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Introduction

Access to accurate and locally relevant data and statistics is key to informed decision-making by local communities, services and policy makers. The Regional Insights for Indigenous Communities (RIFIC) website brings together a range of regional statistics about the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (First Nations) people and their communities.

What this user guide covers

This user guide will assist you to use the Regional Insights for Indigenous Communities (RIFIC) website.

The RIFIC website has 3 dashboards:

- [Regional Overview dashboard](#)
- [Closing the Gap dashboard](#)
- [Life stages dashboard](#)

It also contains a [Services map](#) tab, which shows the availability of selected health services.

Which dashboard should I use?

You may need to use various dashboards, depending on your area of interest.

- The **Regional overview dashboard** has the most data. It contains data across a number of topics, by age groups, sex, and more.
- The **Closing the Gap dashboard** is best for tracking progress of the Closing the Gap targets at lower-level geographies.
- The **Life stages dashboard** is best for comparing selected data across age groups. The life stages are Mothers and babies, Children (0–14 years), Adolescents and youth (15–24 years), Adults (25–49 years) and Older people (50 years and over).

Each dashboard presents statistics from similar data sources in different ways and at different levels of geography (for example, for Australia, a state or territory, or a smaller region). This user guide covers each of the dashboards and includes information on:

- how to access each dashboard
- what the different parts of the dashboard can do
- worked examples of how to find the information you are interested in.

Additional helpful links

- For details on the data available head to [Data availability](#).
- For explanations of terms used and technical language, head to [Glossary](#) and [Abbreviations](#).
- For more information about the data used, head to [Data sources](#) and [Technical notes](#).
- The [Updates](#) page outlines which parts of the website have been most recently updated.

Looking for more help or something different?

If this user guide does not cover the information you are looking for, please visit our [Help page](#) for more information and support or contact us at RIFIC@aihw.gov.au for assistance.

Data downloads

Data presented in the dashboards are available as key statistics, graphs and maps. The underlying data that informs the dashboards are only available on request.

If you require regional level data, please get in touch with us using the [Contact form](#) or via email at RIFIC@aihw.gov.au.

Regional overview dashboard

The **Regional overview dashboard** has the most data. It contains data across a number of topics, by age groups, sex, and more.

1.1 What is the Regional overview dashboard?

The [Regional overview dashboard](#) allows you to search for a community (or other location). These communities are locations derived from the Australian Government Indigenous Programs & Policy Locations (AGIL) data set (visit the [Communities and locations](#) heading on the About page for more information). The statistics presented are about the whole region that a community is located within. You can use the dashboard to compare regions and select different topics.

Data availability differs depending on the topic and data source (see [1.3 How to use the dashboard](#)). Depending on the data source, data is available for national, state and territory, Statistical Area Level 2, Statistical Area Level 3, Statistical Area Level 4 and Indigenous location, Indigenous region, Indigenous area and Local government area region types.

What are region types?

For more information about what region types are, you can visit the [Region types](#) page on the RIFIC website. Here you can find a brief explanation about each of the region types used in the dashboard.

For more information about data availability head to the [Data availability](#) page. Or, for more information about the data sources and information presented in the dashboard, visit the [Technical notes](#) page.

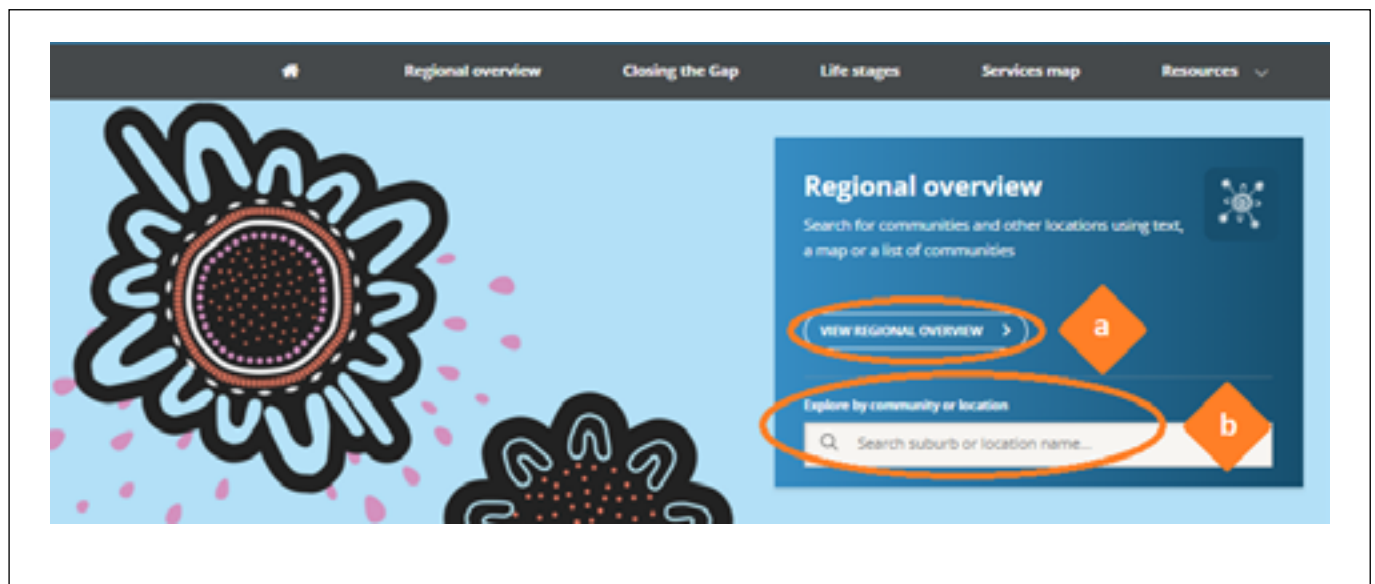
1.2 Navigating to the Regional overview dashboard

This section of the user guide assists you in navigating the Regional overview dashboard on the RIFIC website.

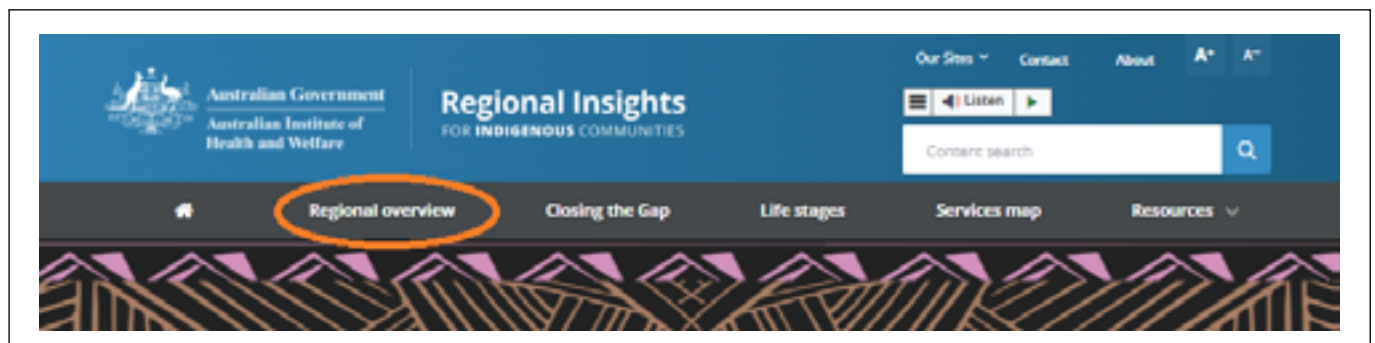
The easiest way to navigate to the Regional overview dashboard is via visiting the following link:
<https://www.rific.gov.au/regional-overview>.

You can also navigate to the Regional overview dashboard via the website homepage, using:

- a. The **VIEW REGIONAL OVERVIEW** button, which will take you straight to the dashboard's default at its default settings (**People and communities** topic at **Australia** level). This can then be further adjusted to see lower level geographies (see [1.3 How to use the Regional overview dashboard](#)).
- b. The **Explore by community or location** search bar, which will allow you to view the dashboard for your preferred location.



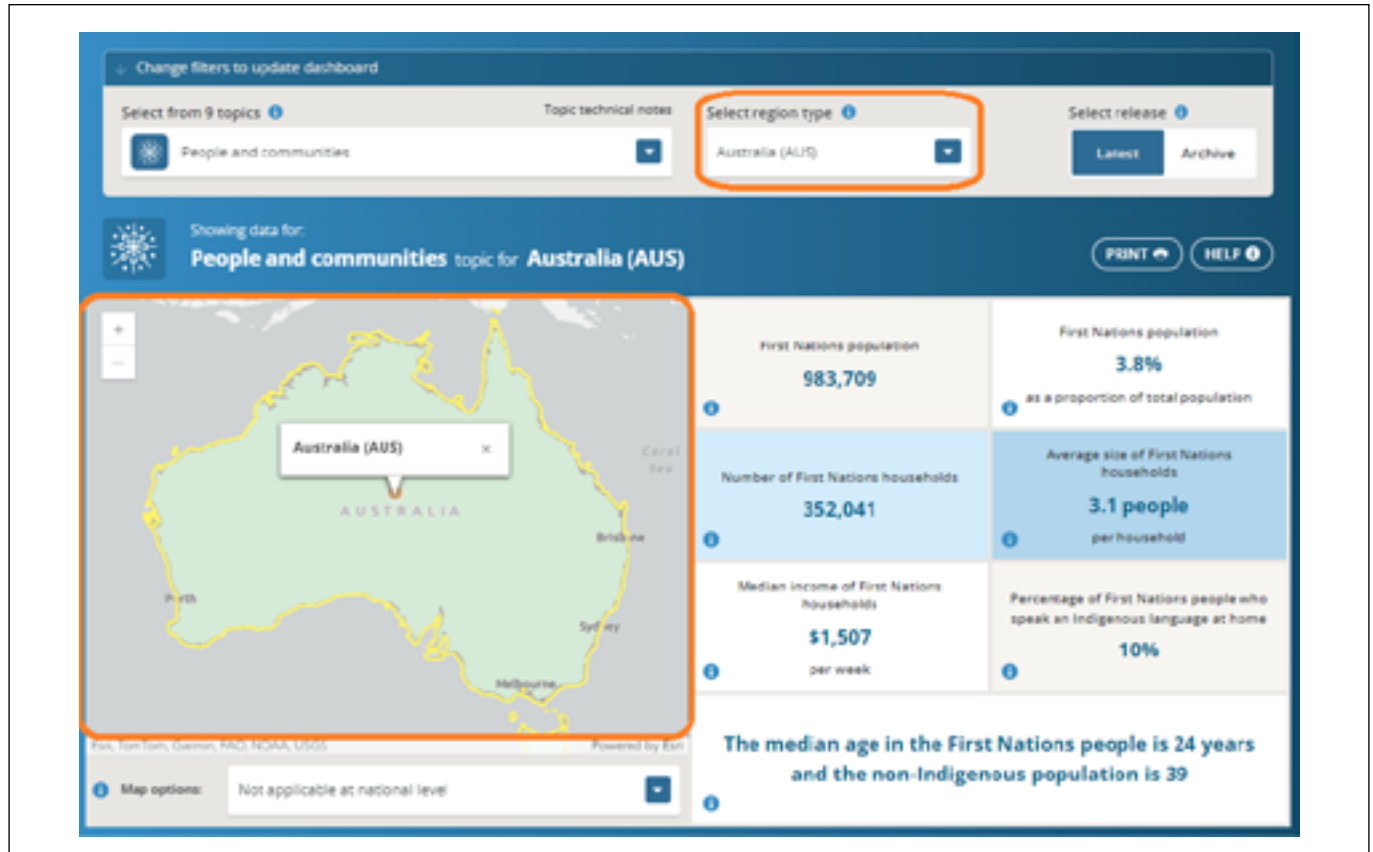
Alternatively, to go to the Regional overview dashboard you can click on the relevant tile on the website menu.



1.3 How to use the Regional overview dashboard

The default settings will show information for the **People and communities** topic for **Australia**.

If you know the **region type/region** that you are looking for, you can use the Select region type dropdown menu to select the correct region type, and then use the dashboard map to find the region you want (see below screenshot).



If you are not sure where you are looking for, [Section 1.3.3](#) outlines the different search functions that you can also use.

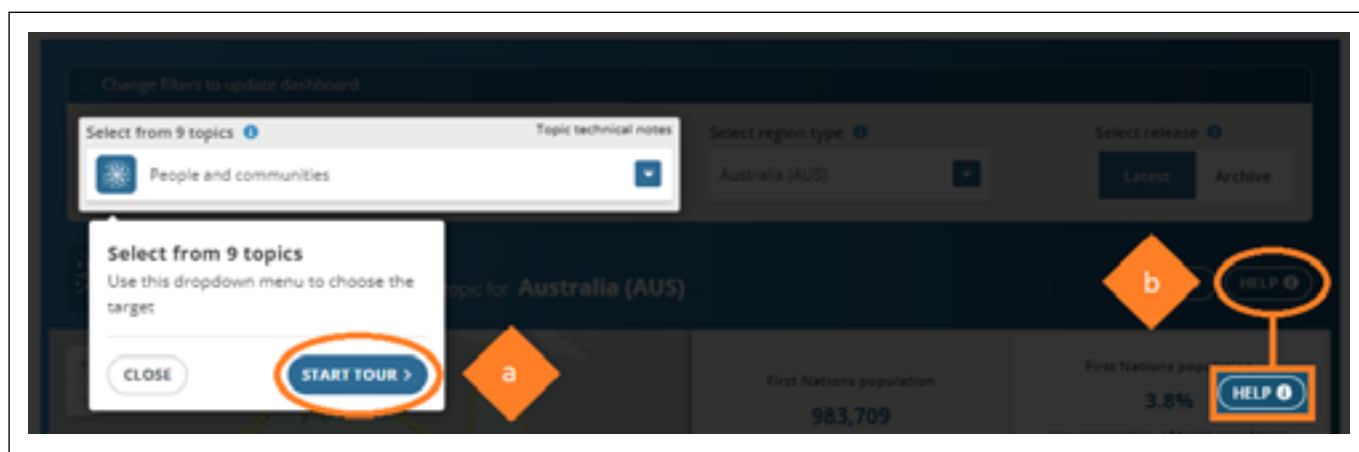
The **Number of Indigenous communities and locations by state** table is available at the bottom of the [Data availability](#) page. This table uses AGIL 2019 and ABS State Suburbs 2016, and presents Indigenous community locations that are unique Indigenous community location names – which may include multiple names for some community locations, and other locations which are unique.

If you cannot find the community or location you are looking for, please let us know at RIFIC@aihw.gov.au.

1.3.1 Regional overview dashboard tour

On your first visit, you will be presented with a dashboard tour. The tour will take you through a series of pop-up windows, which will each explain the different components of the dashboard and how to use them.

- The tour should automatically appear in a pop-up window when you land on the Regional Overview dashboard page. Just click the **Start tour** button at the bottom of the pop up.
- If you would like to go through the tour again, you can do so at any time by clicking on the **Help** button at the right-hand side of the dashboard.

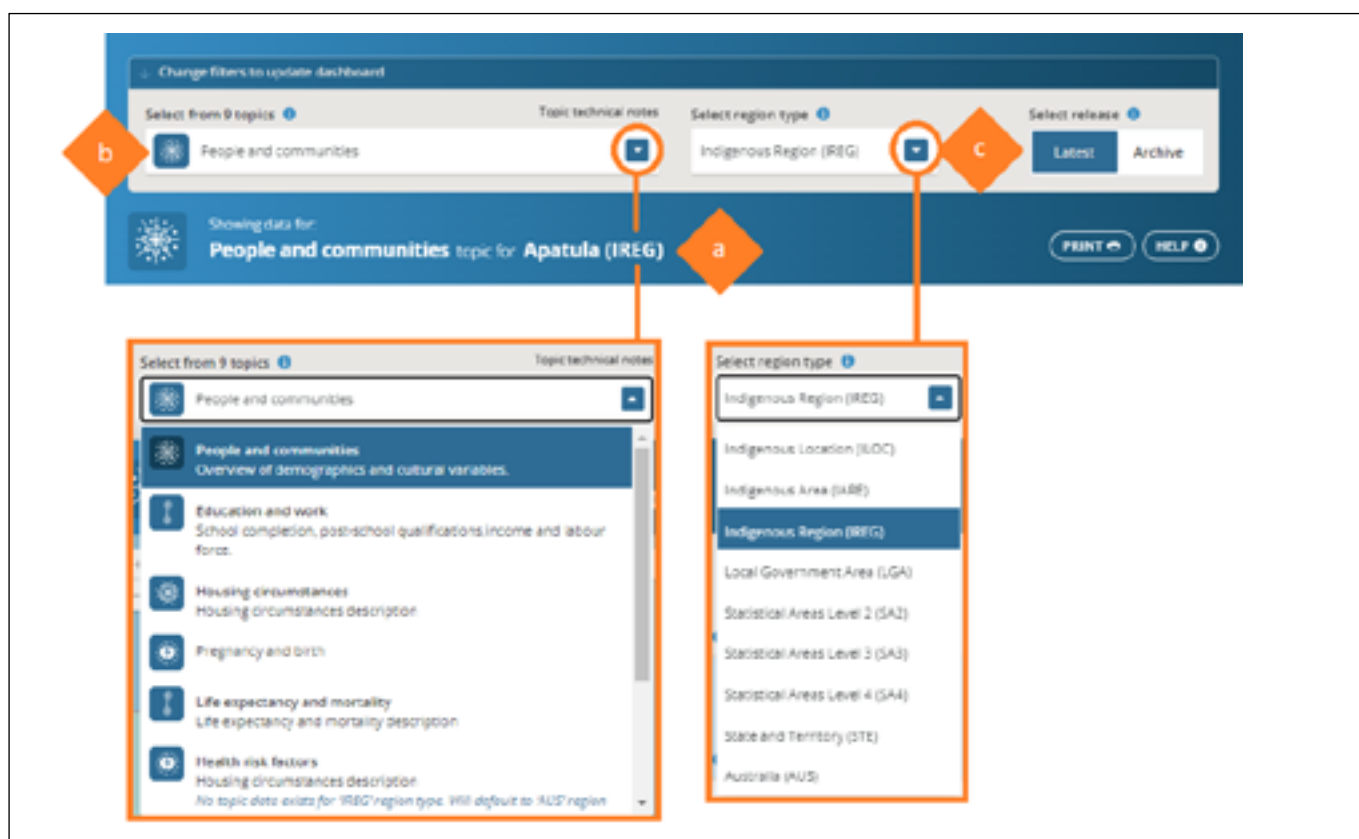


1.3.2 Filtering by topics and region types

You can change the topic and region type that you are viewing statistics for. The examples below use the Apatula Indigenous Region in the Northern Territory.

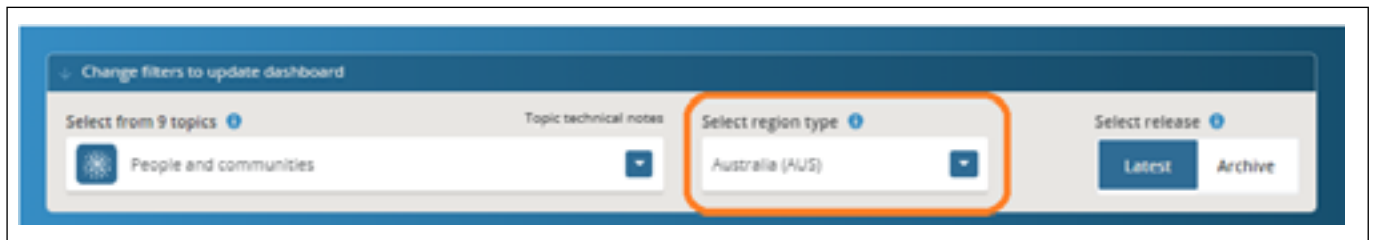
At the top of the dashboard, you will find:

- Region name you are viewing data for (with the region type in brackets). A region may be selected by clicking on the dashboard map or as a result of a community or location search (see [1.3.3 Searching for a location](#)).
- Select topic drop down menu allows you to change the topic of all the data shown in the dashboard.
- Select region type dropdown menu to change the region type for all the statistics. The region types available are different for each topic and are dependent on the data sources used. For further information on region types, see [Region types](#).

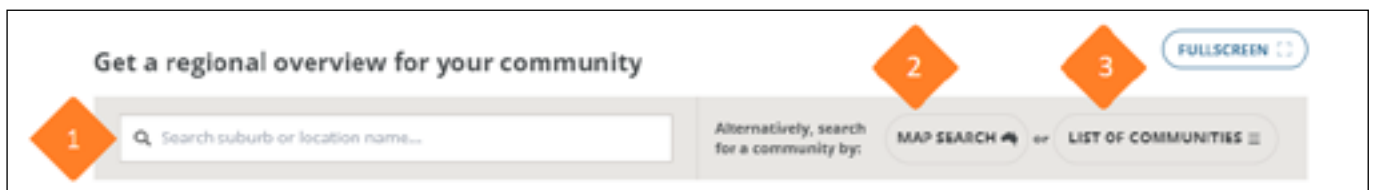


1.3.3 Searching for a location

For all 3 search functions, the default dashboard region type will be Australia and therefore the data initially displayed will be for Australia. To see data for other region types relevant to the community or location you have searched for, select other region types of interest from the region type dropdown menu.

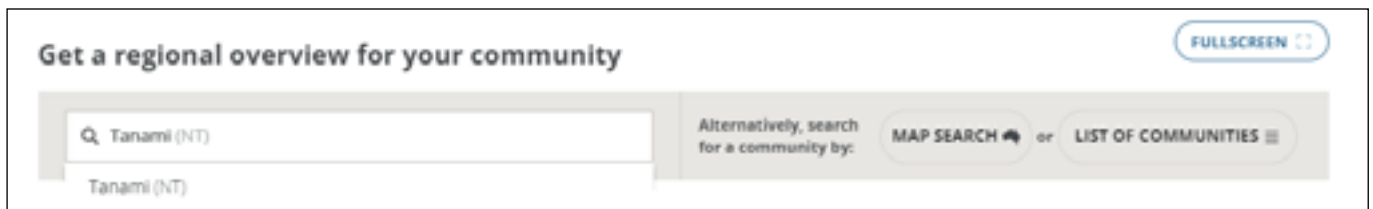


There are 2 search functions (signposted below with orange numbers) that you can use to search for the community or location you are interested in.

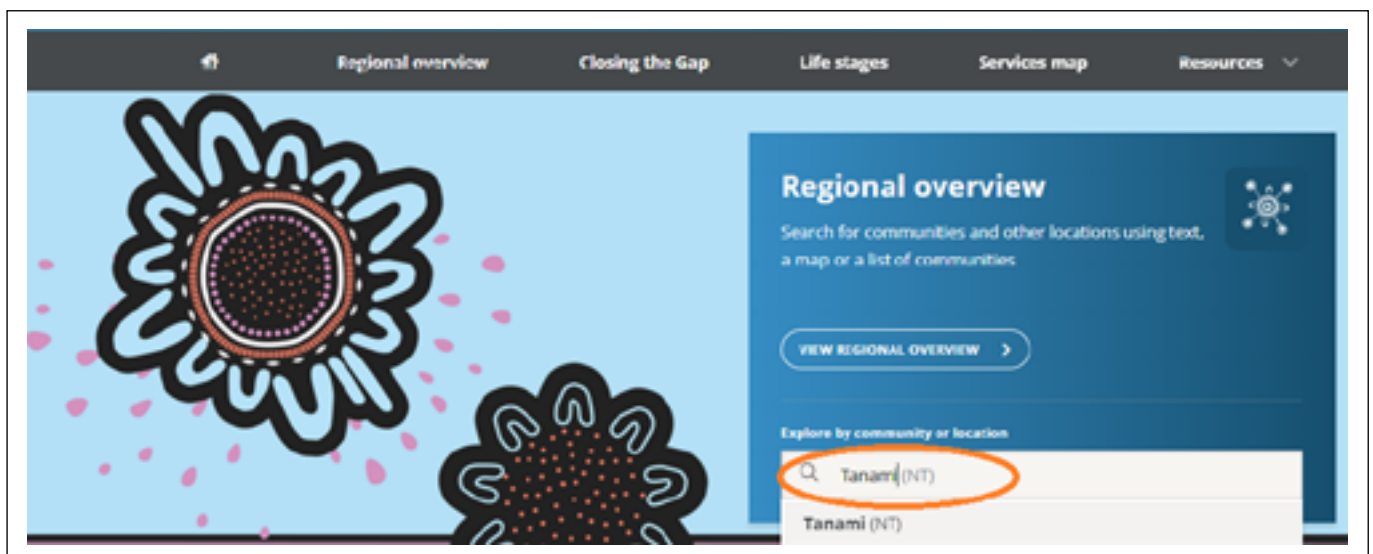


1. Search bar

Enter the community or location name into the search bar, and click the community or location that you are looking for as it appears



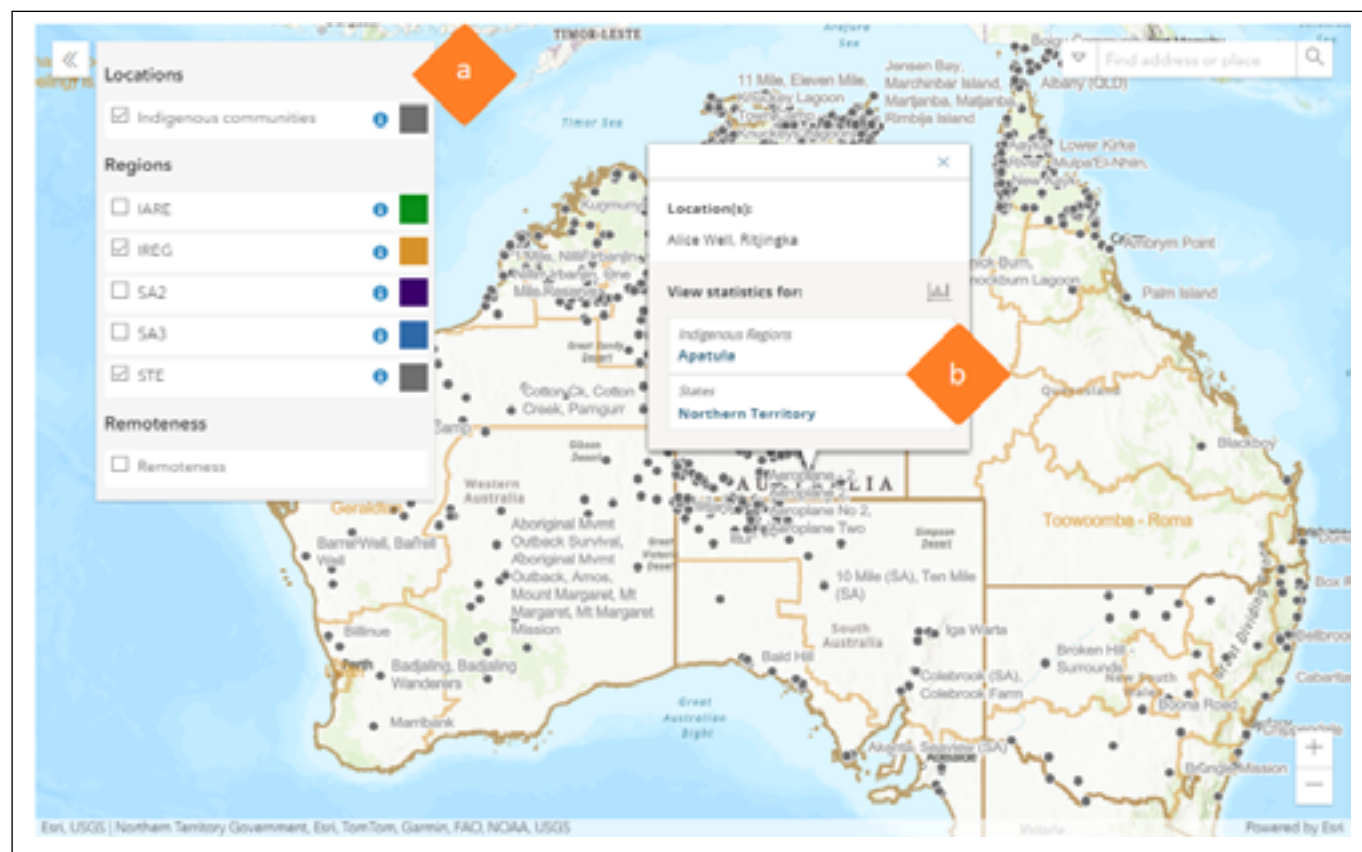
Note: If the search bar is your preferred method of navigating, you can also use the search bar directly from the [RIFIC homepage](#).



2. Interactive map

The interactive map can be accessed through clicking the **MAP SEARCH** button.

- Select the region types that you are interested in
- When you click on an Indigenous community (grey dot), you will be presented options to view this community's data on the Regional overview dashboard.

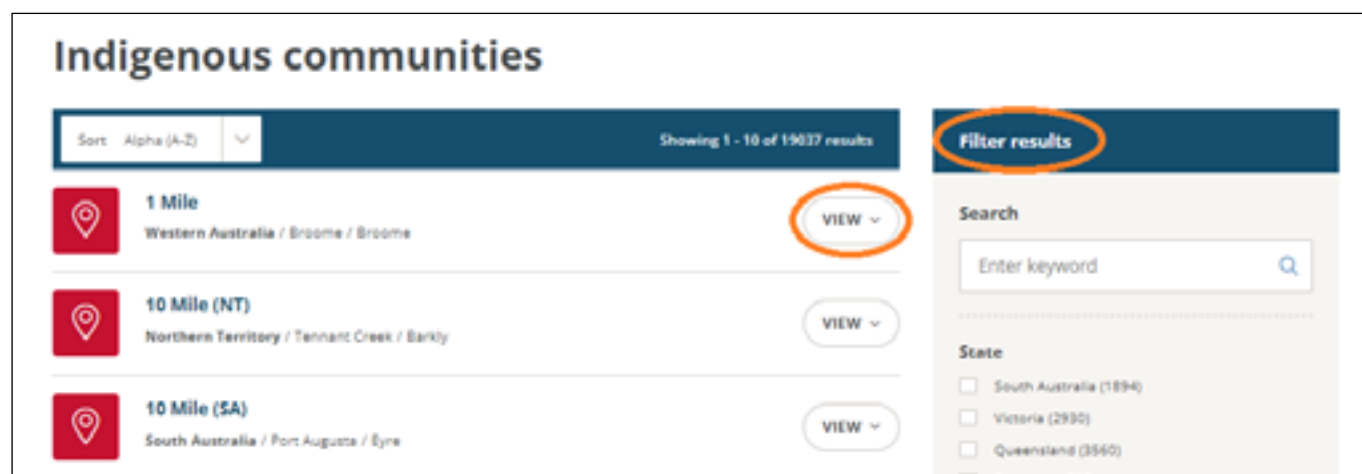


3. List of communities

The list of communities can be accessed through clicking the List of communities button, or through visiting the [Indigenous communities](#) page.

There is a **Filter results** function you can use to help find the particular region you are interested in.

Once you have found your community in the list, click the **View** button and select 'Regional overview'.



Details on how to use and navigate the Dashboard can be found above at [1.3 How to use the Regional Overview dashboard](#).

1.3.4 Dashboard map

The dashboard map shows the selected region (with highlighted boundaries). It also shows where the community or location that you may have searched for is located.

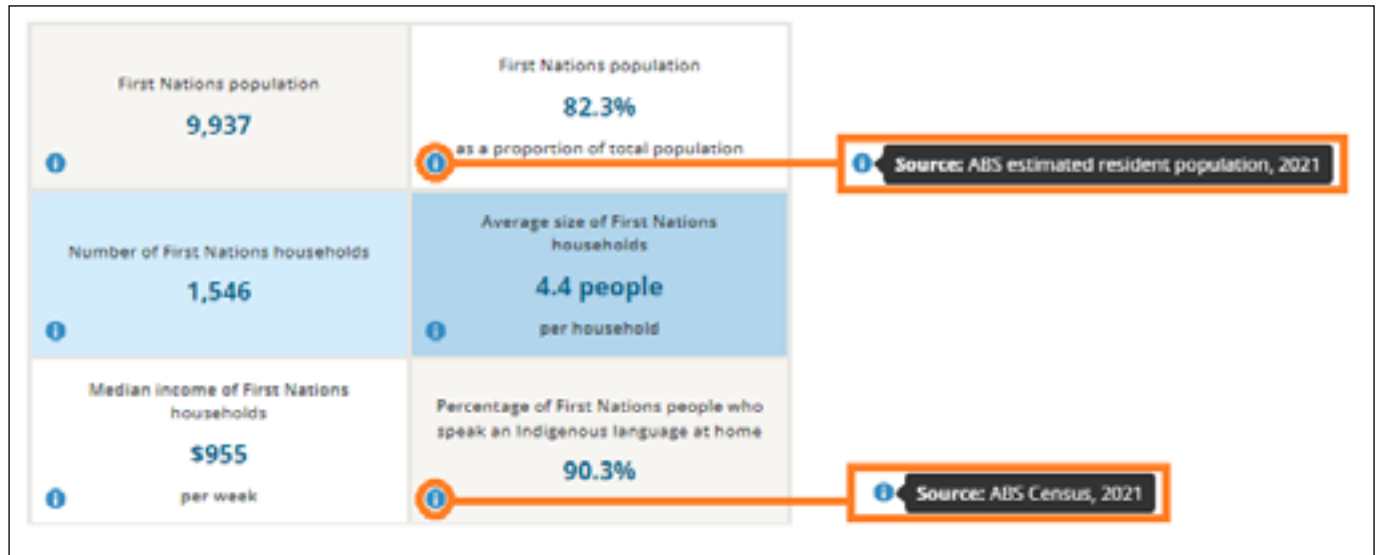
- a. The region colours show the geographic variation in statistics. To change this, use the **Map options** drop down menu under the map.
- b. Click on the legend symbol in the top right corner of the map to open a legend that shows the range of values that corresponds to each colour.
- c. Change the selected region by clicking on a different region on the map.
- d. Zoom in and out and move the map around to find other regions or to view the geographic variation in the selected statistic.



1.3.5 Dashboard tiles

This part of the dashboard shows data based on the topic and region type selected from the dropdown menus. It is important to note that the statistics are about the whole region and not just the community or location you may have searched for.

- a. Hovering over the (i) icon will show a pop up, telling you what the data source is.



1.3.6 Related charts

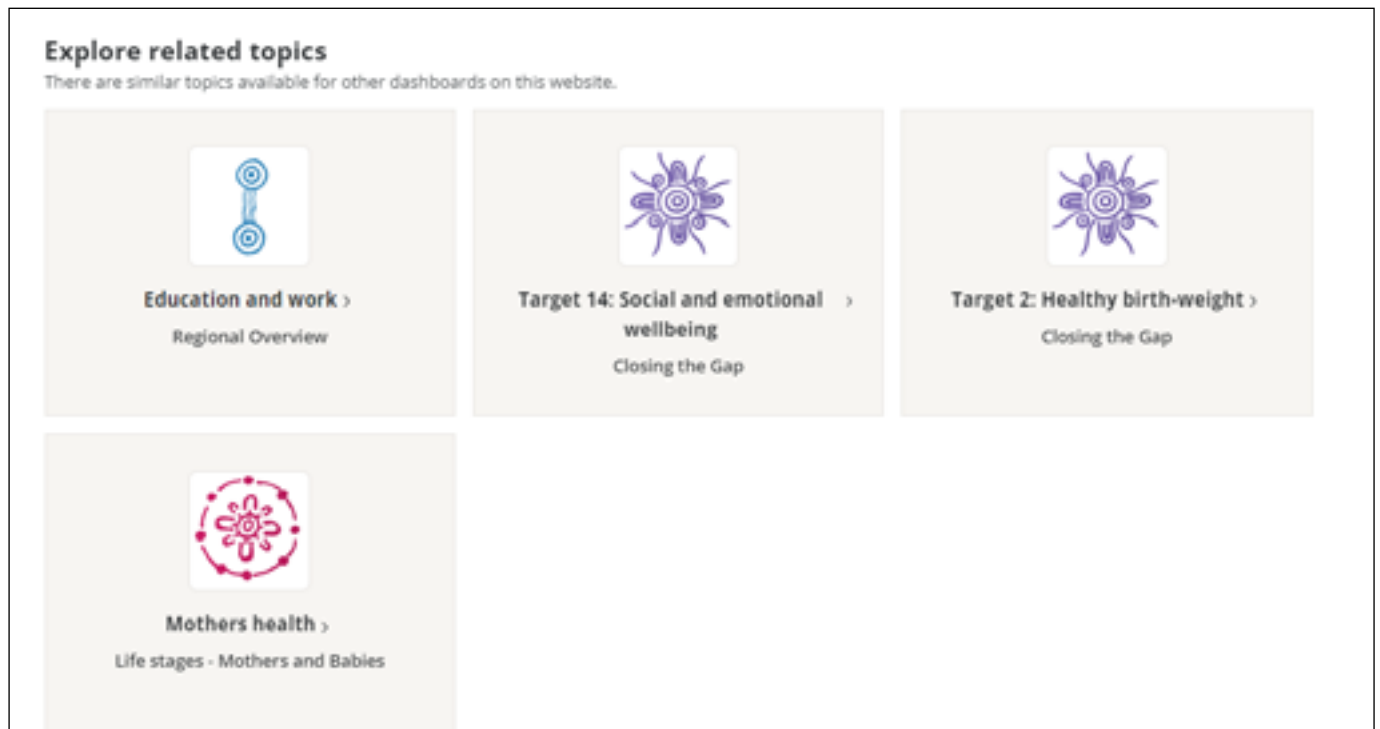
This part of the dashboard shows data visualisations for the selected topic and region type (from dropdown menus described above). It is important to note that the statistics are about the whole region and not just the community or location you may have searched for.

- a. You can use the **Filter charts** button to select the subtopic that you are interested in.
- b. You can enlarge a visualisation by clicking the arrows.
- c. You can click the **Expand all charts** button to see more related visualisations.



1.3.7 Explore related topics

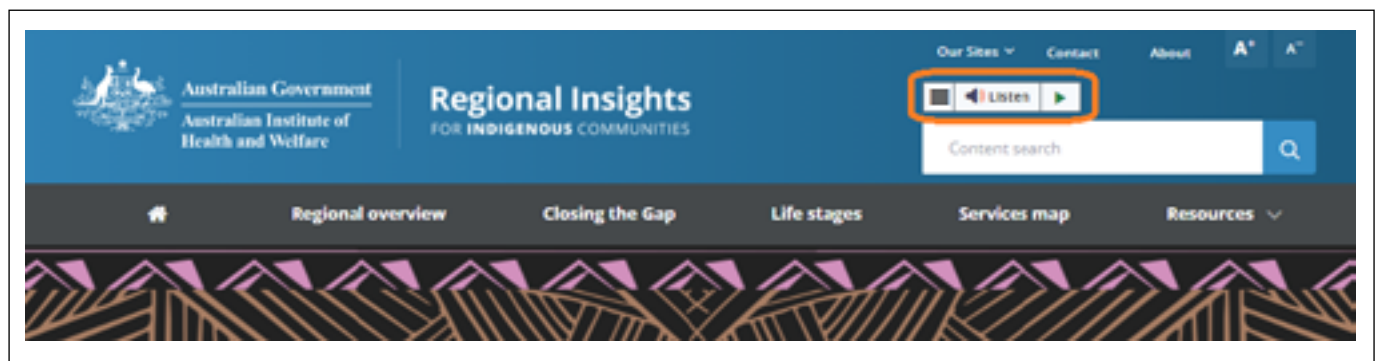
This section is located below the dashboard. It allows you to navigate to similar topics.



1.3.8 Other helpful buttons

Listen

The **Listen** button is located in the top right-hand corner of the website.



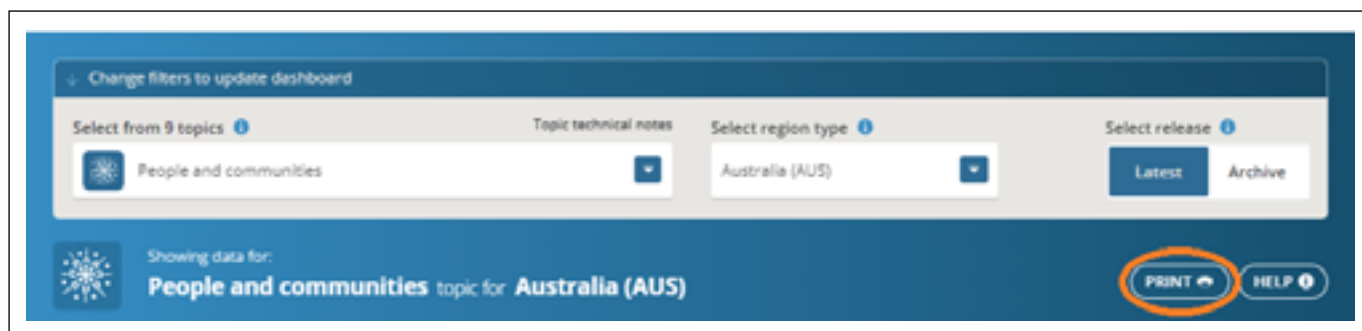
Within the Listen button, there are several options.

- a. The menu allows you to adjust to your preferences.
- b. The play button, when pressed, opens a play menu which can be used to fast forward, rewind, stop and adjust volume.



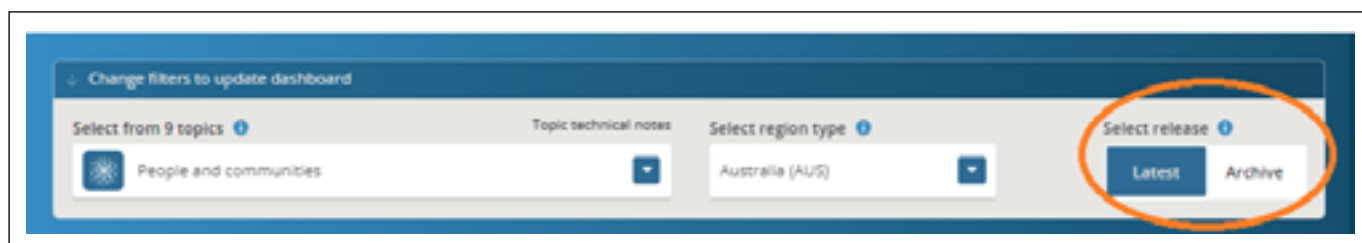
Print

The **PRINT** button is located within the dashboard. It allows you to print out the dashboard or save it as a pdf. You can zoom in or out the map before clicking the **PRINT** button to have a preferred map view on the print out. The print out is inverted colours which reduces the amount of ink required when printing and increases contrast.



Select release

The Regional overview dashboard is periodically updated with new data. In order to view previous data, click the 'Archive' button under the **Select release** heading.



1.4 Examples

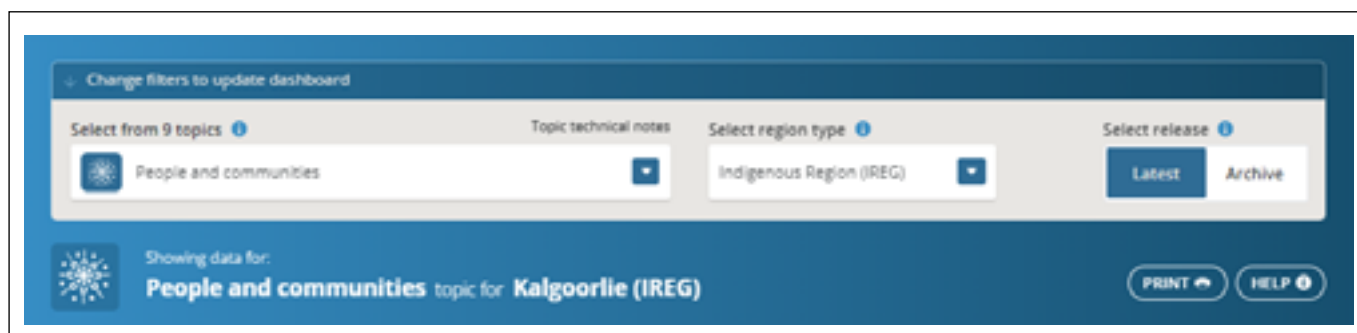
This section of the user guide goes through worked examples of how to find specific information about a community of interest and the steps on how to do it. The location of interest used for the example questions is **Kalgoorlie (IREG)**.

Question 1. Which age group has the largest First Nations population in Kalgoorlie (IREG)?

Step 1: Think about which dashboard would be best to answer this question. If you are stuck, you can visit the [Data availability](#) and [Technical notes](#) pages to help determine which dashboard to use. In this case, the Regional overview dashboard (People and communities topic) is best.

Step 2: Open the Regional overview dashboard. Search for Kalgoorlie using one of the 3 search options described in [Section 1.3.3](#) of the user guide and select 'Indigenous Region (IREG)' region type from the 'Select region type' dropdown. Alternatively, you can open the [Regional overview](#) page, select the 'IREG' region type, and use the map to navigate to Kalgoorlie.

Step 3: Make sure you have selected the correct location, topic, and region type from the dropdown menus (see [Section 1.3.2](#) for further help).



Step 4: Find the statistics you are interested in by navigating your way around the information presented in the dashboard (see [Sections 1.3.4](#), [1.3.5](#) and [1.3.6](#) for help with this).



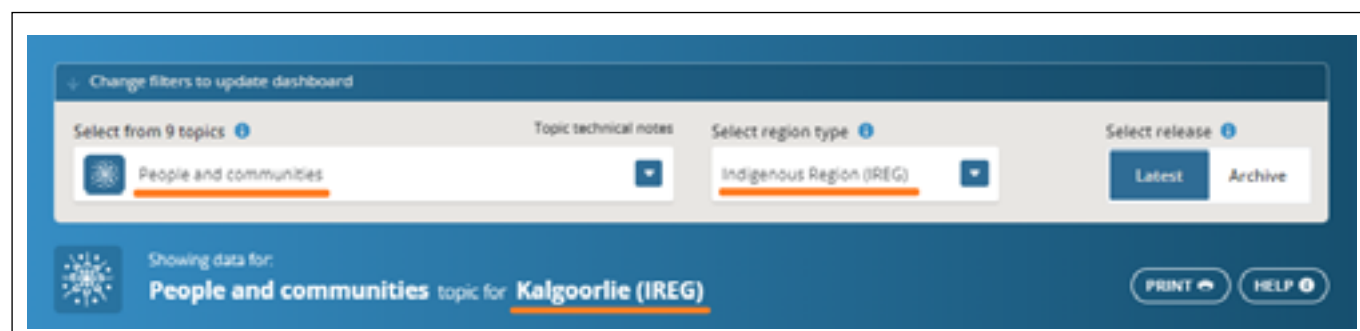
From the information presented in the graph, we can see that in 2021, the age group with the highest First Nations population in Kalgoorlie (IREG) was 25-44 (2,042 First Nations people).

Question 2. How does the median income for First Nations households in Kalgoorlie (IREG) compare to Western Australia?

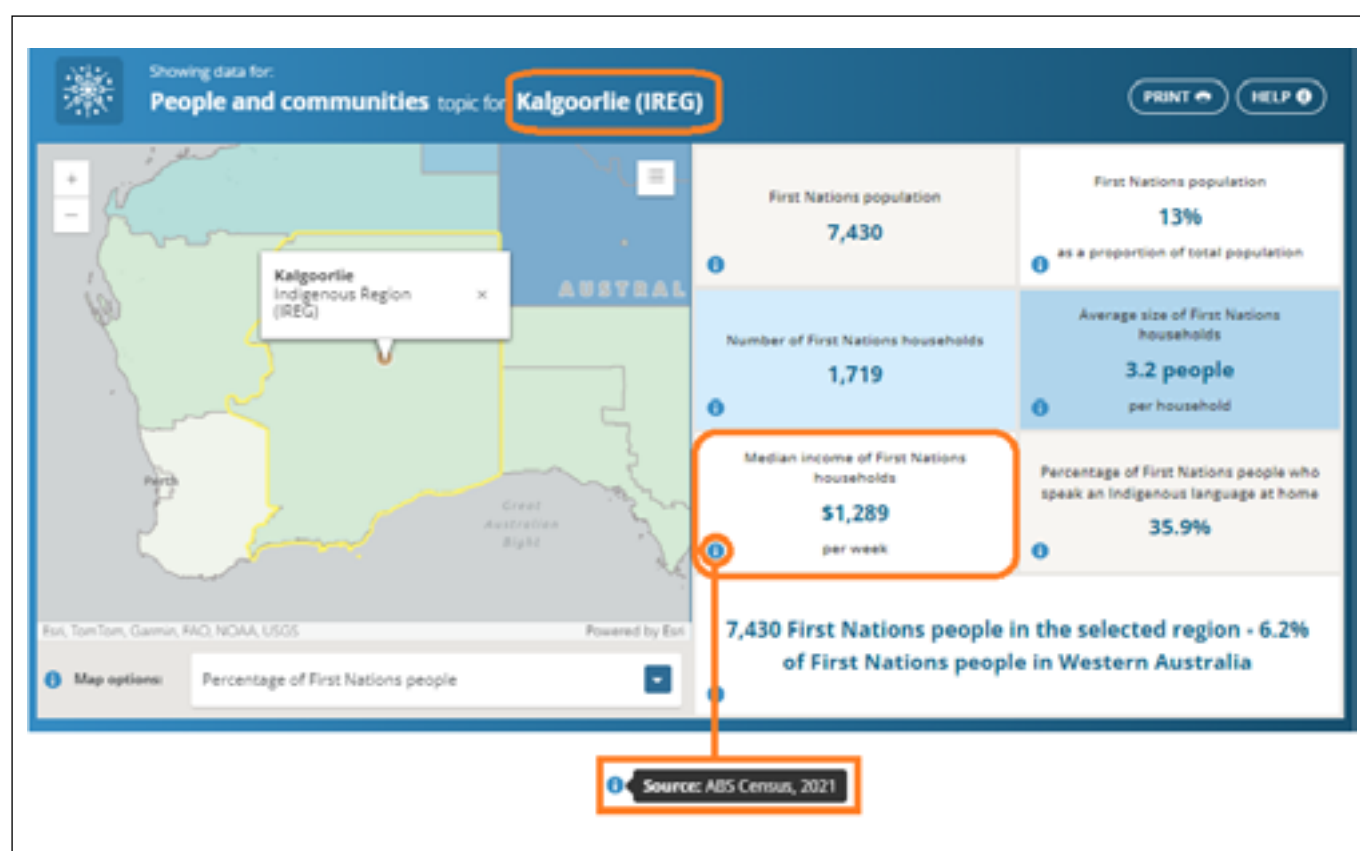
Step 1: Think about which dashboard would be best to answer this question. If you are stuck, you can visit the [Data availability](#) and [Technical notes](#) pages to help determine which dashboard to use. In this case, the Regional overview dashboard (People and communities topic) is best.

Step 2: Search for Kalgoorlie using one of the 3 search options described in [Section 1.3.3](#) and select 'Indigenous Region (IREG)' region type from the 'Select region type' dropdown. Alternatively, you can open the [Regional overview](#) page, select the IREG region type, and use the map to navigate to Kalgoorlie.

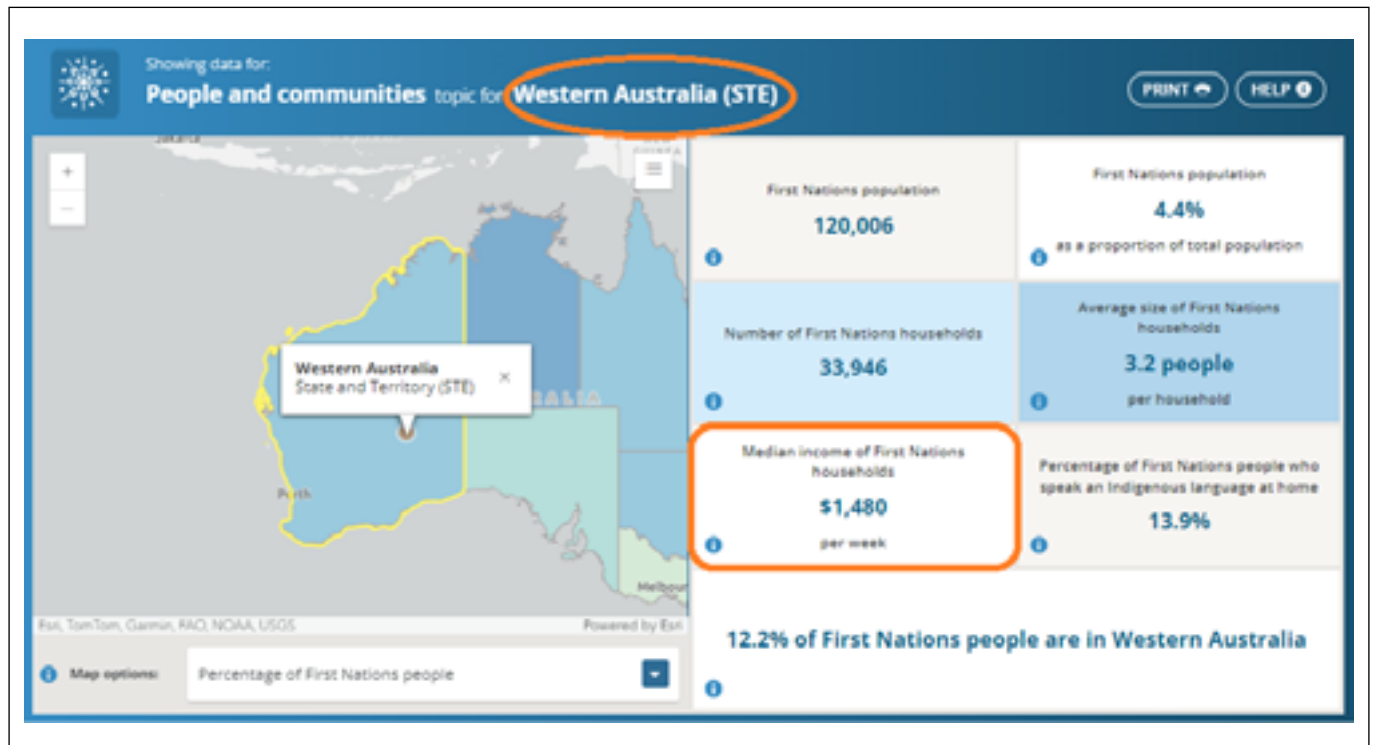
Step 3: Make sure you have selected the correct location, topic and region type selected (see [Section 1.3.2](#) for help with this).



Step 4: Find the data that you are interested in by navigating your way around the information presented in the dashboard (see [Sections 1.3.4](#), [1.3.5](#) and [1.3.6](#) for help with this).



Step 5: Use the Select region type drop down menu and select 'State and territory (STE)' to compare the data for Kalgoorlie (IREG) to Western Australia.



From the information presented in the tiles, it can be seen that in 2021, the median income per week for First Nations households was **higher in Western Australian (\$1,480)** than in **Kalgoorlie (IREG) (\$1,289)**.

Closing the Gap dashboard

The **Closing the Gap dashboard** is best for following progress towards Closing the Gap targets at lower-level geographies.

2.1 What is the Closing the Gap dashboard?

The [Closing the Gap dashboard](#) allows you to search for a community (or other location) and access regional level statistics on and related to the Closing the Gap targets. There is information available across Closing the Gap targets 1-17, with data coming from different data sources. The statistics presented are about the whole region that a community is located within. You can use the dashboard to compare regions and select different topics.

The range of available region types is different depending on the topic selected. This is because data behind some targets allows a more detailed regional breakdown than others.

You can use the dashboard to compare regions and look at trends over time, where possible. For more information about the data sources and information presented, see the [Data availability](#) and [Technical notes](#) pages.

What are the region types?

For more information about what region types are, you can visit the [Region types](#) page where you can find a brief explanation about each of the region types used in the dashboard.

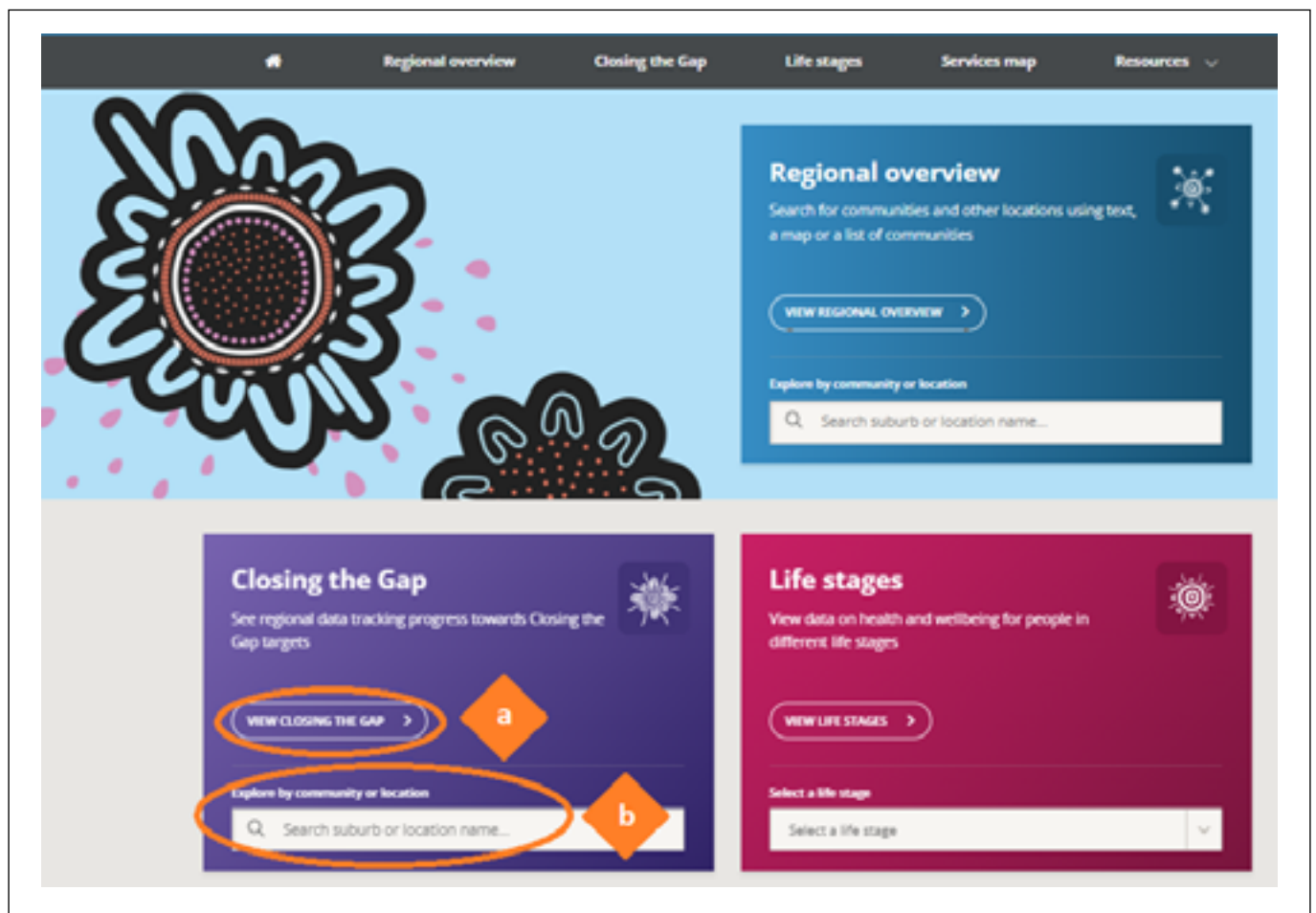
2.2 Navigating to the Closing the Gap dashboard

This section of the user guide assists you in navigating to the Closing the Gap dashboard of the RIFIC website.

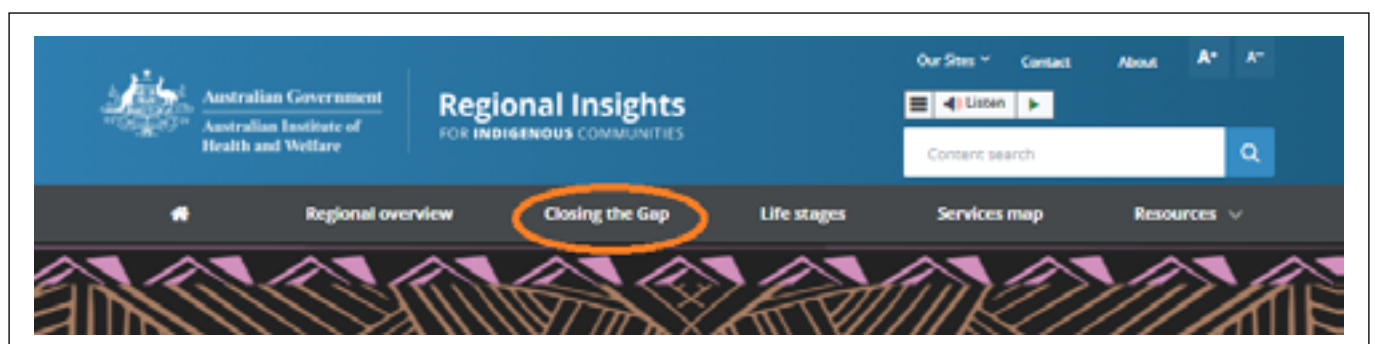
The easiest way to navigate to the Closing the Gap dashboard is via visiting the following link:
<https://www.rific.gov.au/closing-the-gap>.

You can also navigate to the Closing the Gap dashboard via the website homepage, using:

- a. The **VIEW CLOSING THE GAP** button, which will take you straight to the dashboard's default at its default settings (**Target 1** at **Australia** level). This can then be further adjusted to see lower level geographies (see 2.3 How to use the Closing the Gap dashboard).
- b. The **Explore by community or location** searchbar, which will allow you to view the dashboard for your preferred location.



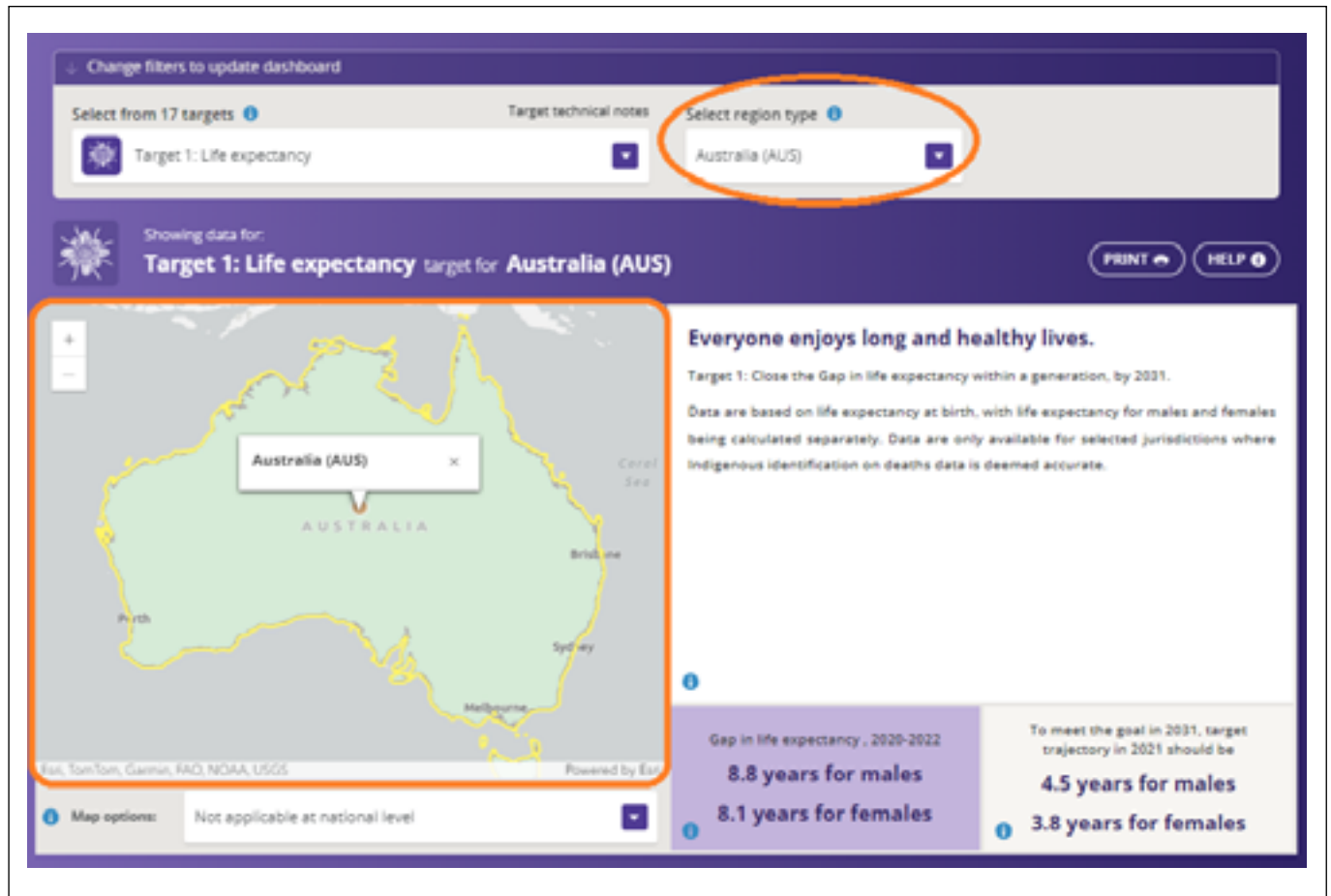
Alternatively, to go to the Closing the Gap dashboard you can click on the relevant tile on the website menu.



2.3 How to use the Closing the Gap dashboard

The default settings will show information for **Target 1** for **Australia**.

If you know the region type/region that you are looking for, you can use the **Select region type** menu to select the correct region type, and then use the dashboard map to find the region you want (see screenshot below).

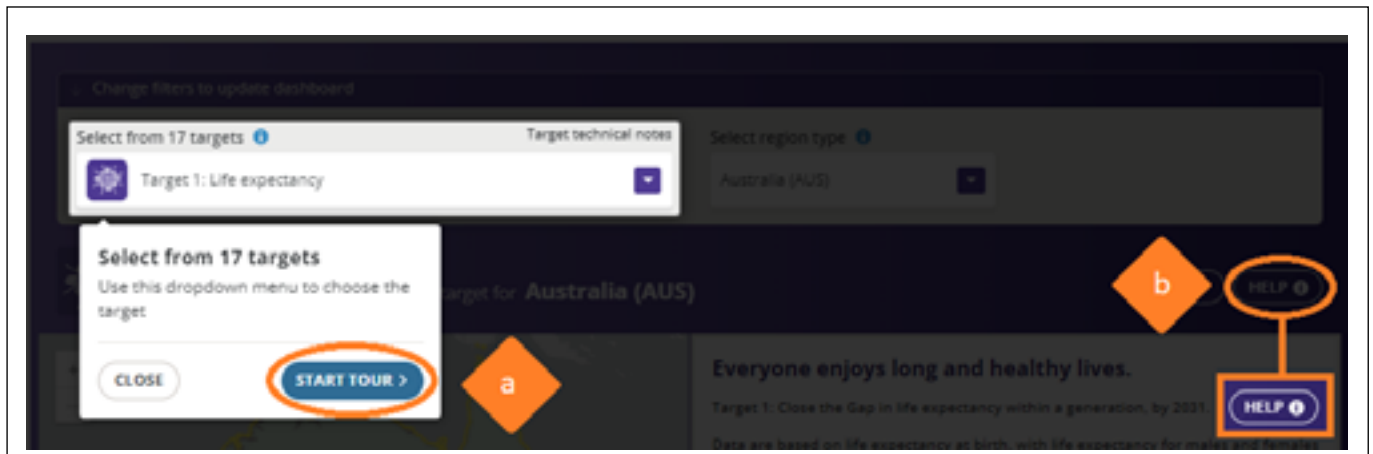


If you are not sure where you are looking for, [Section 2.3.3](#) outlines the different search functions that you can also use.

2.3.1 Closing the Gap dashboard tour

On your first visit, you will be presented with a dashboard tour. The tour will take you through a series of pop-up windows, which will each explain the different components of the dashboard and how to use them.

- a. The tour should automatically appear in a pop-up window when you land on the Closing the Gap dashboard page. Just click the **Start tour** button at the bottom of the pop up.
- b. If you would like to go through the tour again, you can do so at any time by clicking on the **Help** button at the right-hand side of the dashboard.

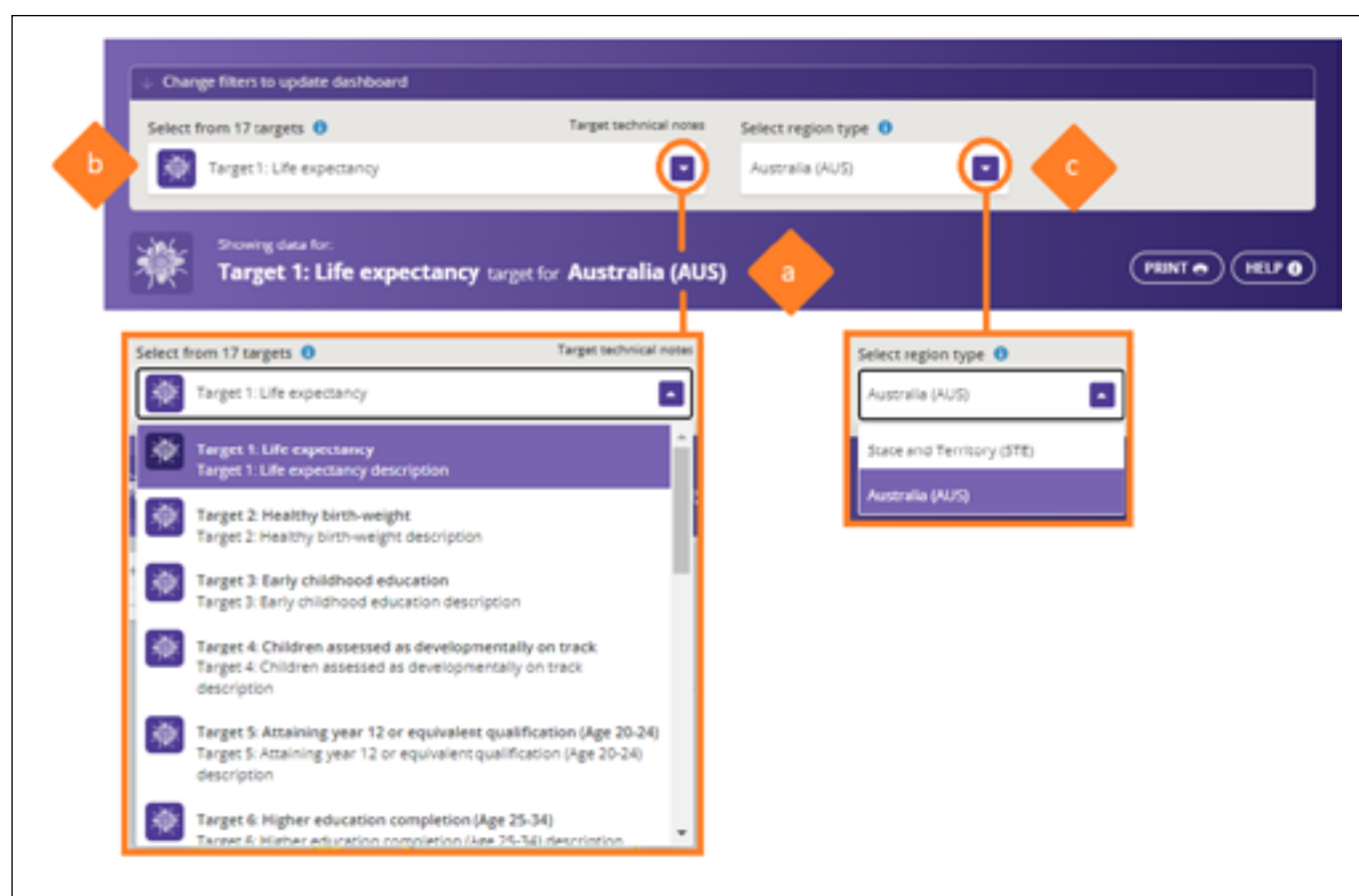


2.3.2 Filtering by targets and region types

You can change the target and region type that you are viewing statistics for. The examples below use the Northern Territory as an example. Please note that with the Closing the Gap dashboard, not all targets are available at low level geographies. For more information, see [Data availability](#).

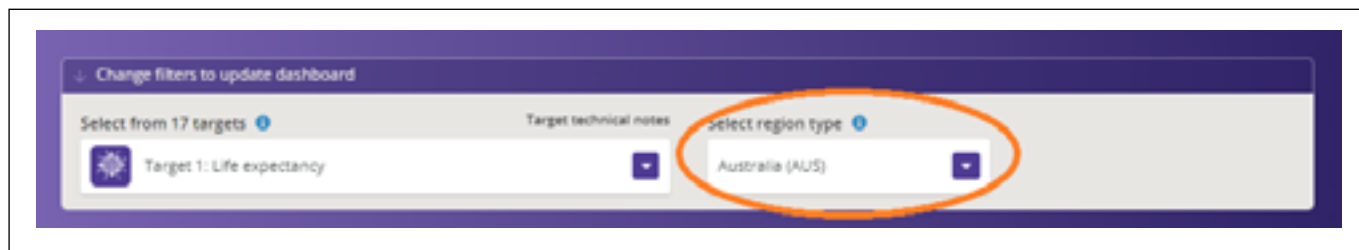
At the top of the dashboard, you will find:

- a. Region name** you are viewing data for (with the region type in brackets). A region may be selected by clicking on the dashboard map or as a result of a community or location search (see [2.3.3 Searching for a location](#)).
- b. Select topic** drop down menu allows you to change the topic of all the data shown in the dashboard.
- c. Select region type** dropdown menu to change the region type for all the statistics. The region types available are different for each topic and are dependent on the data sources used. For further information on region types, see [Region types](#).

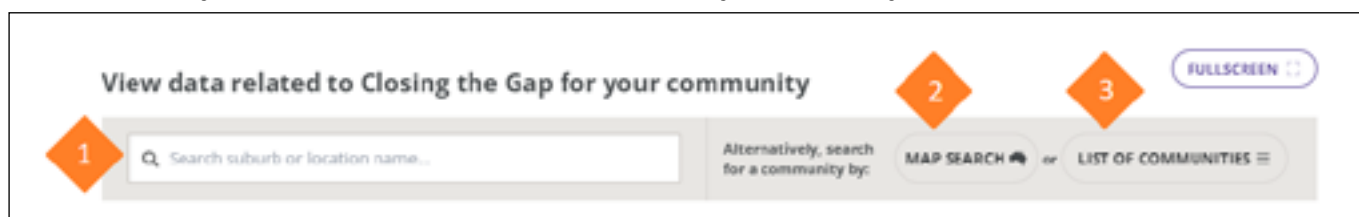


2.3.3 Searching for a location

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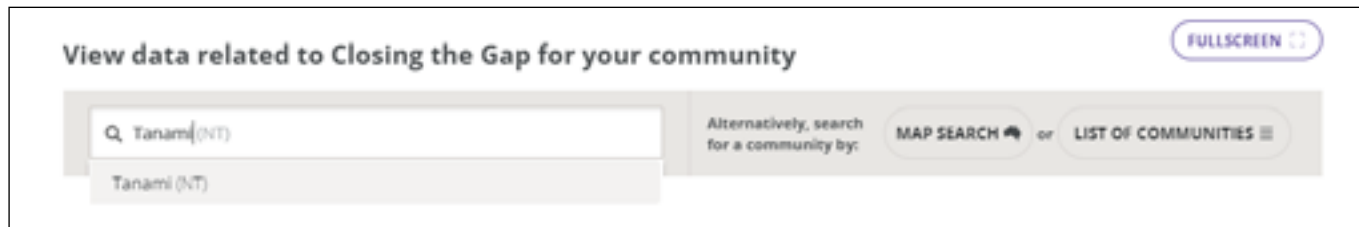


Once you have navigated to the dashboard, there are 3 search functions (signposted below with orange numbers) that you can use to search for the community or location you are interested in.

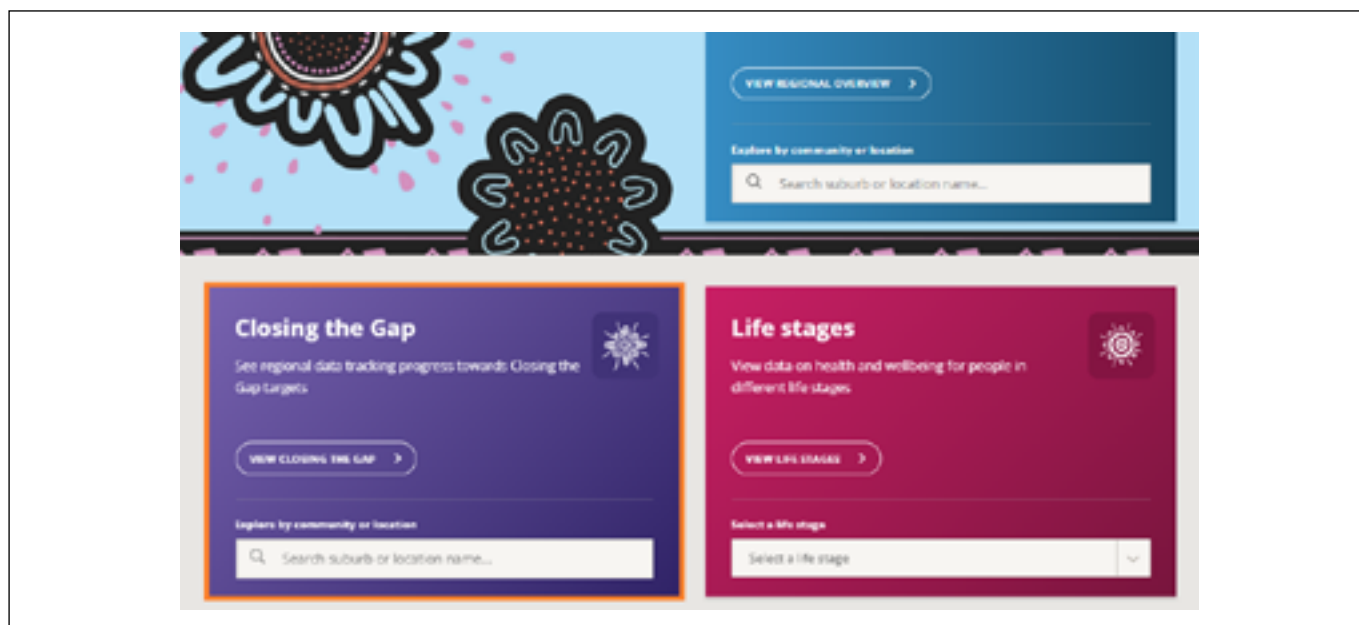


1. Search bar

Enter the community or location name into the search bar, and click the community or location that you are looking for as it appears.



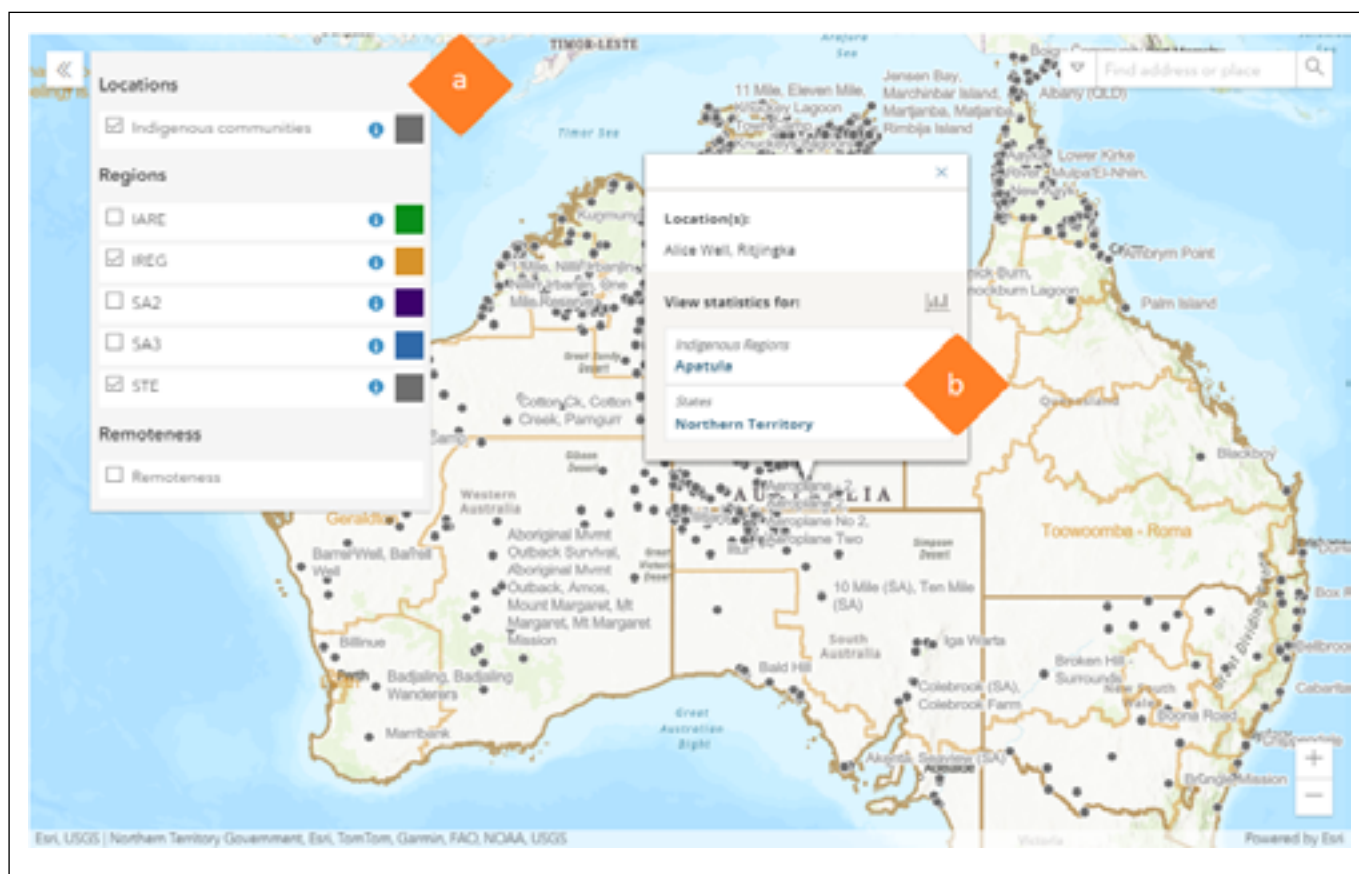
Note: If the search bar is your preferred method of navigating, you can also use the search bar directly from the [RIFIC homepage](#).



2. Interactive map

The interactive map can be accessed through clicking the **MAP SEARCH** button.

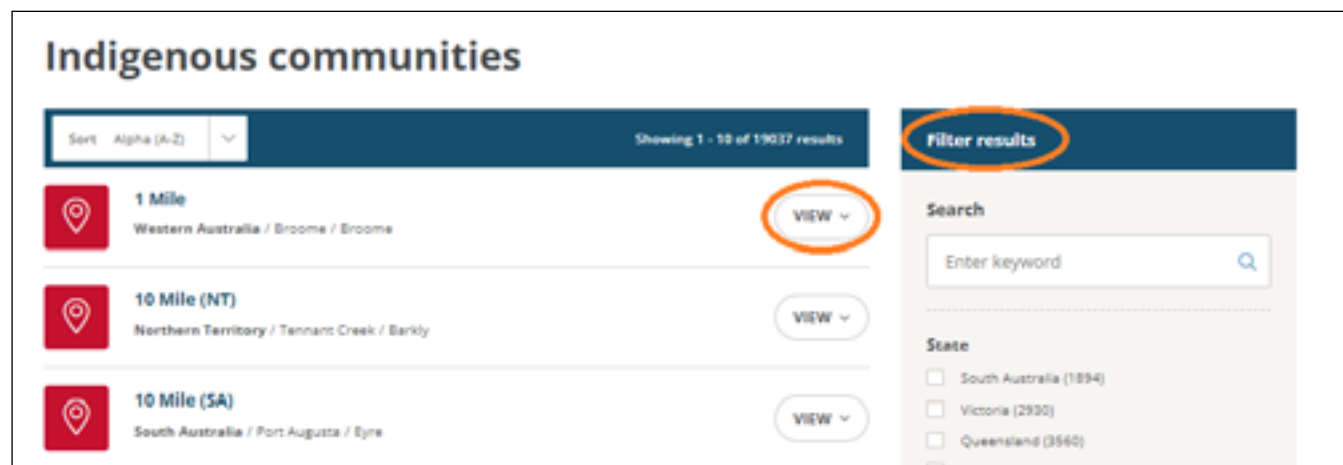
- Select the region types that you are interested in
- When you click on an Indigenous community (grey dot), you will be presented options to view this community's data on the Closing the Gap dashboard.



3. List of communities

The list of communities can be accessed through clicking the **List of communities** button, or through visiting the [Indigenous communities](#) page.

There is a **Filter results** function you can use to help find the particular region you are interested in. Once you have found your community in the list, click the **View** button and select 'Closing the Gap'.

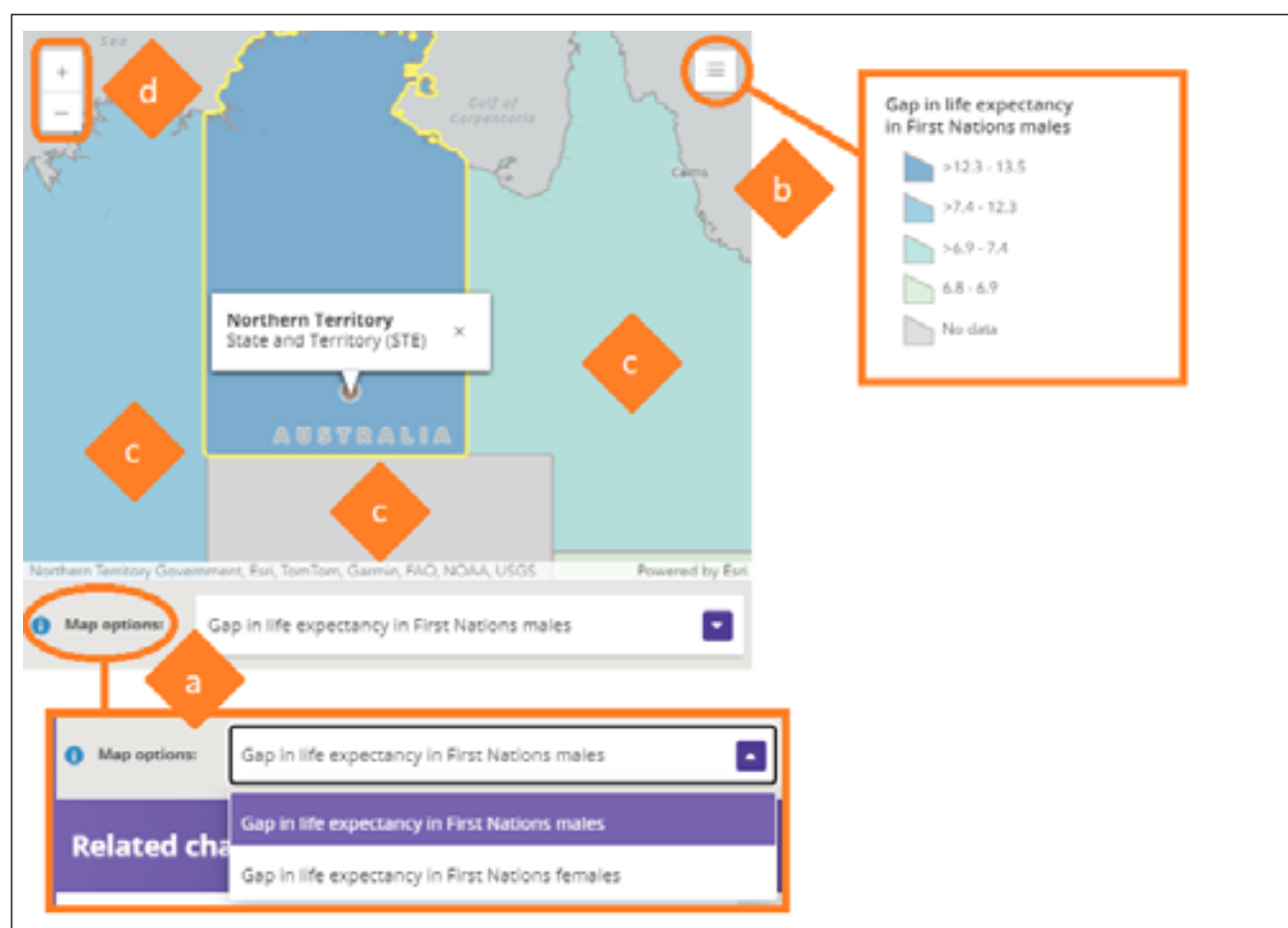


Details on how to use and navigate the Dashboard can be found above at [2.3 How to use the Closing the Gap dashboard](#).

2.3.4 Dashboard map

The dashboard map shows the selected region (with highlighted boundaries). It also shows where the community or location that you may have searched for is located.

- a. The region colours show the geographic variation in statistics. To change this, use the Map options drop down menu under the map.
- b. Click on the legend symbol in the top right corner of the map to open a legend that shows the range of values that corresponds to each colour.
- c. Change the selected region by clicking on a different region on the map.
- d. Zoom in and out and move the map around to find other regions or to view the geographic variation in the selected statistic.



2.3.5 Dashboard tiles

This part of the dashboard shows data based on the target and region type selected from the dropdown menus. It is important to note that the statistics are about the whole region and not just the community or location you may have searched for.

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2.3.6 Related charts

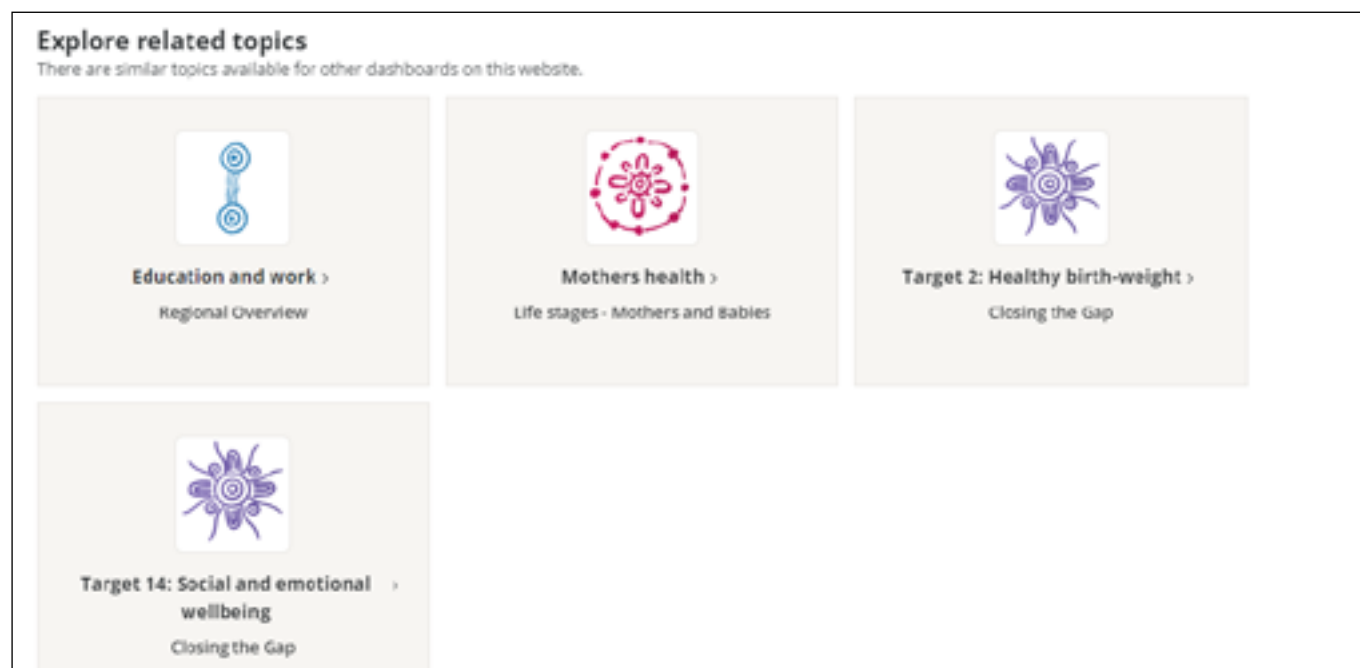
This part of the dashboard shows data visualisations for the selected topic and region type (from dropdown menus described above). It is important to note that the statistics are about the whole region and not just the community or location you may have searched for.

- a. You can use the **Filter charts** button to select the subtopic that you are interested in.
- b. You can enlarge a visualisation by clicking the arrows.
- c. You can click the **Expand all charts** button to see more related visualisations.



2.3.7 Explore related topics

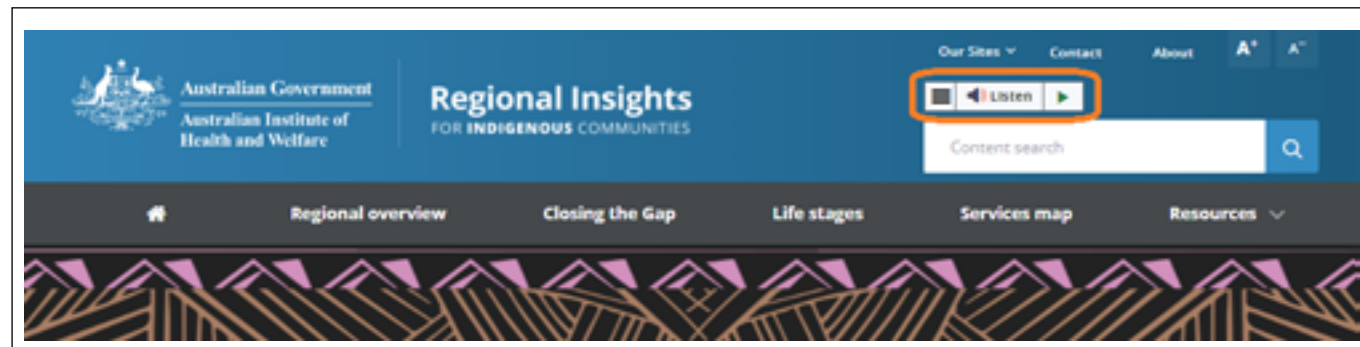
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2.3.8 Other helpful buttons

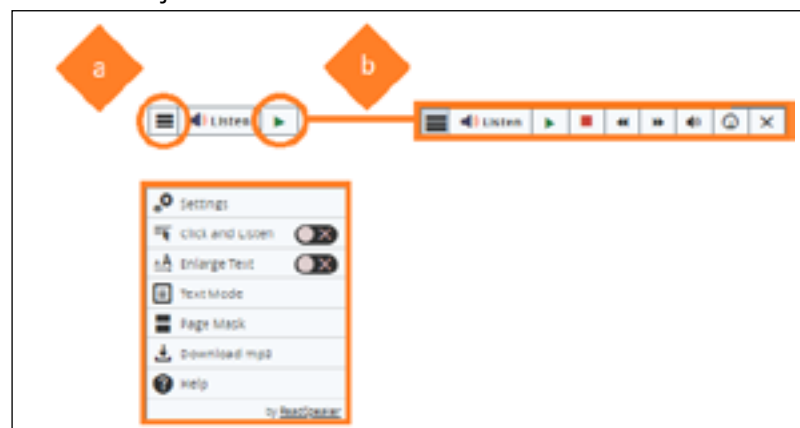
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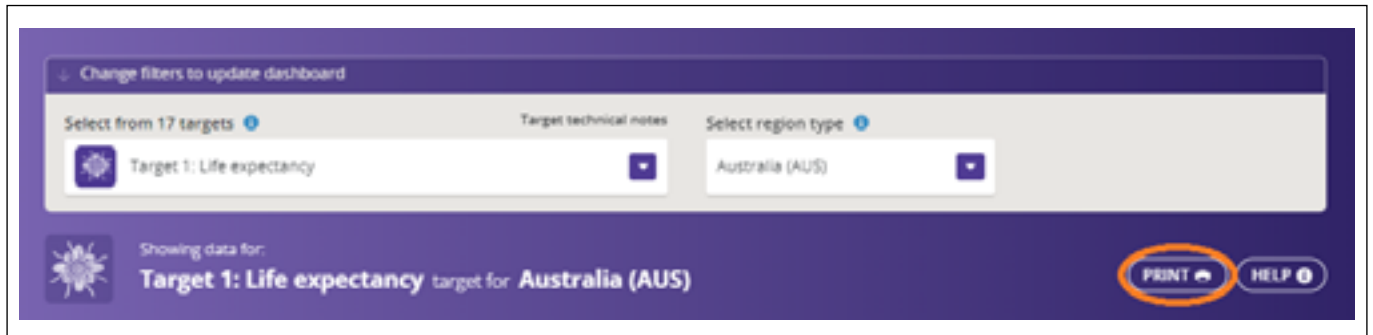
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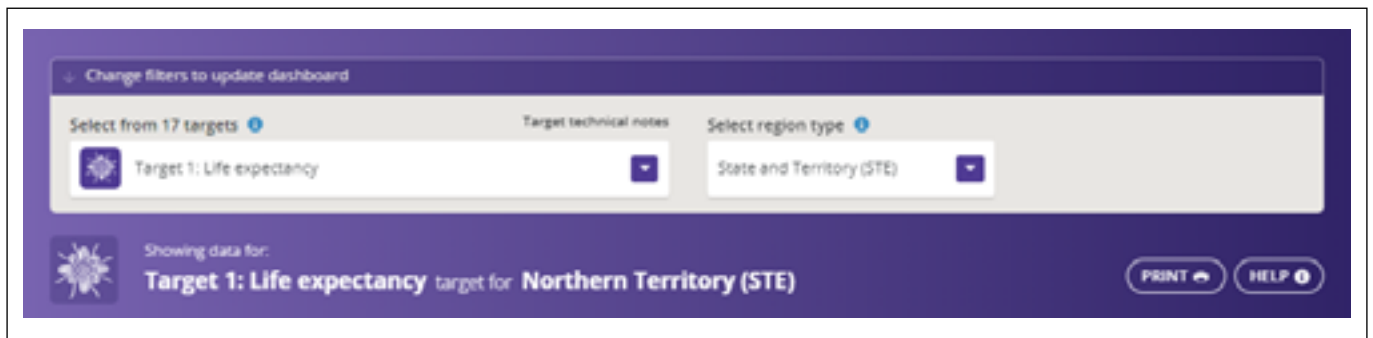
2.4 Examples

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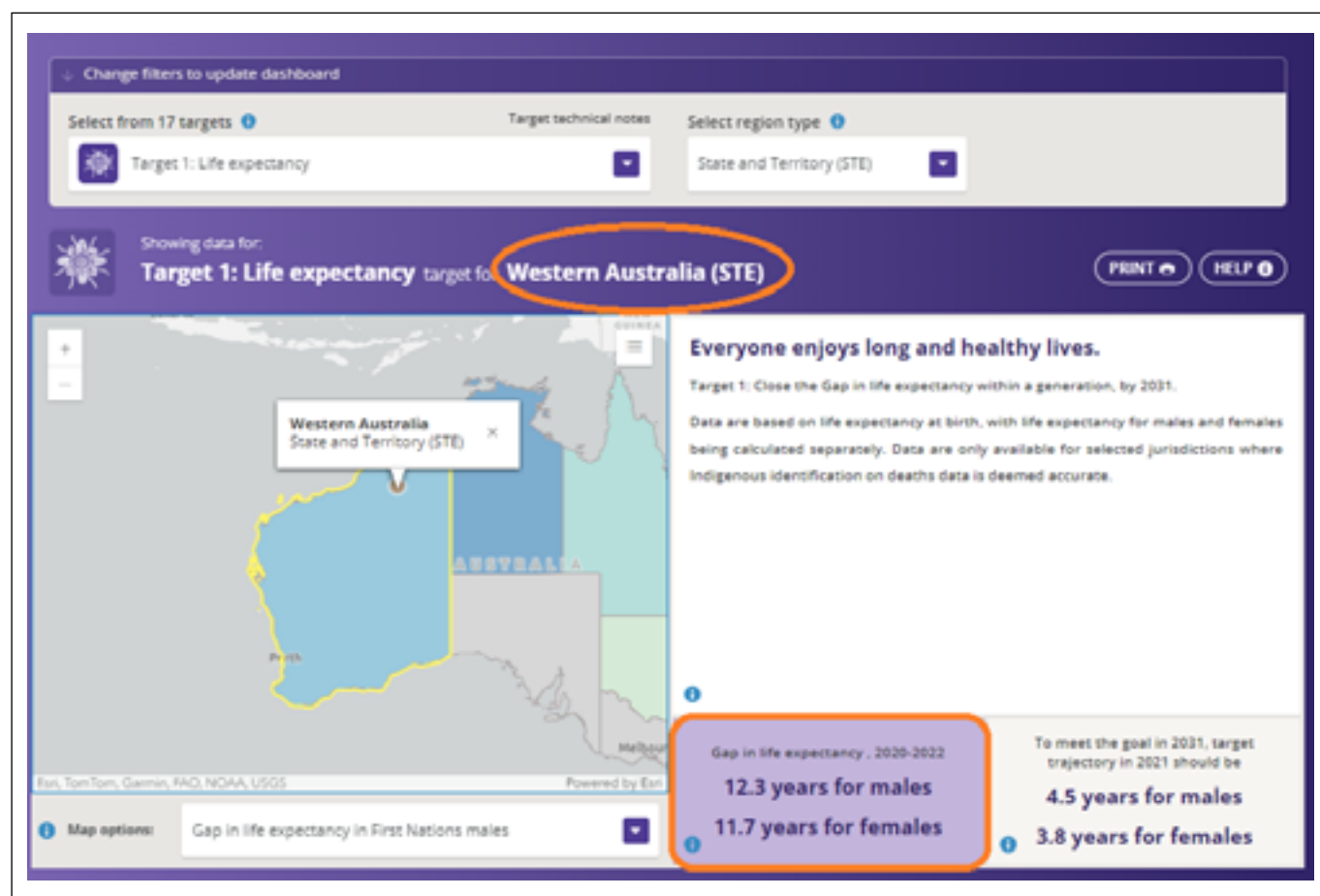
Question 1. How is Western Australia tracking towards achieving Closing the Gap Target 1?

Step 1: Think about which dashboard would be best to answer this question. If you are stuck, you can visit the [Data availability](#) and [Technical notes](#) pages to help determine which dashboard to use. In this case, use the Closing the Gap dashboard (Target 1).

Step 2: Make sure you have selected the correct location, topic, and region type. See [Section 2.3.2](#) for further help).



Step 3: Scroll down to the Closing the Gap dashboard. Find the statistics you are interested in by navigating your way around the information presented in the dashboard (see Sections 2.3.4, 2.3.5 and 2.3.6 for help with this).

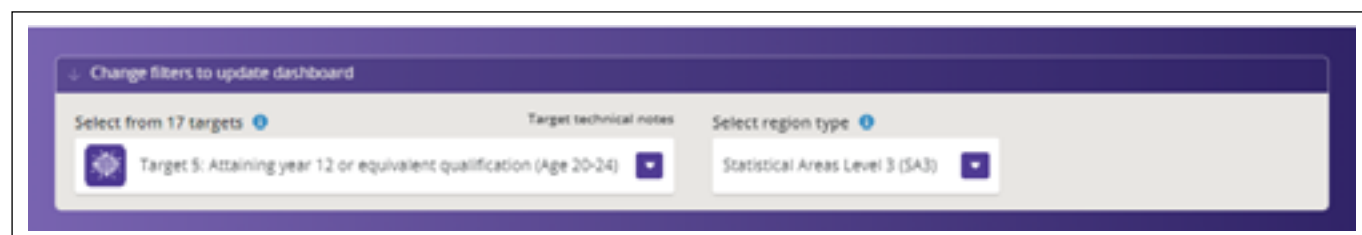


Closing the Gap Target 1 is to close the gap in life expectancy (between First Nations and non-Indigenous Australians) by 2031. From the information presented in the graph, we can see that in the period 2020-2022 the gap in life expectancy between First Nations and non-Indigenous Australians in Western Australia was 12.3 years for males and 11.7 years females.

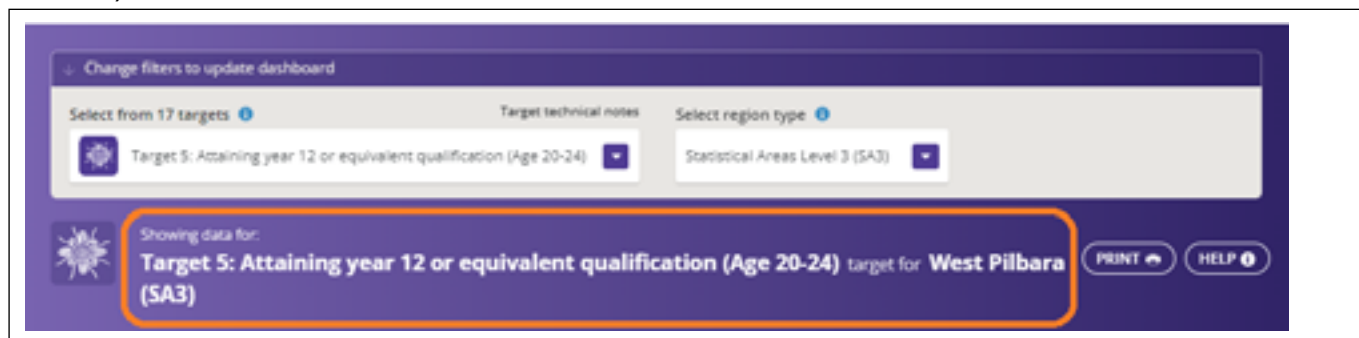
Question 2. How has progress towards Target 5 in West Pilbara (SA3) changed over time?

Step 1: Think about which dashboard would be best to answer this question. If you are stuck, you can visit the [Data availability](#) and [Technical notes](#) pages to help determine which dashboard to use. In this case, use the Closing the Gap (Target 5).

Step 2: Make sure you have selected the correct location, topic, and region type. See [Section 2.3.2](#) for further help.



Step 3: Scroll down to the Closing the Gap dashboard. Find the statistics you are interested in by navigating your way around the information presented in the dashboard (see Sections 2.3.4, 2.3.5 and 2.3.6 for help with this).



Step 4: Under the Related charts heading, click the 'Timetrend' filter.



Step 5: Hold your mouse over the timetrend chart to see values.



Closing the Gap Target 5 is to increase the proportion of First Nations people (aged 20-24) attaining year 12 or equivalent qualifications to 96% by 2031. From the information presented in the graph, we can see that in 2021, 59.7% of First Nations people aged 20-24 in West Pilbara (SA3) attained year 12 or equivalent qualification. This is a large increase from the proportion in 2006 (37.0%).

Life stages dashboard

The **Life stages dashboard** is best for comparing selected data across age groups. The life stages are Mothers and babies, Children (0–14 years), Adolescents and youth (15–24 years), Adults (25–49 years) and Older people (50 years and over).

3.1 What is the Life stages dashboard?

The [Life stages dashboard](#) allows you to search for statistics and information about a range of topics relevant to age groups or 'life stages'. Data is available for national, state and territory, Statistical Area Level 3, Statistical Area Level 4 and Indigenous region types.

The available life stages include:

- Mothers and babies
- Children (0 year–14 years)
- Adolescents and youth (15–24 years)
- Adults (25–49 years)
- Older people (50 years and over).

Life Stages data comes from different data sources. The statistics presented are about the whole region that a community is located within. You can use the dashboard to compare regions and select different topics. For more information about the data sources and information presented, visit the [Data availability](#) and [Technical notes](#) pages.

The **Mothers and babies** life stage content is different from other life stages. It includes statistics and information relevant to mothers, the antenatal period, labour and birth outcomes. All other life stages include statistics related to population distribution, wellbeing, health, social and economic determinants, health risk factors and health services.

What are the region types?

For more information about what region types are, you can visit the [Region types](#) page where you can find a brief explanation about each of the region types used in the dashboard.

3.2 Navigating to the Life stages dashboard

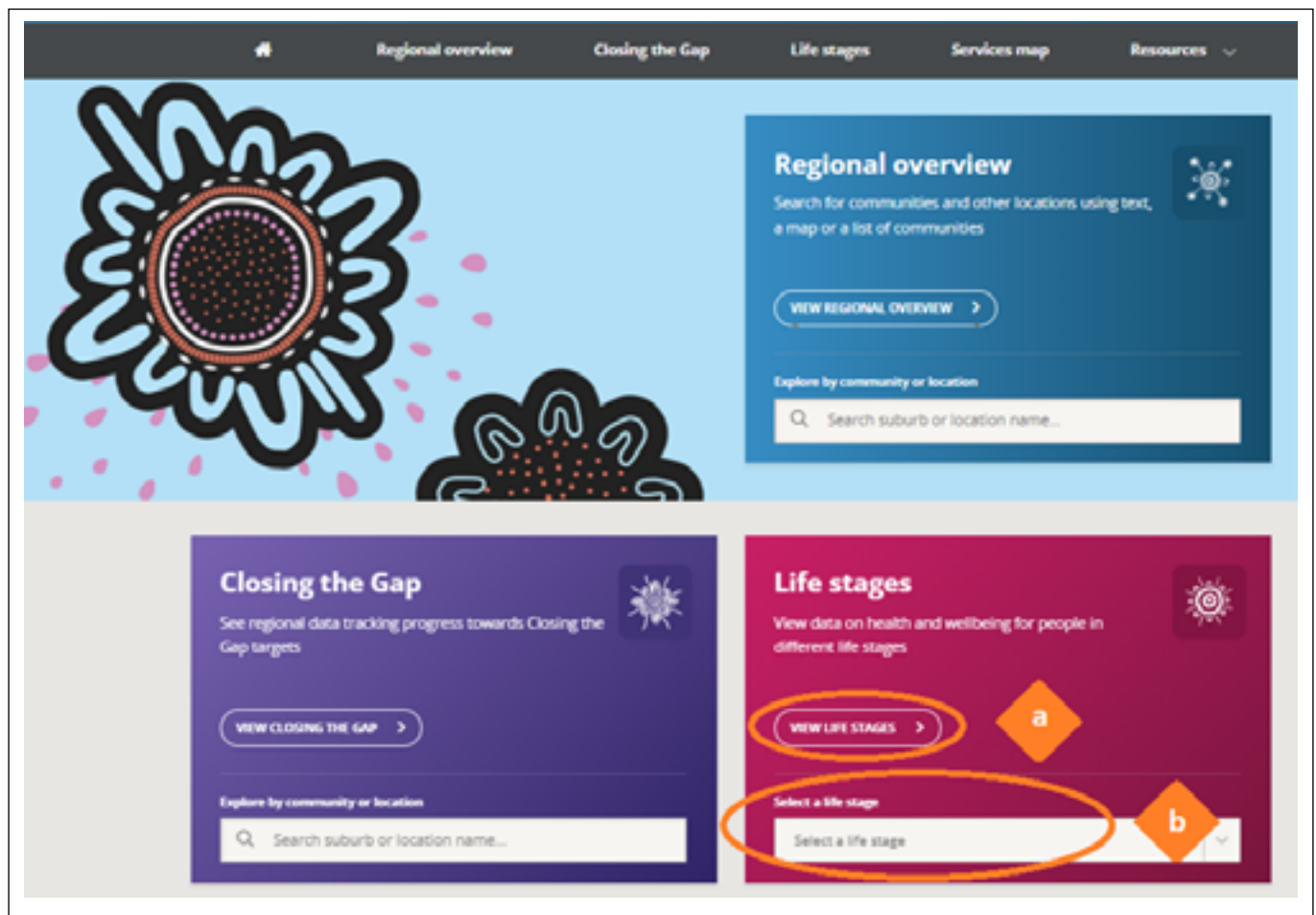
This section of the user guide shows you how to access the information in the Life stages dashboard of the RIFIC website.

The easiest way to navigate to the Life stages dashboard is via visiting the following link:

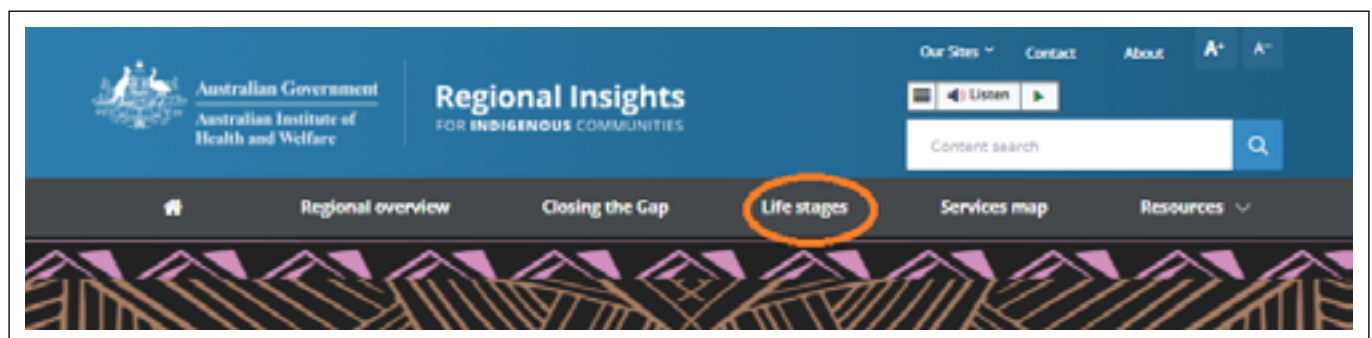
<https://www.rific.gov.au/life-stages>.

You can also navigate to the Life stages dashboard via the website homepage, using:

- a. The **VIEW LIFE STAGES** button, which will take you straight to the dashboard at its default settings (**Mothers and babies at Australia** level). This can then be further adjusted to see lower level geographies (see 3.3 How to use the Closing the Gap dashboard).
- b. The **Select a life stage** drop-down menu, which will allow you to open the dashboard on your preferred life stage.



Alternatively, to go to the Life stages dashboard you can click on the relevant tile on the website menu.



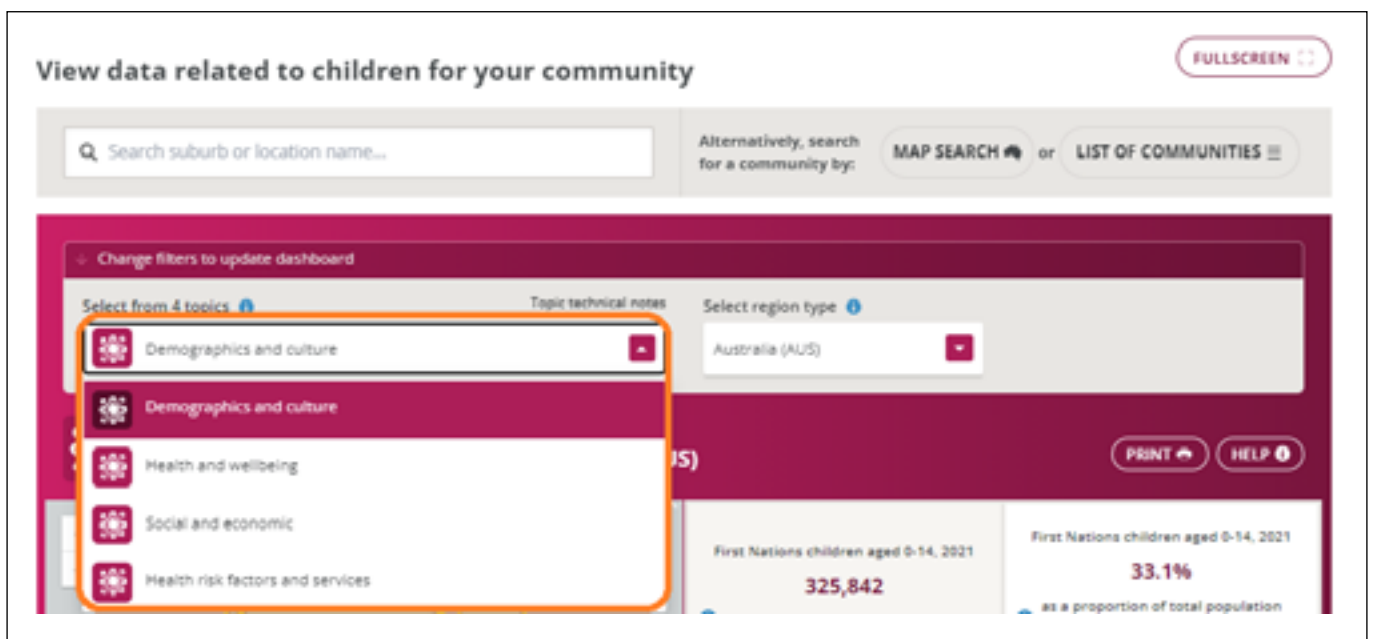
3.3 How to use the Life stages dashboard

The 5 life stages are represented through tiles. **Mothers and babies** is the default life stage – to see another dashboard, click on the tile that you are interested in.

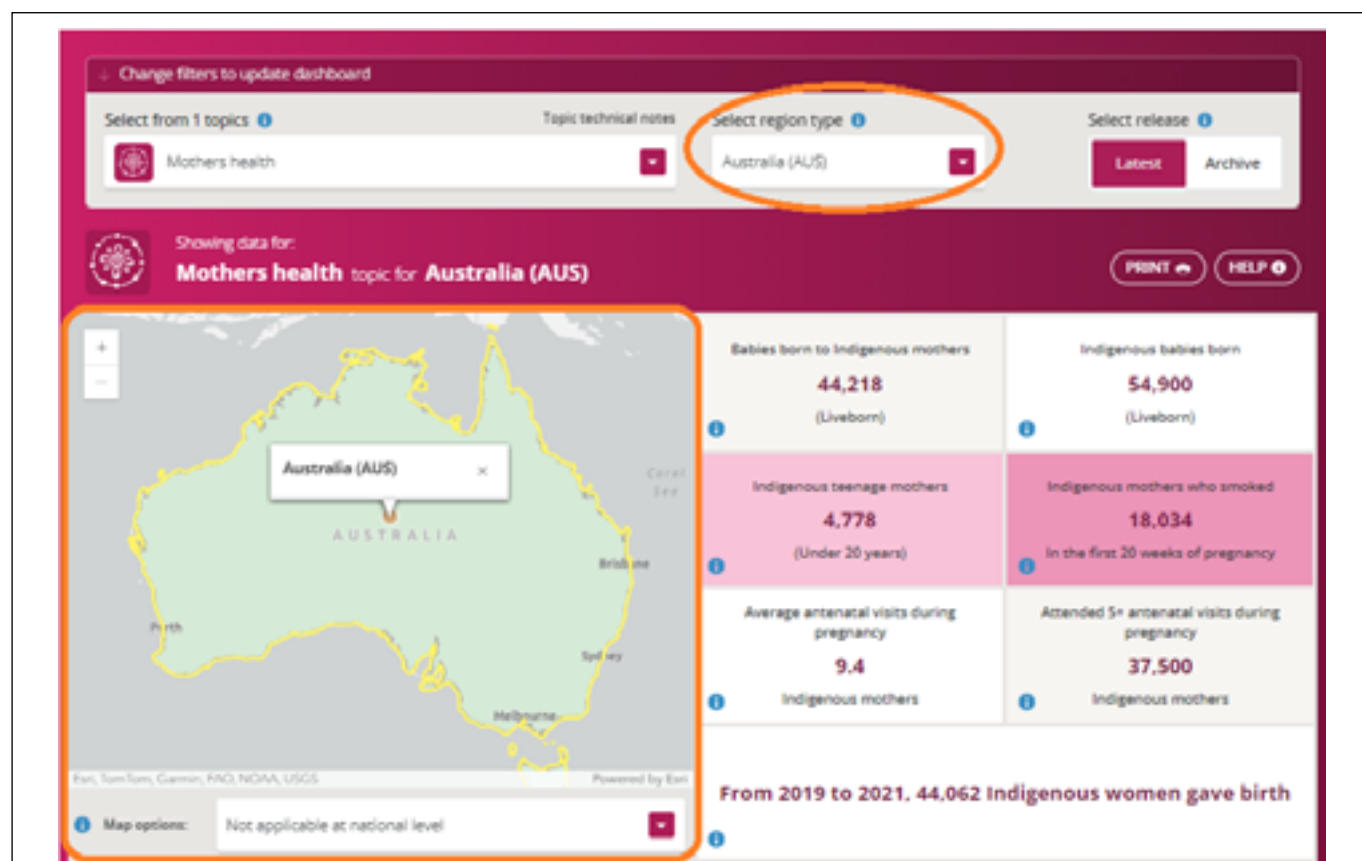


Note: Each Life stage has an accompanying icon. These icons were developed using artwork created by Linda (Nungjingi) Huddleston. For more about this artwork, you can refer to the [About page](#) on the RIFIC website.

Within each life stage, there is a drop-down menu with different subtopics that you can pick from.



If you know the region type/region that you are looking for, you can use the **Select region type** menu to select the correct region type, and then use the dashboard map to find the region you want (see below screenshot).

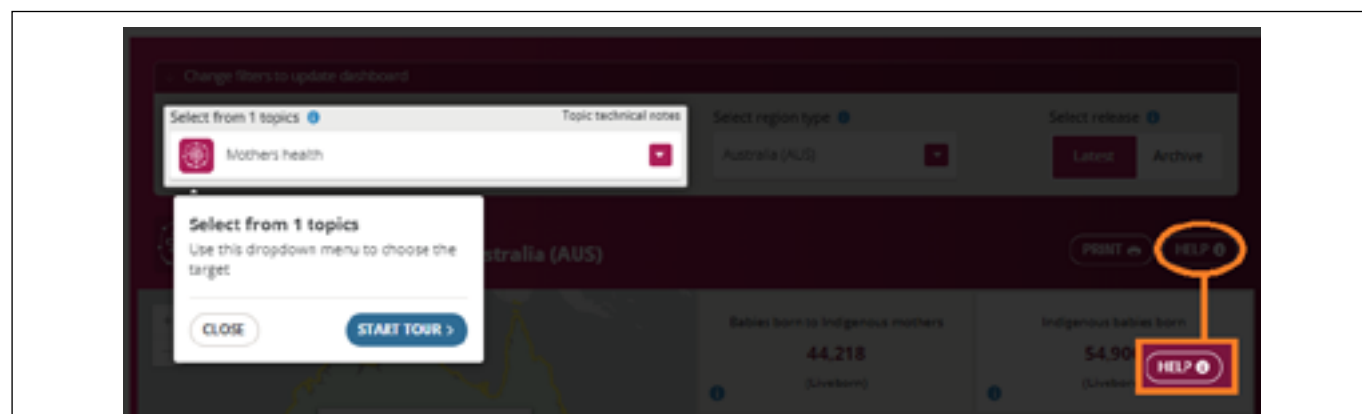


If you are not sure where you are looking for, [Section 3.3.3](#) outlines the different search functions that you can also use.

3.3.1 Life stages dashboard tour

On your first visit, you will be presented with a dashboard tour. The tour will take you through a series of pop-up windows, which will each explain the different components of the dashboard and how to use them.

- The tour should automatically appear in a pop-up window when you land on the Life Stages dashboard page. Just click the **Start tour** button at the bottom of the pop up.
- If you would like to go through the tour again, you can do so at any time by clicking on the **Help** button at the right-hand side of the dashboard.

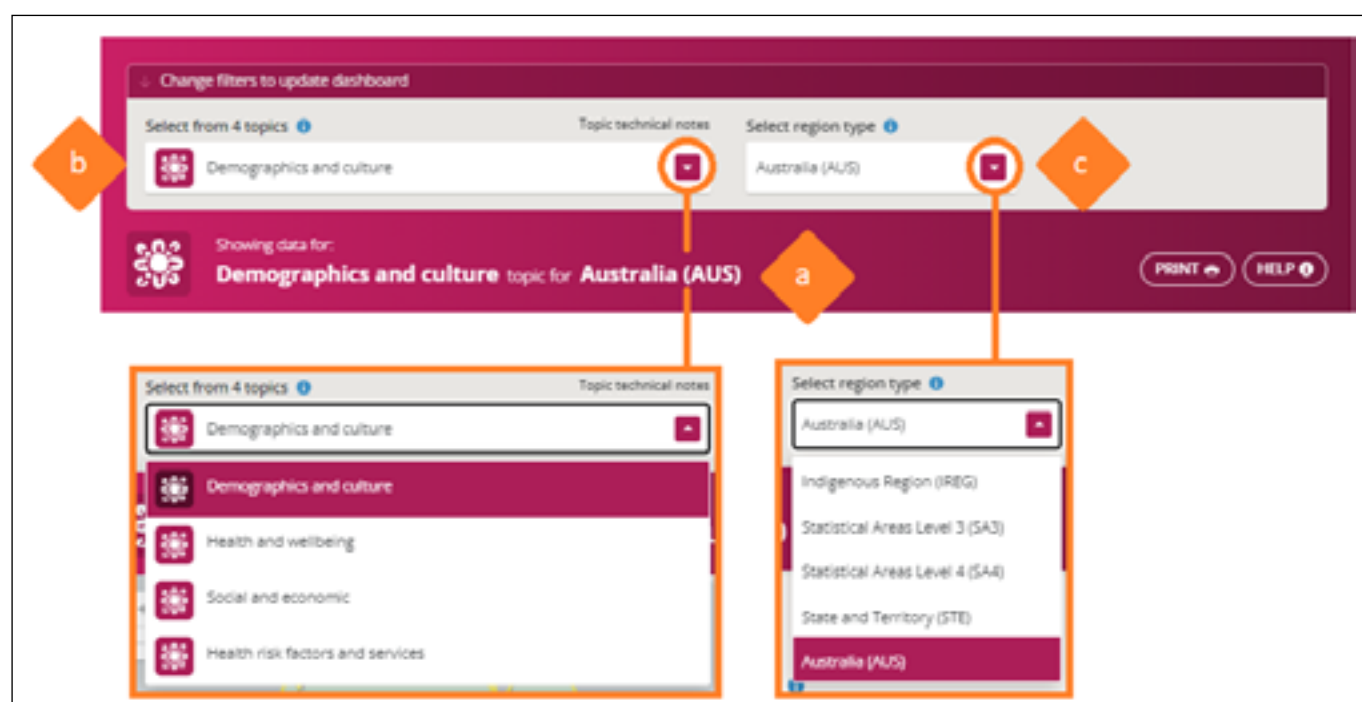


3.3.2 Filtering by topics and region types

You can change the topic and region type that you are viewing statistics for. The examples below use the Tennant Creek Indigenous Region in the Northern Territory.

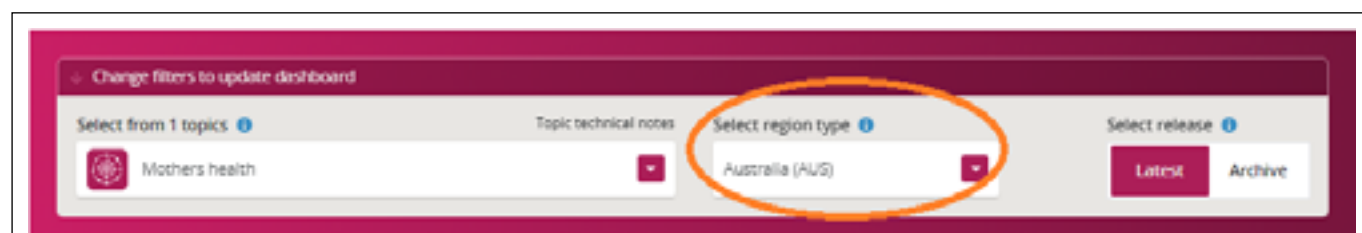
At the top of the dashboard, you will find:

- a. **Region name** you are viewing data for (with the region type in brackets). A region may be selected by clicking on the dashboard map or as a result of a community or location search (see [3.3.3 Searching for a location](#)).
- b. **Select topic** drop down menu allows you to change the topic of all the data shown in the dashboard.
- c. **Select region type** dropdown menu to change the region type for all the statistics. The region types available are different for each topic and are dependent on the data sources used. For further information on region types, see [Region types](#).



3.3.3 Searching for a location

For all 3 search functions, the default dashboard region type will be Australia and therefore the data initially displayed will be for Australia. To see data for other region types relevant to the community or location you have searched for, select other region types of interest from the region type dropdown menu.



There are 3 search functions (signposted below with orange numbers) that you can use to search for the community or location you are interested in.



1. Search bar

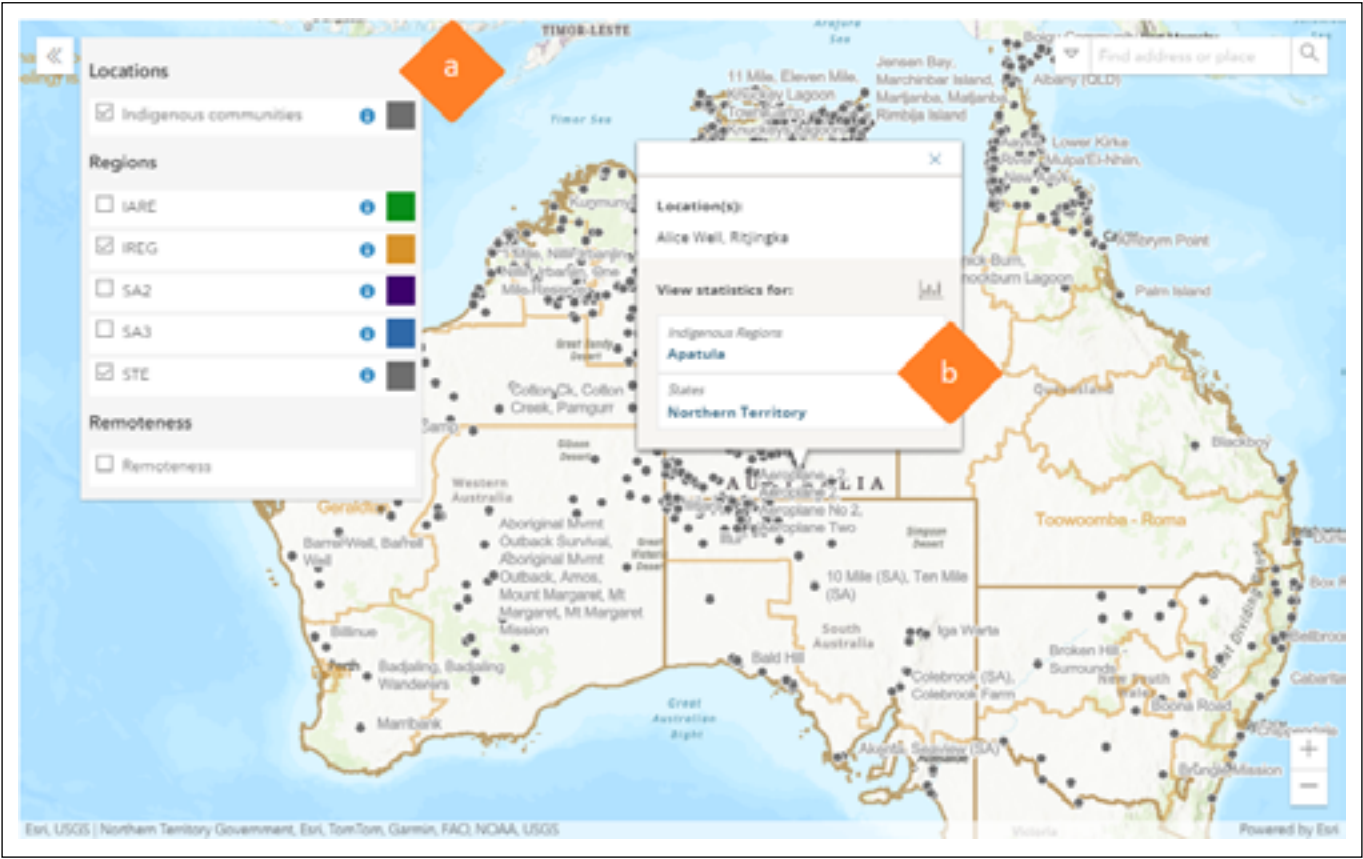
Enter the community or location name into the search bar, and click the community or location that you are looking for as it appears.



2. Interactive map

The interactive map can be accessed through clicking the **MAP SEARCH** button.

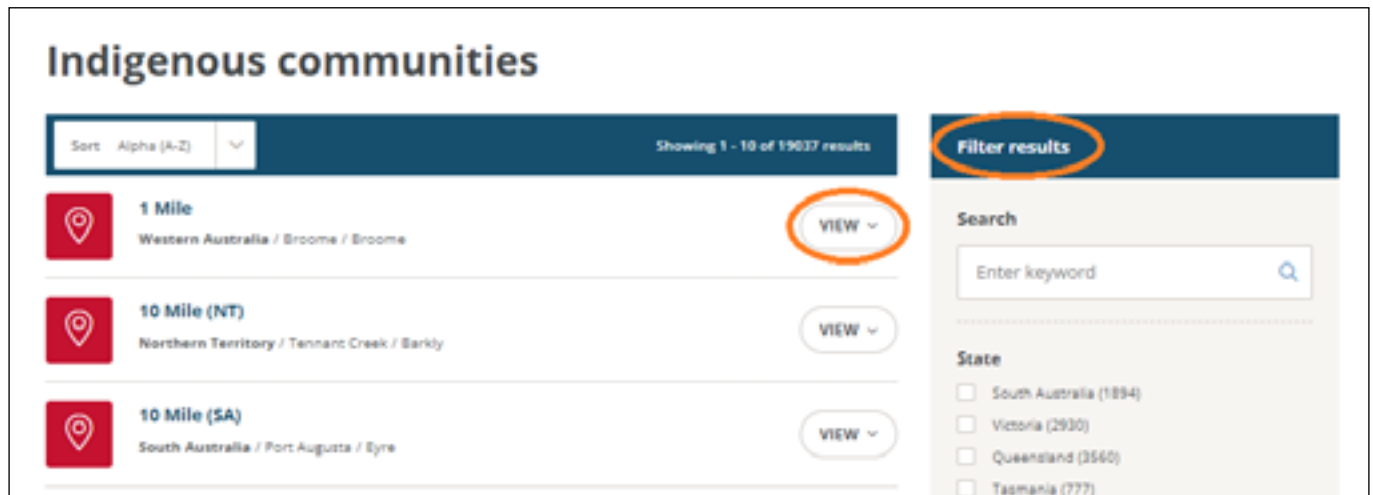
- a. Select the region types that you are interested in
- b. When you click on an Indigenous community (grey dot), you will be presented options to view this community's data on the Regional overview dashboard.



3. List of communities

The list of communities can be accessed through clicking the **List of communities** button, or through visiting the [Indigenous communities](#) page.

There is a **Filter results** function you can use to help find the particular region you are interested in. Once you have found your community in the list, click the **View** button and select 'Regional overview'.

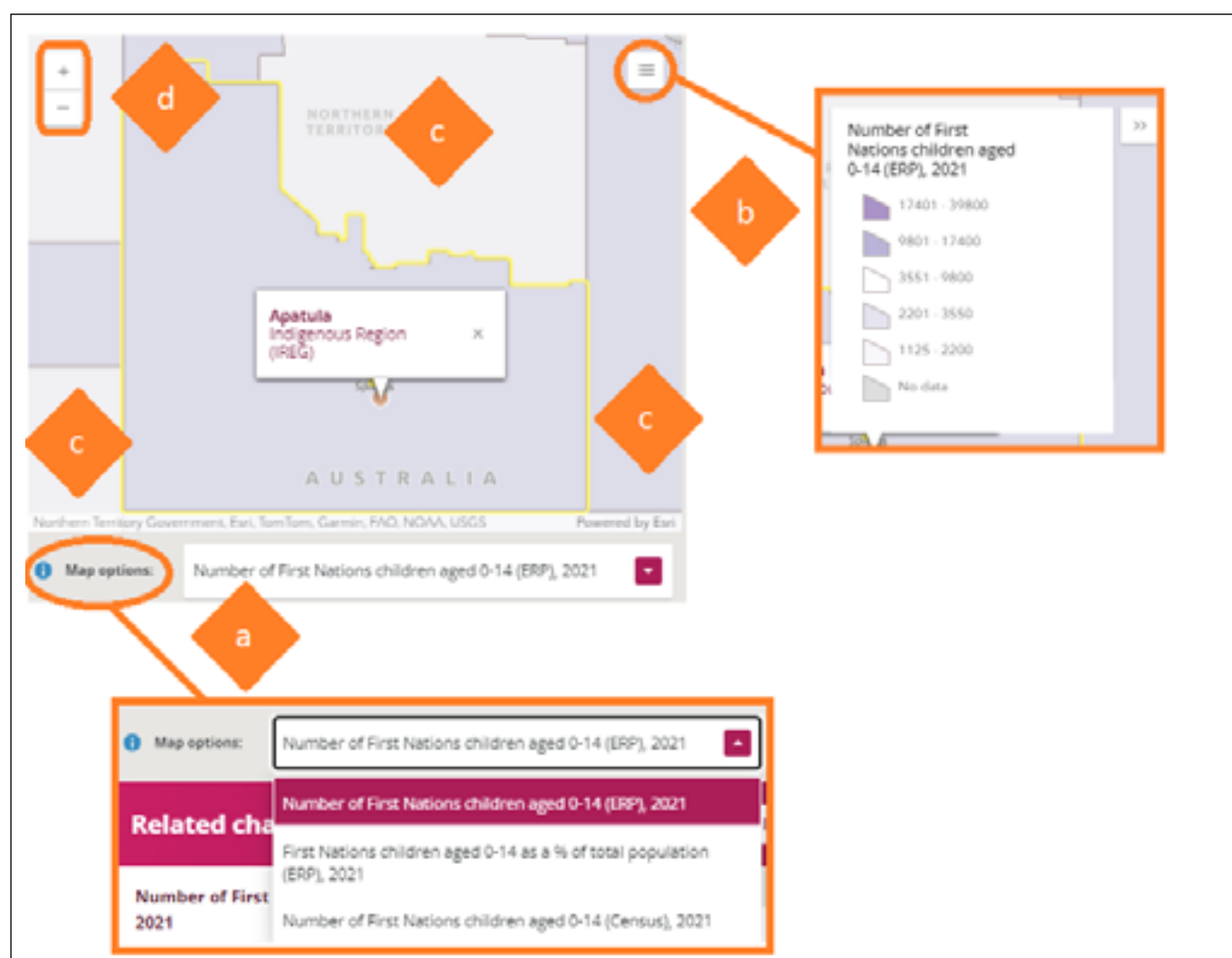


Details on how to use and navigate the Dashboard can be found above at [3.3 How to use the Life stages dashboard](#).

3.3.4 Dashboard map

The dashboard map shows the selected region (with highlighted boundaries). It also shows where the community or location you may have searched for is located.

- a. The region colours show the geographic variation in statistics. To change this, use the Map options drop down menu under the map.
- b. Click on the legend symbol in the top right corner of the map to open a legend that shows the range of values that corresponds to each colour.
- c. Change the selected region by clicking on a different region on the map.
- d. Zoom in and out and move the map around to find other regions or to view the geographic variation in the selected statistic.



3.3.5 Dashboard tiles

This part of the dashboard shows data based on the topic and region type selected from the dropdown menus. It is important to note that the statistics are about the whole region and not just the community or location you may have searched for.

- a. Hovering over the (i) icon will show a pop up, telling you what the data source is.



3.3.6 Related charts

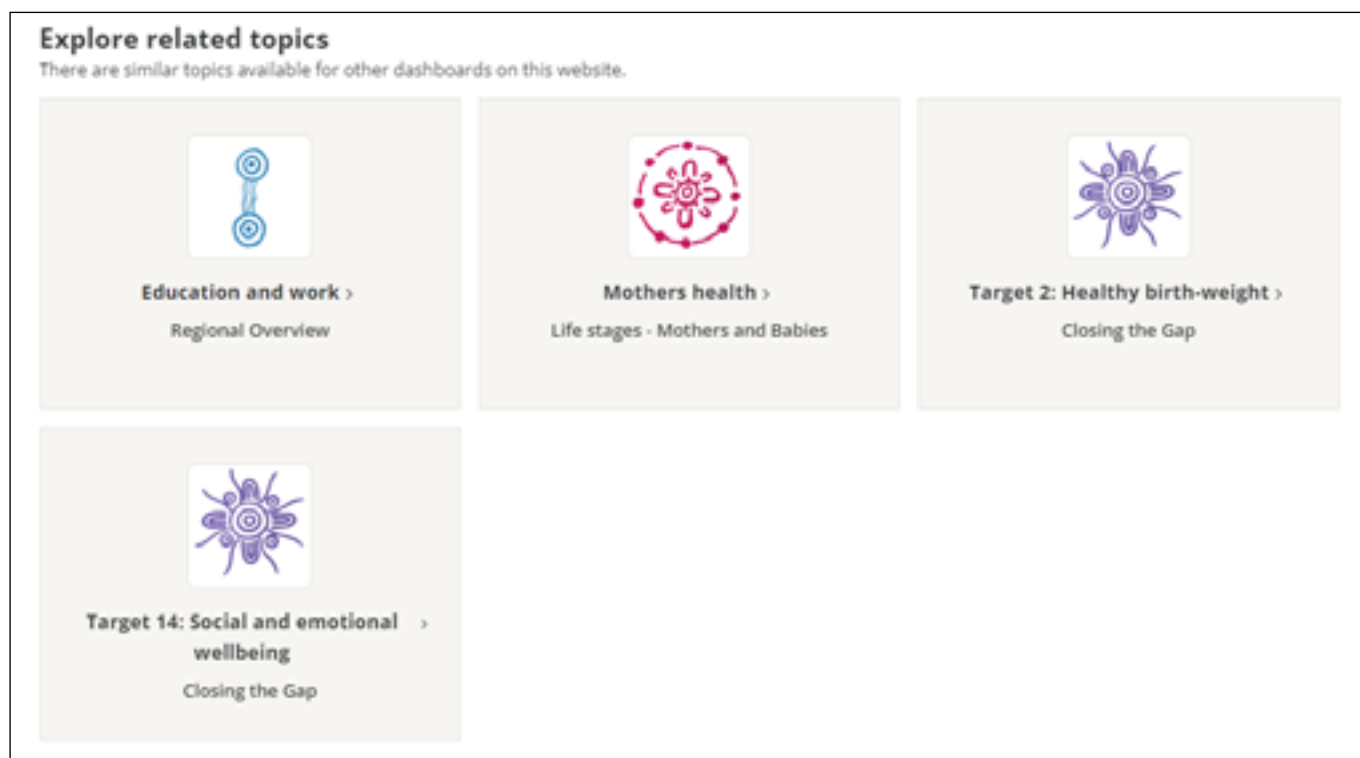
This part of the dashboard shows data visualisations for the selected topic and region type (from dropdown menus described above). It is important to note that the statistics are about the whole region and not just the community or location that you may have searched for.

- a. You can use the **Filter charts** button to select the subtopic that you are interested in.
- b. You can enlarge a visualisation by clicking the arrows.
- c. You can click the **Expand all charts** button to see more related visualisations.



3.3.7 Explore related topics

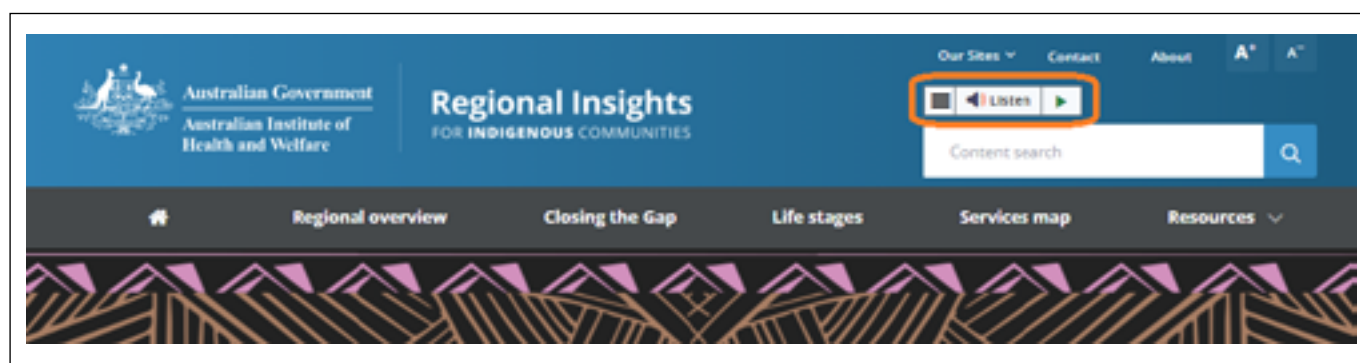
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3.3.8 Other helpful buttons

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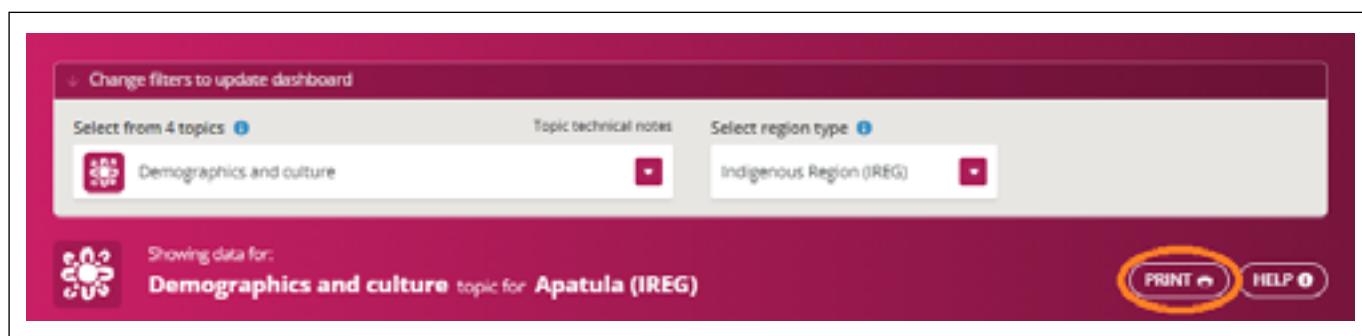
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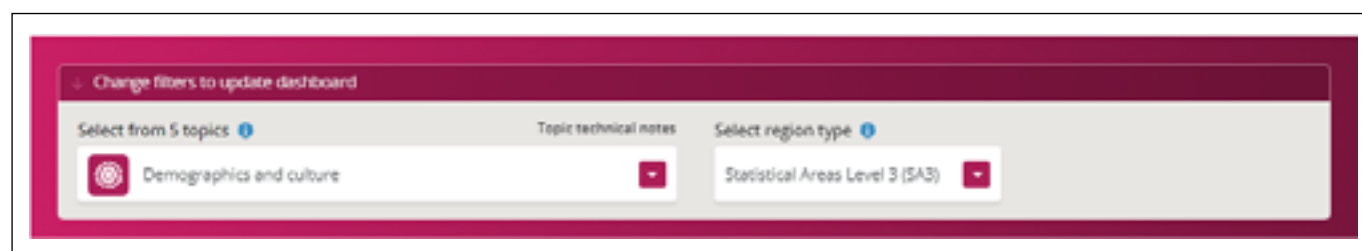
3.4 Examples

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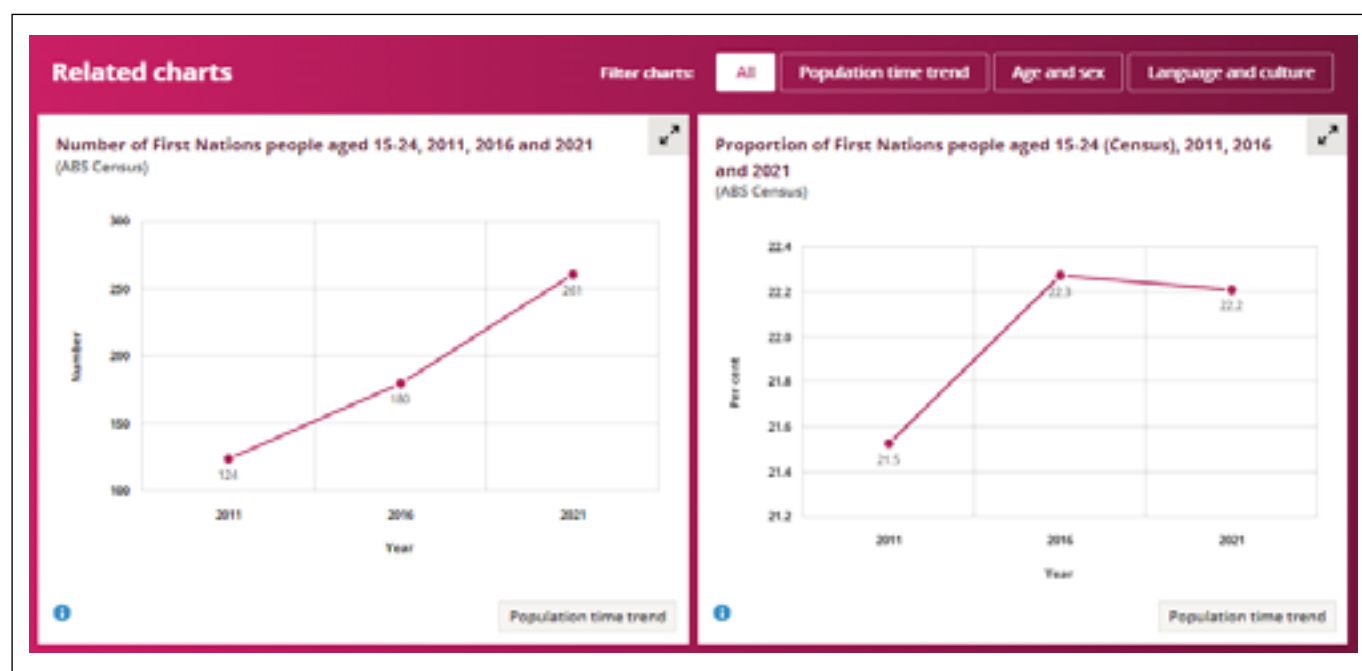
Question 1. How has the First Nations population aged 15-24 in Buderim (SA3) changed over time?

Step 1: Think about which dashboard would be best to answer this question. If you are stuck, you can visit the [Data availability](#) and [Technical notes](#) pages to help determine which dashboard to use. In this case, use the Adolescents and youth life stage (Demographics and culture topic).

Step 2: Make sure you have selected the correct location, topic, and region type. See [Section 3.3.2](#) for further help).



Step 3: Scroll down to the dashboard. Find the statistics you are interested in by navigating your way around the information presented in the (see Sections [3.3.4](#), [3.3.5](#) and [3.3.6](#) for help with this). In this case, you can look at the Related charts to see Census counts over time.

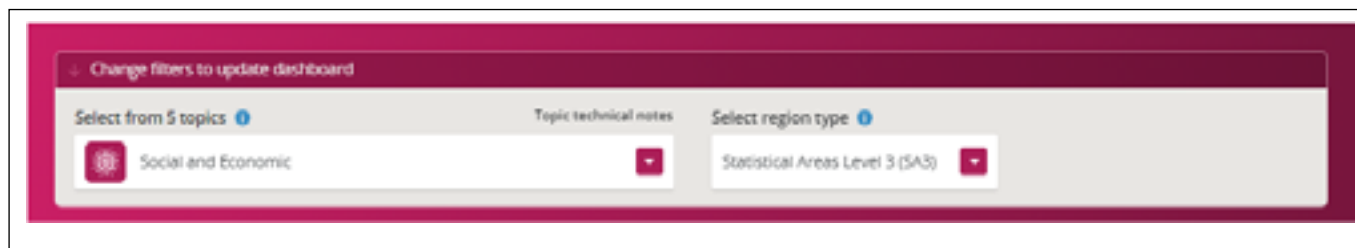


From the information presented in the graph, we can see that in the 2011 Census, there were 124 people aged 15-24 in Buderim who identified themselves as First Nations, while in the 2021 Census there were 261. In the graph on the right, you can see that the proportion of First Nations people in Buderim who are aged 15-24 rose from 21.5% in 2011 to 22.3% in 2016 before falling to 22.2% in 2021.

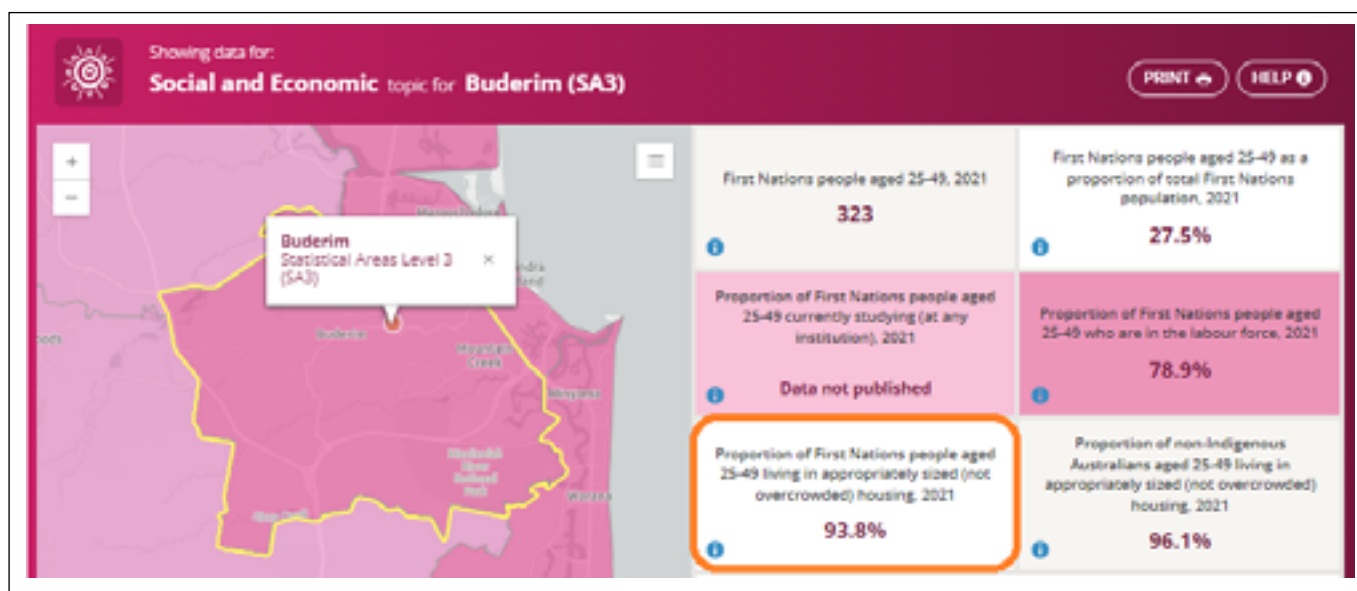
Question 2. How does overcrowding among adults aged 25-49 in Buderim SA3 compare with Queensland and Australia?

Step 1: Think about which dashboard would be best to answer this question. If you are stuck, you can visit the [Data availability](#) and [Technical notes](#) pages to help determine which dashboard to use. In this case, use the **Adults** life stage (Social and economic topic).

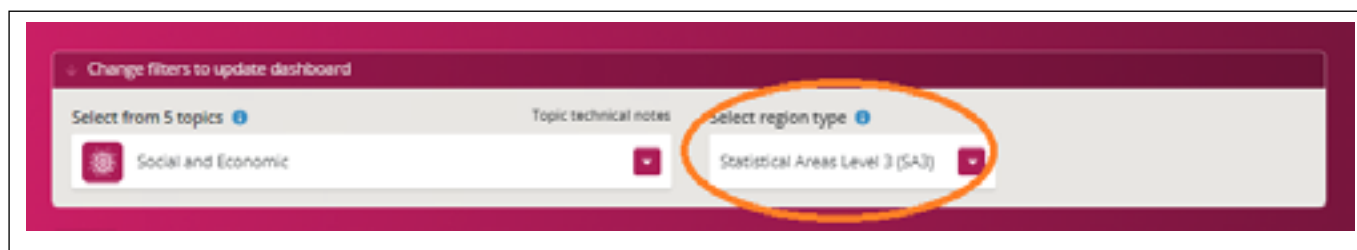
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Step 3: Scroll down to the dashboard. Find the statistics you are interested in by navigating your way around the information presented in the dashboard (see [Sections 3.3.4](#), [3.3.5](#) and [3.3.6](#) for help with this). In this case, the dashboard tiles display the relevant information.



Step 4: Use the Select region type heading to see the same data at the State and Territory (STE) and Australia (AUS) levels.



From the information presented we can see that in 2021, among First Nations people aged 25-49:

- 93.8% in Buderim (SA3) lived in appropriately sized (not overcrowded) housing
- 83.6% in Queensland lived in appropriately sized (not overcrowded) housing
- 82.9% in Australia lived in appropriately sized (not overcrowded) housing.

Services map

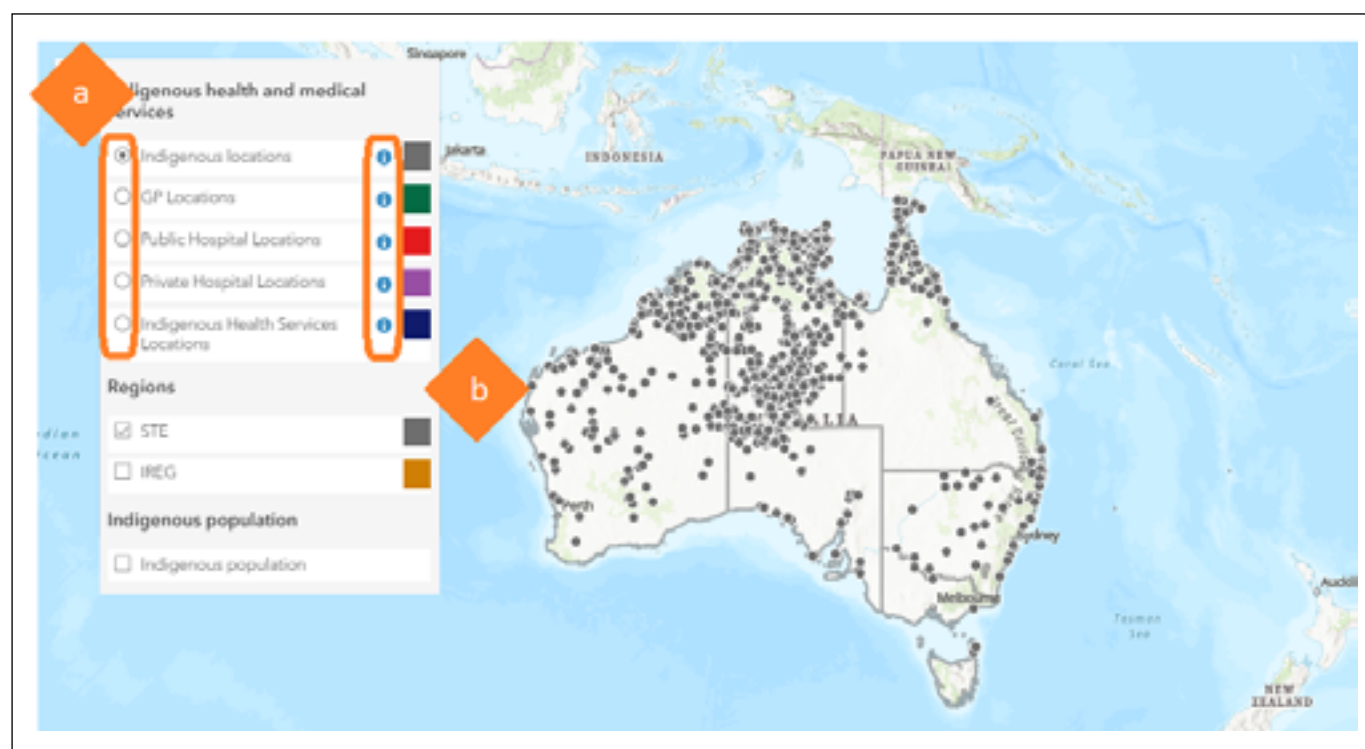
The [Services map](#) allows you to view the location of different types of health services. It allows you to compare the availability of services to locations of Indigenous communities (as defined by AGIL areas) and ASGS Indigenous Regions.

The services map has a number of interactive functions:

- Move around the map – by using your cursor to click and drag the map
- Zoom in and out – by clicking on the buttons at the bottom right-hand side of the map
- Click on location(s) points – to find out more about the service displayed
- Full screen mode – by clicking on the fullscreen button at the top right hand side, above the map.

Indigenous health and medical services

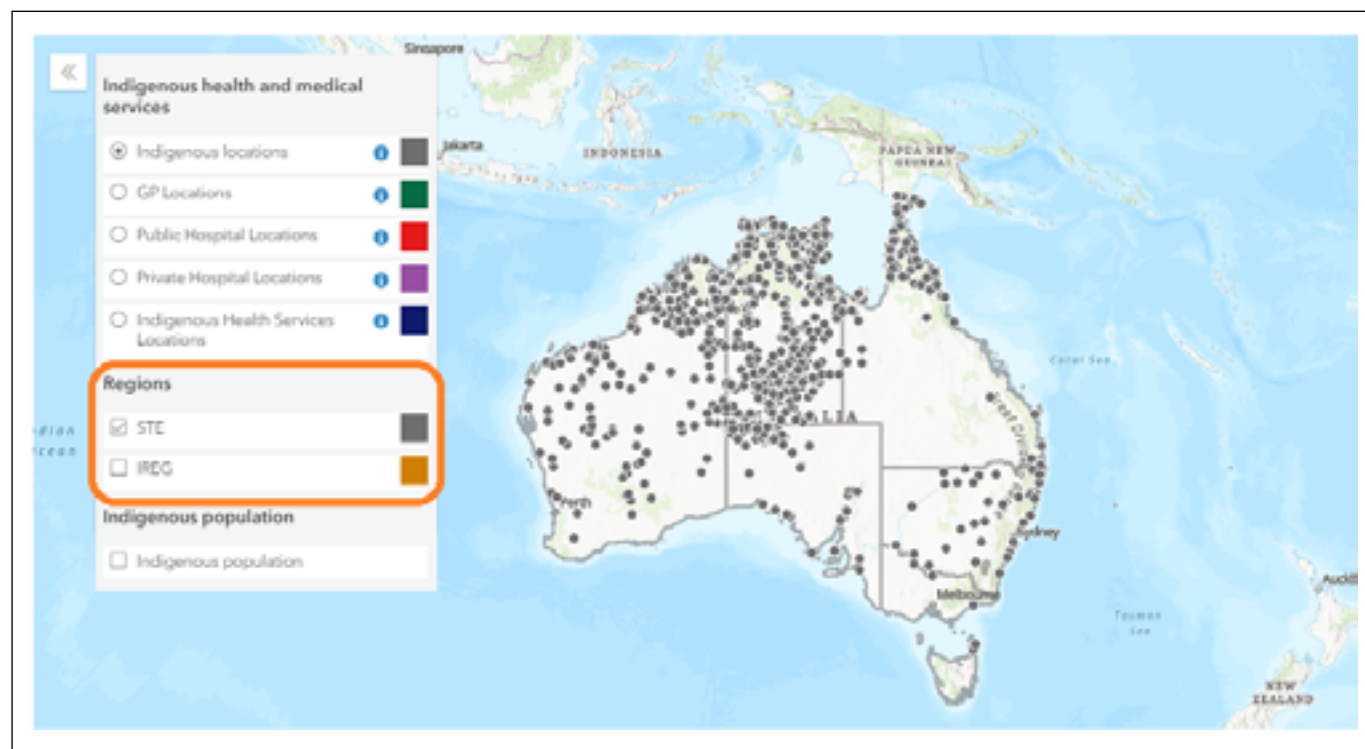
This section allows you to select a type of health service, or Indigenous locations, in order to view the relevant locations.



- Choose a button to select that category.
- Hold your cursor over these sections to view the source of the data.

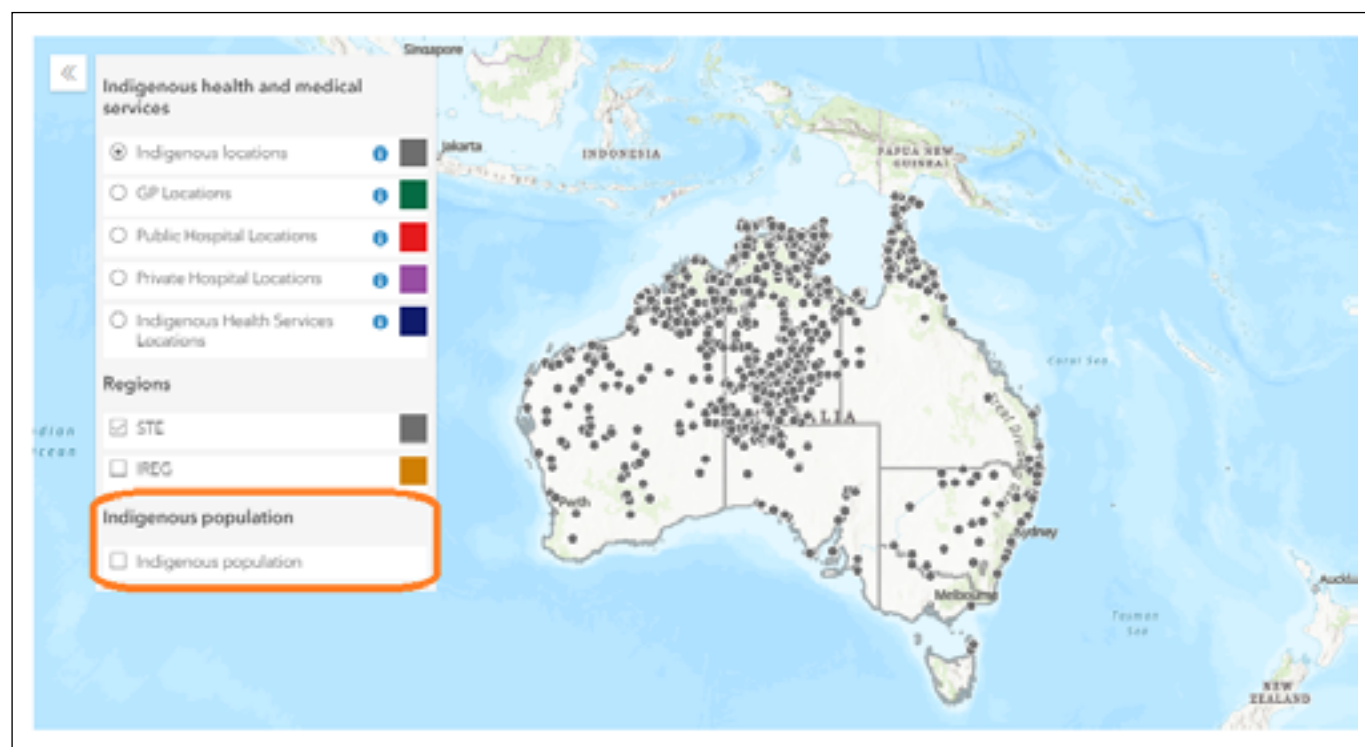
Regions

This section of the legend allows you to change the boundaries displayed in the map. You can select either STE (States and territories) or IREG (Indigenous region) or both.



Indigenous population

The Indigenous population tick box allows you to see the proportion of the population who are First Nations, by Indigenous region.



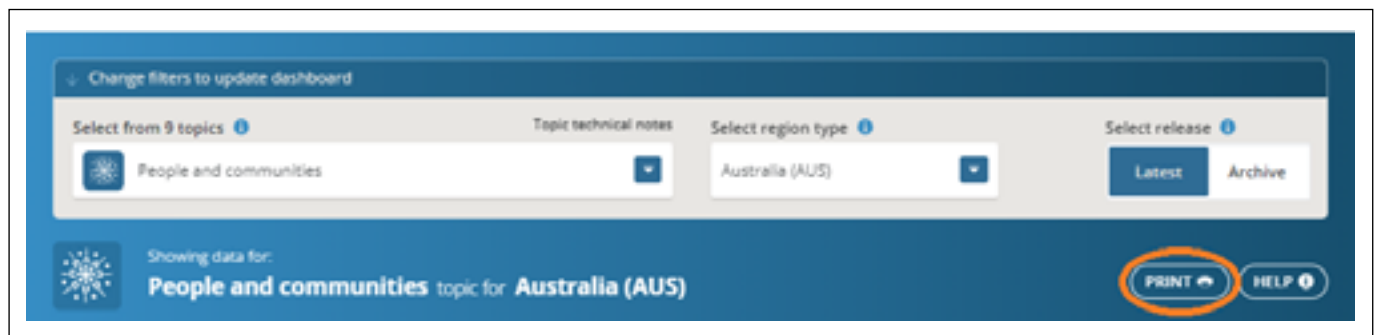
Quick tips

What data is available?

The [Data availability](#) page describes the data that is available in each dashboard – specifying the data sources and the region types.

Can I print the dashboard?

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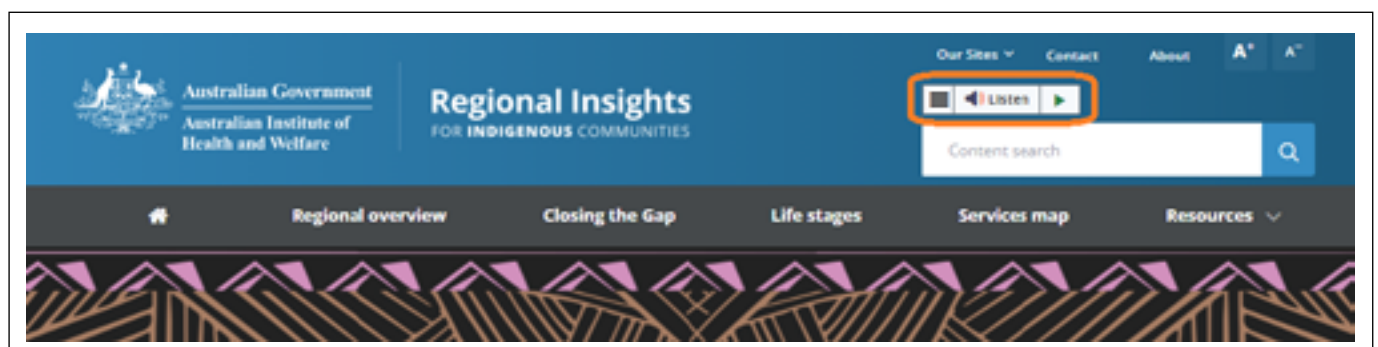


How was the data analysed?

This depends on the data source and variable that is being analysed. The [Technical notes](#) provide information on where data has come from, how it has been analysed and any suppression that has been applied.

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What does that word mean?

For explanations of terms used and technical language, head to [Glossary](#) and [Abbreviations](#).

I see that there is a new release. What data has been updated?

The [Updates](#) page outlines which parts of the website have been most recently updated.

Confused by the dashboard?

You can click the Help button on any dashboard to begin a tour. The tour will take you through a series of pop-up windows, which will each explain the different components of the dashboard and how to use them.

Which dashboard should I use?

The **Regional overview dashboard** has the most data. It contains data across a number of topics, by age groups, sex, and more.

The **Closing the Gap dashboard** is best for tracking progress of the Closing the Gap targets at lower-level geographies.

The **Life stages dashboard** is best for comparing selected data across age groups. The life stages are Mothers and babies, Children (0–14 years), Adolescents and youth (15–24 years), Adults (25–49 years) and Older people (50 years and over).

For further details on the data available head to [Data availability](#).

For more information about the data used, head to [Data sources](#) and [Technical notes](#).

Where can I find more detailed information regarding First Nations people?

The AIHW has two other standalone websites with information on First Nations people:

- [Indigenous Health Performance Framework](#): For an in-depth look at First Nations health across a number of measures.
- [Indigenous Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Clearinghouse](#): For data related to mental health and suicide prevention, as well as a number of relevant papers.
- The AIHW also has a number of reports on First Nations people on their main website, under the [First Nations people](#) topic.

Can't find the data that you want?

If you require data not currently available, please:

- email RIFIC@aihw.gov.au for questions regarding regional level data
- email indigenous@aihw.gov.au for questions regarding other Indigenous specific data
- or submit a data request

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