Hunter CLSD region – Data Pack

Population data
Need for Legal Assistance Services (NLAS) indicators
Legal Assistance Priority Client groups

Local Government Areas:
Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Singleton, Upper Hunter Shire

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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 **Hunter** 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.

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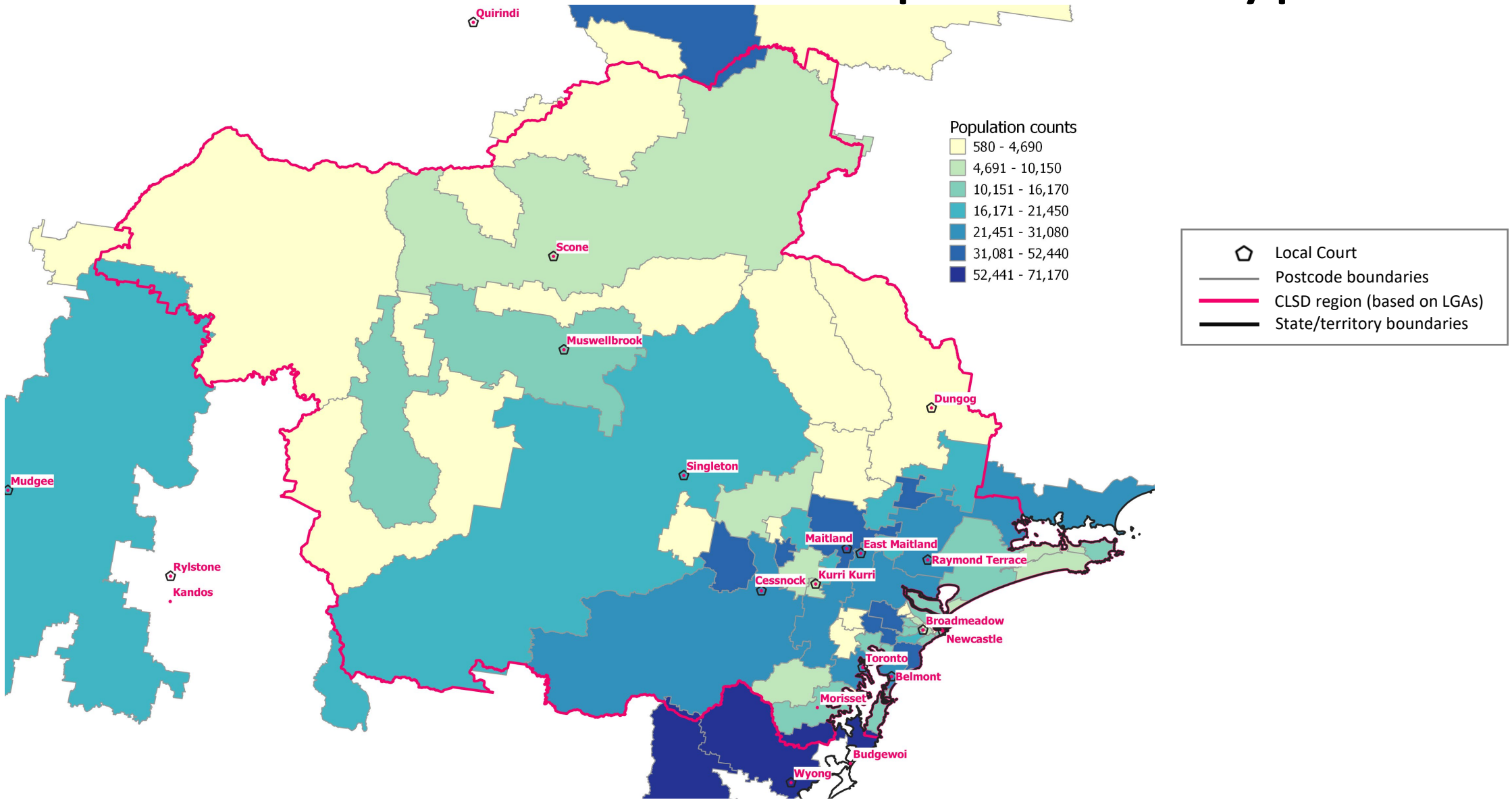
Population count by postcode



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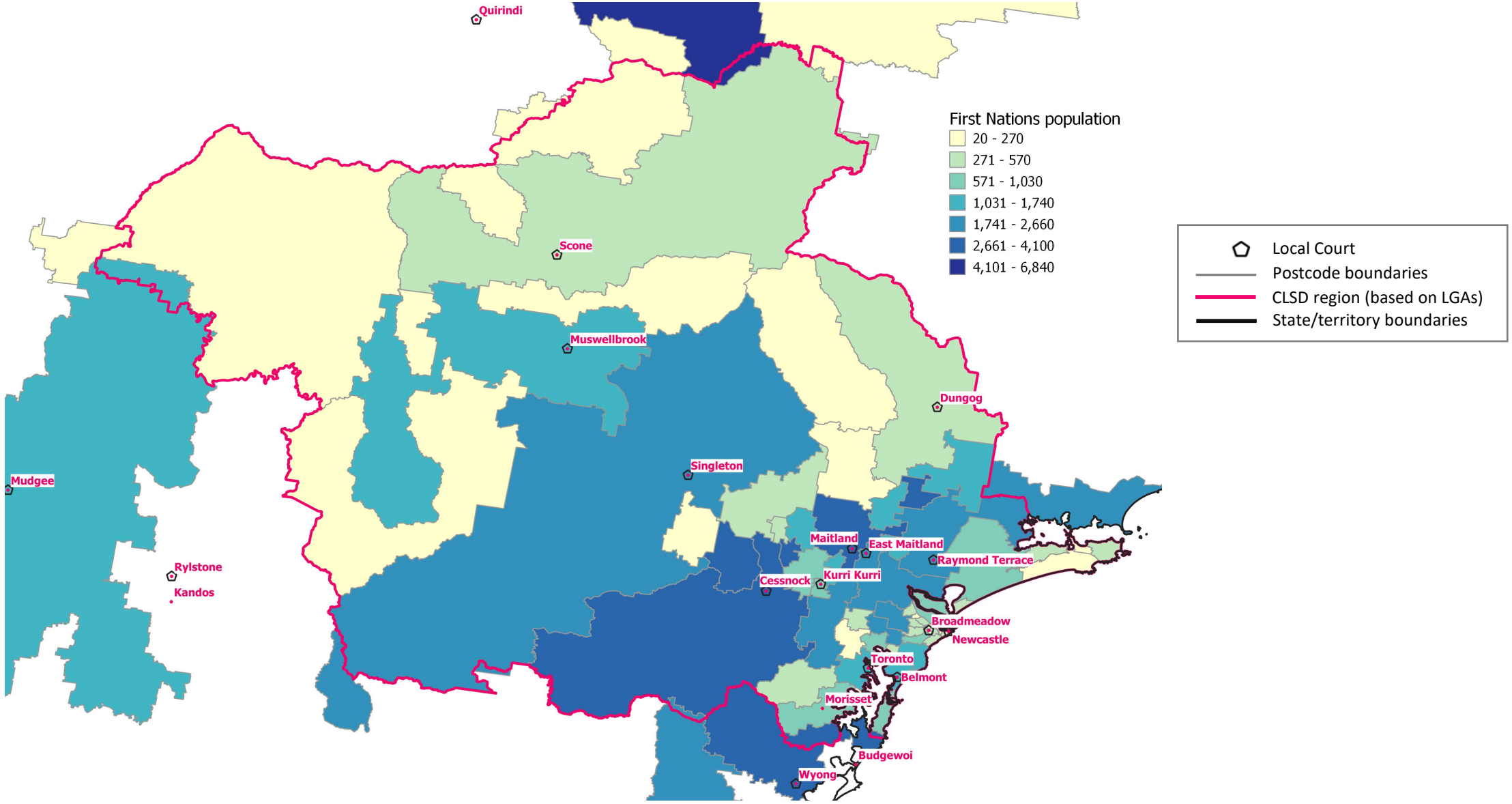
First Nations population count by postcode



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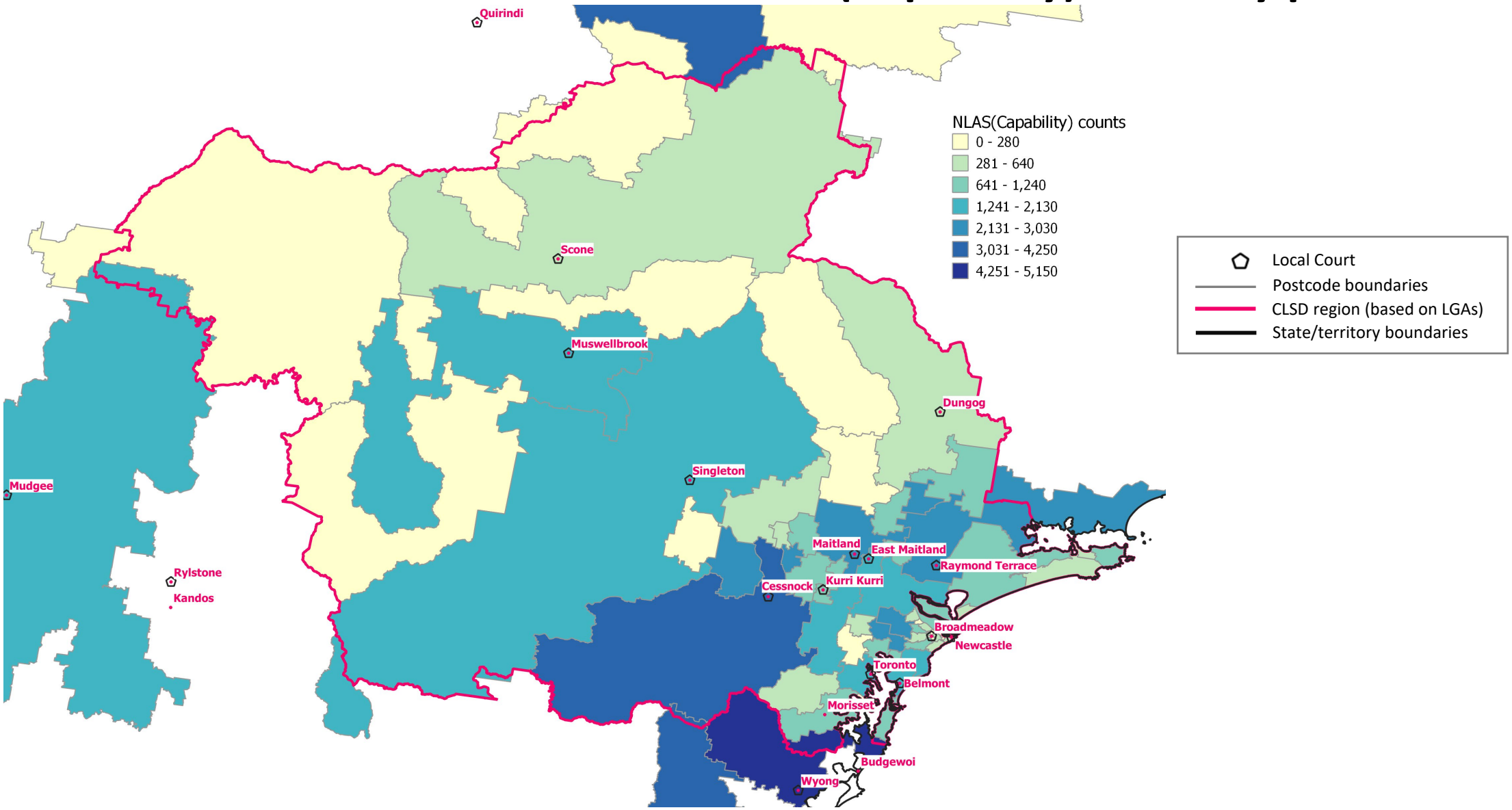
NLAS(Capability) count by postcode



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Priority group profile (population counts by LGA)

Population group	NSW	CLSD region	Cessnock	Dungog	Lake Macquarie	Maitland	Muswellbrook	Newcastle	Port Stephens	Singleton	Upper Hunter
NLAS(Capability)	483,640	49,820	6,760	770	14,680	6,950	1,700	9,860	5,950	2,030	1,130
NLAS(Community)	785,650	79,000	10,570	1,260	23,570	10,860	2,460	15,590	9,970	2,730	1,990
All Population	8,072,160	676,560	63,630	9,540	213,850	90,230	16,360	168,870	75,280	24,580	14,230
Population 15+	6,602,160	552,490	50,800	7,770	175,080	70,960	12,890	141,510	62,390	19,500	11,590
Female 15+	3,373,580	283,050	25,360	3,910	90,690	36,920	6,320	72,620	31,910	9,450	5,860
First nations population	278,040	42,890	6,480	690	11,760	6,740	1,910	7,410	4,890	2,030	990
First nations Female 15+	95,050	14,350	2,000	220	3,950	2,260	580	2,710	1,610	670	350
Low income 15+ <33.8K	2,527,600	222,010	21,520	3,340	71,850	27,830	5,000	52,760	27,920	7,210	4,580
Children & young people 0-24	2,424,090	206,400	20,420	2,680	62,750	30,310	5,390	51,500	20,830	8,370	4,140
Older people (65+, Ind 50+)	1,459,440	136,060	11,560	2,210	48,420	14,670	2,660	29,560	20,080	3,770	3,130
Lone parent 15+	337,730	32,460	3,780	350	10,530	4,560	800	7,440	3,510	970	520
Carer Payment	110,320	9,220	1,380	150	2,860	1,270	240	1,620	1,290	280	160
Disability Support Pension	239,520	27,930	3,110	370	8,440	3,660	730	7,410	2,990	800	440
NDIS Participants	172,190	21,690	2,180	250	6,670	3,730	500	5,280	2,180	650	260

Counts rounded to the nearest ten

Source: ABS 2021 Census

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Priority group profile (percentages by LGA)

Population group	NSW	CLSD region	Cessnock	Dungog	Lake Macquarie	Maitland	Muswellbrook	Newcastle	Port Stephens	Singleton	Upper Hunter
NLAS(Capability)	9.3	11.8	16.9	13.5	11.5	12.2	16.3	8.7	13.9	12.7	13.2
NLAS(Community)	11.9	14.3	20.8	16.2	13.5	15.3	19.1	11.0	16.0	14.0	17.1
Population 15+	81.8	81.7	79.8	81.4	81.9	78.6	78.8	83.8	82.9	79.3	81.4
Female 15+	41.8	41.8	39.8	41.0	42.4	40.9	38.7	43.0	42.4	38.4	41.2
First nations population	3.4	6.3	10.2	7.2	5.5	7.5	11.7	4.4	6.5	8.3	7.0
First nations Female 15+	1.2	2.1	3.1	2.3	1.8	2.5	3.6	1.6	2.1	2.7	2.5
Low income 15+ <33.8K	31.3	32.8	33.8	35.0	33.6	30.8	30.6	31.2	37.1	29.3	32.2
Children & young people 0-24	30.0	30.5	32.1	28.1	29.3	33.6	32.9	30.5	27.7	34.1	29.1
Older people (65+, Ind 50+)	18.1	20.1	18.2	23.1	22.6	16.3	16.3	17.5	26.7	15.3	22.0
Lone parent 15+	4.2	4.8	5.9	3.7	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.7	3.9	3.7
Carer Payment	1.4	1.4	2.2	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.1	1.1
Disability Support Pension	3.0	4.1	4.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.0	3.3	3.1
NDIS Participants	2.1	3.2	3.4	2.6	3.1	4.1	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.6	1.8

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

Source: ABS 2021 Census

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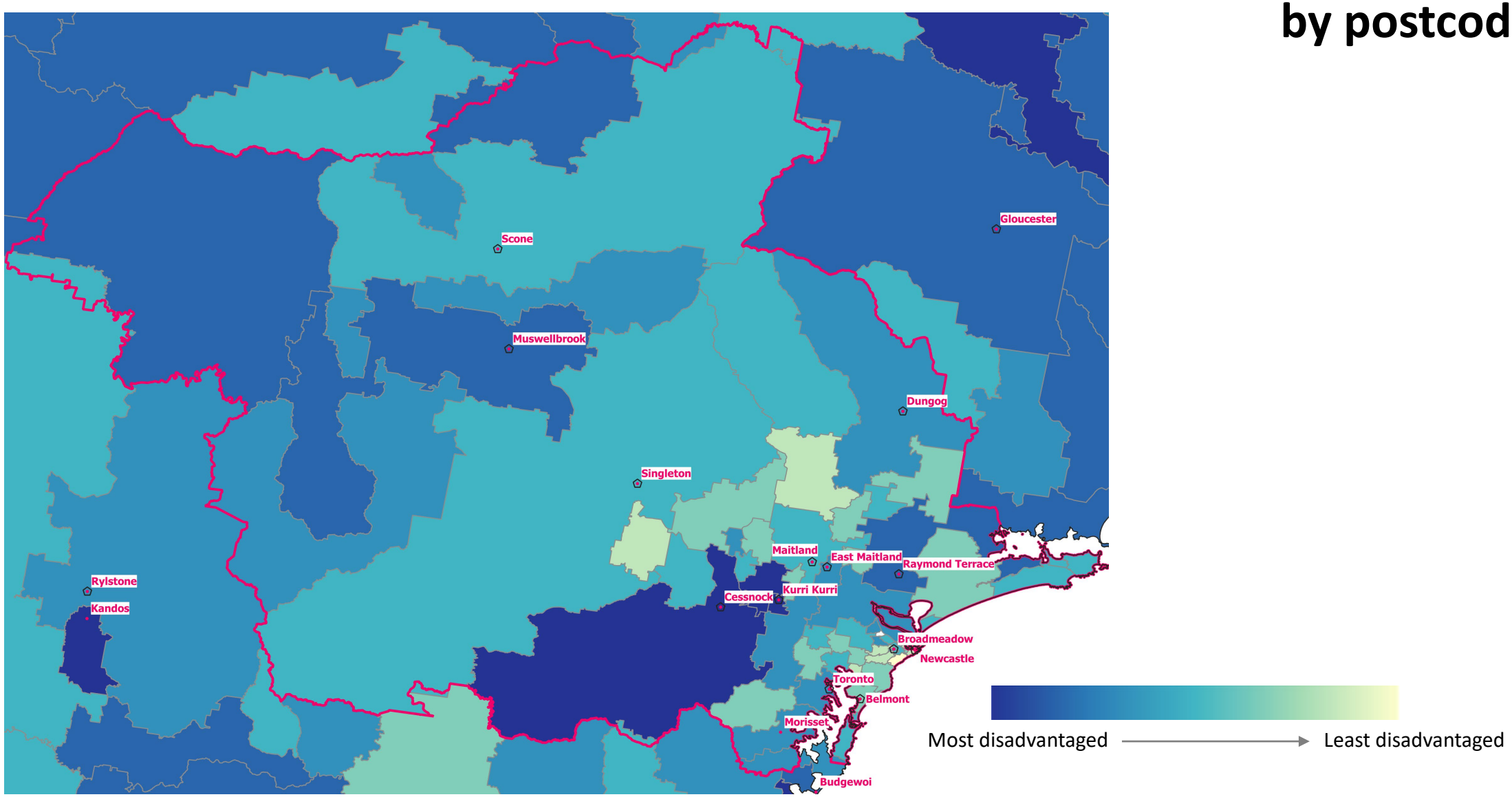
Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage (SEIFA) by postcode



Source: ABS 2021 Census, using NSW ranking

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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.

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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)
2250	71,170	2,660	4,250
2259	66,240	4,090	5,150
2264	16,160	1,020	1,220
2265	7,460	340	420
2267	2,920	150	190
2278	2,570	200	240
2280	27,180	1,230	1,710
2281	15,320	760	1,120
2282	16,150	490	750
2283	24,420	1,660	1,870
2284	12,610	690	950
2285	33,870	2,170	2,400
2286	4,690	340	410
2287	40,850	2,290	2,780
2289	20,260	640	900
2290	34,910	1,640	2,060
2291	14,280	310	400
2292	2,620	120	160
2293	3,300	110	140
2294	2,060	130	130
2295	8,090	410	500
2296	2,030	60	110
2297	1,800	70	100
2298	10,140	530	640
2299	11,910	510	850

Postcode	All Population	First nations population	NLAS (Capability)
2300	12,060	340	460
2302	1,410	20	50
2303	9,710	360	580
2304	15,810	800	1,120
2305	13,110	400	520
2306	3,420	560	790
2307	4,540	290	360
2308	1,360	40	<10
2311	910	60	100
2315	15,290	540	960
2316	6,580	260	430
2317	6,550	250	450
2318	13,670	910	860
2319	6,890	550	730
2320	39,160	2,920	3,030
2321	19,860	1,450	1,240
2322	24,370	1,950	2,020
2323	26,050	1,910	2,130
2324	25,440	2,350	2,620
2325	31,070	3,340	3,590
2326	7,870	860	970
2327	7,830	890	1,010
2328	2,510	190	210
2329	2,140	150	210
2330	21,450	1,860	1,830

Postcode	All Population	First nations population	NLAS (Capability)
2331	580	30	10
2333	13,800	1,740	1,500
2334	3,350	320	310
2335	8,120	570	540
2336	2,590	230	230
2337	8,060	510	550
2338	1,400	90	120
2340	52,440	6,830	4,120
2354	3,480	230	280
2420	4,020	330	370
2421	2,070	100	130
2850	19,150	1,290	1,490

Counts rounded to the nearest ten

Source: ABS 2021 Census