.1%** of residents have reported doing some form of voluntary work.

Camden Council has established advisory committees and reference groups to help guide Camden's future.

Council's advisory committees provide strategic or technical advice and may make recommendations to Council. Council's reference groups are action-oriented and often advise on the planning and delivery of projects or events.

Council has approximately 350 volunteers within advisory committees, reference groups, libraries and in Council's Bushcare program.

Council continues to celebrate volunteers for their ongoing contributions to the Camden LGA. The Mayor hosts an annual Thank You Dinner for Council and community volunteers at the end of the year.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

23% of people in the Camden Council LGA were born overseas. The top responses for country of birth (other than Australia) include:

United Kingdom: **2.9%**
Philippines: **1.3%**
India: **2.4%**
Iraq: **1.1%**
New Zealand: **1.5%**

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people born overseas in the Camden area has increased by **99.3%.**

RELIGION

The top 5 religions in Camden LGA are:

Catholic: **31.1%**
Hinduism: **3.6%**
Anglican: **13.9%**
Christian: **2.9%**
Islam: **4.8%**

25.2% of people indicated no religion.

LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS

Overall, **27.7%** of Camden's population has at least one Long Term Health Condition which is around the same average as the Greater Sydney average (**27.5%**).

The 3 major long term health conditions Camden's population suffers from are:

Asthma: **7.8%**

Mental Health: **7.2%**

Arthritis: **6.6%**

HOUSING

92% of the Camden LGA is made up of separated dwellings, compared to **53.4%** in Greater Sydney.

The average household size is 3.1 persons.

96.4% of private dwellings are occupied.

81.5% of households are made up of families with children.

51.3% of households have a mortgage on their dwelling.

22.8% of households are renting.

19.5% of households own their dwelling.

The total number of dwellings in Camden Council LGA increased by 13,399 between 2016 and 2021.

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