MAPPING VULNERABILITY: Community Profiles for Effective Legal Assistance

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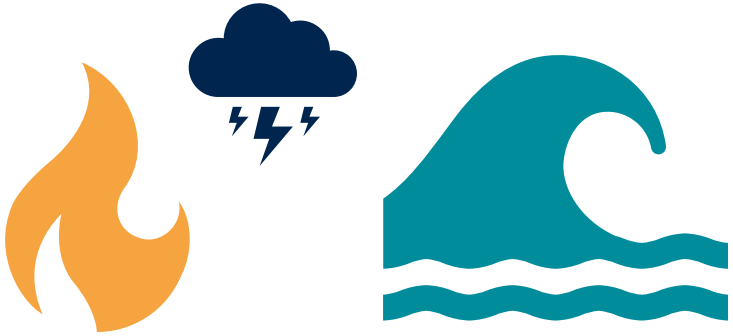
Disaster-related legal need

- legal need increases and evolves
- existing vulnerabilities exacerbated



type and scale of disaster

characteristics of the community affected

nature of legal need

- different types of legal issues
- different challenges in addressing legal issues
- different ways to access services

Legal Assistance Service providers

- not business as usual, disrupted referral pathways
- deliver services in areas they may not be familiar with
- make swift decisions about service provision
  - recovery centres
  - legal expertise
  - service delivery model

Disaster response

What might be useful to know?

Where to find relevant information?

- National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
  - scale of the disaster
- Past experiences of other disasters in other areas

- Difficult to find data for the specific area/community

“We google information about the area

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Population 15+ Map by LGA

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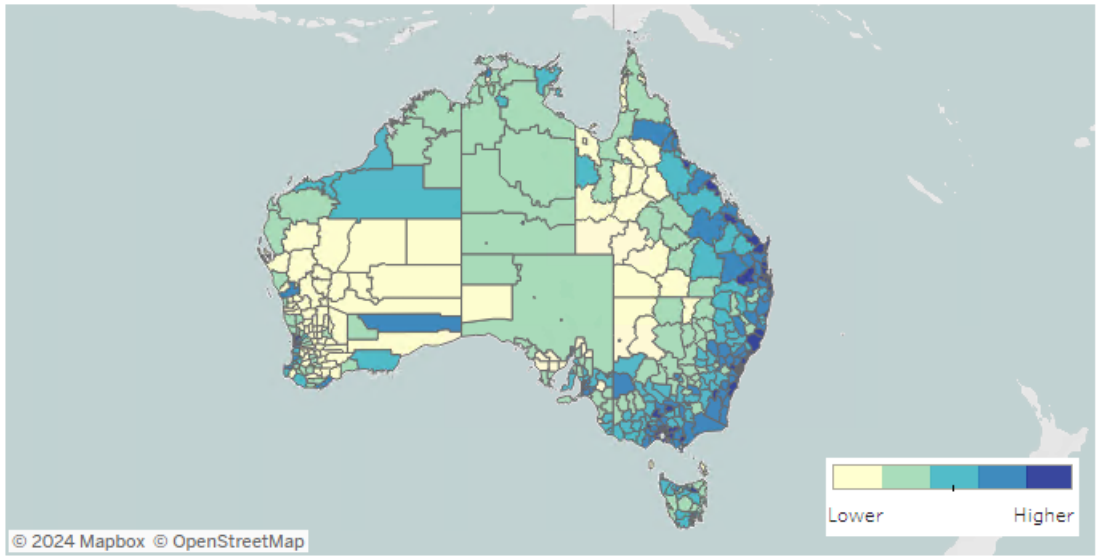

Summary statistics for selected LGAs

Population 15+

Count:
20,733,640

% of General Population:
81.7%

Population 15+ comparison against (none selected) by LGA

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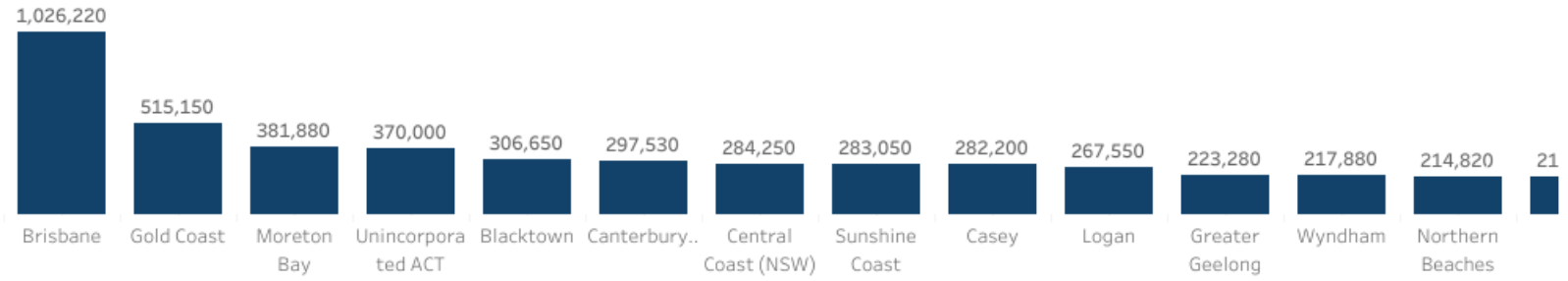

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INDICATORS

Primary Indicator: Population 15+

Show data as: Counts

Comparison Indicator ◆: (none selected)

GEOGRAPHY

State: (All)

LGA: (All)

CLSD Region (NSW): All

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Indicators

POPULATION
All Population
Population 15+
Female 15+
Children & young people
Older people

DIVERSITY
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (All)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Female 15+)
Language other than English 15+
Low English proficiency 15+

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PAYMENT
Age Pension
Carer Payment
Disability Support Pension
JobSeeker Payment
Youth Allowance

DISADVANTAGE
Disengaged young people 15-24
Homeless, or at risk
Low education
Lone parent 15+
Low personal income <$33,800/year 15+
Rural & remote

HEALTH
Disability (severe/profound) (0-64)
Mental health condition
National Disability Insurance Scheme participants

DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE (NSW only)
ADVOs issued
Domestic violence related assault
DV Intimidation, stalking, harassment
Breach ADVOs

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Major flooding event
February-March 2023

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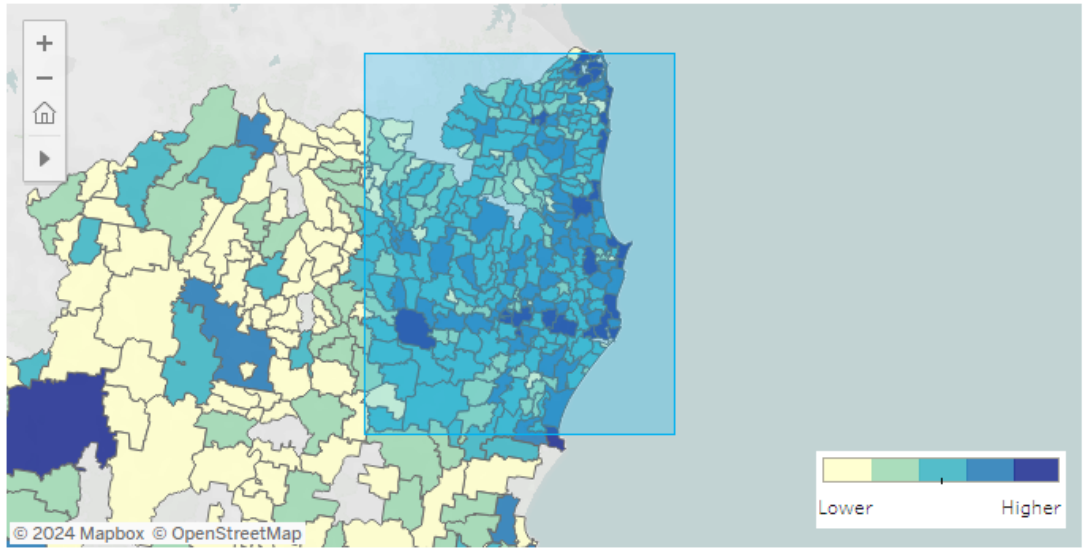

Summary statistics for selected suburbs

All Population

Count:
8,060,750

% of General Population:
N/A

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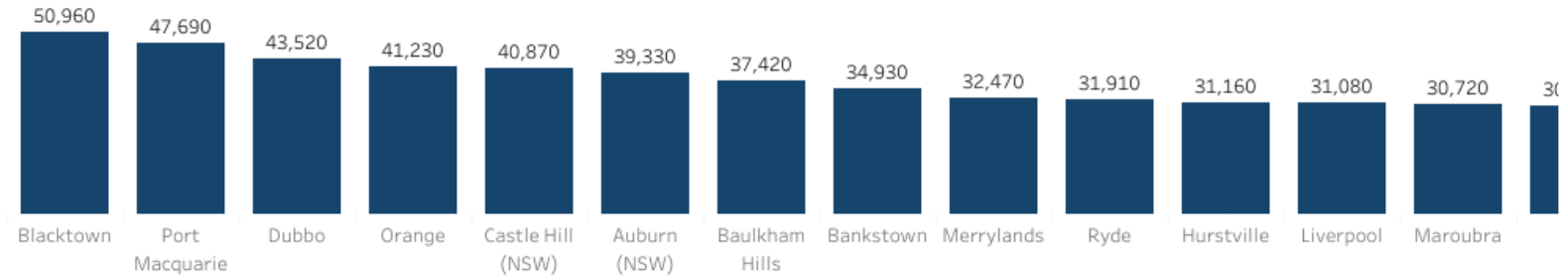

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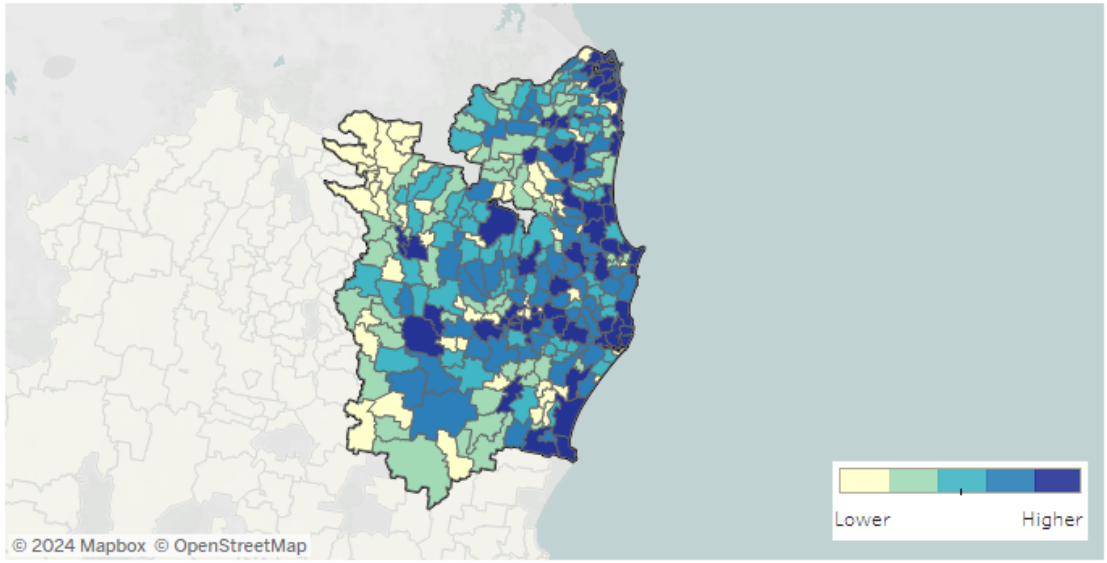

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254,020

% of General Population:
N/A

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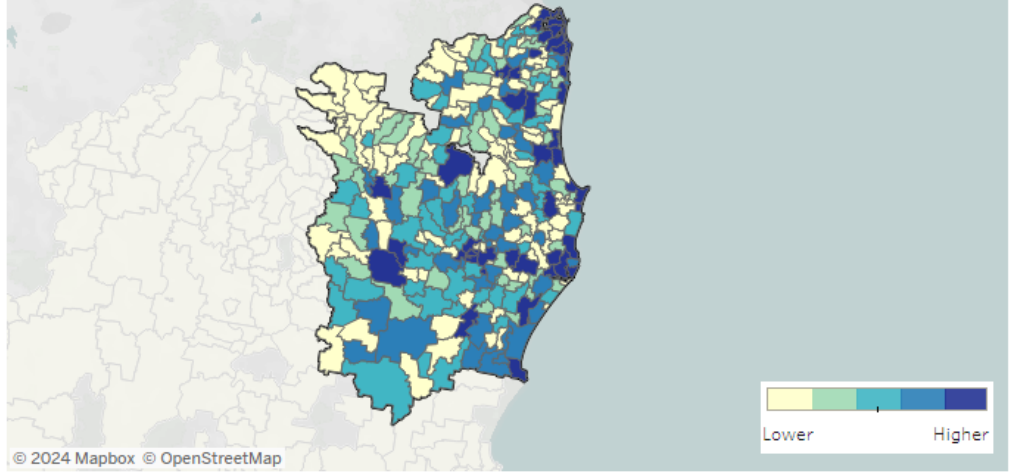

Summary statistics for selected suburbs

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (AII)

Count:
11,500

% of General Population:
4.5%

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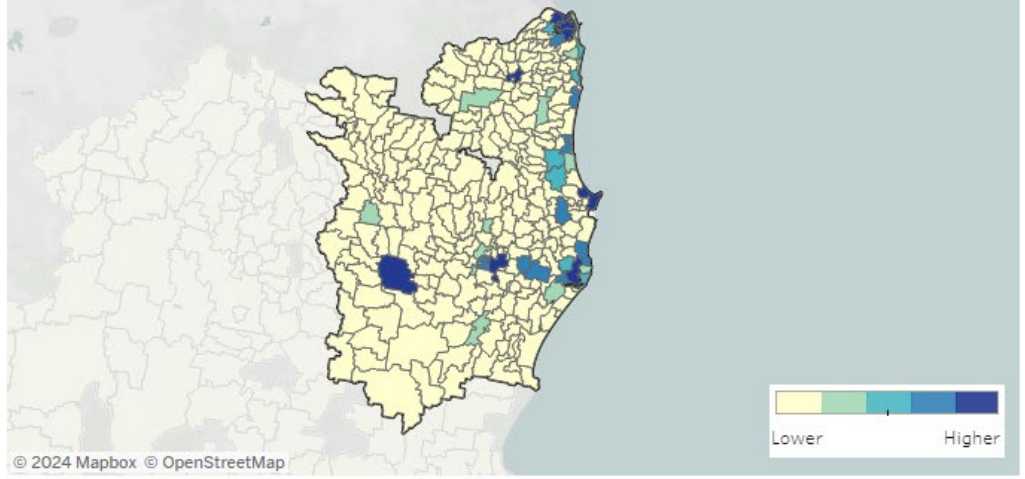

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Low English proficiency 15+

Count:
680

% of General Population:
0.3%

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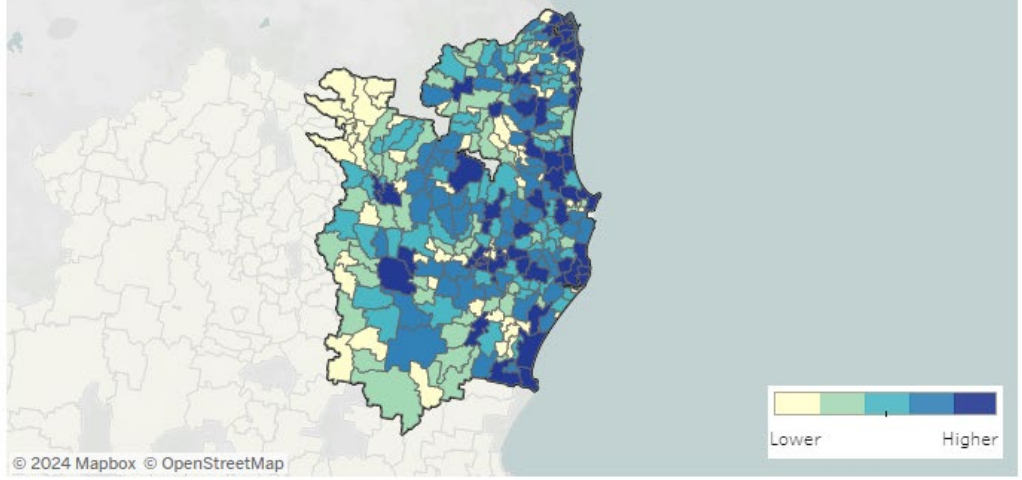

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Low personal income <$33,800/yr 15+

Count:
89,500

% of General Population:
35.8%

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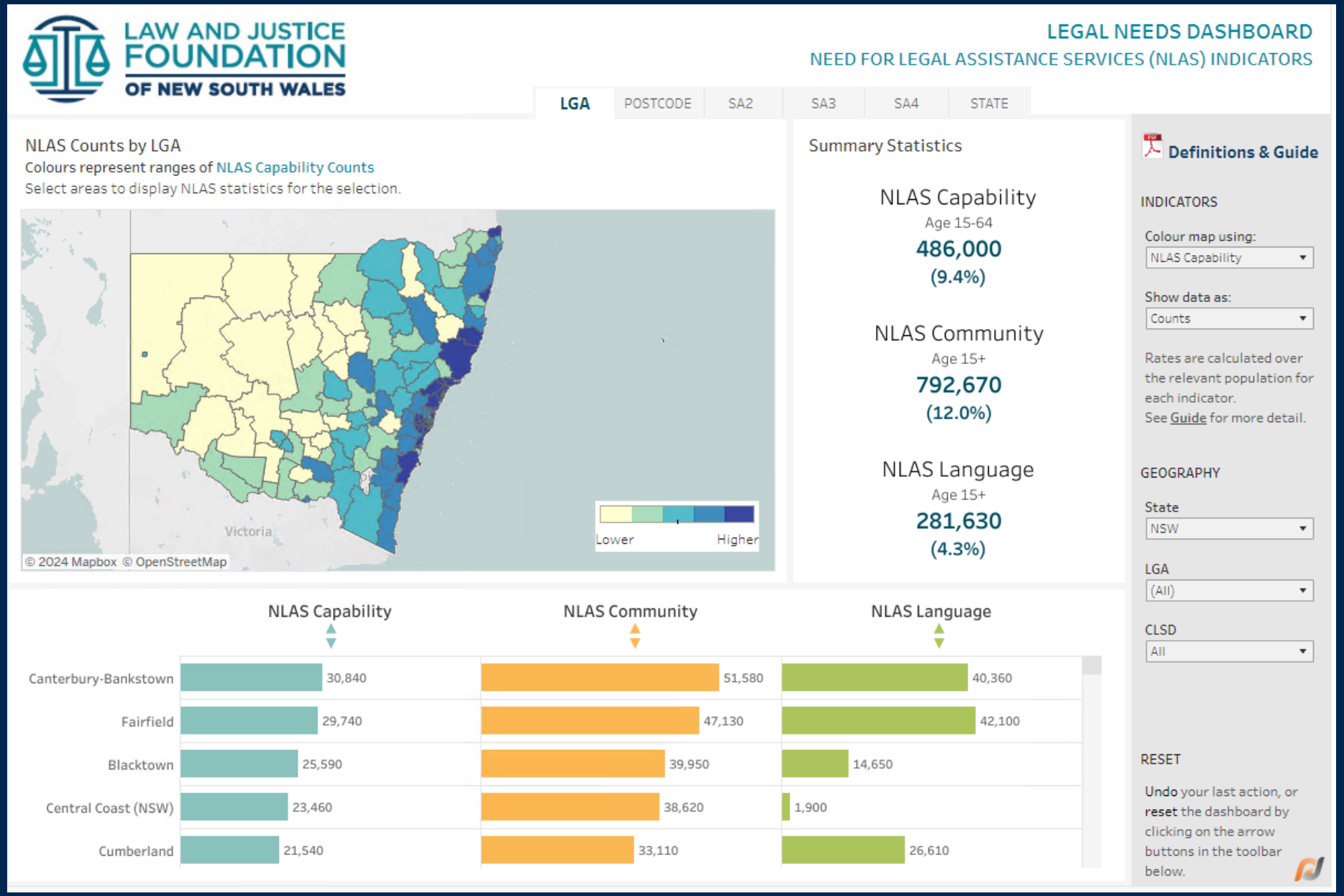
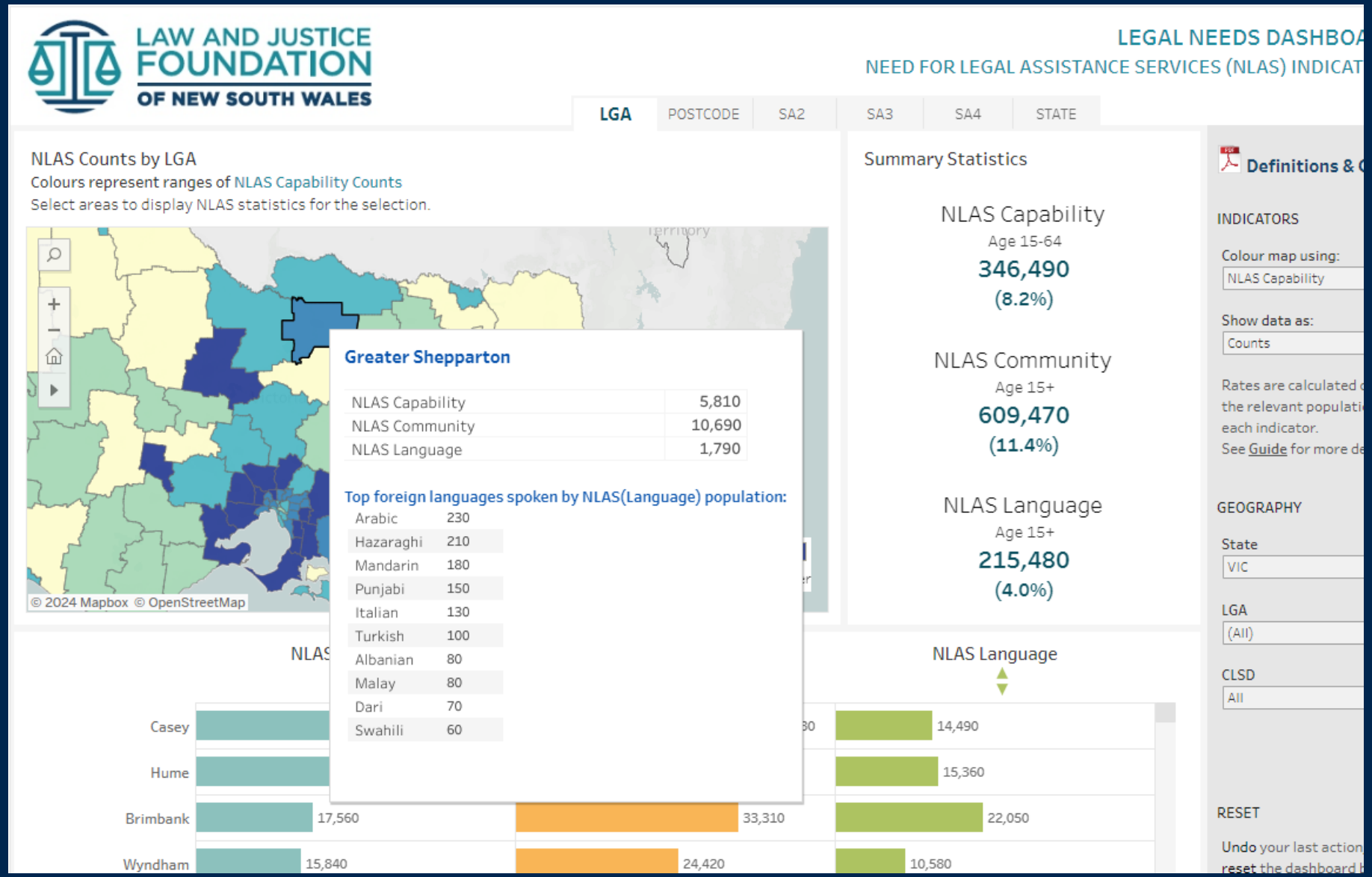


Need for Legal Assistance Services (NLAS) indicators



NLAS Indicators

Low income
Low education
Low English proficiency

Most common languages

Service planning and delivery

Such indicators do not account for the changes in legal need in the event of a natural disaster.

Readily available information to help support the planning and delivery of services

- Disaster response
- Disaster preparedness

Thank you

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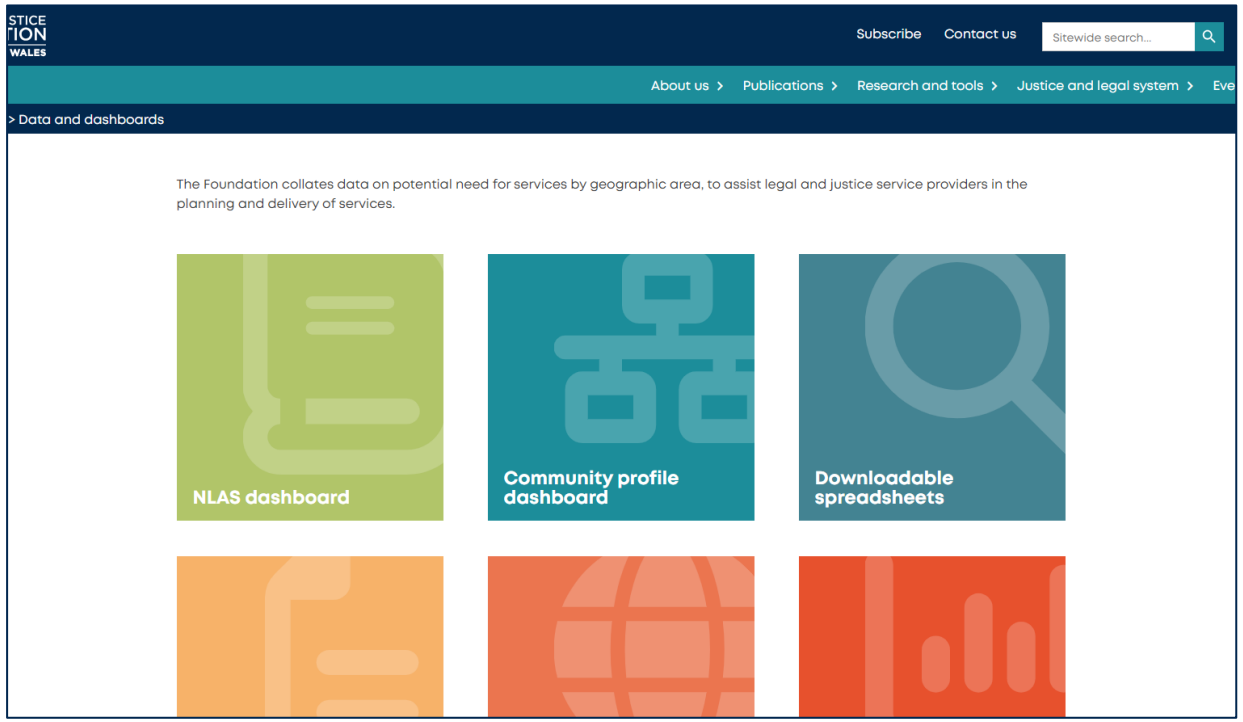

Community Profiles dashboard