### Blacktown City Council

#### Household income

Households form the common 'economic unit' in our society. Marsden Park – Shanes Park – Melonba's Household Income is one of the most important indicators of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as [Qualifications](qualifications?[QS]) and [Occupation](occupations?[QS]), it helps to reveal the economic opportunities and socio-economic status of Marsden Park – Shanes Park – Melonba. It is important to note that income data is not necessarily a measure of wealth. For example, if an area has a large number of retirees this will produce a higher proportion of households with low income but the retirees may have large capital wealth. For this reason, household income should be viewed in conjunction with [Age](five-year-age-groups?[QS]) and [Household Composition](households?[QS]).

The incomes presented on this page are for the latest Census year only. For comparison of incomes over time, go to [Household Income Quartiles](household-income-quartiles?[QS]).

[Learn more about the characteristics of low-income households here.](https://blog.id.com.au/2018/population/demographic-trends/what-are-the-characteristics-of-low-income-households-in-your-area/)

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| **Weekly household income** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Marsden Park – Shanes Park – Melonba - Total households (Enumerated)** | **2021** |  |  |
| **Weekly income** | **Number** | **%** | **Greater Sydney %** |
| Neg/Nil Income | 39 | 0.8 | 2.1 |
| $1 - $149 | 4 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| $150 - $299 | 9 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| $300 - $399 | 25 | 0.5 | 2.0 |
| $400 - $499 | 76 | 1.6 | 4.3 |
| $500 - $649 | 95 | 2.0 | 3.2 |
| $650 - $799 | 104 | 2.2 | 4.6 |
| $800 - $999 | 106 | 2.3 | 4.8 |
| $1,000 - $1,249 | 164 | 3.5 | 5.9 |
| $1,250 - $1,499 | 226 | 4.8 | 6.3 |
| $1,500 - $1,749 | 207 | 4.4 | 5.2 |
| $1,750 - $1,999 | 235 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| $2,000 - $2,499 | 681 | 14.5 | 11.4 |
| $2,500 - $2,999  | 613 | 13.0 | 7.2 |
| $3,000 - $3,499 | 621 | 13.2 | 7.0 |
| $3,500 - $3,999 | 409 | 8.7 | 4.6 |
| $4,000 - $4,499 | 229 | 4.9 | 2.8 |
| $4,500 - $4,999 | 308 | 6.5 | 5.7 |
| $5,000 - $5,999 | 180 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| $6,000 - $7,999 | 132 | 2.8 | 4.2 |
| $8,000 or more | 25 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| Not stated | 221 | 4.7 | 5.8 |
| **Total households** | **4,709** | **100.0** | **100.0** |

Analysis of household income levels in Marsden Park – Shanes Park – Melonba in 2021 compared to Greater Sydney shows that there was a larger proportion of high income households (those earning $3,000 per week or more) and a lower proportion of low income households (those earning less than $800 per week).

Overall, 40.4332% of the households earned a high income and 7.4749% were low income households, compared with 30.1063% and 17.9261% respectively for Greater Sydney.

The major differences between the household incomes of Marsden Park – Shanes Park – Melonba and Greater Sydney were:

* A *larger* percentage of households who earned $3,000 - $3,499 (13.2% compared to 7.0%)
* A *larger* percentage of households who earned $2,500 - $2,999 (13.0% compared to 7.2%)
* A *larger* percentage of households who earned $3,500 - $3,999 (8.7% compared to 4.6%)
* A *larger* percentage of households who earned $2,000 - $2,499 (14.5% compared to 11.4%)