# Walgett Profile

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## Overview

**Total Area:** 22,308 sqkm          **Population:** 5,519          **Major Town:** Lightning Ridge

## Demographics

| **Median Age** | **Labour Force Median Age** | **Labour Force Population** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 45 | 43 | 2,476 |

## Vulnerability

| **Homelessness Population** | **Unemployment Rate** | **SEIFA - IRSD** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 152 | 11.7% | 2 |

## Support Payments LGA and State Comparison

| **Rates** | **Walgett** | **New South Wales** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Age Pension | 840 | 807,495 |
| Commonwealth Rent Assistance | 570 | 439,775 |
| Disability Support Pension | 500 | 248,695 |
| Carer Allowance | 295 | 217,665 |

## Economy

**Median Income:** $43,903          **Gross Regional Product:** $372 Million          **Employed Residents:** 1,967

| **Ranked Industries With Most Value** | **Value ($Million)** | **Ranked Employing Industries** | **No. Employees** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 163 | Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 406 |
| Education and Training | 18 | Accommodation and Food Services | 242 |
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| Public Administration and Safety | 14 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 209 |
| Construction | 13 | Public Administration and Safety | 163 |

## Number of Businesses

| **Small Businesses (<20 employees)** | **Total Businesses** |
| --- | --- |
| 1,420 | 1,428 |

## Disaster History

The following Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements have been declared in since 01 July 2022. For a full list of declarations visit [Disaster Assist](https://www.disasterassist.gov.au/).

| **AGRN** | **Event Name** | **DRFA Category** | **AGDRP** | **DRA** | **Hazard Type(s)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1157 | AGRN 1157 - Walgett NSW Storm (17 November 2024 onwards) | AB | N | N | Storm |
| 1081 | AGRN 1081 - North Western NSW Bushfires (14 November 2023 onwards) | AB | N | N | Bushfire |
| 1052 | AGRN 1052 - NSW Bushfires (6 March 2023) | AB | N | N | Bushfire |
| 1034 | AGRN 1034 - NSW Flooding (14 September 2022 onwards) | ABD | Y | Y | Flood |

## Disaster History Cumulative Payment

The following payments have been made based on disaster events occurring in since 01 July 2022. For a break down of disaster history payment please visit [Data.gov.au](https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/disaster-history-payment-by-lga)

Note – some AGDRP/DRA payment information is aggregated from suburb level to LGA. As such there may be duplication of records as the boundaries of some suburbs may overlap two or more LGAs.

| **Payment** | **Applications Approved (no.)** | **Applications Received (no.)** | **Applications Approved ($)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| New Zealand Disaster recovery payment | < 20 | 52 | < 20,000 |
| New Zealand disaster recovery allowance | < 20 | < 20 | < 20,000 |
| Primary Producer Grants ($75,000) | < 20 | 38 | 655,000 |
| Small Business Grants | < 20 | < 20 | 36,669 |
| Disaster Recovery Allowance | 74 | 261 | 282,132.3 |
| Landholder Grants | < 20 | < 20 | 25,000 |
| Small Business Grants ($50,000) | < 20 | < 20 | 23,980 |
| Primary Producer Grants | 37 | 54 | 2,286,673 |
| Disaster Recovery Payment | 1,450 | 3,815 | 1,696,400 |
| Disaster Relief Grants | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Concessional Loans | 0 | < 20 | 0 |

### Data Sources

These profiles utilise data from a number of third-party providers, including:

* Services Australia
* State and Territory Governments
* [Regional population, 2021-22 financial year | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population/latest-release#data-downloads)
* [DSS Benefit and Payment Recipient Demographics - quarterly data | Datasets | data.gov.au - beta](https://data.gov.au/dataset/ds-dga-cff2ae8a-55e4-47db-a66d-e177fe0ac6a0/details)
* [Estimating Homelessness: Census, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/housing/estimating-homelessness-census/latest-release#data-downloads)
* [Small Area Labour Markets | National Skills Commission](https://www.nationalskillscommission.gov.au/topics/small-area-labour-markets#UpdatedLGAstructure)
* [Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/people-and-communities/socio-economic-indexes-areas-seifa-australia/latest-release#data-downloads)
* [EconomyID](https://economy.id.com.au/)
* [Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, July 2018 - June 2022 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/business-indicators/counts-australian-businesses-including-entries-and-exits/latest-release)
* [Regional population by age and sex, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population-age-and-sex/latest-release#data-downloads)
* [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, May 2023 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release)
* [Personal Income in Australia, 2015-16 to 2019-20 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/personal-income-australia/latest-release#data-downloads)

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