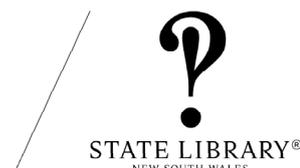


## Living Learning Libraries cohort tables: 2022/23 statistics



*Living Learning Libraries* uses population-based peer cohorts for benchmarking, allowing easier comparisons among library services based on the populations of their communities.

The cohorts are defined as follows:

Cohort	Population
Rural Small	Up to 20,000
Urban Small	20,001 to 50,000
Urban Medium	50,001 to 150,000
Urban Large	150,001 and above

Cohorts are updated annually.

The 2022/23 cohorts are determined using the ABS population figures for June 2022.

For more information see <https://pls.sl.nsw.gov.au/managing-my-library/standards-and-guidelines/living-learning-libraries>

### Cohort tables

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## List of library services in 2022/2023 cohorts (alphabetical order)

Library service	Population	Cohort
Albury City Libraries	56,598	Urban Medium
Armidale Regional	29,317	Urban Small
Balranald	2,198	Rural Small
Bathurst	44,074	Urban Small
Bayside	177,629	Urban Large
Bega Valley	35,972	Urban Small
Berrigan	8,657	Rural Small
Big Sky	19,801	Rural Small
Blacktown	410,419	Urban Large
Blue Mountains	77,905	Urban Medium
Bourke	2,350	Rural Small
Broken Hill	17,567	Rural Small
Burwood	40,747	Urban Small
Camden	127,637	Urban Medium
Campbelltown	180,231	Urban Large
Canada Bay	89,139	Urban Medium
Canterbury-Bankstown	371,726	Urban Large
Central Coast	348,930	Urban Large
Central Northern	98,700	Urban Medium
Central West	87,351	Urban Medium
Cessnock	65,780	Urban Medium
Clarence	67,799	Urban Medium
Cobar	4,052	Rural Small
Coffs Harbour	79,598	Urban Medium
Cumberland	237,129	Urban Large
Edward River	8,454	Rural Small
Eurobodalla	40,732	Urban Small
Fairfield	206,644	Urban Large
Georges River	153,055	Urban Large
Glen Innes Severn	8,935	Rural Small
Goulburn Mulwaree	32,394	Urban Small
Grenfell	3,604	Rural Small
Gunnedah	13,125	Rural Small
Hawkesbury	67,815	Urban Medium
Hills, The	199,056	Urban Large
Hilltops	19,228	Rural Small
Hornsby	151,713	Urban Large
Inner West	182,886	Urban Large
Inverell	17,943	Rural Small
Kempsey	31,118	Urban Small
Kiama	22,925	Urban Small
Ku-Ring-Gai	124,108	Urban Medium
Lachlan	6,131	Rural Small
Lake Macquarie	216,428	Urban Large
Lane Cove	53,444	Urban Medium
Lithgow	20,810	Urban Small
Liverpool	239,430	Urban Large
Macquarie	71,512	Urban Medium
Maitland	93,497	Urban Medium

## List of library services in 2022/2023 cohorts (alphabetical order)

Library service	Population	Cohort
Midcoast	97,090	Urban Medium
Mid-Western	25,760	Urban Small
Mosman	28,100	Urban Small
Murray River	13,007	Rural Small
Muswellbrook	16,516	Rural Small
Nambucca	20,571	Urban Small
Newcastle	257,563	Urban Large
North Sydney	69,256	Urban Medium
North Western	13,155	Rural Small
Northern Beaches	263,090	Urban Large
Oberon	5,569	Rural Small
Parkes	14,342	Rural Small
Parramatta	259,878	Urban Large
Penrith	220,786	Urban Large
Port Macquarie-Hastings	88,145	Urban Medium
Queanbeyan-Palerang	64,189	Urban Medium
Randwick	135,742	Urban Medium
Richmond-Tweed	225,078	Urban Large
Richmond-Upper Clarence	33,089	Urban Small
Riverina	87,563	Urban Medium
Ryde	130,953	Urban Medium
Shellharbour	78,256	Urban Medium
Shoalhaven	109,418	Urban Medium
Singleton	25,075	Urban Small
Snowy Monaro	21,791	Urban Small
Strathfield	46,129	Urban Small
Sutherland	231,723	Urban Large
Sydney	217,748	Urban Large
Tenterfield	6,877	Rural Small
Upper Hunter Shire	14,292	Rural Small
Upper Lachlan	8,539	Rural Small
Wagga Wagga	68,227	Urban Medium
Waverley	69,218	Urban Medium
Wentworth	7,555	Rural Small
Western Riverina	41,907	Urban Small
Willoughby	75,409	Urban Medium
Wingecarribee	52,779	Urban Medium
Wollondilly	55,811	Urban Medium
Wollongong	216,290	Urban Large
Woollahra	53,487	Urban Medium
Yass Valley	17,377	Rural Small

## List of library services in 2022/2023 cohorts (by population)

Library service	Population	Cohort
Balranald	2,198	Rural Small
Berrigan	8,657	Rural Small
Big Sky	19,801	Rural Small
Bourke	2,350	Rural Small
Broken Hill	17,567	Rural Small
Cobar	4,052	Rural Small
Edward River	8,454	Rural Small
Glen Innes Severn	8,935	Rural Small
Grenfell	3,604	Rural Small
Gunnedah	13,125	Rural Small
Hilltops	19,228	Rural Small
Inverell	17,943	Rural Small
Lachlan	6,131	Rural Small
Murray River	13,007	Rural Small
Muswellbrook	16,516	Rural Small
North Western	13,155	Rural Small
Oberon	5,569	Rural Small
Parkes	14,342	Rural Small
Tenterfield	6,877	Rural Small
Upper Hunter Shire	14,292	Rural Small
Upper Lachlan	8,539	Rural Small
Wentworth	7,555	Rural Small
Yass Valley	17,377	Rural Small
Armidale Regional	29,317	Urban Small
Bathurst	44,074	Urban Small
Bega Valley	35,972	Urban Small
Burwood	40,747	Urban Small
Eurobodalla	40,732	Urban Small
Goulburn Mulwaree	32,394	Urban Small
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Kiama	22,925	Urban Small
Lithgow	20,810	Urban Small
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Mosman	28,100	Urban Small
Nambucca	20,571	Urban Small
Richmond-Upper Claren	33,089	Urban Small
Singleton	25,075	Urban Small
Snowy Monaro	21,791	Urban Small
Strathfield	46,129	Urban Small
Western Riverina	41,907	Urban Small
Albury City Libraries	56,598	Urban Medium
Blue Mountains	77,905	Urban Medium
Camden	127,637	Urban Medium
Canada Bay	89,139	Urban Medium
Central Northern	98,700	Urban Medium
Central West	87,351	Urban Medium
Cessnock	65,780	Urban Medium
Clarence	67,799	Urban Medium
Coffs Harbour	79,598	Urban Medium
Hawkesbury	67,815	Urban Medium
Ku-Ring-Gai	124,108	Urban Medium
Lane Cove	53,444	Urban Medium

## List of library services in 2022/2023 cohorts (by population)

Library service	Population	Cohort
Macquarie	71,512	Urban Medium
Maitland	93,497	Urban Medium
Midcoast	97,090	Urban Medium
North Sydney	69,256	Urban Medium
Port Macquarie-Hastings	88,145	Urban Medium
Queanbeyan-Palerang	64,189	Urban Medium
Randwick	135,742	Urban Medium
Riverina	87,563	Urban Medium
Ryde	130,953	Urban Medium
Shellharbour	78,256	Urban Medium
Shoalhaven	109,418	Urban Medium
Wagga Wagga	68,227	Urban Medium
Waverley	69,218	Urban Medium
Willoughby	75,409	Urban Medium
Wingecarribee	52,779	Urban Medium
Wollondilly	55,811	Urban Medium
Woollahra	53,487	Urban Medium
Bayside	177,629	Urban Large
Blacktown	410,419	Urban Large
Campbelltown	180,231	Urban Large
Canterbury-Bankstown	371,726	Urban Large
Central Coast	348,930	Urban Large
Cumberland	237,129	Urban Large
Fairfield	206,644	Urban Large
Georges River	153,055	Urban Large
Hills, The	199,056	Urban Large
Hornsby	151,713	Urban Large
Inner West	182,886	Urban Large
Lake Macquarie	216,428	Urban Large
Liverpool	239,430	Urban Large
Newcastle	257,563	Urban Large
Northern Beaches	263,090	Urban Large
Parramatta	259,878	Urban Large
Penrith	220,786	Urban Large
Richmond-Tweed	225,078	Urban Large
Sutherland	231,723	Urban Large
Sydney	217,748	Urban Large
Wollongong	216,290	Urban Large

## NSW councils in population cohorts

Council	Population	Cohort
Albury	56,598	Urban Medium
Armidale	29,317	Urban Small
Ballina	46,760	Urban Small
Balranald	2,198	Rural Small
Bathurst	44,074	Urban Small
Bayside	177,629	Urban Large
Bega Valley	35,972	Urban Small
Bellingen	13,219	Rural Small
Berrigan	8,657	Rural Small
Blacktown	410,419	Urban Large
Bland	5,487	Rural Small
Blayney	7,588	Rural Small
Blue Mountains	77,905	Urban Medium
Bogan	2,455	Rural Small
Bourke	2,350	Rural Small
Brewarrina	1,438	Rural Small
Broken Hill	17,567	Rural Small
Burwood	40,747	Urban Small
Byron	36,398	Urban Small
Cabonne	13,825	Rural Small
Camden	127,637	Urban Medium
Campbelltown	180,231	Urban Large
Canada Bay	89,139	Urban Medium
Canterbury-Bankstown	371,726	Urban Large
Carrathool	2,824	Rural Small
Central Coast	348,930	Urban Large
Central Darling	1,745	Rural Small
Cessnock	65,780	Urban Medium
Clarence Valley	54,580	Urban Medium
Cobar	4,052	Rural Small
Coffs Harbour	79,598	Urban Medium
Coolamon	4,463	Rural Small
Coonamble	3,823	Rural Small
Cootamundra-Gundagai	11,394	Rural Small
Cowra	12,690	Rural Small
Cumberland	237,129	Urban Large
Dubbo	55,843	Urban Medium
Dungog	9,707	Rural Small
Edward River	8,454	Rural Small
Eurobodalla	40,732	Urban Small
Fairfield	206,644	Urban Large
Federation	12,852	Rural Small
Forbes	9,342	Rural Small
Georges River	153,055	Urban Large
Gilgandra	4,300	Rural Small
Glen Innes Severn	8,935	Rural Small
Goulburn Mulwaree	32,394	Urban Small
Greater Hume	11,238	Rural Small
Griffith	26,994	Urban Small

## NSW councils in population cohorts

Gunnedah	13,125	Rural Small
Gwydir	4,915	Rural Small
Hawkesbury	67,815	Urban Medium
Hay	2,828	Rural Small
Hilltops	19,228	Rural Small
Hornsby	151,713	Urban Large
Hunters Hill	13,416	Rural Small
Inner West	182,886	Urban Large
Inverell	17,943	Rural Small
Junee	6,453	Rural Small
Kempsey	31,118	Urban Small
Kiama	22,925	Urban Small
Ku-ring-gai	124,108	Urban Medium
Kyogle	9,418	Rural Small
Lachlan	6,131	Rural Small
Lake Macquarie	216,428	Urban Large
Lane Cove	40,028	Urban Small
Leeton	11,434	Rural Small
Lismore	44,202	Urban Small
Lithgow	20,810	Urban Small
Liverpool	239,430	Urban Large
Liverpool Plains	7,655	Rural Small
Lockhart	3,365	Rural Small
Maitland	93,497	Urban Medium
Mid-Coast	97,090	Urban Medium
Mid-Western	25,760	Urban Small
Moree Plains	12,850	Rural Small
Mosman	28,100	Urban Small
Murray River	13,007	Rural Small
Murrumbidgee	3,559	Rural Small
Muswellbrook	16,516	Rural Small
Nambucca Valley	20,571	Urban Small
Narrabri	12,692	Rural Small
Narrandera	5,702	Rural Small
Narromine	6,425	Rural Small
Newcastle	171,316	Urban Large
North Sydney	69,256	Urban Medium
Northern Beaches	263,090	Urban Large
Oberon	5,569	Rural Small
Orange	43,906	Urban Small
Parkes	14,342	Rural Small
Parramatta	259,878	Urban Large
Penrith	220,786	Urban Large
Port Macquarie-Hastings	88,145	Urban Medium
Port Stephens	76,540	Urban Medium
Queanbeyan-Palerang	64,189	Urban Medium
Randwick	135,742	Urban Medium
Richmond Valley	23,671	Urban Small
Ryde	130,953	Urban Medium
Shellharbour	78,256	Urban Medium

## NSW councils in population cohorts

Shoalhaven	109,418	Urban Medium
Singleton	25,075	Urban Small
Snowy Monaro	21,791	Urban Small
Snowy Valleys	14,884	Rural Small
Strathfield	46,129	Urban Small
Sutherland	231,723	Urban Large
Sydney	217,748	Urban Large
Tamworth	64,459	Urban Medium
Temora	5,993	Rural Small
Tenterfield	6,877	Rural Small
The Hills	199,056	Urban Large
Tweed	97,718	Urban Medium
Upper Hunter	14,292	Rural Small
Upper Lachlan	8,539	Rural Small
Uralla	5,980	Rural Small
Wagga Wagga	68,227	Urban Medium
Walcha	2,999	Rural Small
Walgett	5,513	Rural Small
Warren	2,577	Rural Small
Warrumbungle	9,244	Rural Small
Waverley	69,218	Urban Medium
Weddin	3,604	Rural Small
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Willoughby	75,409	Urban Medium
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## List of councils participating in regional library services and their cohorts

### By council

Council	Population	Cohort	Regional library service
Ballina	46,760	Urban Small	Richmond-Tweed Regional Library
Bellingen	13,219	Rural Small	Clarence Regional Library
Bland	5,487	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Blayney	7,588	Rural Small	Central West Libraries
Bogan	2,455	Rural Small	North Western Library
Brewarrina	1,438	Rural Small	Big Sky Libraries
Byron	36,398	Urban Small	Richmond-Tweed Regional Library
Cabonne	13,825	Rural Small	Central West Libraries
Carrathool	2,824	Rural Small	Western Riverina Libraries
Clarence Valley	54,580	Urban Medium	Clarence Regional Library
Coolamon	4,463	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Coonamble	3,823	Rural Small	North Western Library
Cootamundra-Gundagai	11,394	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Cowra	12,690	Rural Small	Central West Libraries
Dubbo	55,843	Urban Medium	Macquarie Regional Library
Dungog	9,707	Rural Small	Newcastle Region Library
Federation	12,852	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Forbes	9,342	Rural Small	Central West Libraries
Gilgandra	4,300	Rural Small	North Western Library
Greater Hume	11,238	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Griffith	26,994	Urban Small	Western Riverina Libraries
Gwydir	4,915	Rural Small	Central Northern Regional Library
Hay	2,828	Rural Small	Western Riverina Libraries
Hilltops	19,228	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Hunters Hill	13,416	Rural Small	Lane Cove Library Service
Junee	6,453	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Kyogle	9,418	Rural Small	Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library
Lane Cove	40,028	Urban Small	Lane Cove Library Service
Leeton	11,434	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Lismore	44,202	Urban Small	Richmond-Tweed Regional Library
Liverpool Plains	7,655	Rural Small	Central Northern Regional Library
Lockhart	3,365	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Moree Plains	12,850	Rural Small	Big Sky Libraries
Murrumbidgee	3,559	Rural Small	Western Riverina Libraries
Narrabri	12,692	Rural Small	Central Northern Regional Library
Narrandera	5,702	Rural Small	Western Riverina Libraries
Narromine	6,425	Rural Small	Macquarie Regional Library
Newcastle	171,316	Urban Large	Newcastle Region Library
Orange	43,906	Urban Small	Central West Libraries
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Richmond Valley	23,671	Urban Small	Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library
Snowy Valleys	14,884	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Tamworth	64,459	Urban Medium	Central Northern Regional Library
Temora	5,993	Rural Small	Riverina Regional Library
Tweed	97,718	Urban Medium	Richmond-Tweed Regional Library
Uralla	5,980	Rural Small	Central Northern Regional Library
Walcha	2,999	Rural Small	Central Northern Regional Library
Walgett	5,513	Rural Small	Big Sky Libraries
Warren	2,577	Rural Small	North Western Library
Warrumbungle	9,244	Rural Small	Macquarie Regional Library

## List of councils participating in regional library services and their cohorts

### By regional library service

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Brewarrina	1,438	Rural Small	Big Sky Libraries
Moree Plains	12,850	Rural Small	Big Sky Libraries
Walgett	5,513	Rural Small	Big Sky Libraries
Gwydir	4,915	Rural Small	Central Northern Regional Library
Liverpool Plains	7,655	Rural Small	Central Northern Regional Library
Narrabri	12,692	Rural Small	Central Northern Regional Library
Tamworth	64,459	Urban Medium	Central Northern Regional Library
Uralla	5,980	Rural Small	Central Northern Regional Library
Walcha	2,999	Rural Small	Central Northern Regional Library
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