



Culturally and Linguistically Diverse

Communities of Penrith City LGA



Overseas-born and non-English speaking residents can have different demographic characteristics from the overall population.

Understanding the unique needs and strengths of these residents allows for effective identification of the best way to focus support and resources.



Community wellbeing

Findings from Penrith City Council's Community Wellbeing Survey (2022) revealed the following for residents from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds:

Less likely to feel able to provide basic needs for their family (90% compared to 97% for total population)

More likely to desire greater work hours than currently undertaken (26% compared to 10% of the total population)

Less likely to have participated in social activities (93% compared to 98% for total population)

Less likely to agree with the statement that they can get help from friends, family or neighbours when needed

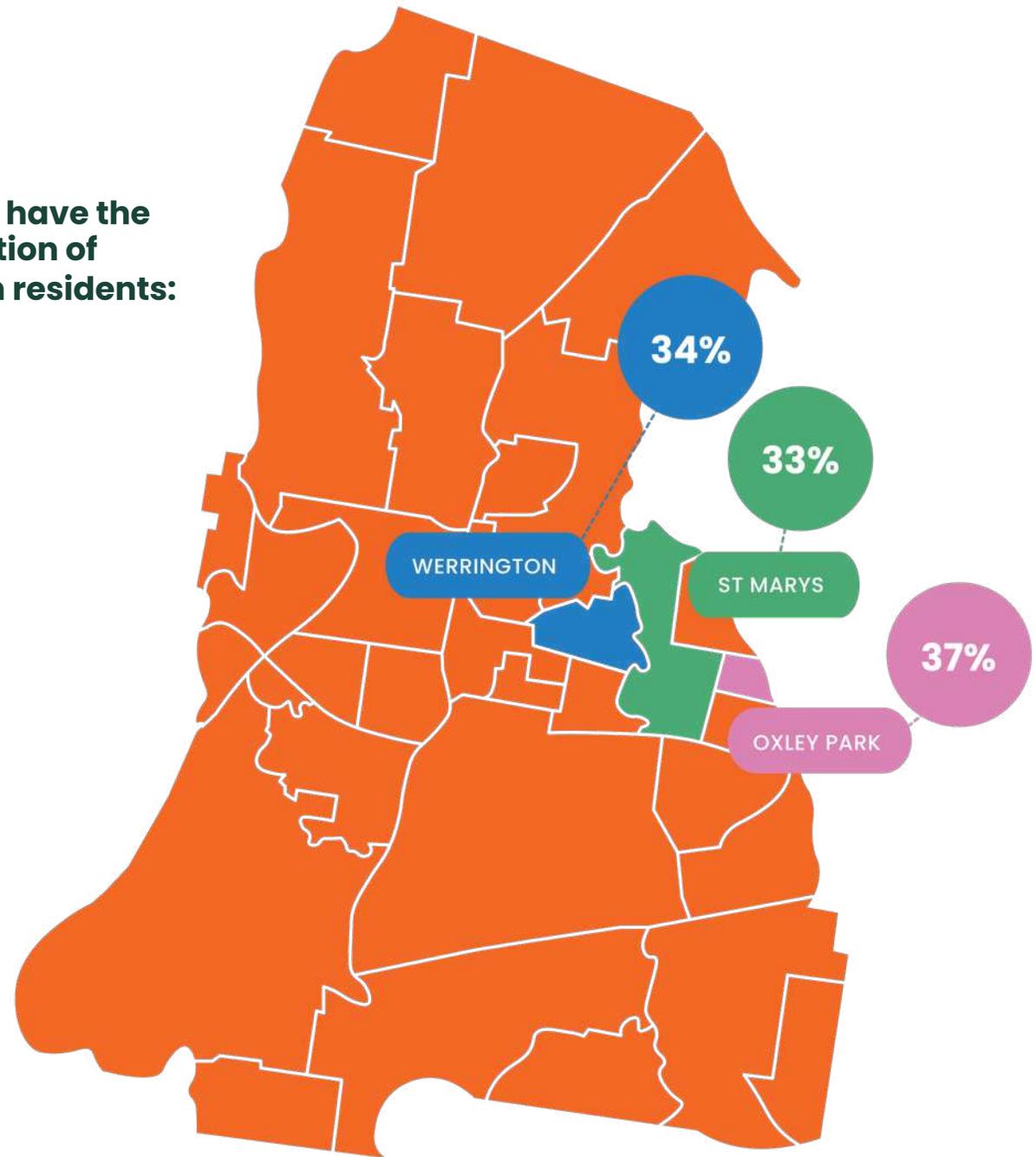
Have less support by others (outside their home) in times of crisis through emotional support, advice, emergency food/money, help in maintaining family or work responsibilities.

**Who are our culturally
and linguistically
diverse communities?**

Location

23% of Penrith City LGA's residents are born overseas, increasing 1.7% since 2016.

These suburbs have the largest proportion of overseas-born residents:



Birthplace

Penrith City LGA is home to strong, diverse communities from all over the world.



Since 2016, the fastest growing/emerging birthplaces in Penrith City LGA are:

The top five non-Australian birthplaces of Penrith City LGA residents in 2021 were:

3.2%



United Kingdom

3.1%



India

2.3%



Philippines

1.2%



India

0.4%



Philippines

0.2%



Nepal



Arrival

Of Penrith City LGA's
overseas-born
residents:

60%

came to Australia
since 1991.

Penrith City LGA has
a relatively settled
community of migrants,
with

38%

of overseas-born
residents arriving
before 1981.



Proficiency in English

74%
↓ of Penrith City LGA residents only speak English (decreasing by 3% since 2016)

20%
↑ speak another language other than English (increasing by 2.8% since 2016)

Since 2016, there has been a slight growth in residents who have poor English proficiency.

2% speak another language, but do not speak English well (increasing by 0.3% since 2016)

Top three non-English spoken languages are:

1.6% Arabic

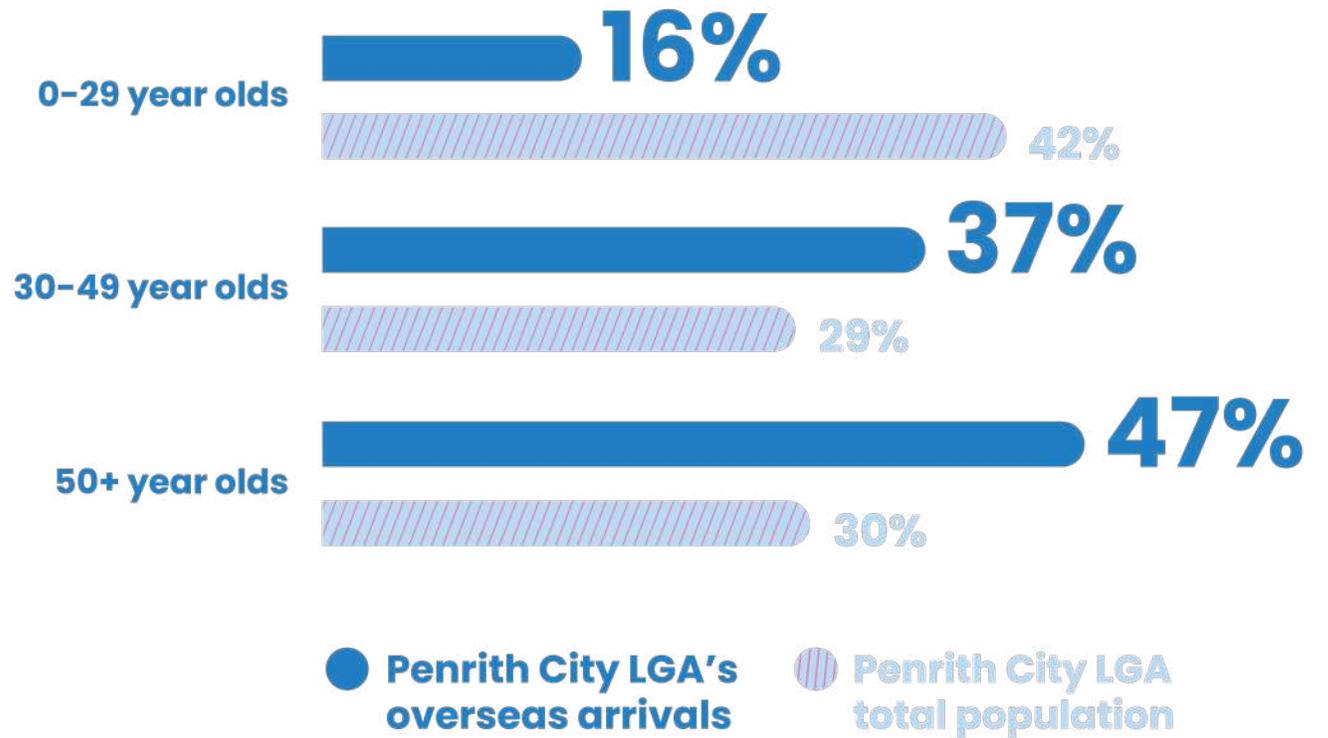
1.9% Filipino/Tagalog

1.4% Punjabi



Age

When compared to Penrith City LGA's total population, Penrith City LGA's overseas arrivals are older.



In particular, 0-19 year olds account for 27% of Penrith City LGA's total population, but only 7% of overseas arrivals, indicating that most young Penrith City LGA residents are born in Australia

Households

In Penrith City LGA, most overseas-born residents lived in couple households with children, as either parents or children. This is reflective of the age structure of this group.

● Overseas-born residents in Penrith City LGA

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Couples with children
54%
67%
35%

Couples without children
23%
15%
21%

One parent families
10%
10%
14%

Lone Person
9%
5%
21%

Group Households
2%
2%
3%



**How do our
culturally and
linguistically
diverse
communities live?**

Housing

The majority of culturally and linguistically diverse residents predominantly live in separate houses.

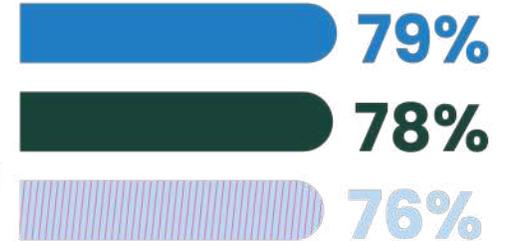
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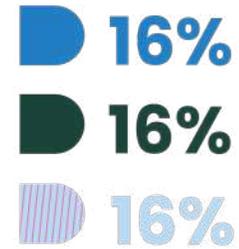
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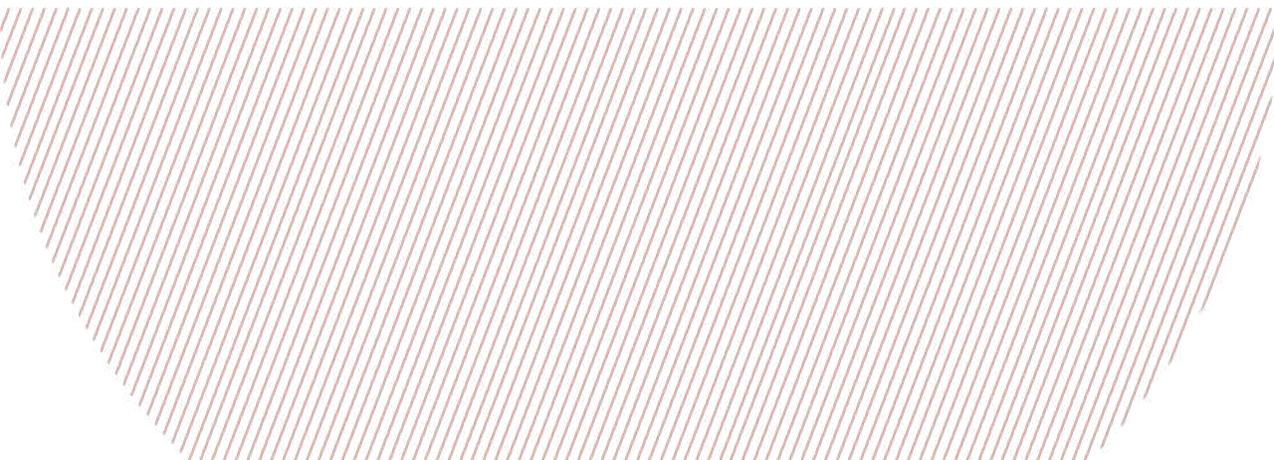
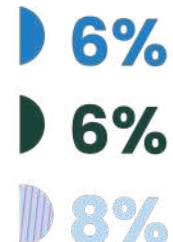
Separate house



Medium density

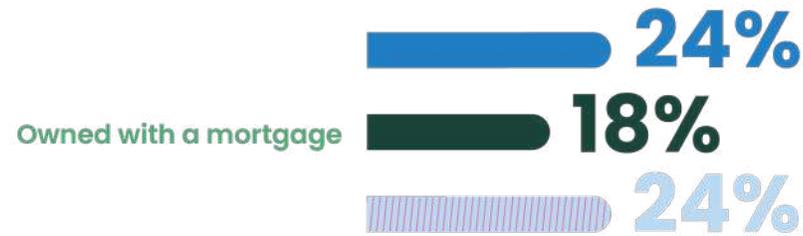
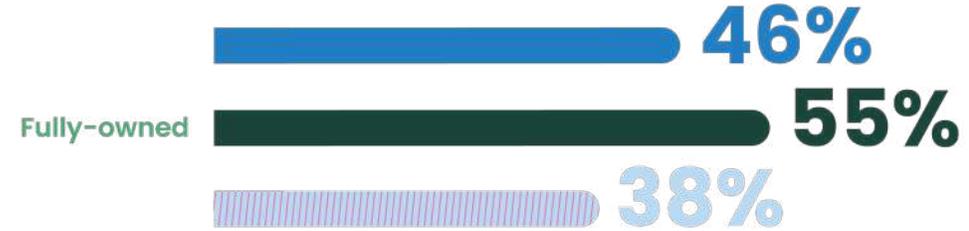


High density



Housing

The majority of culturally and linguistically diverse residents predominantly own their homes with a mortgage.

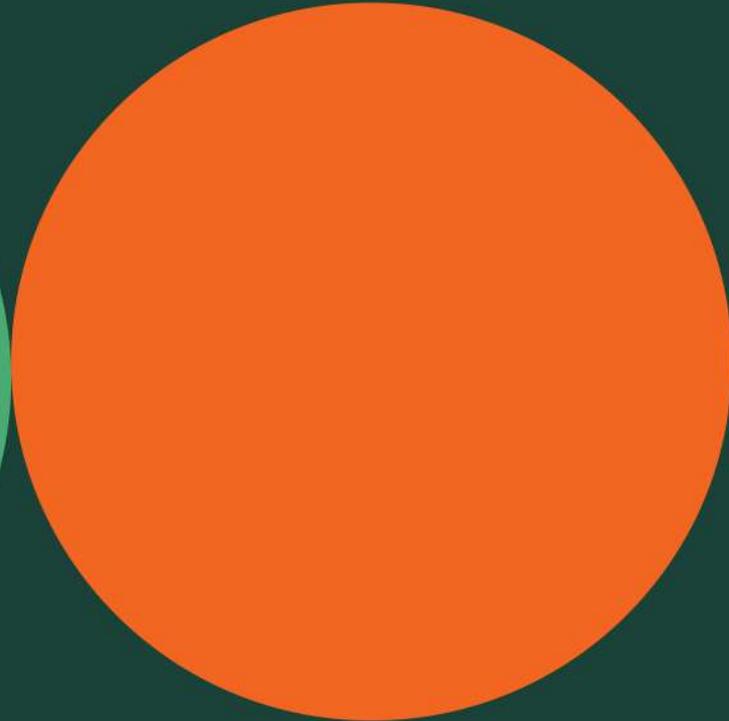


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**What do our
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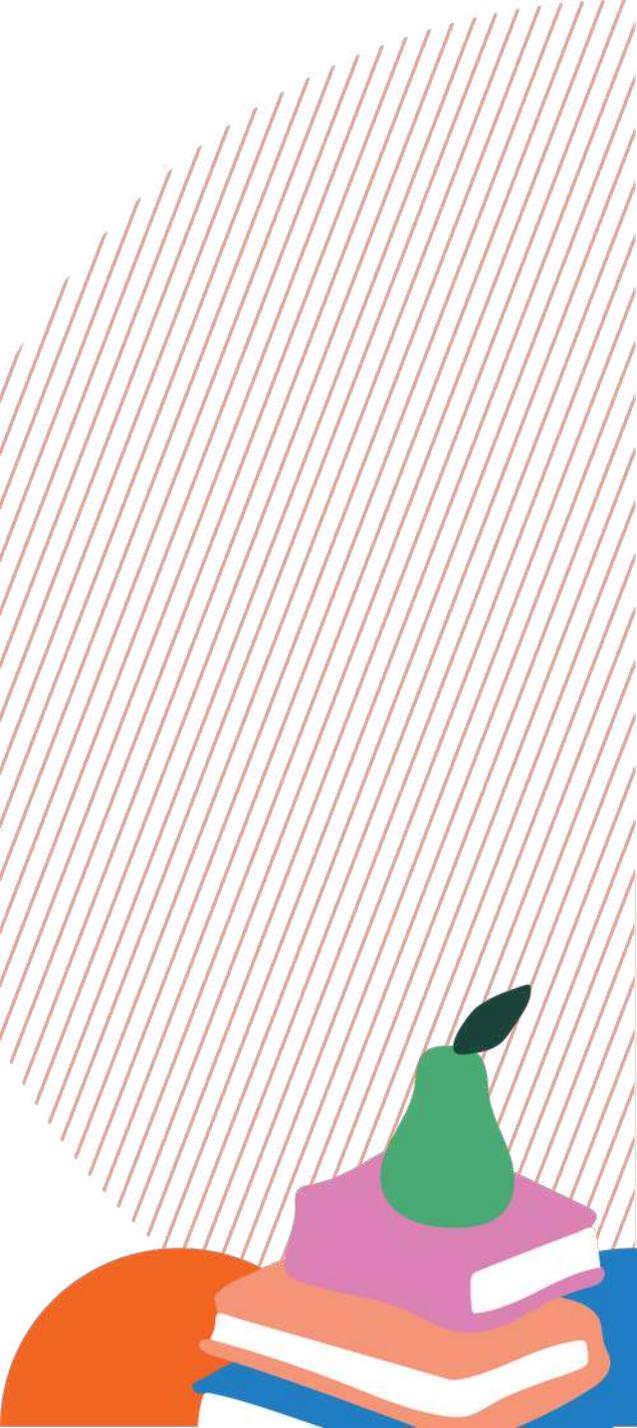
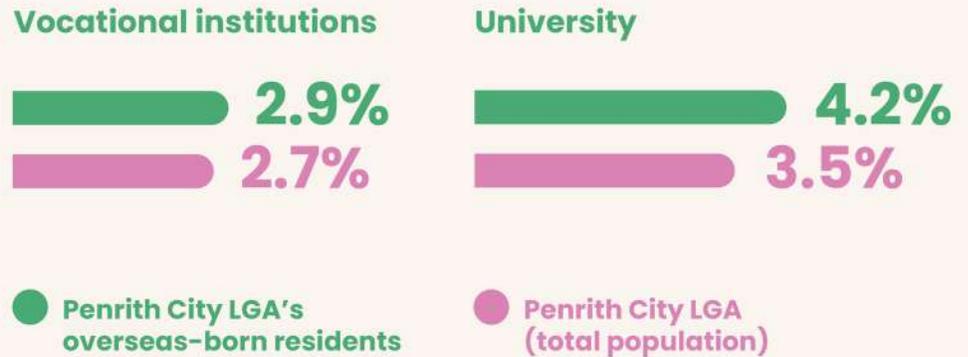


Education

Fewer of our overseas-born residents attend an educational institution.



However, a larger proportion attended vocational institutions or university.



Employment

Participation in the labour force and unemployment rate is similar to the overall population.



The unemployment rate is higher for this cohort compared to Penrith City LGA's general population

5.3%

unemployed

4.6%

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Overseas-born residents aged 15+ are in the labour force, meaning they were either employed or unemployed but looking for work

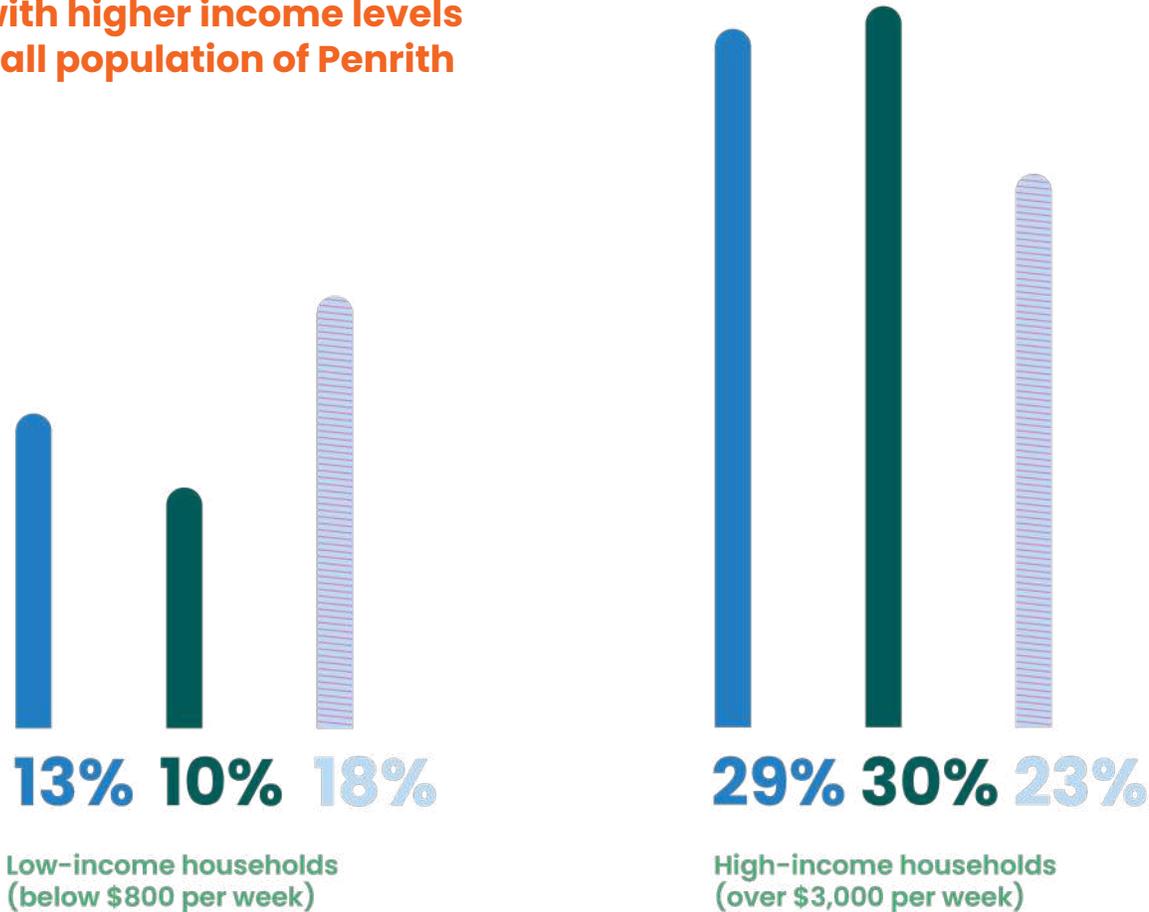
60%

Penrith City LGA's general population in the labour force

62%

Household income

Penrith City LGA's overseas-born and non-English speaking residents live in households with higher income levels than the overall population of Penrith City LGA.



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Unpaid Care

Our culturally and linguistically diverse residents are providing unpaid care to children – both their own and those of others.

● Overseas-born residents

● Non-English speaking residents

Unpaid care to their own children

25.4%

29.5%

Unpaid care to others' children

4.9%

4.3%



Unpaid care to their own as well as others' children

0.4%

0.5%



Summary

23%

of Penrith City LGA's residents were born overseas.



20%

of residents speak a language other than English.



The majority of people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities live with their families.



More information

This community profile is part of a suite of resources. See Penrith City Council's [Community Profile](#) for more resources like this.

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