

REGION 2 – CENTRAL COAST-HUNTER

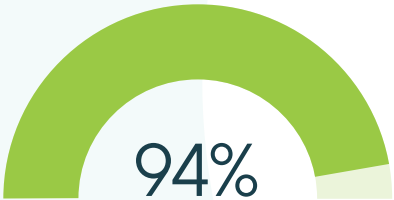
The Central Coast/Hunter Region extends from Newcastle in the south, across to Muswellbrook in the east and includes the Central Coast and Upper Hunter Shire. The region has the 3rd highest number of registered NSW athletics members of any region, only two metropolitan regions are higher.

Central Coast/Hunter has the 3rd highest number of student enrolments – 169,810 (in 2024) and it's track to population ratio is predicted to increase by 13% by 2039. It has the second highest number of members under 15.

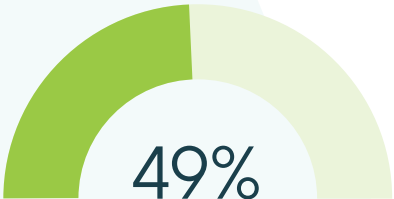
The region has 4 synthetic tracks giving it the most synthetic tracks for area of the NSW non-metropolitan regions. The region presents a strong position for current athletics facilities and for future demand.

Central Coast, Lake Macquarie, Newcastle Maitland and Cessnock LGAs returned consistent high demand assessment scores for the region. Four of these LGAs already provide a synthetic athletics track. Maintaining these in quality condition will be critical to supporting participation in the region of the next decade.

2024 MEMBER AGE
Percentage of participants aged <15



2024 MEMBER GENDER
Percentage of Members are Female



2024 STUDENT ENROLMENTS
NSW students living within the Region

169,810

2024 MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Total Members (2024)	Total Population 0 to 59 (2024)	Total Engagement Rate (2024)
8,008	832,670	0.96%

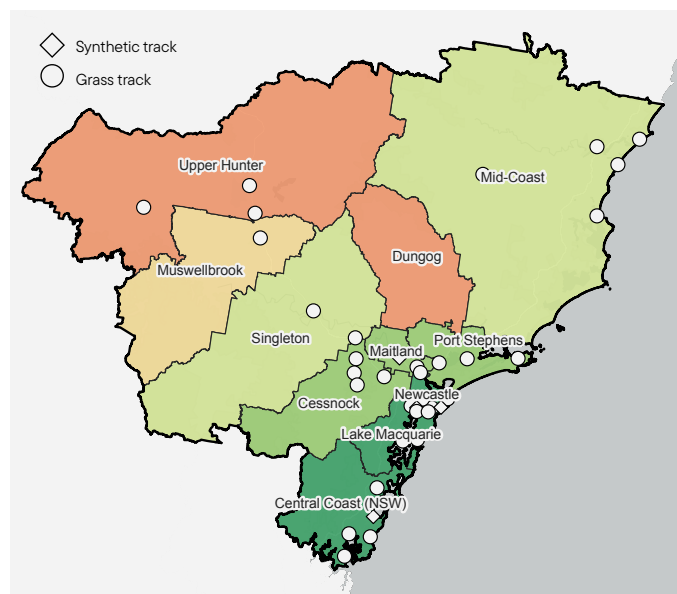
FACILITY PROVISION

	Venue	Grass Tracks	Synthetic Tracks	Percentage of Synthetic Tracks
TOTAL	36	32	4	11.11%

FACILITY RATIOS

	Track to Population Ratio (2024)	Track to Population Ratio (2039)	Track to NSW Athletics Member Ratio (2024)	Track to Student Enrolment Ratio (2024)
TOTAL	23,130	26,649	222	4,717

LGA MAP WITH TOTAL DEMAND SCORE



LGA DEMAND ASSESSMENT AND RATING SCORES

Map ID	LGA	LGA Demand Rating				
		Future Population (2039) Rating	Future Population (2039) Growth Rating	Athletics Membership (2024) Rating	Total Student Enrolments (2024) Rating	Total Demand Score ¹
1	Central Coast	6	3	2	6	17
2	Cessnock	3	6	3	3	15
3	Dungog	1	3	2	1	7
4	Lake Macquarie	5	4	2	5	16
5	Maitland	3	6	2	4	15
6	Mid-Coast	3	2	3	3	11
7	Muswellbrook	1	1	4	2	8
8	Newcastle	5	4	2	5	16
9	Port Stephens	3	3	4	3	13
10	Singleton	2	2	4	2	10
11	Upper Hunter Shire	1	1	2	2	6

1. A rating of 1 to 6 is applied to each demand metric, with a maximum possible total demand score per LGA of 24. The higher the total demand score, the greater the likely demand for athletics facility provision is.