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 <u>CLSD Program</u>

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 <u>ASGS Edition 3</u> structure

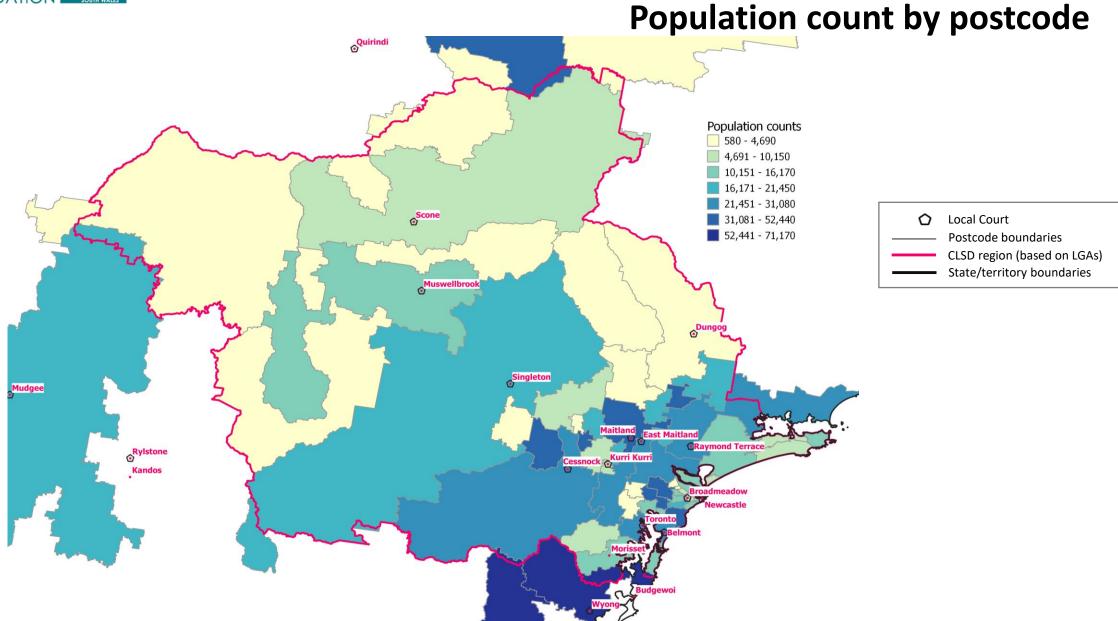
Data sources

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

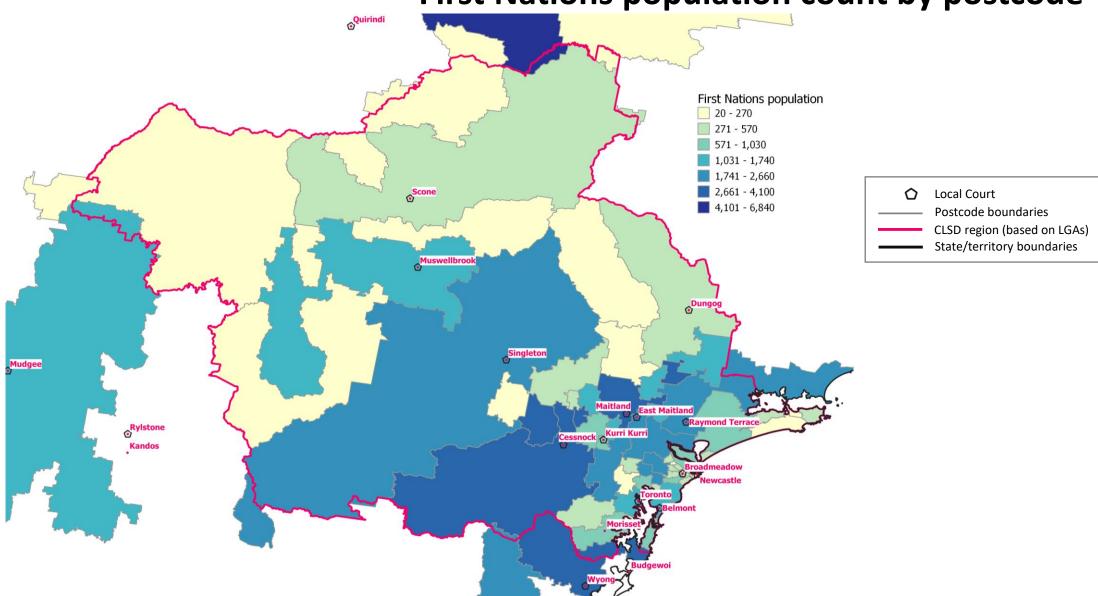
- Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2021 Census
- Department of Social Services (DSS), December 2022
- National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), December 2022

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.





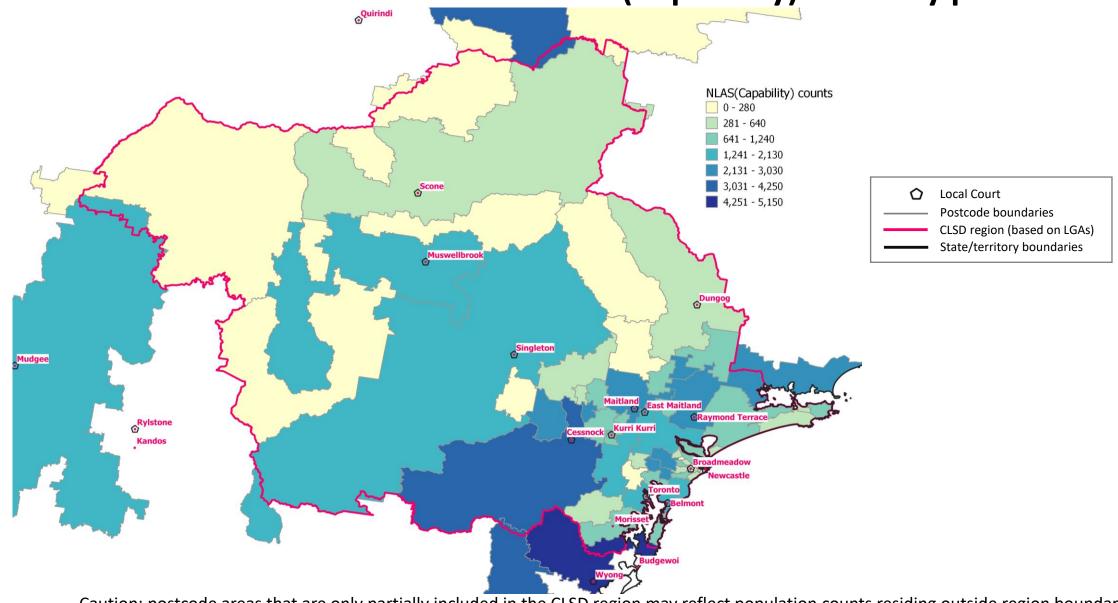
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First Nations population count by postcode

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NLAS(Capability) count by postcode



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Priority group profile (population counts by LGA)

		CLSD			Lake		Muswellbro		Port		Upper
Population group	NSW	region	Cessnock	Dungog	Macquarie	Maitland	ok	Newcastle	Stephens	Singleton	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

Priority group profile (percentages by LGA)

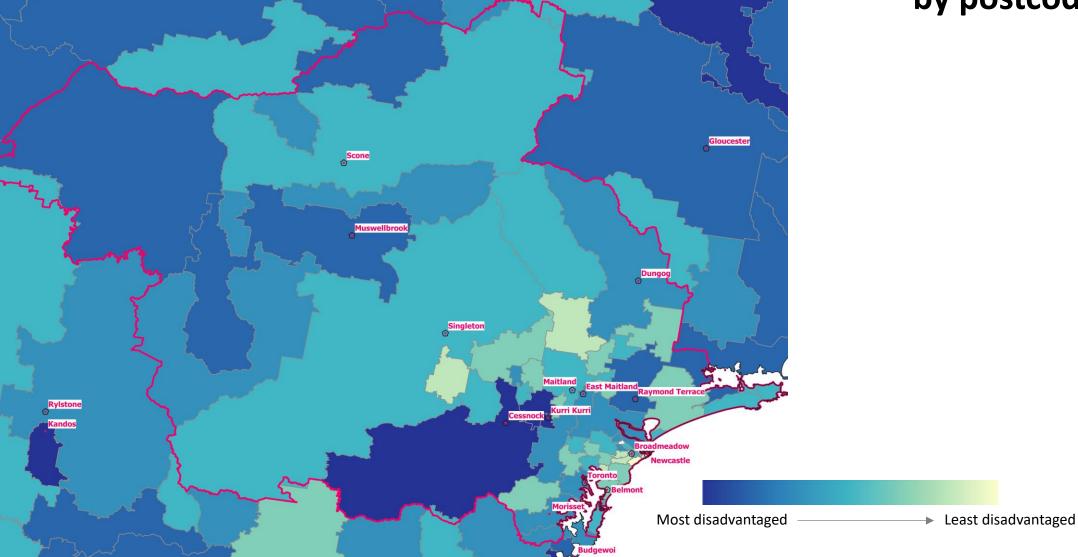
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NLAS(Capability)	9.3	11.8	16.9	13.5	11.5	12.2	16.3	8.7	13.9	12.7	13.2
NLAS(Community)	11.9	14.3	20.8	16.2	13.5	15.3	19.1	11.0	16.0	14.0	17.1
Population 15+	81.8	81.7	79.8	81.4	81.9	78.6	78.8	83.8	82.9	79.3	81.4
Female 15+	41.8	41.8	39.8	41.0	42.4	40.9	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



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.
	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
Disability Support Pension	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.

	All		NLAS		All	First nations	NLAS			First nations	NLAS
Postcode	Population	population	(Capability)	Postcode	Population	population	(Capability)	Postco		population	(Capability)
2250	71,170	2,660	4,250	2300	12,060	340	460	233	1 580	30	10
2259	66,240	4,090	5,150	2302	1,410	20	50	233	3 13,800	1,740	1,500
2264	16,160	1,020	1,220	2303	9,710	360	580	233	,		310
2265	7,460	340	420	2304	15,810	800	1,120	233	5 8,120	570	540
2267	2,920	150	190	2305	13,110	400	520	233	6 2,590	230	230
2278	2,570	200	240	2306	3,420	560	790	233	,	510	550
2280	27,180	1,230	1,710	2307	4,540	290	360	233	8 1,400	90	120
2281	15,320	760	1,120	2308	1,360	40	<10	234	0 52,440	6,830	4,120
2282	16,150	490	750	2311	910	60	100	235	4 3,480	230	280
2283	24,420	1,660	1,870	2315	15,290	540	960	242	0 4,020	330	370
2284	12,610	690	950	2316	6,580	260	430	242	1 2,070	100	130
2285	33,870	2,170	2,400	2317	6,550	250	450	285	0 19,150	1,290	1,490
2286	4,690	340	410	2318	13,670	910	860				
2287	40,850	2,290	2,780	2319	6,890	550	730				
2289	20,260	640	900	2320	39,160	2,920	3,030				
2290	34,910	1,640	2,060	2321	19,860	1,450	1,240				
2291	14,280	310	400	2322	24,370	1,950	2,020				
2292	2,620	120	160	2323	26,050	1,910	2,130				
2293	3,300	110	140	2324	25,440	2,350	2,620				
2294	2,060	130	130	2325	31,070	3,340	3,590				
2295	8,090	410	500	2326	7,870	860	970				
2296	2,030	60	110	2327	7,830	890	1,010				
2297	1,800	70	100	2328	2,510	190	210				
2298	10,140	530	640	2329	2,140	150	210				
2299	11,910	510	850	2330	21,450	1,860	1,830				
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Domestic Violence Assault - Count

LGA	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Cessnock	264	314	311	340	485
Dungog	24	34	32	36	32
Lake Macquarie	799	774	839	789	863
Maitland	446	416	463	669	713
Muswellbrook	123	128	133	158	202
Newcastle	675	658	746	824	768
Port Stephens	361	375	347	399	498
Singleton	89	102	112	92	115
Upper Hunter Shire	47	86	56	61	73

Domestic Violence Assault – Rate/100,000 Population

LGA	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
NSW Rate	391	398	399	424	447
Cessnock	440	504	485	516	736
Dungog	255	361	336	370	329
Lake Macquarie	388	366	392	364	398
Maitland	524	474	511	715	762
Muswellbrook	751	777	808	955	1,221
Newcastle	408	392	440	480	448
Port Stephens	491	505	461	520	650
Singleton	379	417	453	367	458
Upper Hunter Shire	332	603	393	427	511

Domestic Violence Assault – 10-year trends, July 2014 to June 2024

LGA	2 Year Trend	5 Year Trend*	10 Year Trend*	Ratio to NSW	Rank
Cessnock	24.8	17.3	Stable	1.6	31
Dungog	Stable	Stable	Stable	0.7	86
Lake Macquarie	10.5	Stable	2.4	0.9	72
Maitland	Stable	12.2	6.4	1.7	29
Muswellbrook	Stable	10.4	6.6	2.7	8
Newcastle	Stable	2.6	Stable	1.0	71
Port Stephens	Stable	8.0	4.3	1.5	41
Singleton	Stable	Stable	5.4	1.0	68
Upper Hunter Shire	Stable	Stable	12.5	1.1	62

*Annual average percentage change.

Non-Criminal Domestic Episodes

These figures correspond to incidents attended by NSW Police where a domestic dispute is recorded as having taken place but no criminal incident has been recorded. The vast majority of these episodes are verbal altercations.

LGA	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Cessnock	642	735	783	822	940
Dungog	45	69	68	66	46
Lake Macquarie	1,833	2,164	2,029	1,971	2,310
Maitland	772	772	815	997	1,037
Muswellbrook	362	383	312	295	308
Newcastle	2,018	2,168	2,055	2,059	2,163
Port Stephens	721	886	786	762	894
Singleton	197	220	228	269	264
Upper Hunter Shire	169	177	134	124	100

Non-Criminal Domestic Episodes - Rate/100,000 Population

LGA	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
NSW Rate	1,069	1,093	1,034	988	1,065
Cessnock	1,070	1,180	1,221	1,248	1,427
Dungog	477	732	713	679	473
Lake Macquarie	890	1,023	948	910	1,067
Maitland	907	880	899	1,065	1,108
Muswellbrook	2,193	2,326	1,895	1,784	1,862
Newcastle	1,219	1,291	1,213	1,200	1,261
Port Stephens	981	1,193	1,043	994	1,166
Singleton	840	890	922	1,072	1,052
Upper Hunter Shire	1,192	1,241	940	868	670

Breach of Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders - Count

These figures correspond to the number of breaches of ADVOS for which a defendant was proceeded against by NSW Police. The LGA recorded is where the defendant lived at the time of breach.

COUNT	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23	23 - 24
Cessnock	145	199	156	159	178	174	238	252
Dungog	10	7	12	10	17	23	24	9
Lake Macquarie	329	299	381	417	499	480	535	632
Maitland	163	195	210	186	205	226	314	348
Muswellbrook	46	47	61	53	50	65	83	69
Newcastle	254	287	324	371	392	367	417	483
Port Stephens	142	152	104	153	149	173	193	255
Singleton	57	40	45	29	62	48	62	48
Upper Hunter Shire	16	13	7	37	68	31	35	33

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RATE/100,000	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23	23 - 24
NSW Rate	152	168	188	219	243	262	282	297
Cessnock	294	393	303	296	322	306	419	443
Dungog	124	85	145	120	203	268	280	105
Lake Macquarie	185	167	212	225	265	252	281	332
Maitland	237	276	289	248	265	282	392	434
Muswellbrook	332	339	439	376	354	455	581	483
Newcastle	177	198	221	249	260	240	273	316
Port Stephens	225	237	160	232	222	253	282	373
Singleton	284	200	224	138	290	221	285	221
Upper Hunter Shire	129	105	57	296	542	247	279	263

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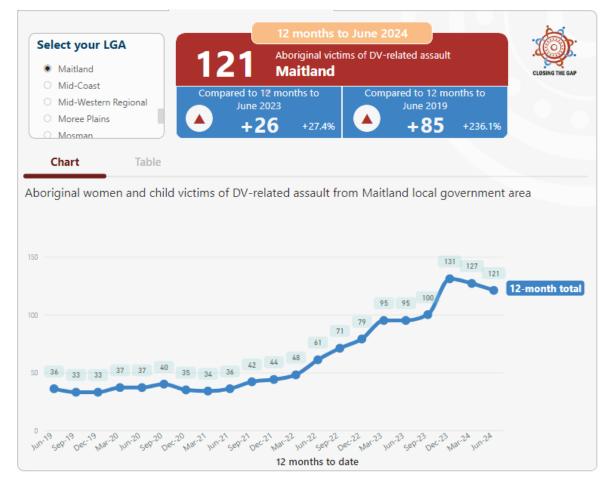
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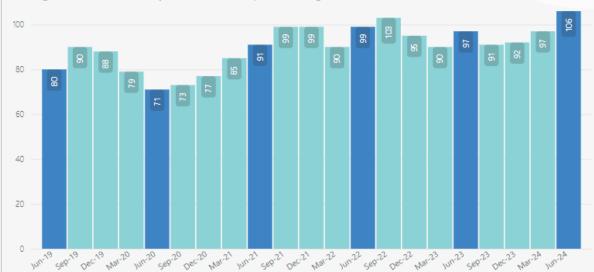


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Aboriginal adults in custody from Lake Macquarie local government area

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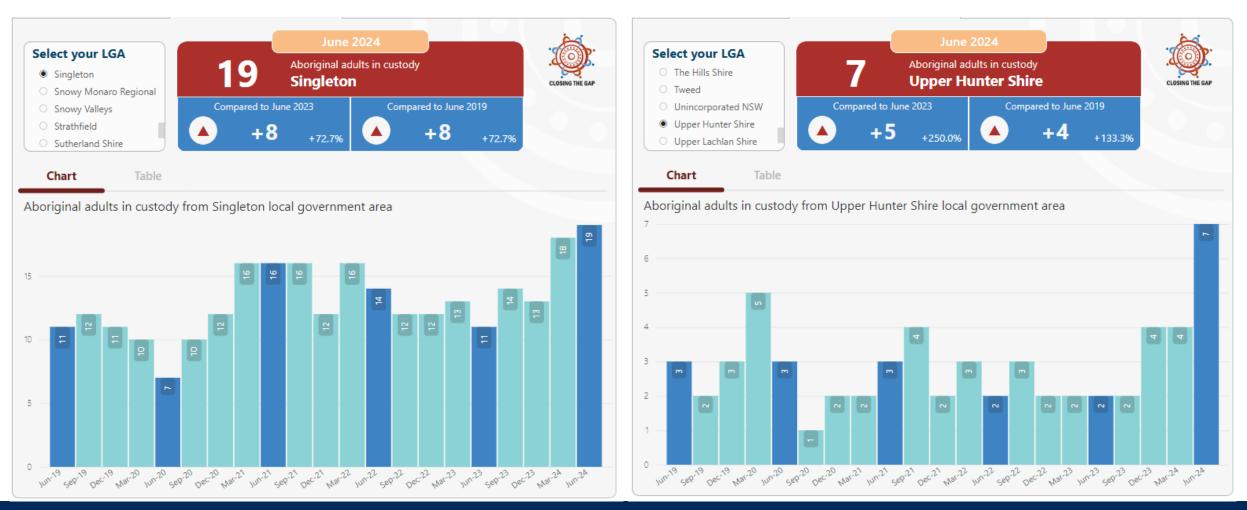
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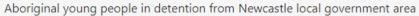


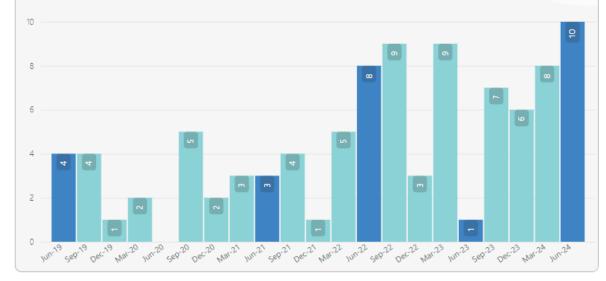
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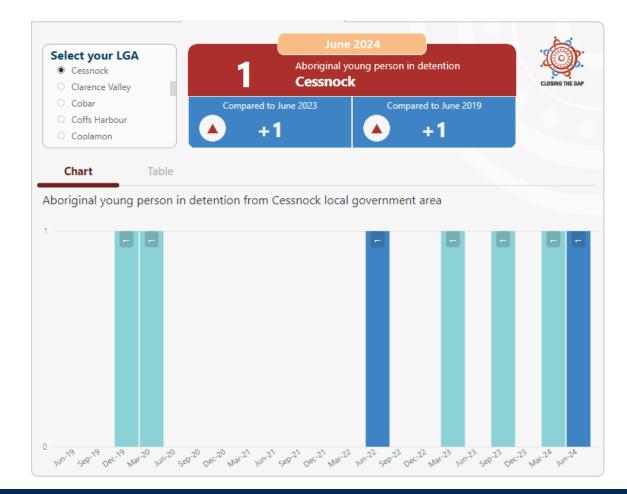




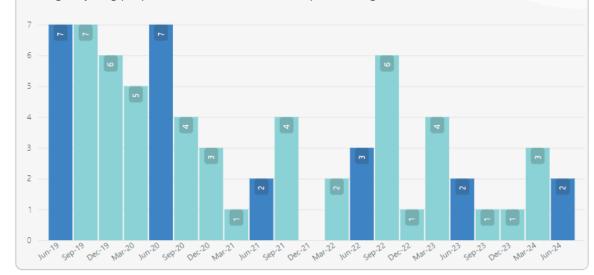


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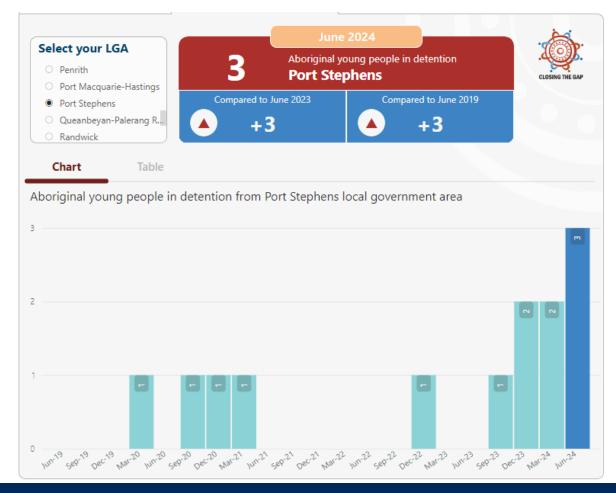
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By LGA and Aboriginality | July 2023 – June 2024

CESSNOCK	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal
Taken to court	41	35
Youth Justice Conference	1	0
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	21	44
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	3	10

DUNGOG	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal
Taken to court	0	0
Youth Justice Conference	0	0
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	5	4
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	0	0

LAKE MACQUARIE	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal
Taken to court	197	125
Youth Justice Conference	25	17
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	43	115
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	9	53

By LGA and Aboriginality | July 2023 – June 2024

MAITLAND	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal
Taken to court	36	12
Youth Justice Conference	2	3
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	39	59
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	5	14

MUSWELLBROOK	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal
Taken to court	15	4
Youth Justice Conference	2	1
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	18	8
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	4	4

NEWCASTLE	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal
Taken to court	170	30
Youth Justice Conference	8	18
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	36	68
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	12	22

By LGA and Aboriginality | July 2023 – June 2024

PORT STEPHENS	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal
Taken to court	46	29
Youth Justice Conference	14	8
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	30	45
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	5	27

SINGLETON	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal
Taken to court	5	2
Youth Justice Conference	0	0
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	13	12
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	2	4

UPPER HUNTER	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal
Taken to court	0	1
Youth Justice Conference	0	0
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	3	5
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	1	3

July 2021 – June 2024

LGA	CESSNOCK			CESSNOCK DUNGOG			LAKE MACQUARIE		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Taken to Court	80	110	138	3	0	2	308	389	490
Youth Justice Conference	6	3	1	0	1	0	14	13	45
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	56	71	81	6	8	9	213	154	175
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	60	45	23	1	2	0	242	165	108
Infringement Notice	141	157	126	18	12	13	535	406	284

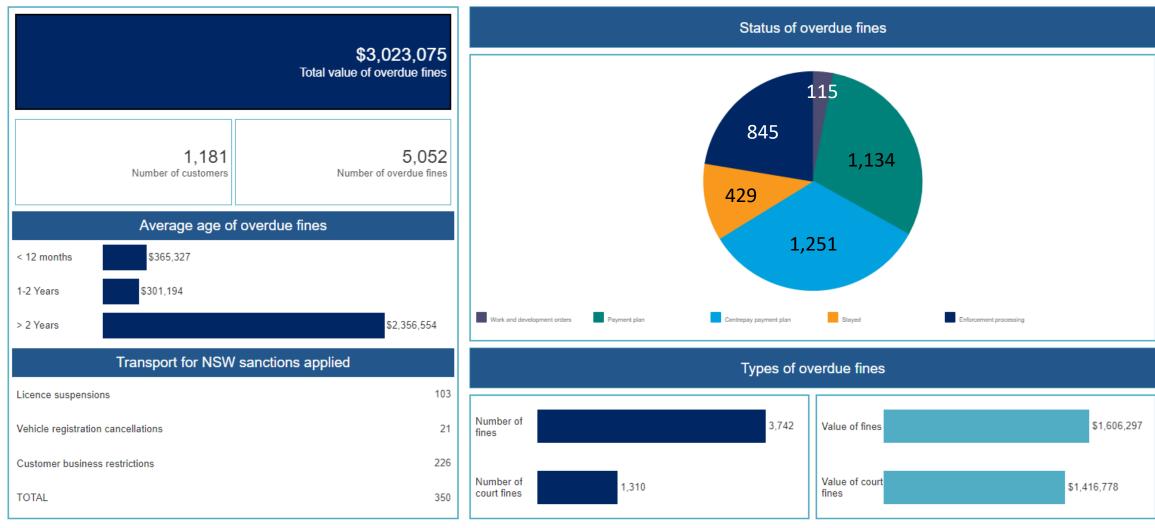
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LGA	MAITLAND			MAITLAND MUSWELLBROOK		NEWCASTLE			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Taken to Court	155	156	136	62	48	31	315	360	332
Youth Justice Conference	10	17	5	9	12	3	17	8	29
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	133	147	120	12	45	28	134	135	119
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	286	148	56	15	28	9	203	126	65
Infringement Notice	347	204	199	64	52	33	332	207	184

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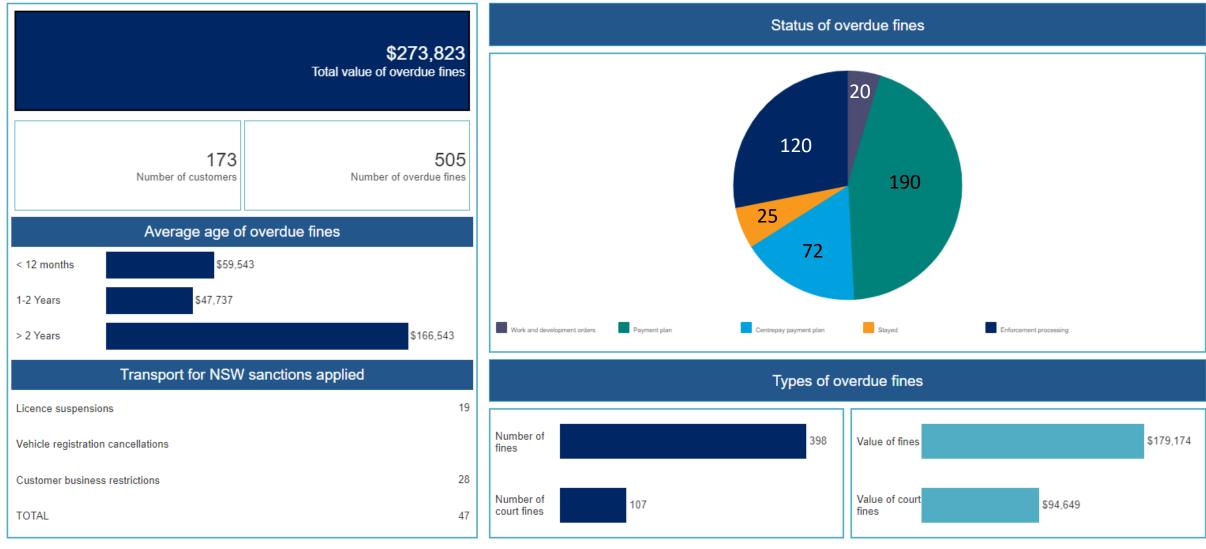
LGA	PORT STEPHENS			PORT STEPHENS SINGLETON			UPPER HUNTER SHIRE		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Taken to Court	73	109	171	36	24	24	18	6	6
Youth Justice Conference	1	33	24	3	1	0	-	-	-
Caution (Young Offenders Act)	118	165	89	15	11	30	5	14	8
Warning (Young Offenders Act)	60	97	50	24	26	9	13	2	4
Infringement Notice	137	181	151	90	55	57	41	31	19

Overdue Fines – Postcode 2330 (Singleton)



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Overdue Fines (18-24 Year olds) – 2330 (singleton)

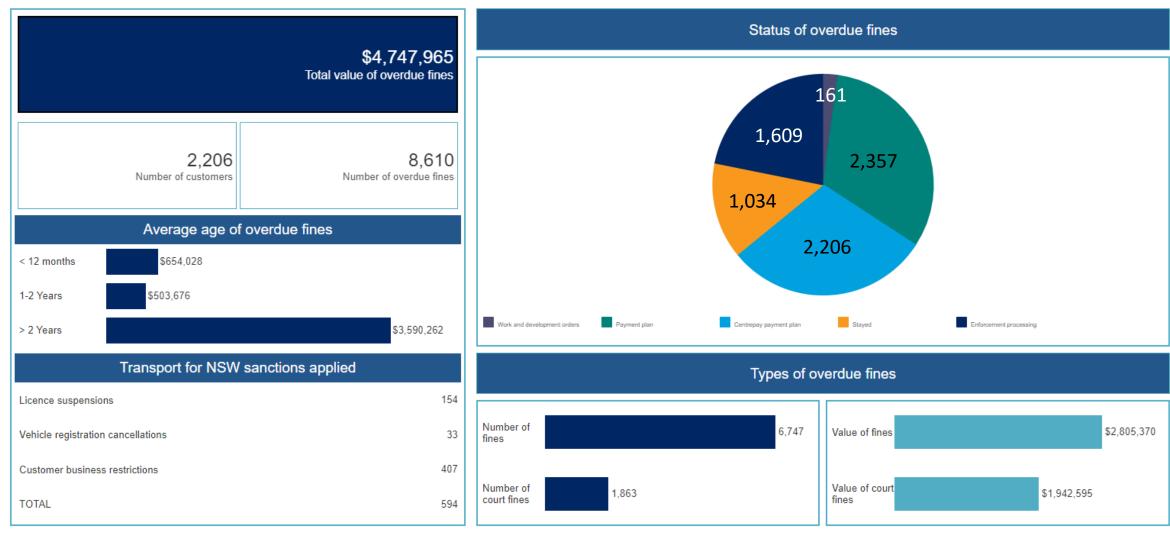


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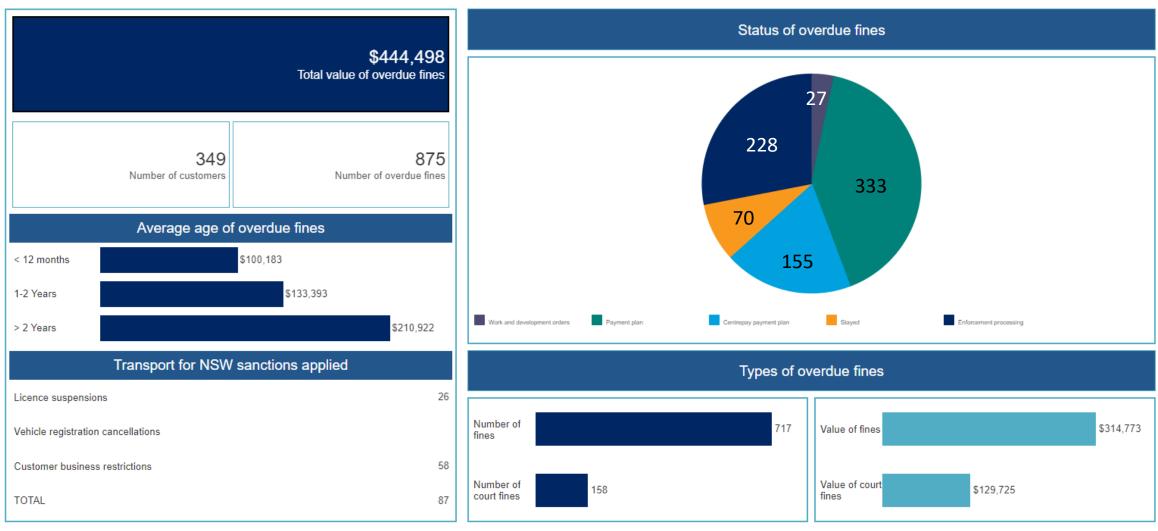
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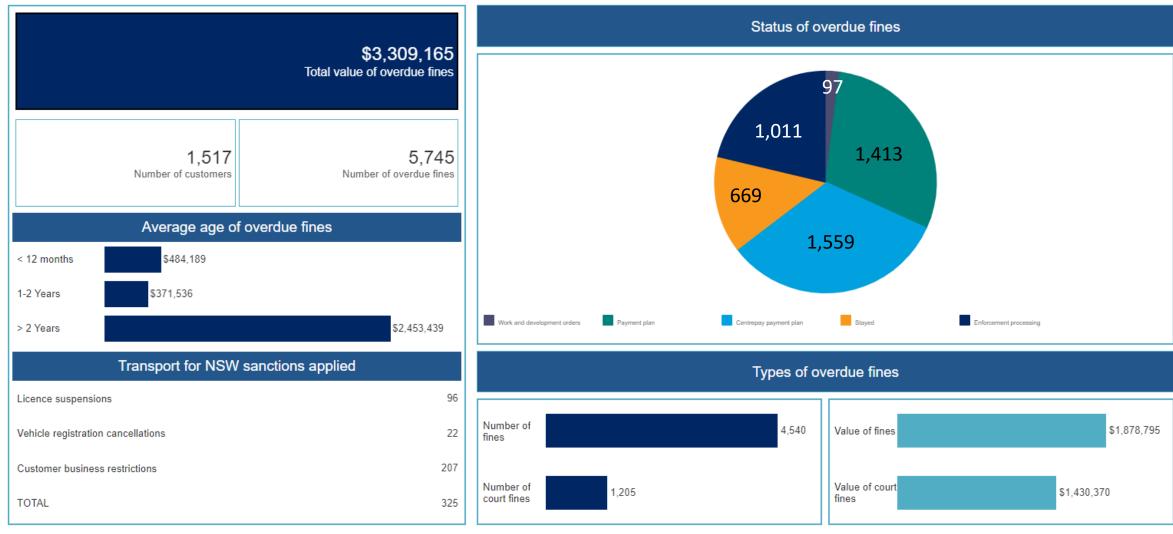
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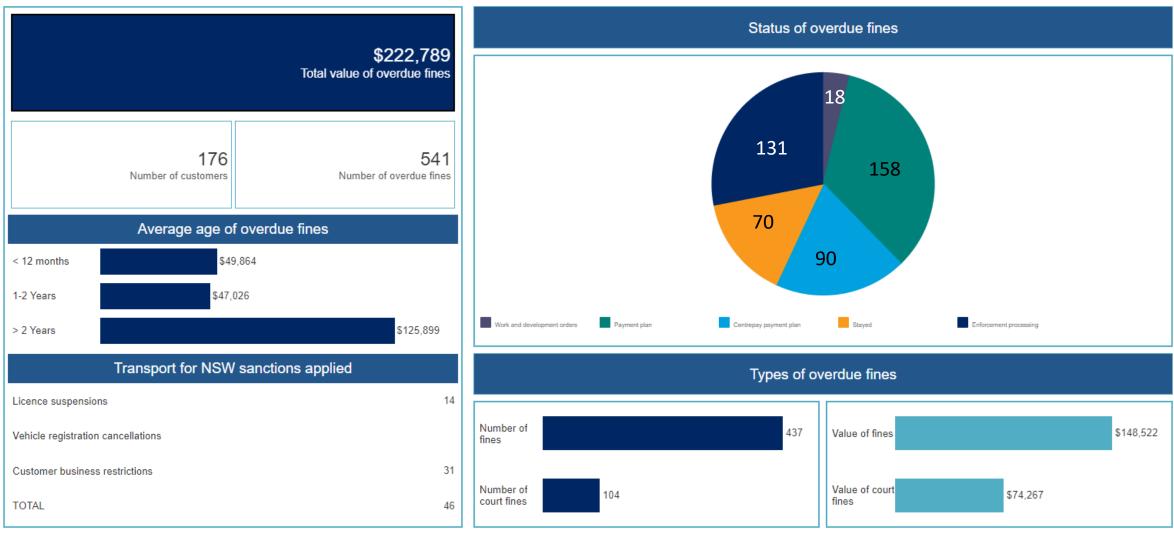
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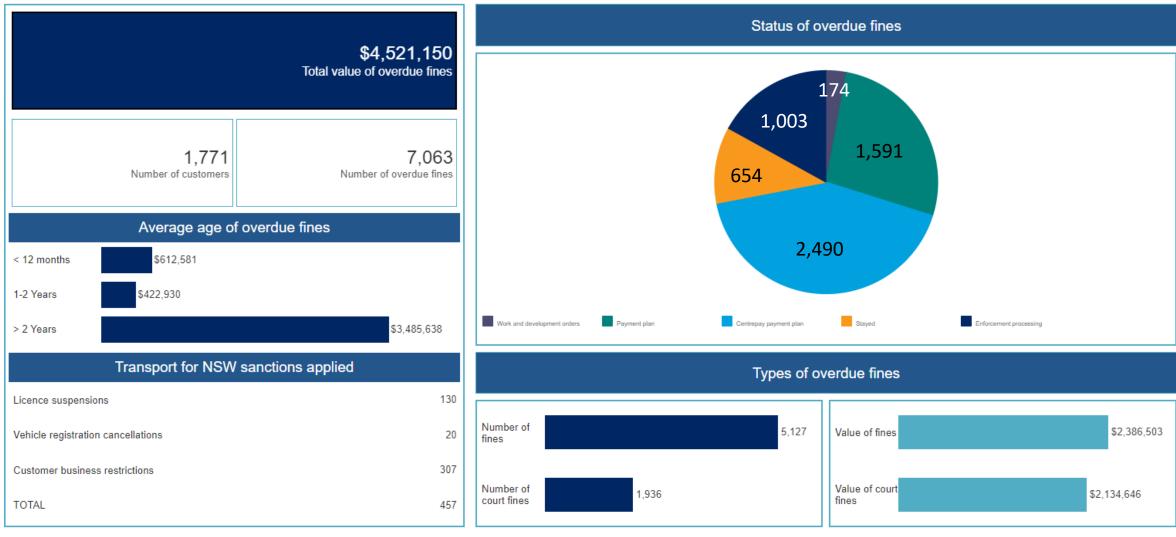
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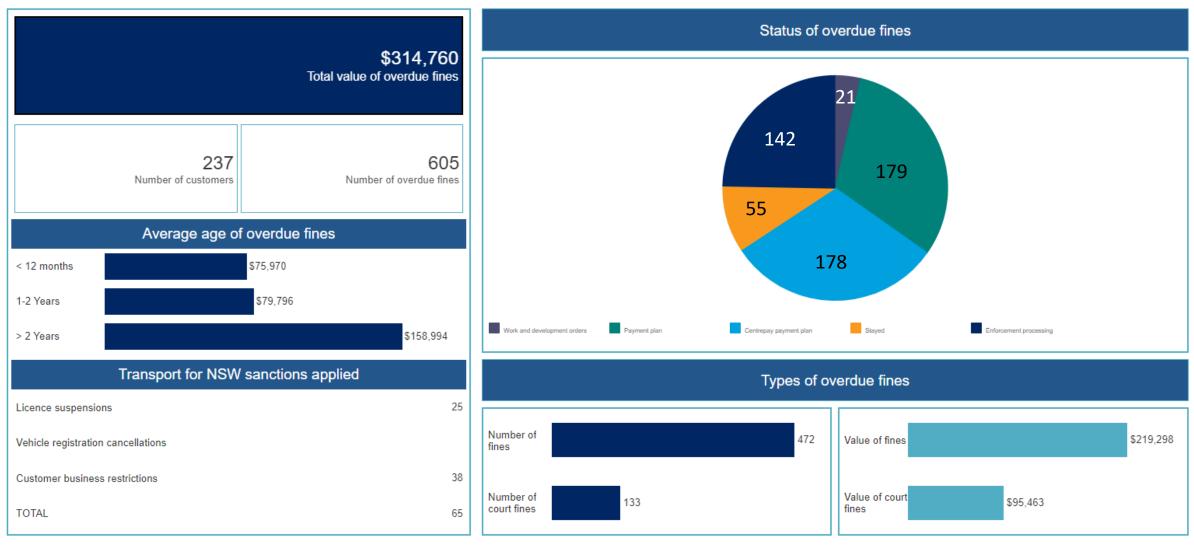
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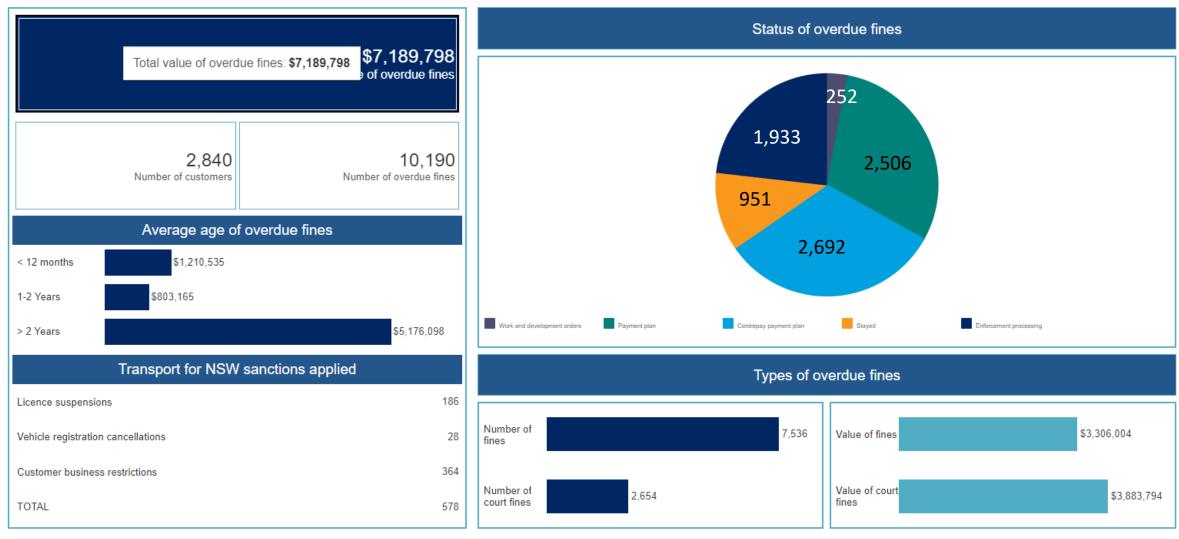
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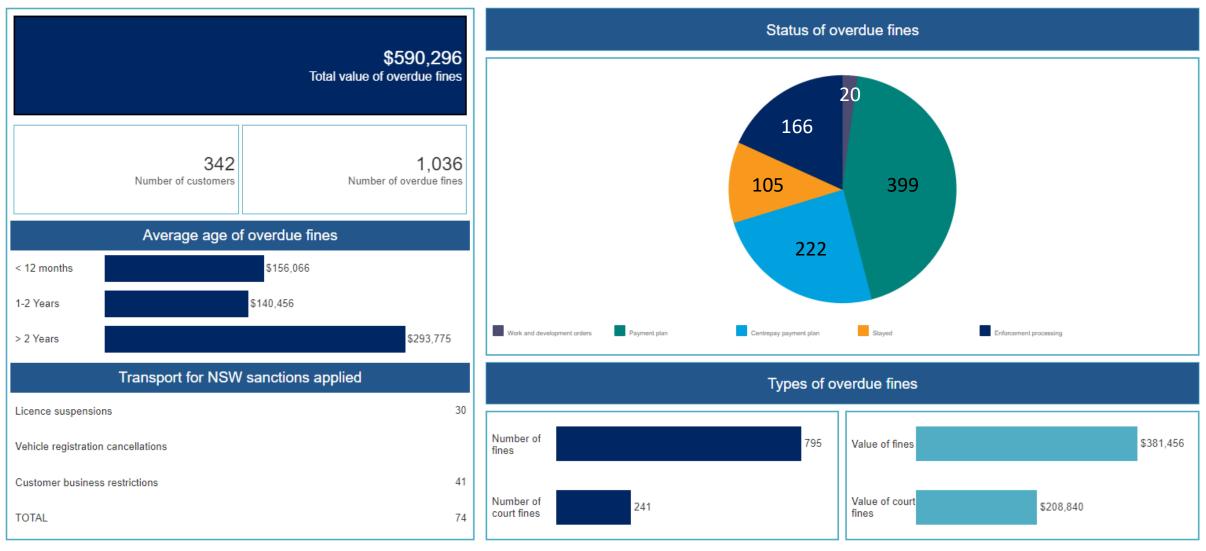


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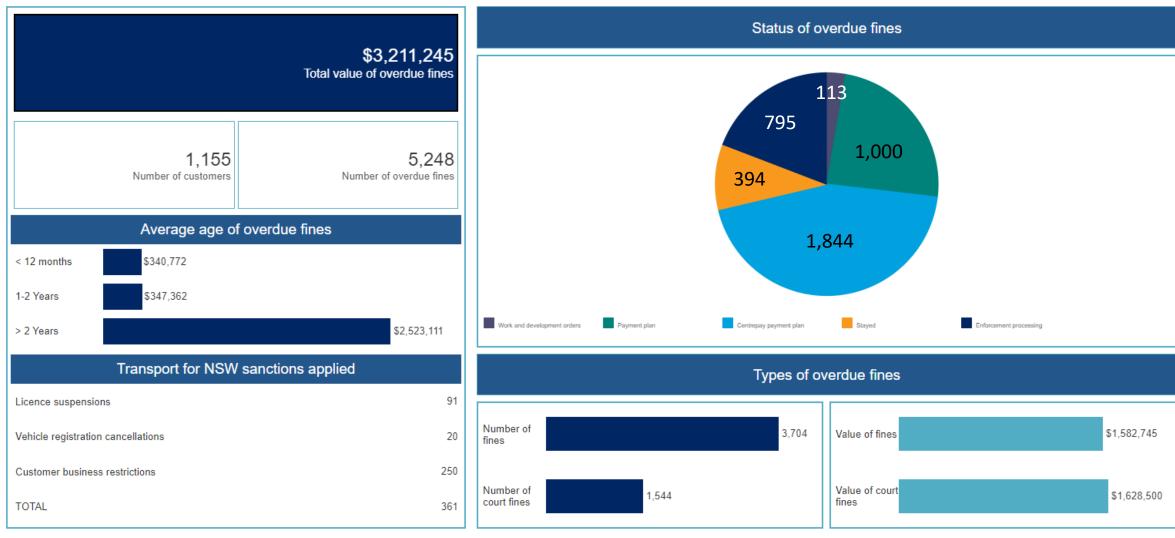
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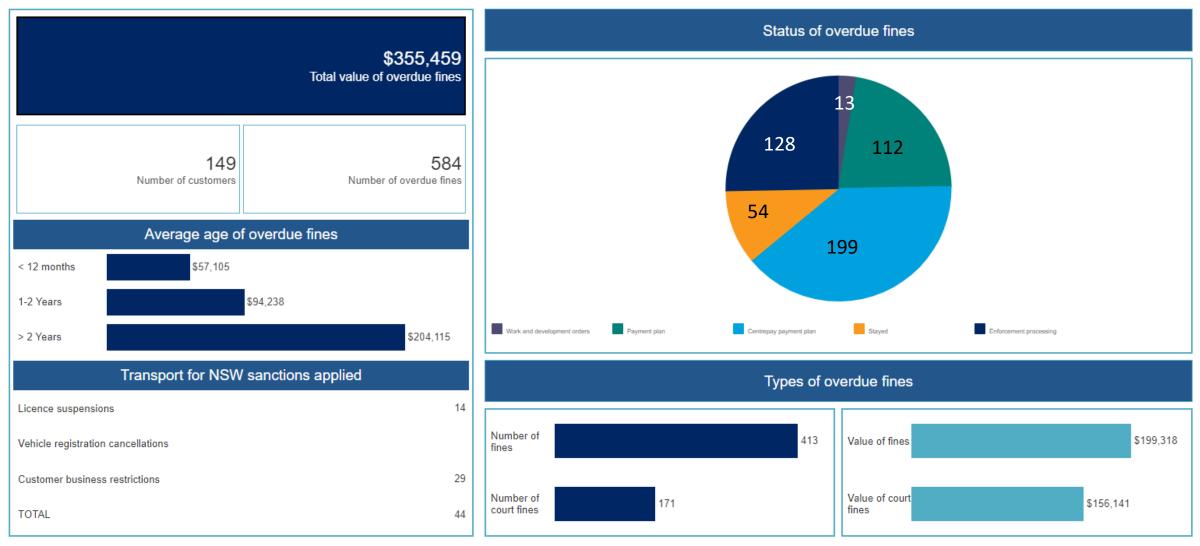
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