

# Identifying legal need

## Tools to help inform an assessment of legal needs in regional/local areas

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# Assess the extent and nature of legal needs in the community

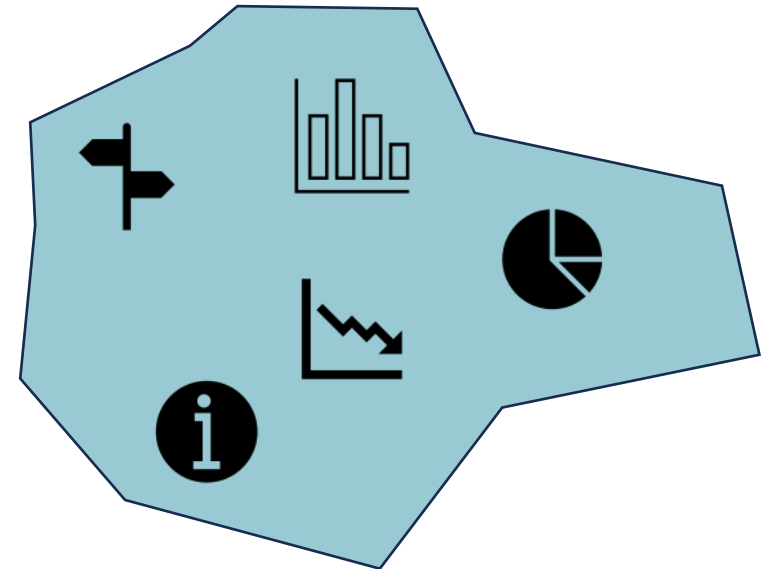
For service planning, resource allocation, funding submissions

➔ No up-to-date, precise and reliable measure of legal needs

## Proxy measures

Various data sources

- **Population data**
- Service data
- Court statistics
- Surveys, ad-hoc research, local data/knowledge, etc.



# The Foundation's Legal Needs Dashboard

- Out of date
- Busy interface
- Performance issues

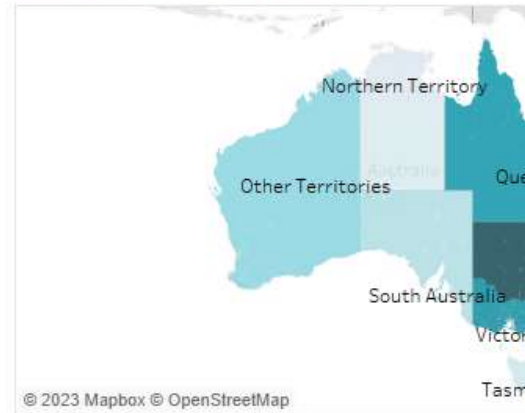
## Legal Needs Dashboard

Data included here is not the most recent available. This dashboard is under review and will soon be updated.

Potential legal needs in Australia by Statistical Area LGA Postcode Suburb

Show data by State Aggregate Comparison Select indicator NLAS(Capability) Total: 1,285,080

Map of NLAS(Capability) at State level



Close data warning

Breakdown of NLAS(Capability) by State

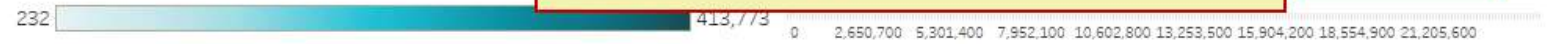
**\*\* Data warning \*\***

Data included here is not the most recent available:

- ABS 2016 Census
- Social Services (DSS) 2020
- Crime data (BOCSAR) 2019

This dashboard is under review and will soon be updated with more recent data, including 2021 Census.

For more information, please contact the research team on [research@lawfoundation.net.au](mailto:research@lawfoundation.net.au).



### Explore locations

Select a region All

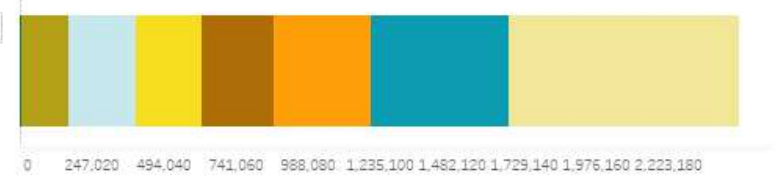
Filter or search locations

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- Australian Capital Territory
- New South Wales
- Northern Territory
- Other Territories
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Western Australia

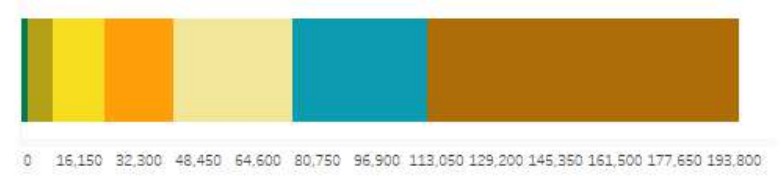
Legend

- New South Wales
- Victoria
- Queensland
- Western Australia
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Northern Territory
- Australian Capital Territory
- Other Territories
- Null

People residing in rural or remote areas (all ages) Total: 2,466,070

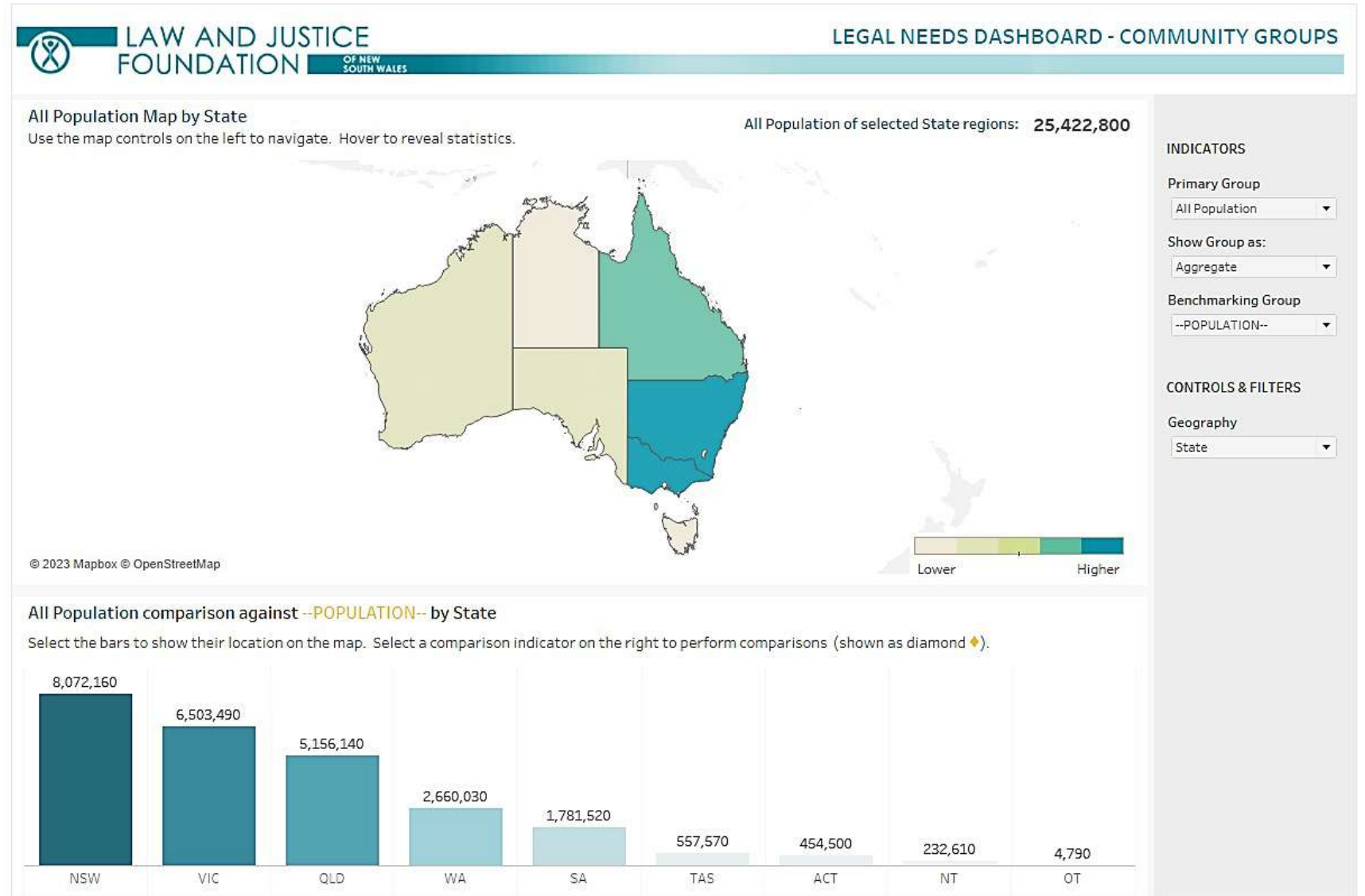


Low Income Card Total: 195,230



## Updated version

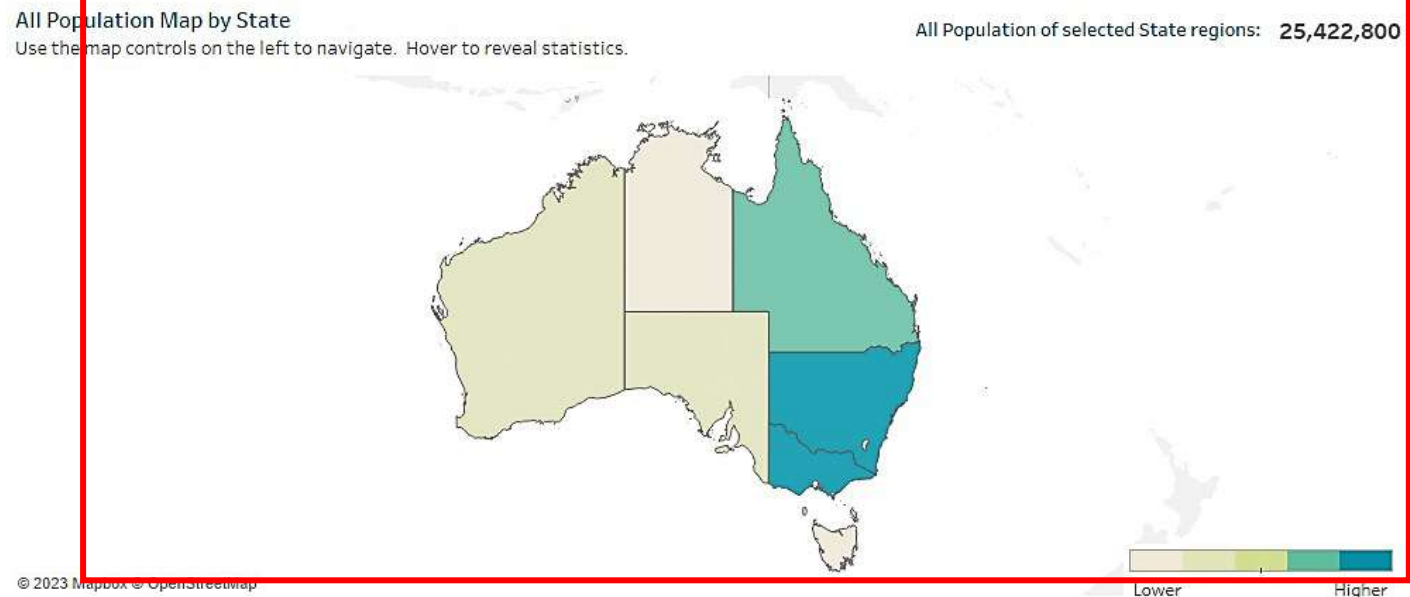
- 2021 Census data
- Other updated data sources
- New design



MAP area

CHART area

CONTROLS area



INDICATORS

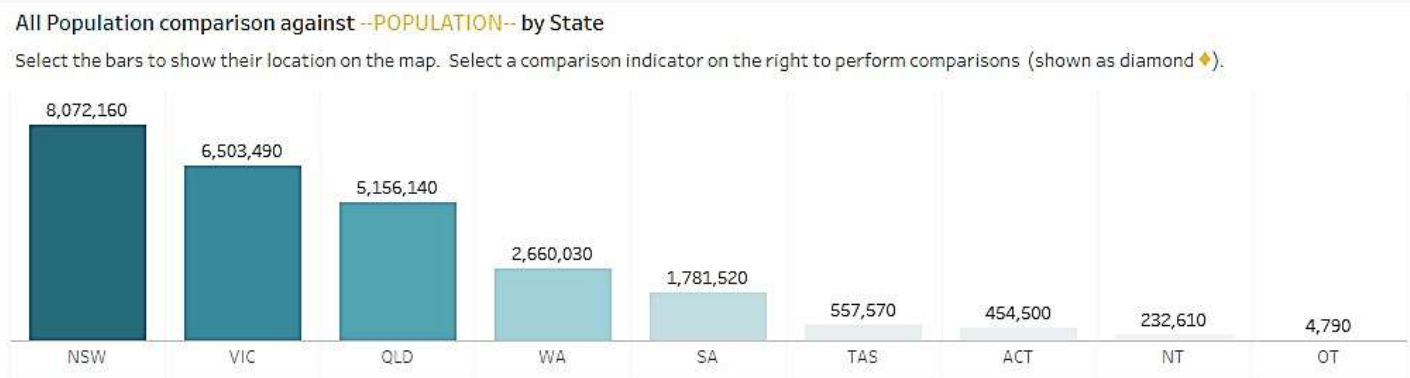
Primary Group  
All Population

Show Group as:  
Aggregate

Benchmarking Group  
--POPULATION--

CONTROLS & FILTERS

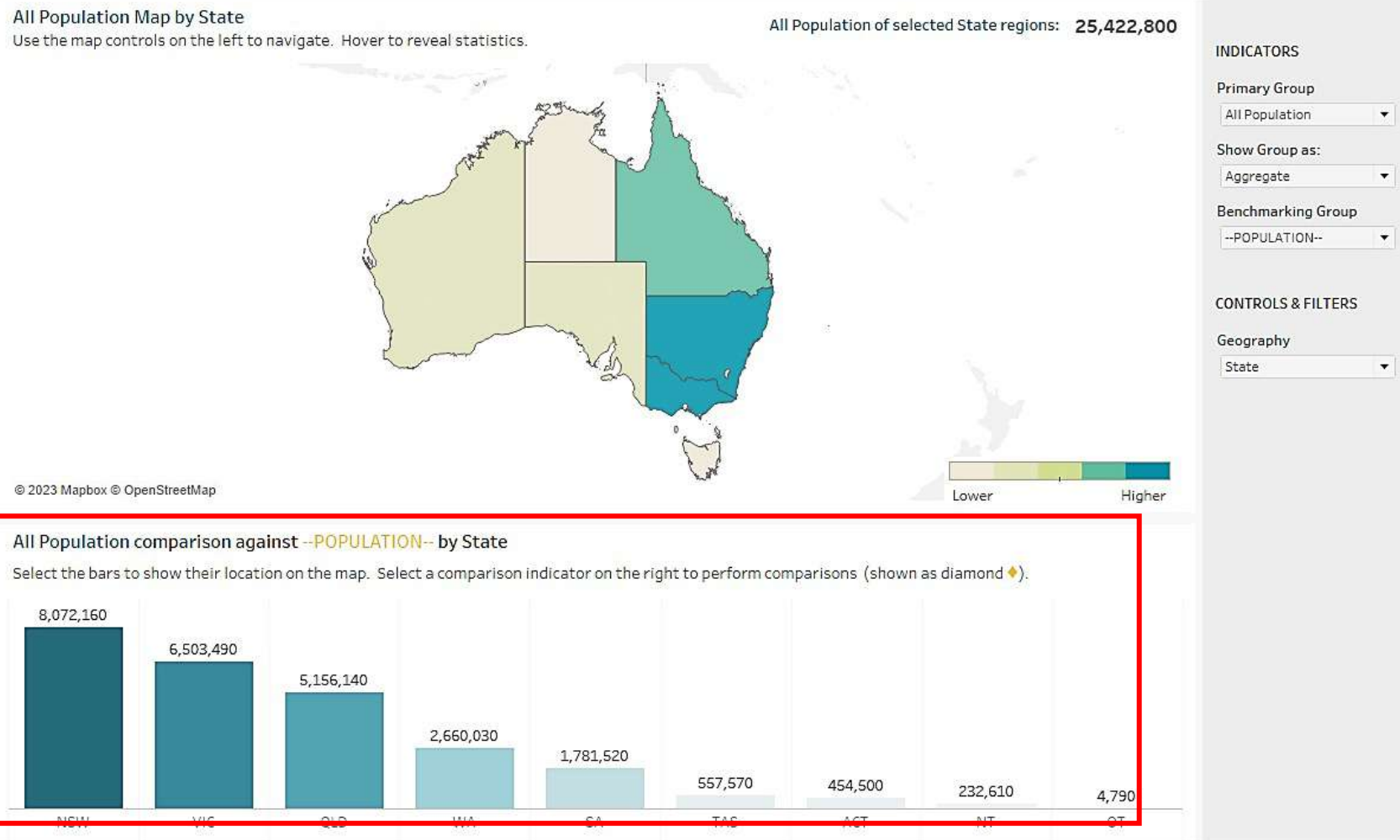
Geography  
State



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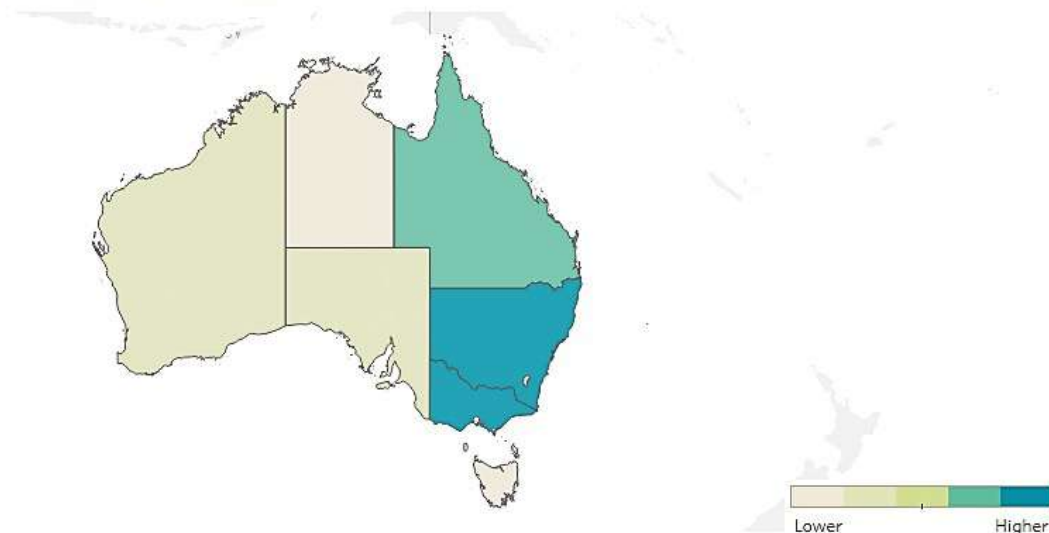


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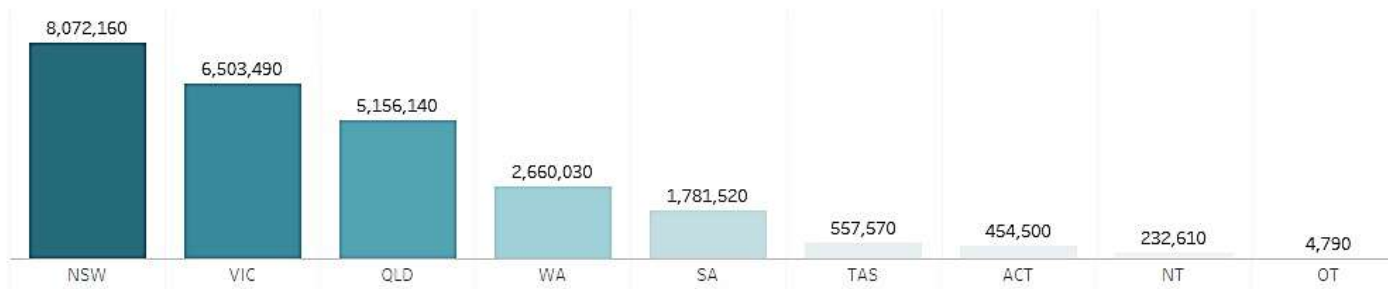
All Population Map by State All Population of selected State regions: 25,422,800  
 Use the map controls on the left to navigate. Hover to reveal statistics.



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All Population comparison against --POPULATION-- by State

Select the bars to show their location on the map. Select a comparison indicator on the right to perform comparisons (shown as diamond ♦).



**INDICATORS**

Primary Group  
 All Population

Show Group as:  
 Aggregate

Benchmarking Group  
 --POPULATION--

**CONTROLS & FILTERS**

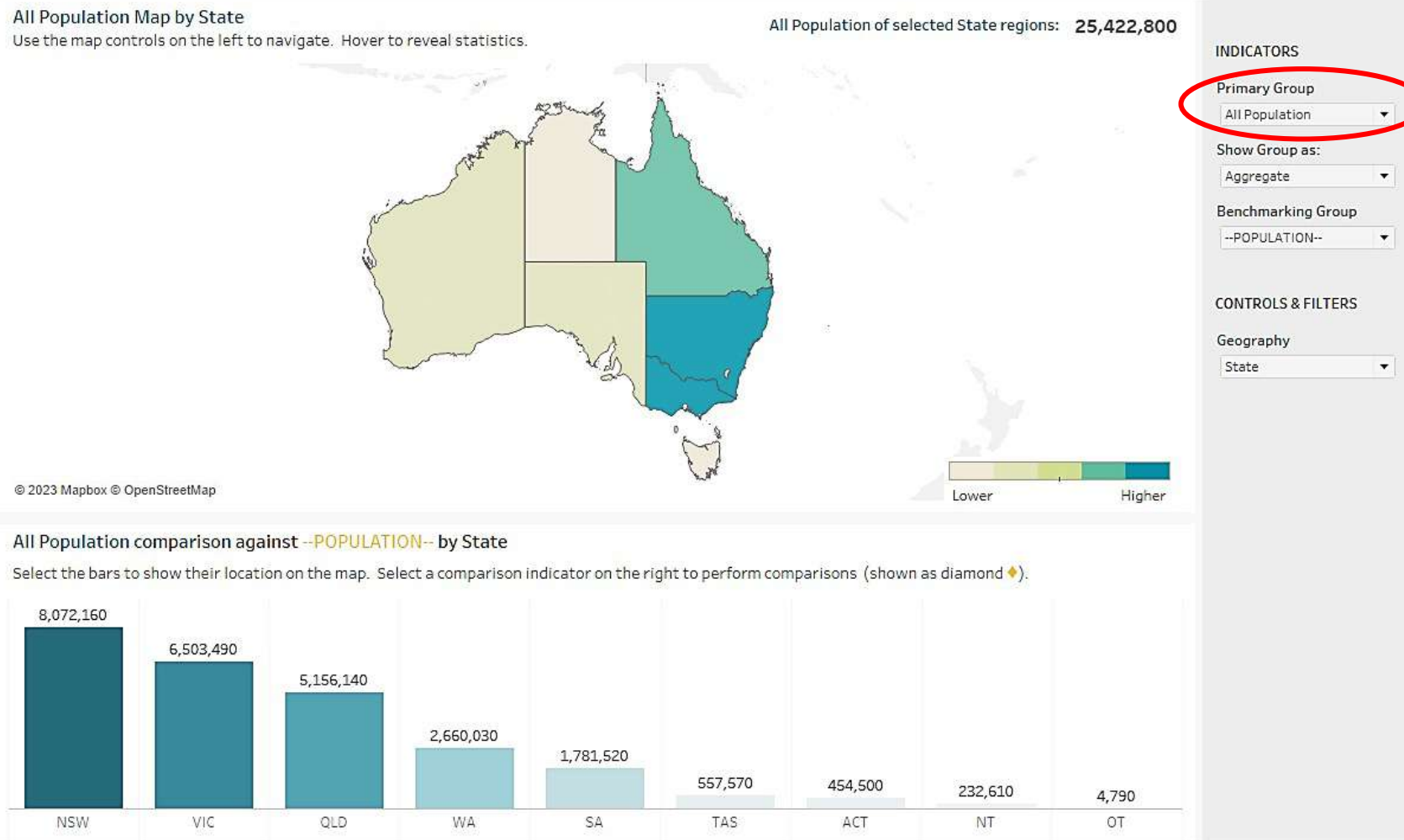
Geography  
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CONTROLS area

- Primary indicator





MAP area

CHART area

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- **Primary indicator**

INDICATORS

Primary Group

All Population

--POPULATION--

All Population

Population 15+

Female 15+

Children and Young People (0-24)

Older people (65+, Ind 50+)

--DIVERSITY--

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Female 15+

CALD 15+

Low English proficiency 15+

--SOCIAL SERVICES--

Age Pension

Carer Payment

Disability Support Pension

JobSeeker Payment

Youth Allowance

--DISADVANTAGE--

Disengaged youth 15-24

Homeless, or at risk

Low education

Lone parent 15+

Low personal income <\$33,800/yr 15+

Need assistance 0-64

--HEALTH--

Mental health condition

NDIS participants

--CRIME--

ADVOs issued

DV related assault

## Population

All population  
Population 15+  
Female 15+  
Children and Young People (0-24)  
Older People (65+, Ind 50+)

## Diversity

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander  
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Female 15+  
CALD 15+

## Social Services

Low English proficiency  
Age pension  
Carer payment  
Disability Support Pension  
Jobseeker Payment  
Youth Allowance

## Disadvantage

Disengaged youth 15-24  
Homeless, or at risk  
Low education  
Lone parent 15+

## Disability & health

Low personal income <33.8K/year  
Need assistance core activities 0-64  
Mental health condition

## Crime / FDV

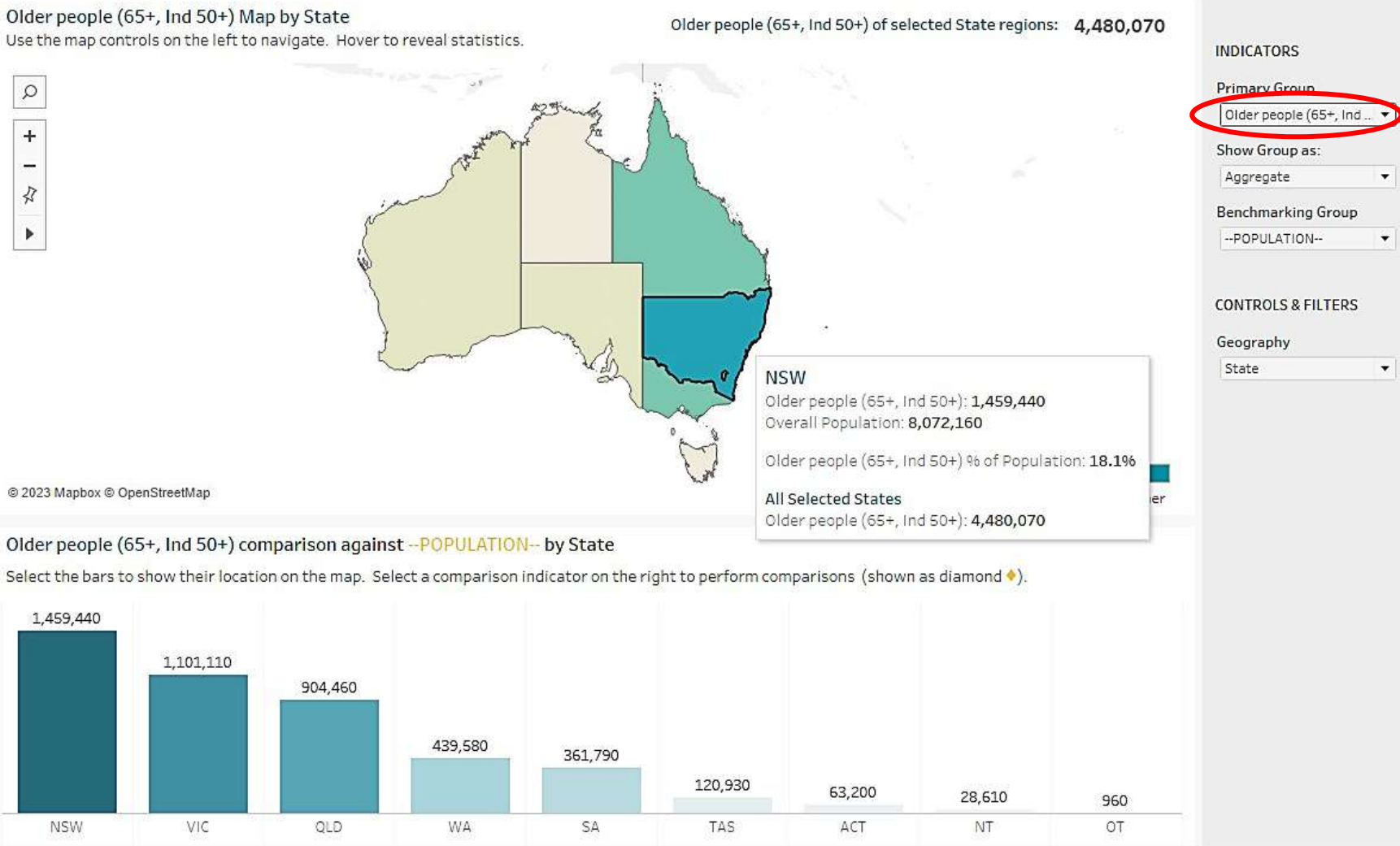
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ADVOs issued  
DV related assault



## Select an indicator

### Older People

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people 50+
- Non-Indigenous 65+



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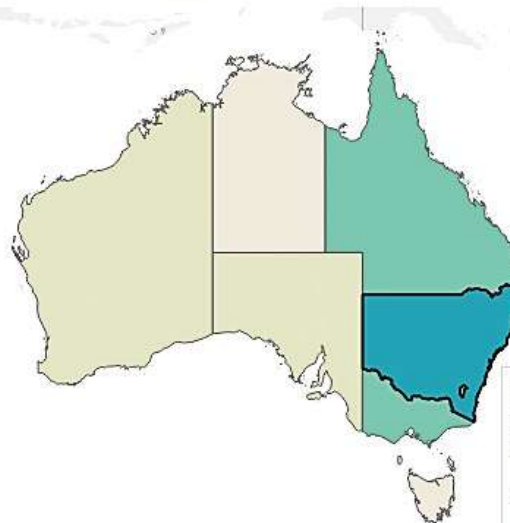
### Older People

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#### Older people (65+, Ind 50+) Map by State

Use the map controls on the left to navigate. Hover to reveal statistics.

Older people (65+, Ind 50+) of selected State regions: **4,480,070**



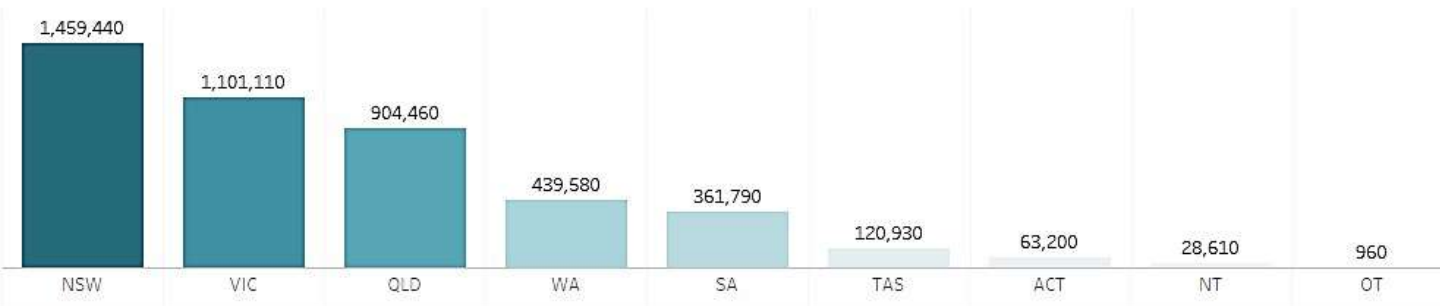
**NSW**  
 Older people (65+, Ind 50+): 1,459,440  
 Overall Population: 8,072,160  
 Older people (65+, Ind 50+) % of Population: 18.1%

**All Selected States**  
 Older people (65+, Ind 50+): 4,480,070

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#### Older people (65+, Ind 50+) comparison against --POPULATION-- by State

Select the bars to show their location on the map. Select a comparison indicator on the right to perform comparisons (shown as diamond ♦).



#### INDICATORS

Primary Group

Older people (65+, Ind ...

Show Group as:

Aggregate

Benchmarking Group

--POPULATION--

#### CONTROLS & FILTERS

Geography

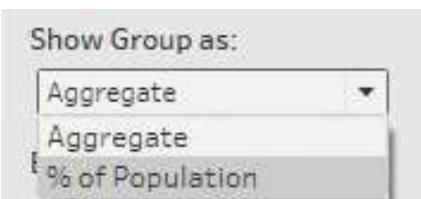
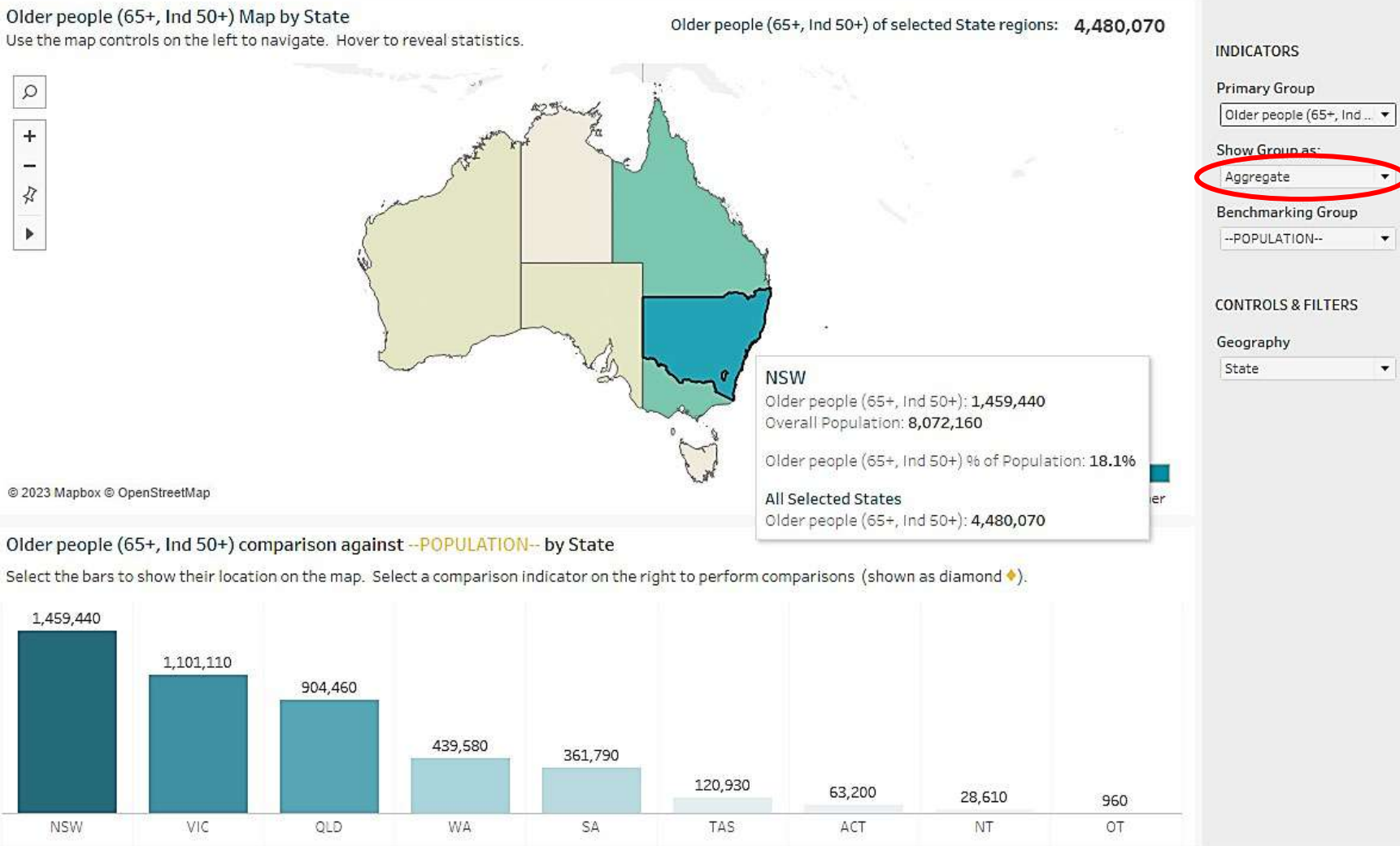
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CHART area

CONTROLS area

- Primary indicator
- Numbers or %





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CHART area

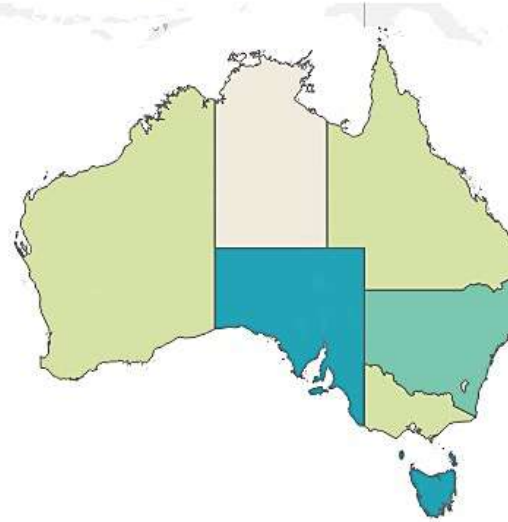
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- Numbers or %

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Older people (65+, Ind ...

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% of Population

Benchmarking Group

--POPULATION--

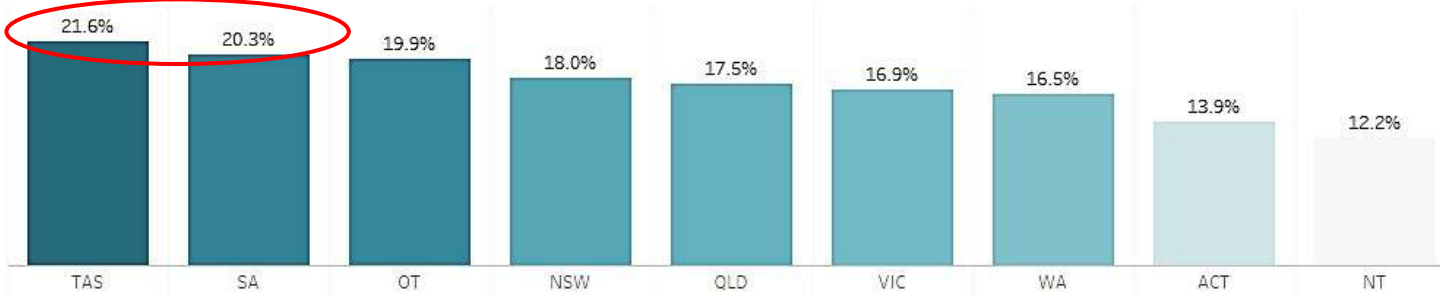
CONTROLS & FILTERS

Geography

State

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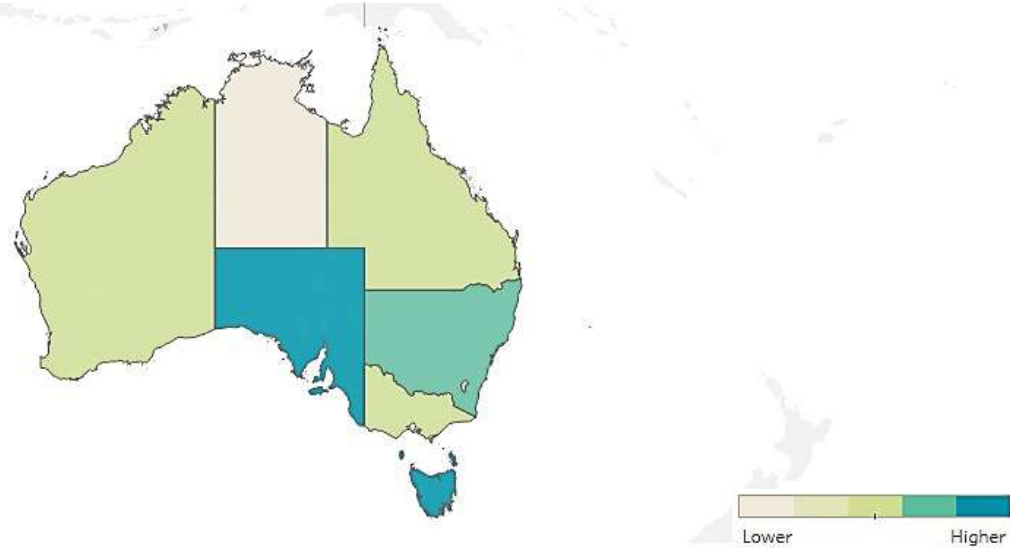
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- Primary indicator
- Numbers or %
- **Second indicator**

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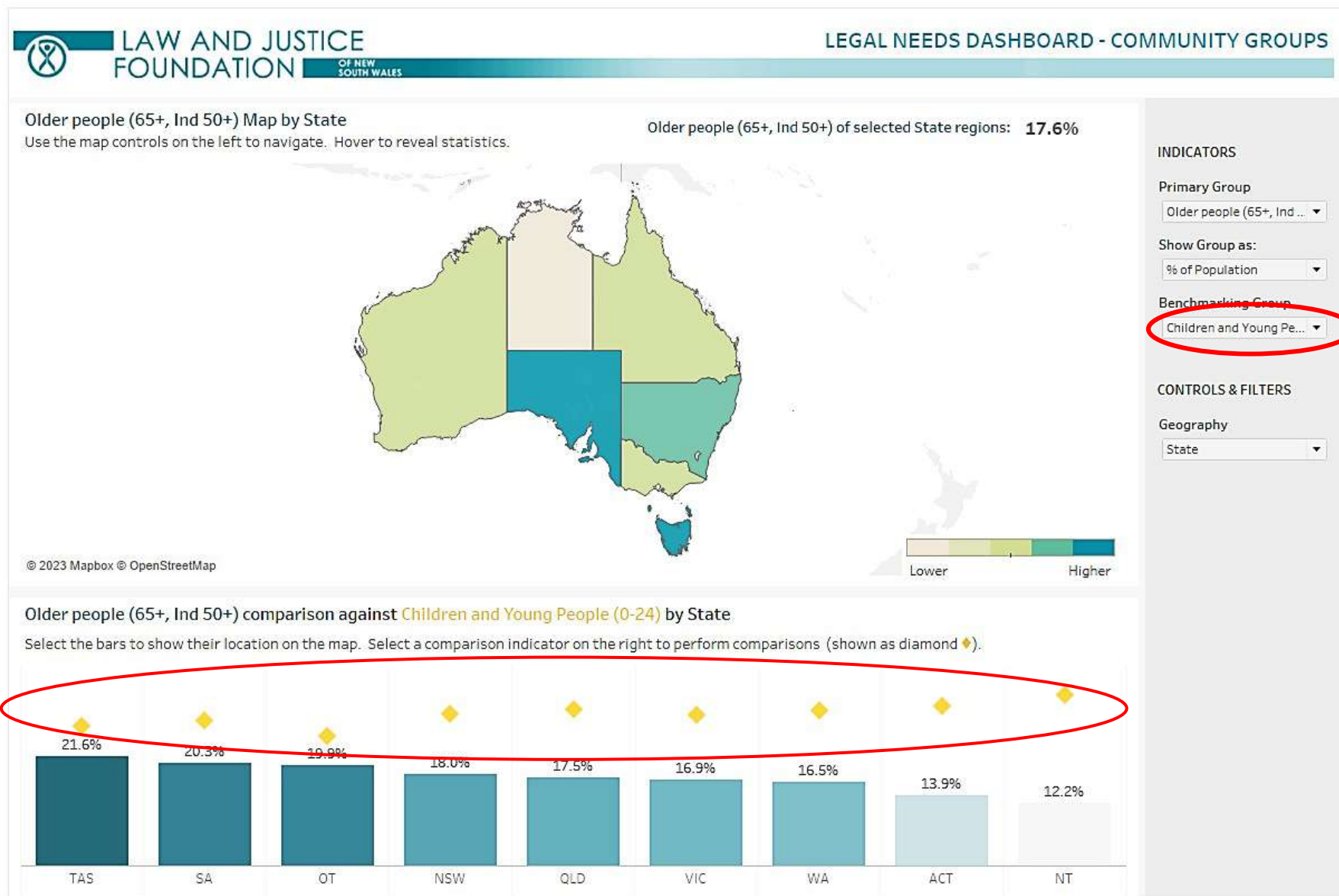
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### Children & young people (0-24)

- Displayed with a diamond shape in the chart area

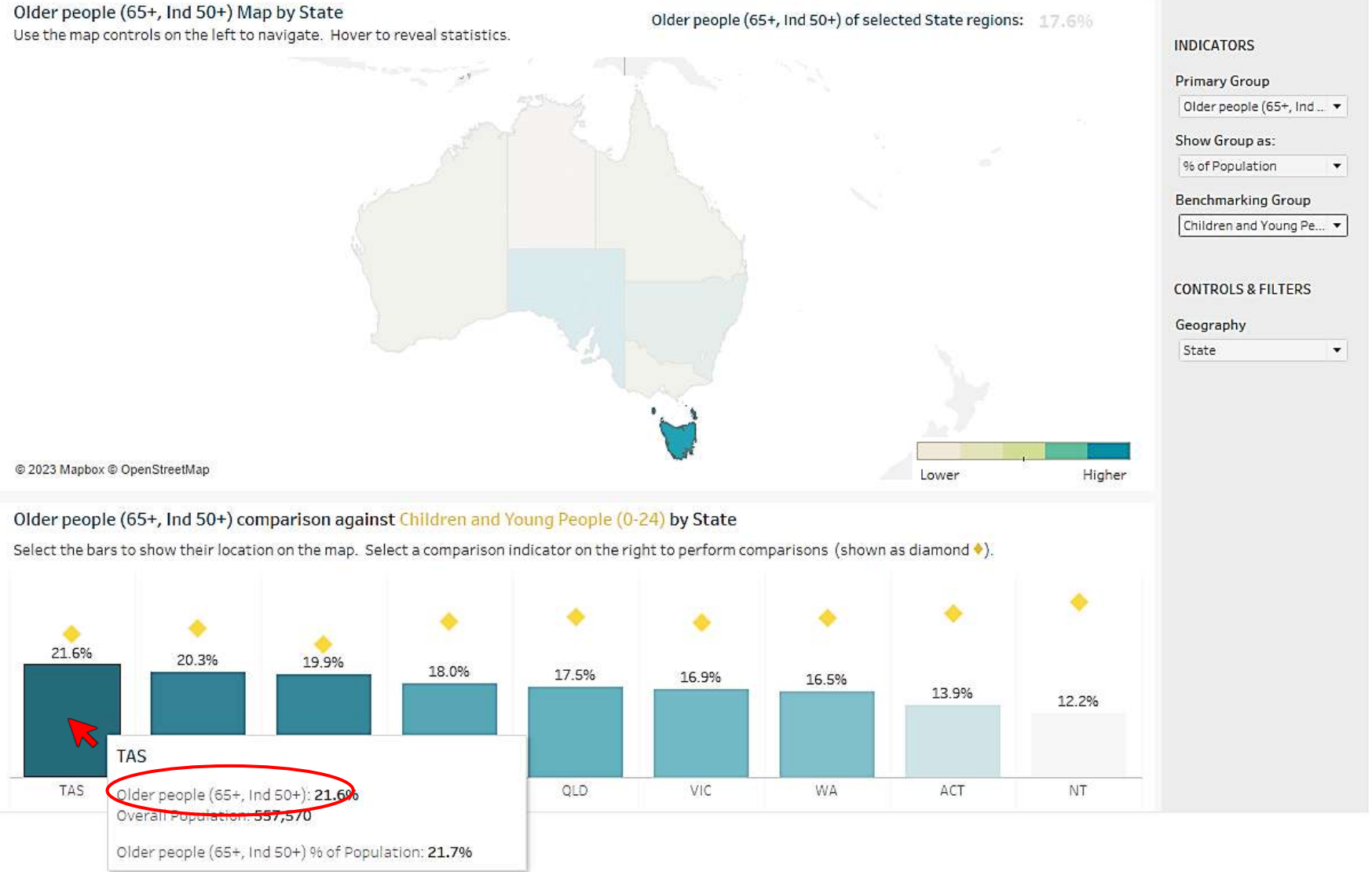




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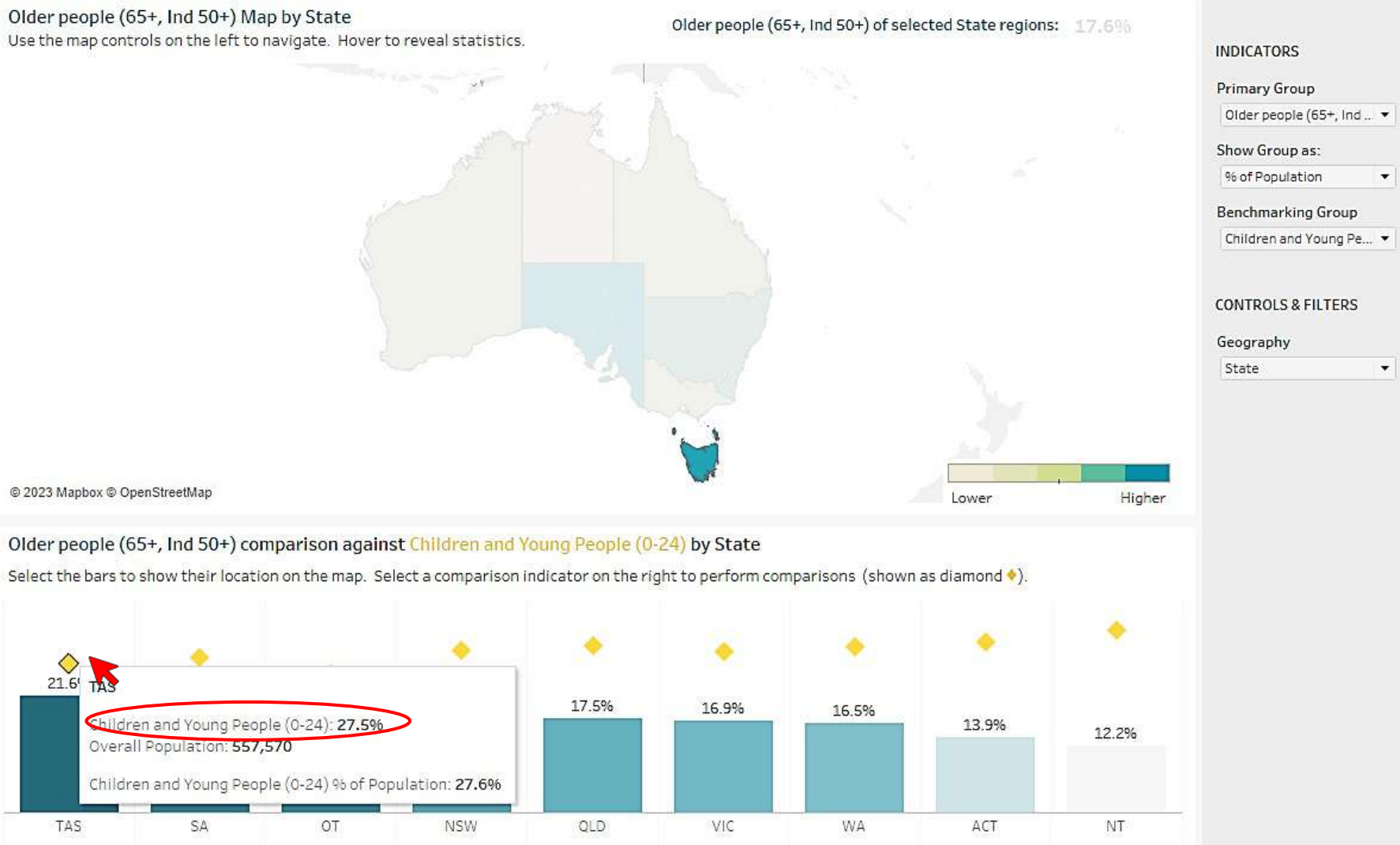




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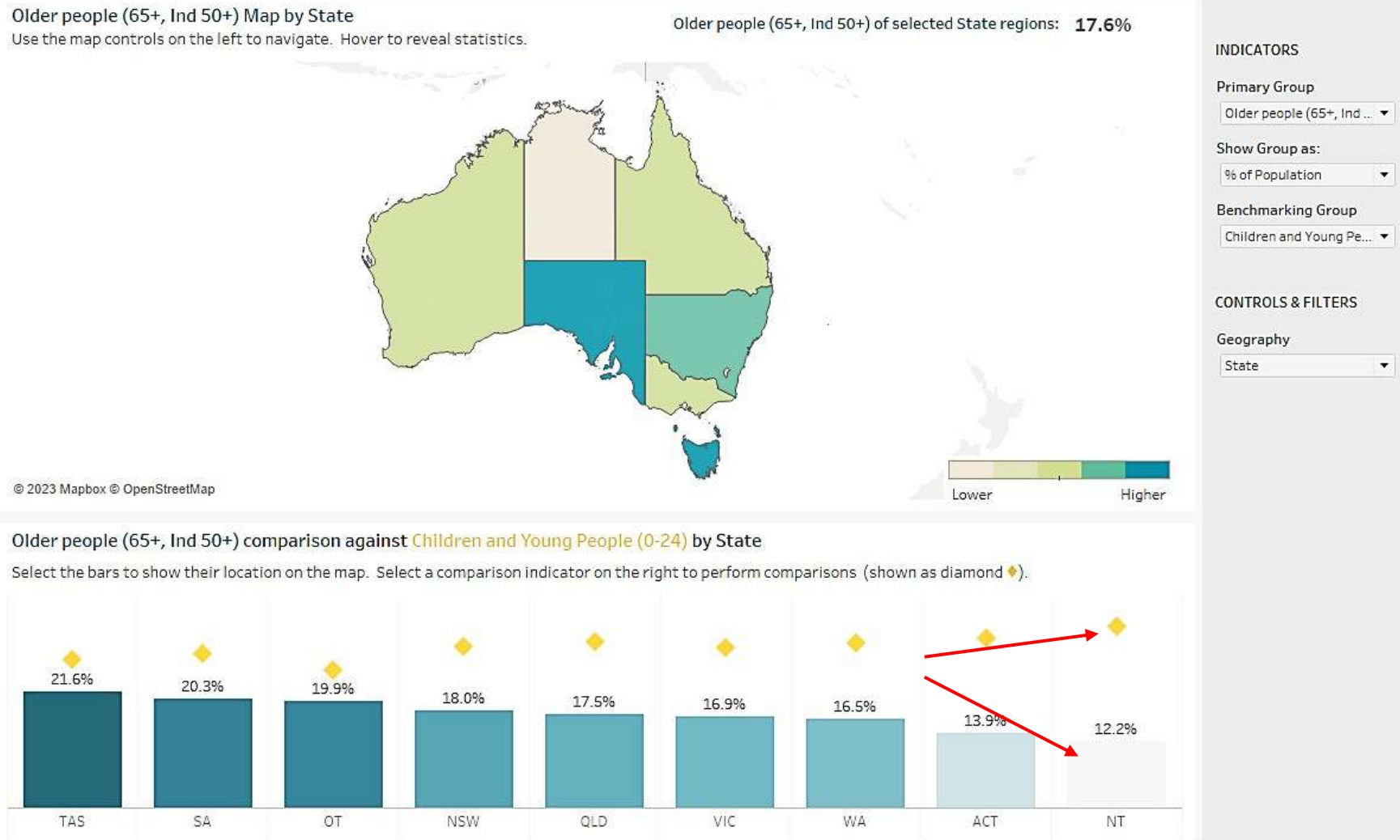
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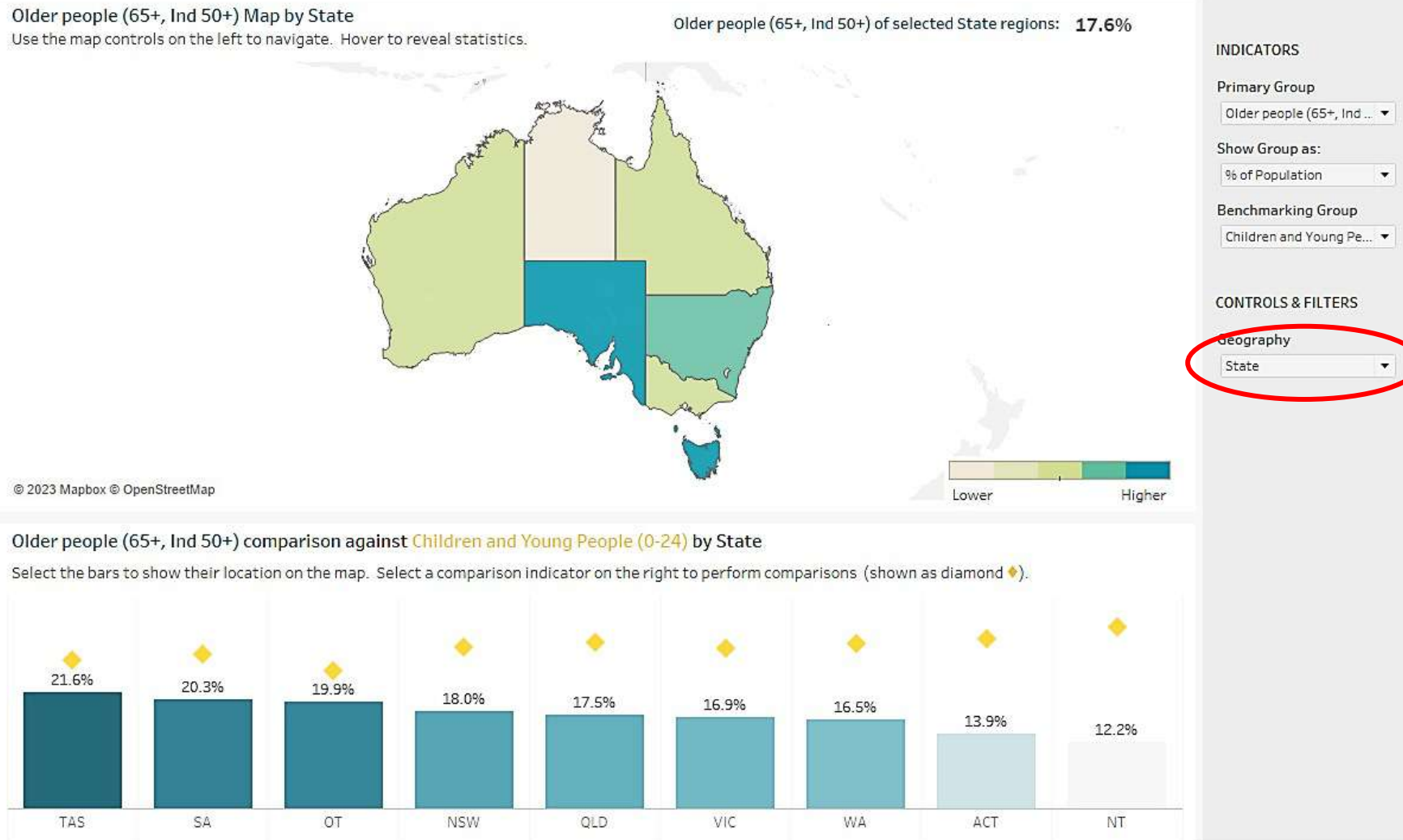


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CONTROLS area

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- Numbers or %
- Second indicator
- **Geography**

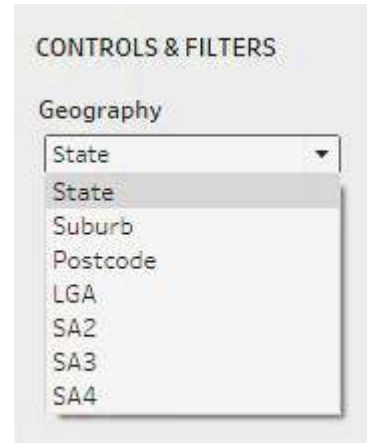


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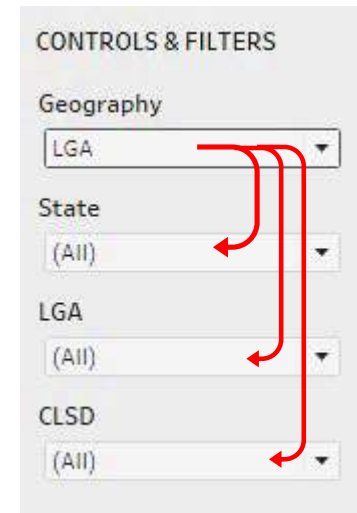
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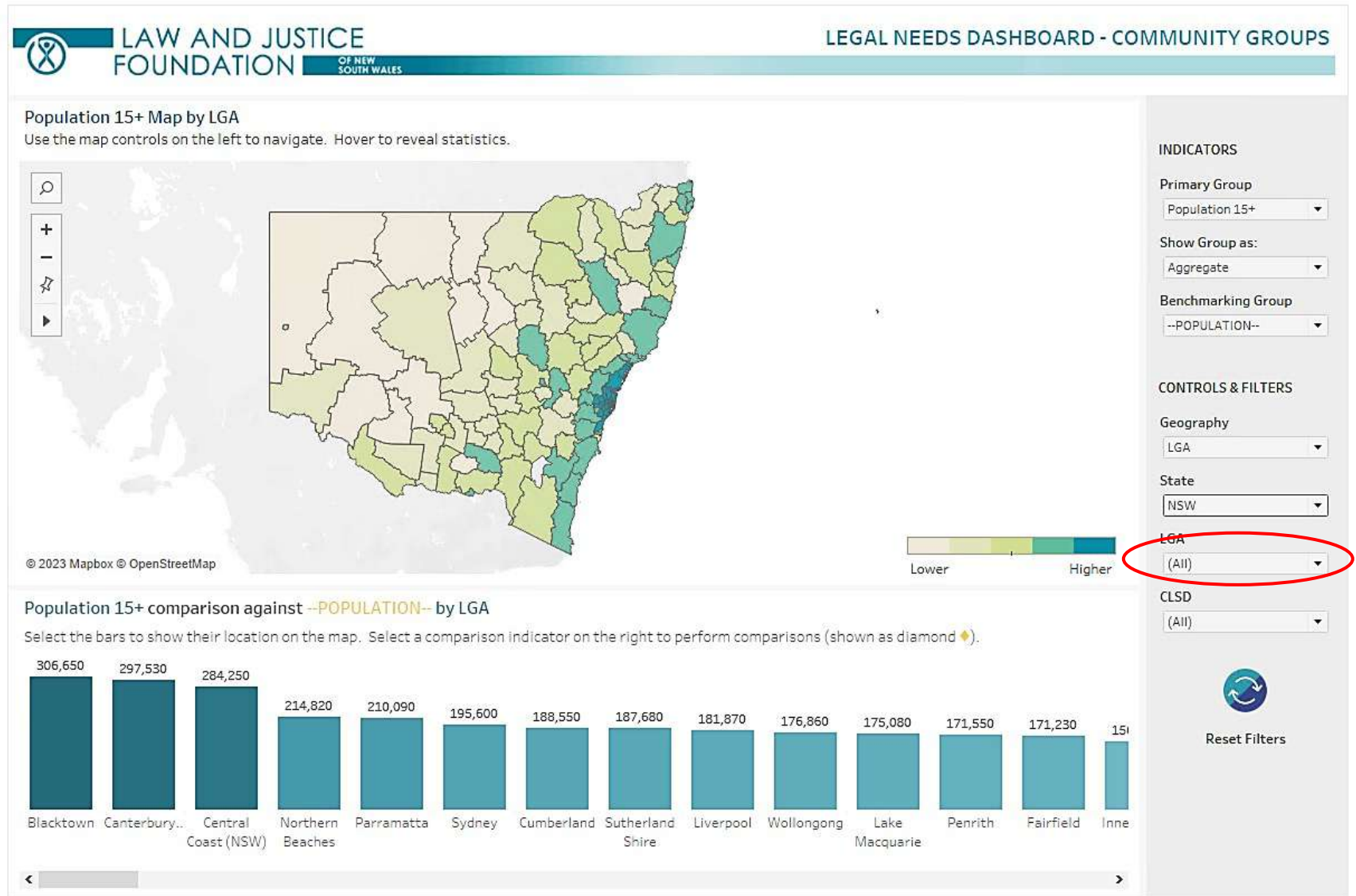


- State
- Suburb
- Postcode
- LGA (and CLSD)
- SA2, SA3, SA4

**Additional filters** to refine your selection



# Adult population counts by LGA in NSW



## Select LGAs

- Untick 'All'
- Type name in search box
- Click 'Apply'

Enter search text

- (All)
- Albury
- Armidale Regional
- Ballina
- Balranald
- Bathurst Regional
- Bayside (NSW)
- Bega Valley
- Bellingen
- Berrigan
- Blacktown
- Bland
- Blayney
- Blue Mountains
- Bogan
- Bourke
- Brewarrina
- Broken Hill
- Burwood
- Byron
- Cabonne
- Camden
- Campbelltown (NSW)
- Canada Bay
- Canterbury-Bankstown
- Carrathool
- Central Coast (NSW)
- Central Darling
- Cessnock
- Clarence Valley

Cancel Apply

INDICATORS

Primary Group  
Population 15+

Show Group as:  
Aggregate

Benchmarking Group

ca

- Cabonne
- Camden
- Campbelltown (NSW)
- Canada Bay
- Canterbury-Bankstown
- Carrathool
- Nambucca Valley
- Newcastle
- Wingecarribee

Cancel Apply

(All)





INDICATORS

Primary Group

Population 15+ ▼

Show Group as:

Aggregate ▼

Benchmarking Group

--POPULATION-- ▼

li

- Ballina
- Bellingen
- Central Darling
- Lismore
- Lithgow
- Liverpool
- Liverpool Plains

Cancel Apply

(Multiple values) ▼

Population 15+ Map by LGA

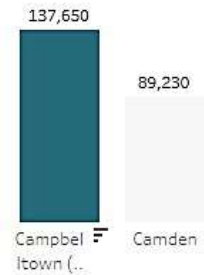
Use the map controls on the left to navigate. Hover to reveal statistics.

Population 15+ of selected LGA regions: 226,880



Population 15+ comparison against --POPULATION-- by LGA

Select the bars to show their location on the map. Select a comparison indicator on the right to perform comparisons (shown as diamond ♦).



INDICATORS

Primary Group

Population 15+ ▼

Show Group as:

Aggregate ▼

Benchmarking Group

--POPULATION-- ▼

CONTROLS & FILTERS

Geography

LGA ▼

State

NSW ▼

LGA

(Multiple values) ▼

CLSD

(All) ▼



Reset Filters





INDICATORS

Primary Group

Population 15+ ▼

Show Group as:

Aggregate ▼

Benchmarking Group

--POPULATION-- ▼

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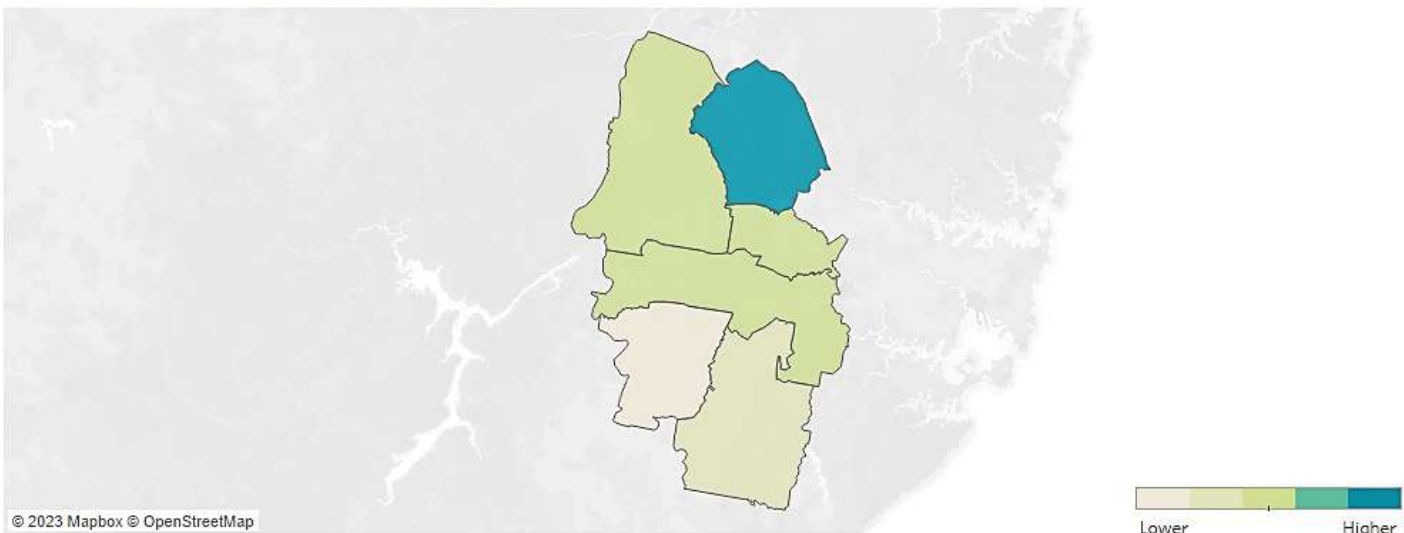
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Population 15+ Map by LGA

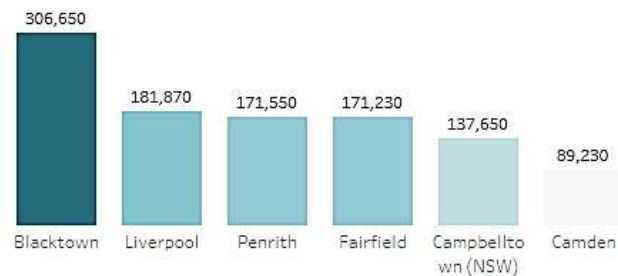
Use the map controls on the left to navigate. Hover to reveal statistics.

Population 15+ of selected LGA regions: 1,058,180



Population 15+ comparison against --POPULATION-- by LGA

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INDICATORS

Primary Group

Population 15+ ▼

Show Group as:

Aggregate ▼

Benchmarking Group

--POPULATION-- ▼

CONTROLS & FILTERS

Geography

LGA ▼

State

NSW ▼

LGA

(Multiple values) ▼

CLSD

(All) ▼



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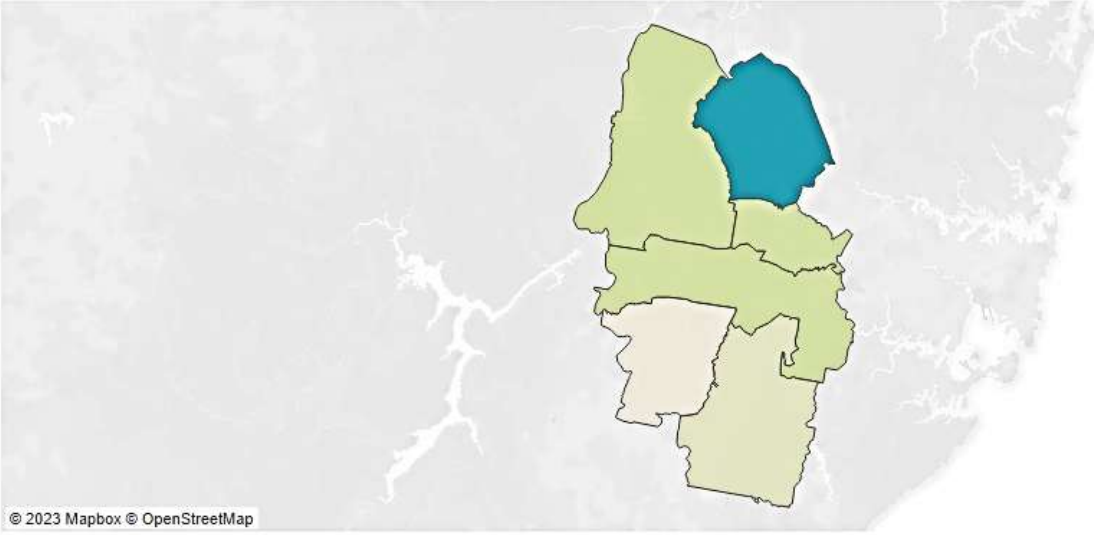
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**LEGAL NEEDS DASHBOARD - COMMUNITY GROUPS**


Population 15+ Map by LGA Population 15+ of selected LGA regions: **1,058,180**

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Population 15+ comparison against --POPULATION-- by LGA

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LGA	Population 15+
Blacktown	306,650
Liverpool	181,870
Penrith	171,550
Fairfield	171,230
Campbelltown (NSW)	137,650
Camden	89,230

**INDICATORS**

Primary Group: Population 15+

Show Group as: Aggregate

Benchmarking Group: --POPULATION--

**CONTROLS & FILTERS**

Geography: LGA

State: NSW

LGA: (Multiple values)

CLSD: (All)  (All)  Not in CLSD

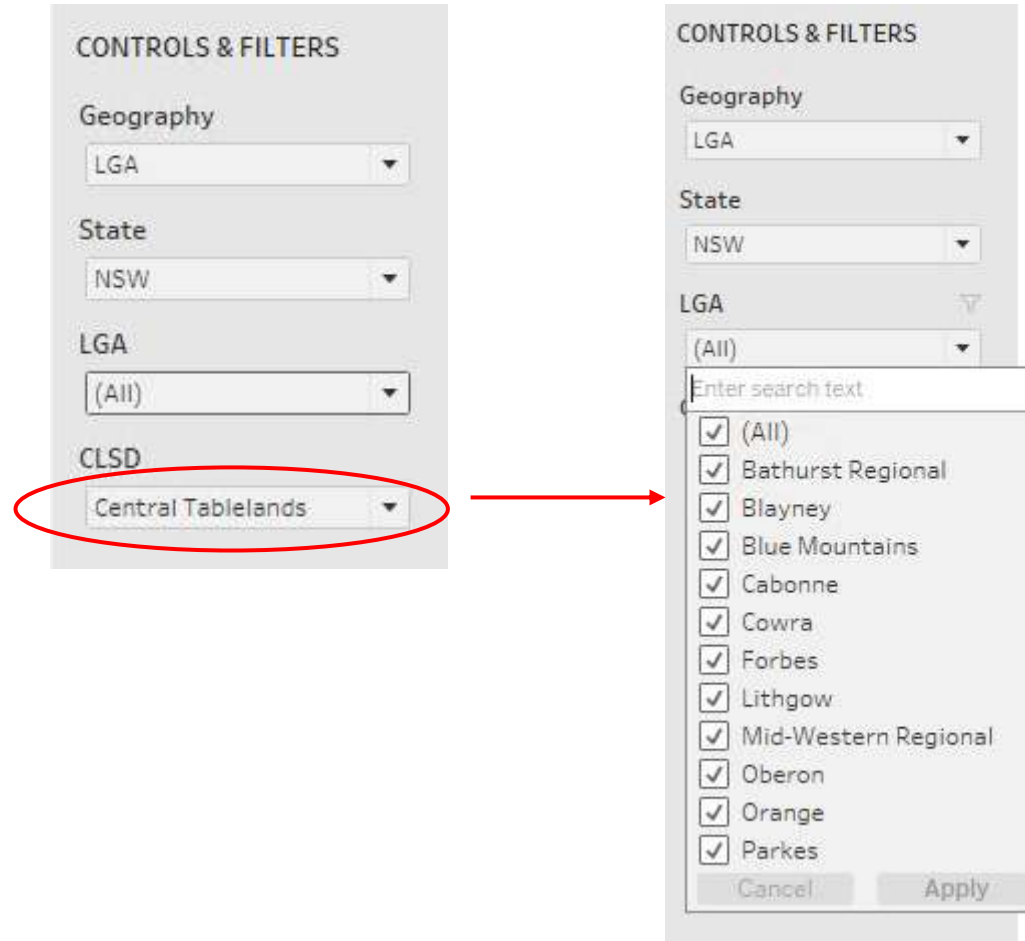
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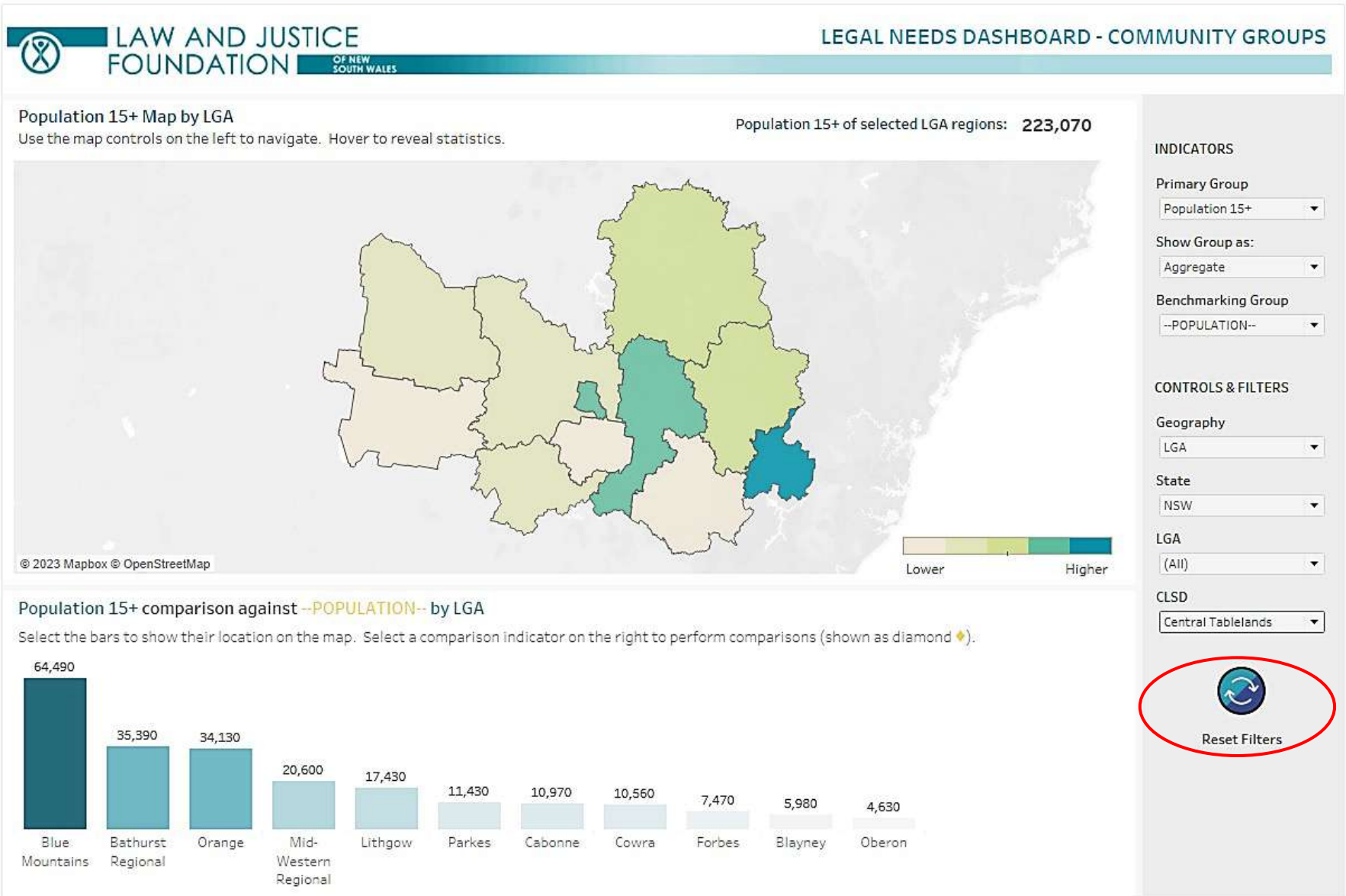


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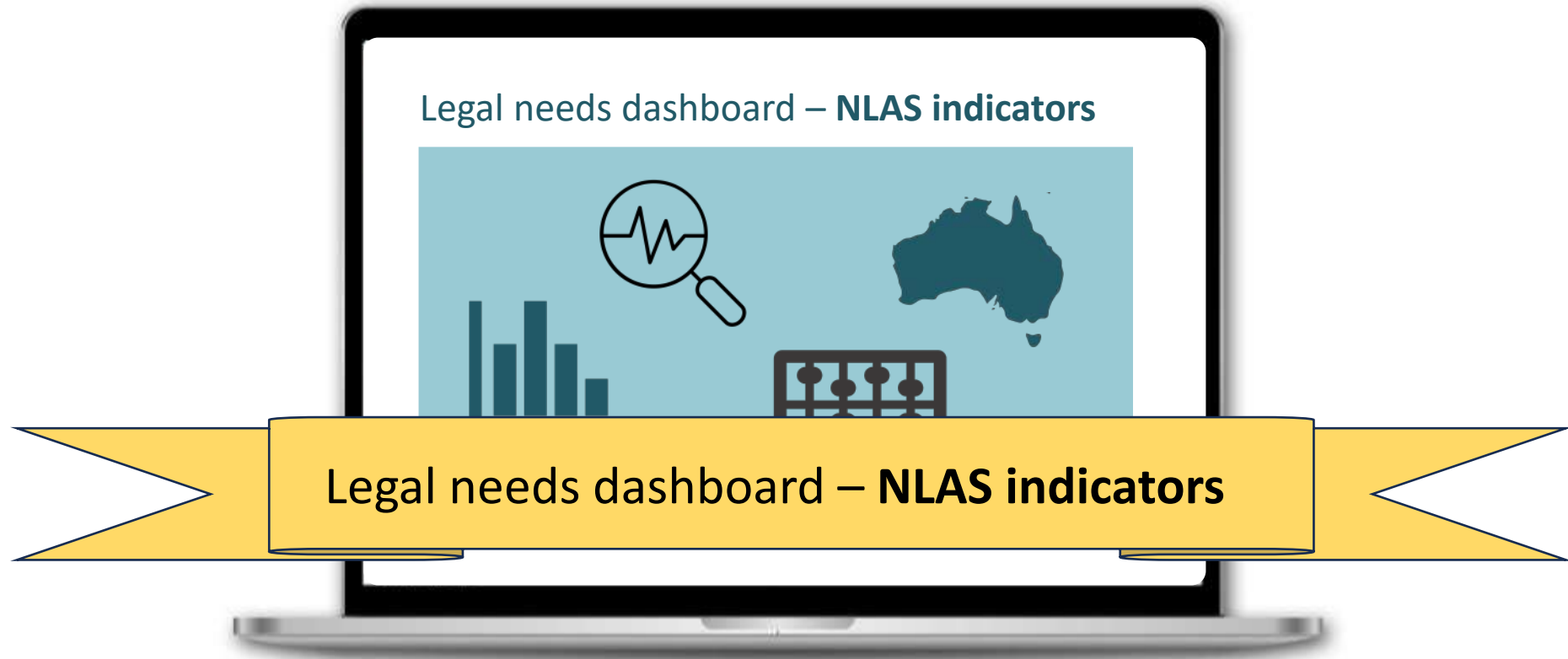
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## Central Tablelands CLSD region



# Need for Legal Assistance Services (NLAS) indicators



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Counting people

who are more likely to need public legal assistance  
if they experience a legal problem.

→ Apply what we know about legal needs to census data  
to create an indicator that is comparable across geographic areas.

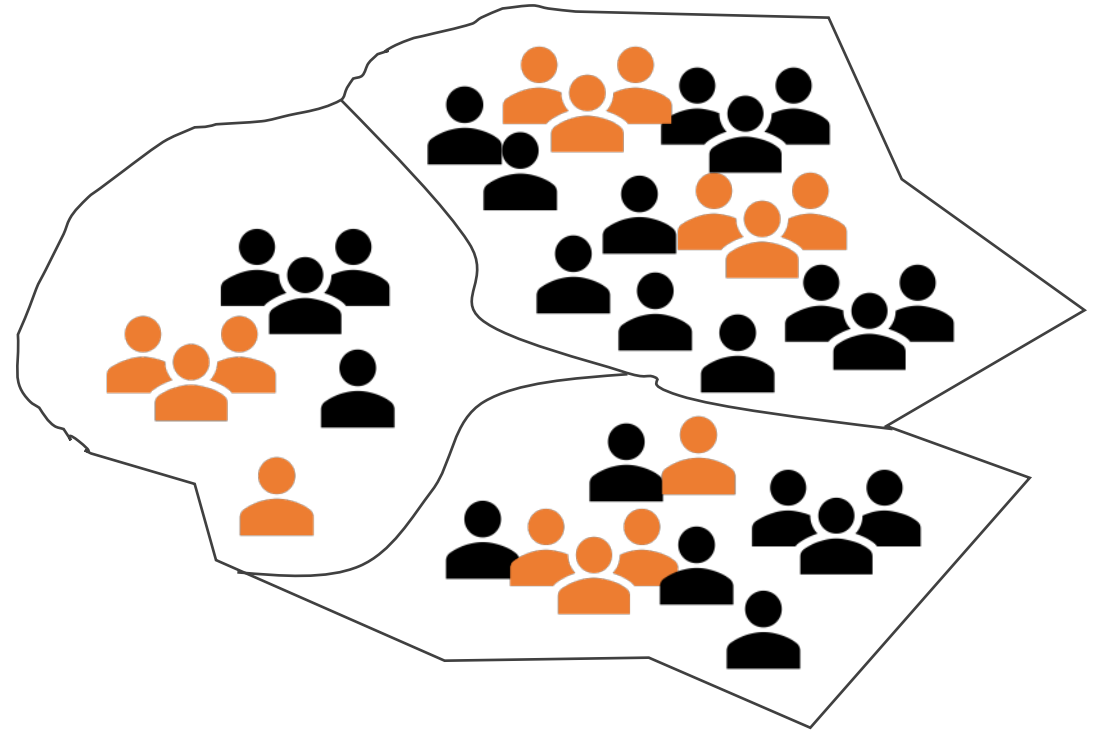


## Socio-demographic criteria

### NLAS population

Geographic distribution: indication of the relative amount of potential demand between areas

- ✓ Counts can make the invisible more visible
- ✓ Available at different levels of geography
- ✓ Can be computed for custom areas
- ✗ Potential demand only
- ✗ Not a count of problems
- ✗ Limitations of census data



- What areas are likely to face greater demand for services?
- How does service provision align with the distribution of NLAS population?

## Identifying legal needs





1. Which LGA in NSW has the highest proportion of children and young people, and which LGA has the highest count?
2. What is the total number of NDIS participants in the Hunter CLSD region?
3. What is the estimated rate of poverty for Young People in Queanbeyan (just east of Canberra)?
4. In the Hay SA2 region, what is the estimated rate of poverty for people living in Private Rentals?

**NCOSS Mapping tool**



[ncoss.org.au](https://ncoss.org.au)

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**NCOSS Dashboard**



**LJF Community groups dashboard**



[bit.ly/ljfdashboardprototype](https://bit.ly/ljfdashboardprototype)

**Data by state and LGA/CLSD only**