

Northern Rivers CLSD region – Data Pack

Population data

Need for Legal Assistance Services (NLAS) indicators

Legal Assistance Priority Client groups

Local Government Areas:

Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley, Tweed

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CLSD regions

The Cooperative Legal Service Delivery (CLSD) Program comprises twelve justice partnerships in regional and remote NSW.

> About the [CLSD Program](#)

CLSD regions are based on Local Government Area (LGA) boundaries. Maps in this data pack present data by postcode (postal areas – POA) for a more precise visual representation.

> LGA/POA 2021 boundaries were used, as defined in the ABS [ASGS Edition 3](#) structure

Data sources

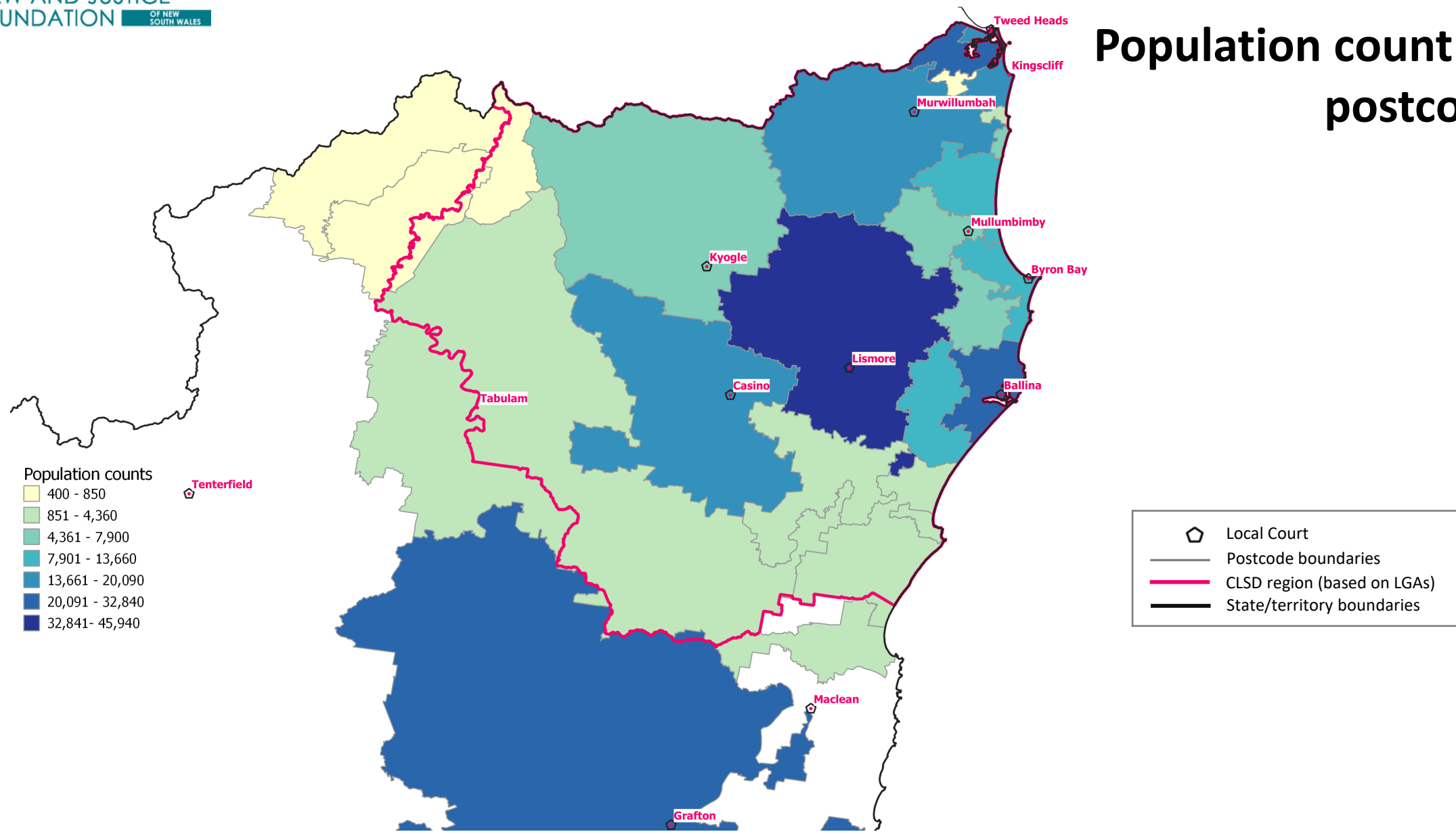
This data pack provides a profile of the **Northern Rivers** CLSD region using data from the following sources:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics (**ABS**) **2021 Census**
- Department of Social Services (**DSS**), December 2022
- National Disability Insurance Agency (**NDIA**), December 2022

It also includes the Foundation's Need for Legal Assistance Services (**NLAS**) indicators.
A complete list of indicators with detailed definitions is included on slide 9.



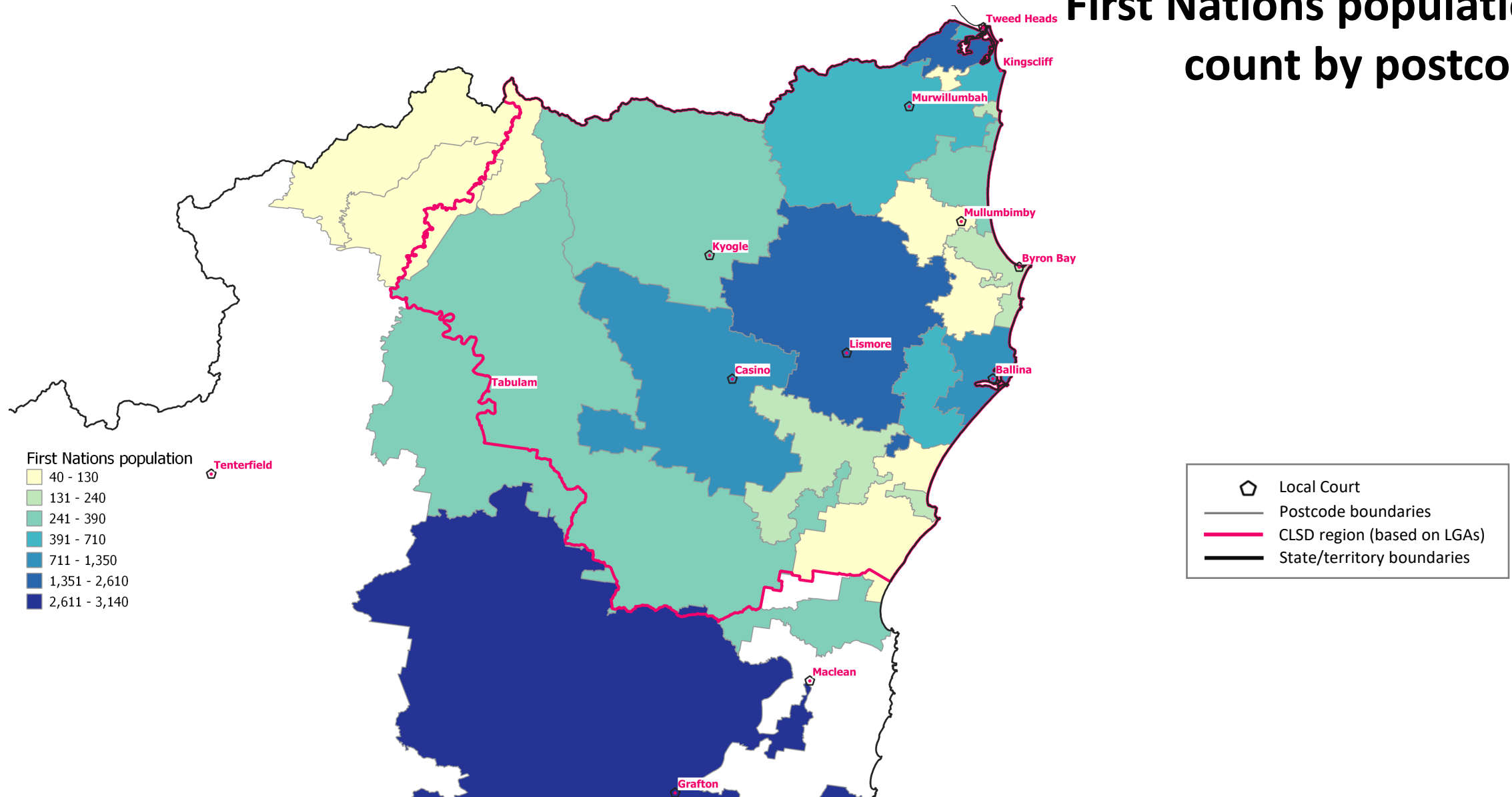
Population count by postcode



Caution: postcode areas that are only partially included in the CLSD region may reflect population counts residing outside region boundaries.

Source: ABS 2021 Census

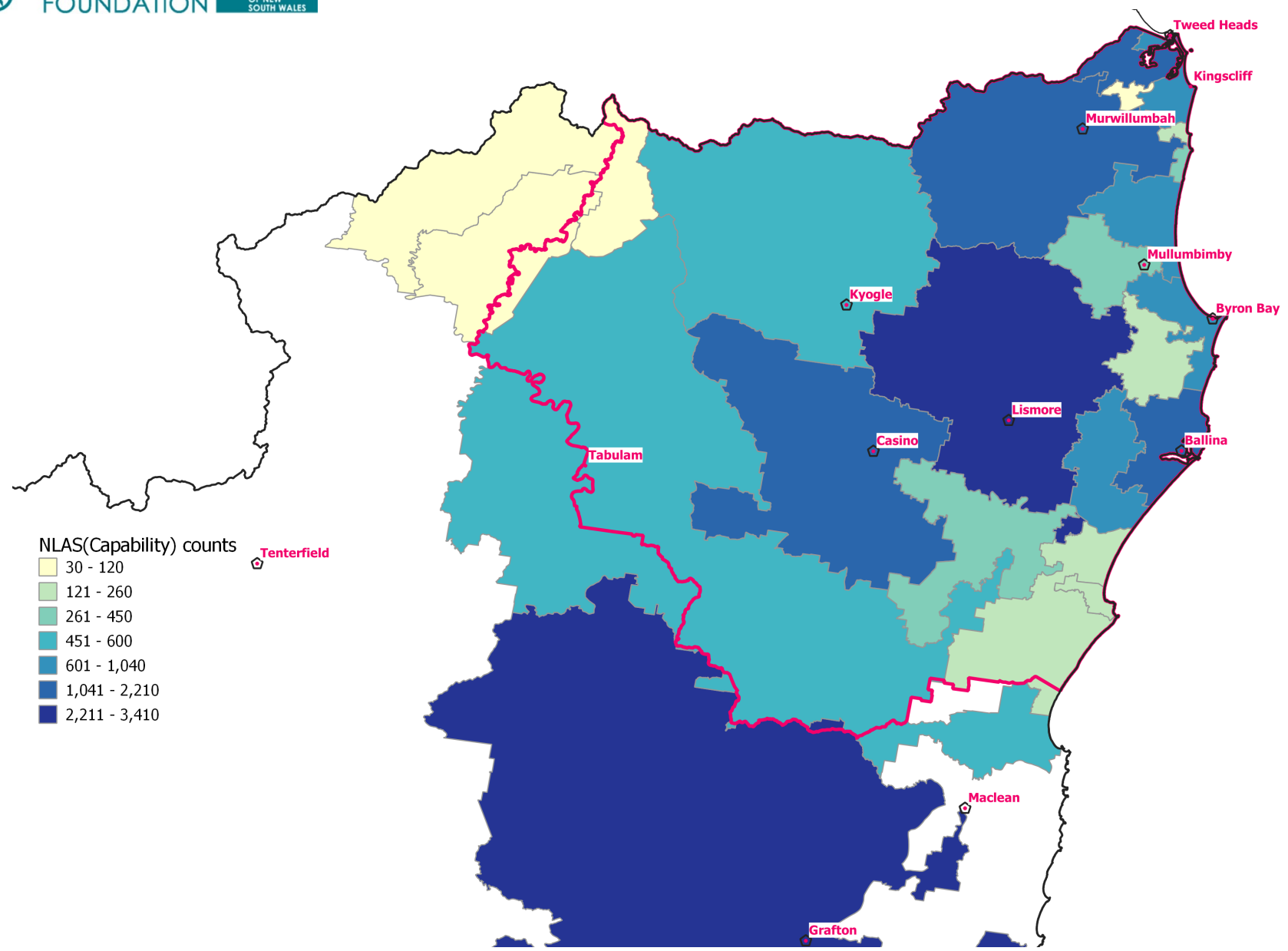
First Nations population count by postcode



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Source: ABS 2021 Census

NLAS(Capability) count by postcode



 Local Court

 Postcode boundaries

 CLSD region (based on LGAs)

 State/territory boundaries

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Priority group profile (population counts by LGA)

Population group	NSW	CLSD	Richmond					
		region	Ballina	Byron	Kyogle	Lismore	Valley	Tweed
NLAS(Capability)	483,640	17,420	2,530	1,970	970	3,320	2,250	6,380
NLAS(Community)	785,650	30,080	4,490	2,520	1,690	5,580	4,450	11,360
All Population	8,072,160	257,060	46,300	36,120	9,360	44,330	23,570	97,390
Population 15+	6,602,160	214,240	38,750	30,300	7,880	36,750	19,250	81,310
Female 15+	3,373,580	111,840	20,420	15,910	3,970	18,920	9,790	42,830
First nations population	278,040	11,800	1,800	690	530	2,600	1,860	4,330
First nations Female 15+	95,050	4,200	660	250	180	910	620	1,590
Low income 15+ <33.8K	2,527,600	92,010	15,790	11,270	4,070	15,860	8,870	36,150
Children & young people 0-24	2,424,090	67,830	11,850	9,000	2,280	12,520	6,890	25,300
Older people (65+, Ind 50+)	1,459,440	64,540	12,800	6,810	2,580	9,630	6,160	26,570
Lone parent 15+	337,730	12,500	2,140	1,580	460	2,480	1,190	4,650
Carer Payment	110,320	3,750	560	260	250	630	600	1,460
Disability Support Pension	239,520	12,350	1,760	1,350	740	2,650	1,520	4,340
NDIS Participants	172,190	6,740	1,260	580	250	1,560	790	2,310

Counts rounded to the nearest ten

Source: ABS 2021 Census

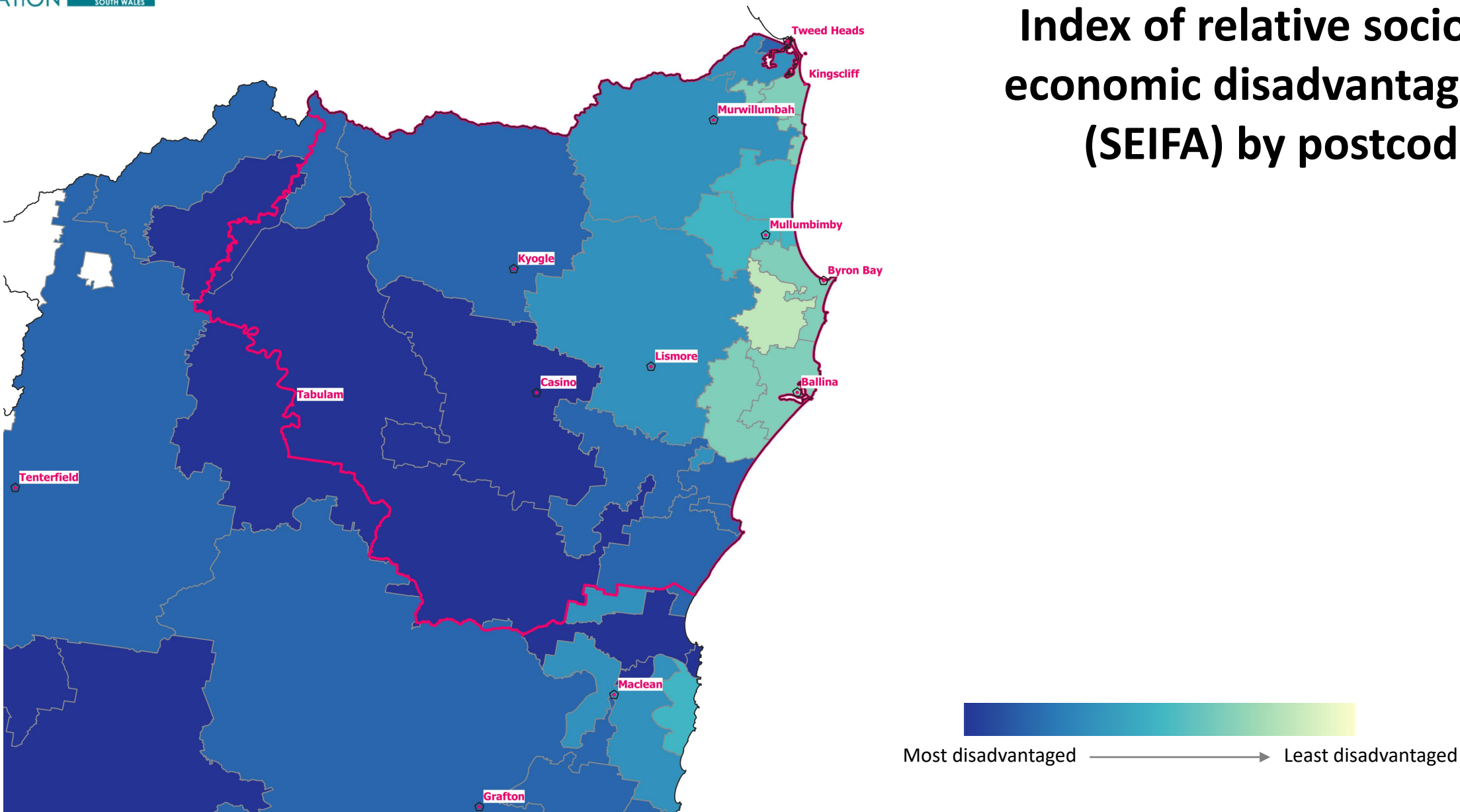
Priority group profile (percentages by LGA)

Population group	NSW	CLSD region	Ballina	Byron	Kyogle	Lismore	Richmond Valley	Tweed
NLAS(Capability)	9.3	11.5	9.6	8.4	17.9	12.1	16.9	11.5
NLAS(Community)	11.9	14.0	11.6	8.3	21.4	15.2	23.1	14.0
Population 15+	81.8	83.3	83.7	83.9	84.1	82.9	81.7	83.5
Female 15+	41.8	43.5	44.1	44.1	42.4	42.7	41.5	44.0
First nations population	3.4	4.6	3.9	1.9	5.6	5.9	7.9	4.4
First nations Female 15+	1.2	1.6	1.4	0.7	1.9	2.0	2.6	1.6
Low income 15+ <33.8K	31.3	35.8	34.1	31.2	43.5	35.8	37.7	37.1
Children & young people 0-24	30.0	26.4	25.6	24.9	24.4	28.2	29.2	26.0
Older people (65+, Ind 50+)	18.1	25.1	27.6	18.9	27.5	21.7	26.1	27.3
Lone parent 15+	4.2	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.9	5.6	5.1	4.8
Carer Payment	1.4	1.5	1.2	0.7	2.6	1.4	2.5	1.5
Disability Support Pension	3.0	4.8	3.8	3.7	7.9	6.0	6.4	4.5
NDIS Participants	2.1	2.6	2.7	1.6	2.6	3.5	3.4	2.4

green cells	indicate a percentage lower than for NSW
red cells	indicate a percentage higher than for NSW

NLAS(Capability) rates are expressed as a percentage of the 15-64 population
 NLAS(Community) rates are expressed as a percentage of the 15+ population
 All other community group rates are expressed as a percentage of the total population

Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage (SEIFA) by postcode



Source: ABS 2021 Census, using NSW ranking

Community group definitions

Indicator	Description
NLAS(Capability)	NLAS(Capability) counts people with low personal income, and a lower level of educational attainment. It includes those who meet ALL criteria listed below: • Age 15–64 • Personal income is less than \$649 a week, or \$33,800 a year • Highest Year of school completed is: year 12 for those aged 15–44, year 11 for those aged 45–54, year 10 for those aged 55–64 • No post-school qualifications above Certificate 2 • Not currently studying
NLAS(Community)	NLAS(Community) counts people with medium household income, and a lower level of educational attainment. It includes those who meet ALL criteria listed below: • Age 15 or over • Equivalised total household income is less than \$999 a week, or \$52,000 a year • Highest Year of school completed is: year 12 for those aged 15–44, year 11 for those aged 45–54, year 10 for those aged 55–69, year 9 for those aged 70–79, year 8 for those aged 80 or over • No post-school qualification above Certificate 2 • Not currently studying
Population 15+	A count of people aged 15 and over.
Low income <33.8K (15+)	People aged 15 years and over with a personal income < \$649 a week or < \$33,800 a year.
Female 15+	Female people aged 15 years and over.
First nations (all ages)	People who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.
First nations Female 15+	Female people aged 15 years and over who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.
Children and young people	People aged 24 years and under, including babies and children.
Older people	People who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged 50 and over, and people who did not identify as Indigenous aged 65 years and over.
Lone parents (15+)	People aged 15 years and over classified as lone parent. This is households with one male or female parent and a dependent child. All children under 15 are classified as dependent. Children aged 15 to 24 are dependent when they are in education.
Carer Payment	Carer Payment provides income support for carers who, because of the demands of their caring role, are unable to support themselves through substantial paid employment. Data includes recipients who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) or suspended on the Centrelink payment system.
Disability Support Pension	DSP is an income support payment for people who are unable to work for 15 hours or more per week at or above the relevant minimum wage, independent of a Program of Support due to permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment. A DSP claimant must be aged 16 years or over and under Age Pension age at date of claim, however once in receipt of DSP, a person can continue to receive DSP beyond Age Pension age. Data includes recipients who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) or suspended on the Centrelink payment system.
NDIS Participants	The number of active participants with a current NDIS plan.

Population data by postcode

For reference - this table presents the population counts by postcode used for mapping purposes.

Teal italic font denotes cross-border postcodes.

Postcode	All Population	First nations population	NLAS (Capability)
2460	31,080	3,130	3,370
2469	4,360	380	590
2470	15,480	1,340	1,530
2471	2,820	210	290
2472	1,990	110	180
2473	3,200	180	210
2474	6,490	280	600
2475	400	50	70
2476	850	110	120
2477	12,900	560	690
2478	32,050	1,220	1,760
2479	5,780	90	260
2480	45,940	2,610	3,410
2481	13,660	230	670
2482	6,970	130	450
2483	11,620	310	760
2484	20,080	690	1,600
2485	15,350	680	1,040
2486	32,840	1,700	2,210
2487	15,090	710	740
2488	3,520	180	220
2489	7,890	270	380
2490	690	40	30

Counts rounded to the nearest ten

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