### Cessnock City Council

#### Household income

Households form the common 'economic unit' in our society. Bellbird - Bellbird Heights - Bellbird North'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 Bellbird - Bellbird Heights - Bellbird North. 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** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Bellbird - Bellbird Heights - Bellbird North - Total households (Enumerated)** | **2021** |  |  |
| **Weekly income** | **Number** | **%** | **Cessnock City %** |
| Neg/Nil Income | 12 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| $1 - $149 | 5 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| $150 - $299 | 15 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| $300 - $399 | 30 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| $400 - $499 | 82 | 7.2 | 6.7 |
| $500 - $649 | 54 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| $650 - $799 | 90 | 7.9 | 7.2 |
| $800 - $999 | 81 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
| $1,000 - $1,249 | 108 | 9.5 | 7.5 |
| $1,250 - $1,499 | 78 | 6.9 | 7.5 |
| $1,500 - $1,749 | 72 | 6.3 | 5.9 |
| $1,750 - $1,999 | 66 | 5.8 | 5.5 |
| $2,000 - $2,499 | 120 | 10.6 | 11.4 |
| $2,500 - $2,999  | 87 | 7.7 | 7.4 |
| $3,000 - $3,499 | 54 | 4.8 | 5.6 |
| $3,500 - $3,999 | 26 | 2.3 | 3.2 |
| $4,000 - $4,499 | 12 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| $4,500 - $4,999 | 33 | 2.9 | 2.4 |
| $5,000 - $5,999 | 18 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| $6,000 - $7,999 | 14 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| $8,000 or more | 7 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Not stated | 70 | 6.2 | 7.3 |
| **Total households** | **1,134** | **100.0** | **100.0** |

Analysis of household income levels in Bellbird - Bellbird Heights - Bellbird North in 2021 compared to Cessnock City shows that there was a smaller proportion of high income households (those earning $3,000 per week or more) and a higher proportion of low income households (those earning less than $800 per week).

Overall, 14.4622% of the households earned a high income and 25.3968% were low income households, compared with 16.0347% and 24.3677% respectively for Cessnock City.

The major differences between the household incomes of Bellbird - Bellbird Heights - Bellbird North and Cessnock City were:

* A *larger* percentage of households who earned $1,000 - $1,249 (9.5% compared to 7.5%)
* A *smaller* percentage of households who earned Not stated (6.2% compared to 7.3%)