

Regional Growth — Environment and Tourism Fund

Regional NSW local government areas

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Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage

The list below indicates socio-economic advantage and disadvantage for regional NSW local government areas, from most advantaged to disadvantaged. Note, Wollongong City and Newcastle City are included in this list, but are ineligible for the Regional Growth — Environment and Tourism Fund.

Detailed information about the Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage can be found on the [ABS website](#).

Local government area	2016 index
Yass Valley	1062
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional	1057
Kiama	1056
Wingecarribee	1022
Byron	1003
Cabonne	997
Newcastle	996
Wollongong	990
Upper Lachlan Shire	987
Ballina	987
Snowy Monaro Regional	985
Lake Macquarie	979
Wagga Wagga	978

Local government area	2016 index
Armidale Regional	976
Central Coast (NSW)	975
Singleton	974
Bathurst Regional	973
Dungog	973
Lockhart	971
Walcha	970
Murray River	969
Greater Hume Shire	969
Orange	968
Maitland	966
Uralla	966
Blayney	965

Local government area	2016 index
Carrathool	964
Coolamon	960
Port Stephens	959
Port Macquarie-Hastings	958
Shellharbour	958
Upper Hunter Shire	958
Tweed	956
Albury	956
Bellingen	954
Bland	954
Coffs Harbour	954
Dubbo Regional	953
Oberon	951
Cobar	951
Bega Valley	951
Weddin	948
Tamworth Regional	947
Murrumbidgee	947
Goulburn Mulwaree	946
Warren	945
Shoalhaven	944
Western NSW Region	944
Griffith	943
Gunnedah	943
Wentworth	943
Temora	943
Mid-Western Regional	942
Lismore	942
Edward River	941
Eurobodalla	938
Bogan	938
Narrabri	938
Forbes	937
Federation	936
Gwydir	936

Local government area	2016 index
Leeton	935
Berrigan	935
Snowy Valleys	934
Bourke	932
Hilltops	932
Junee	927
Balranald	927
Parkes	927
Narromine	927
Gundagai	926
Hay	922
Lachlan	922
Narrandera	919
Moree Plains	919
Muswellbrook	917
Warrumbungle Shire	912
Mid-Coast	911
Cowra	910
Glen Innes Severn	909
Lithgow	908
Clarence Valley	908
Gilgandra	906
Liverpool Plains	906
Kyogle	905
Inverell	904
Cessnock	904
Tenterfield	902
Nambucca	896
Broken Hill	887
Richmond Valley	885
Coonamble	883
Kempsey	877
Walgett	856
Central Darling	855
Brewarrina	818