

Data insights

Homelessness and AOD treatment in the North and West

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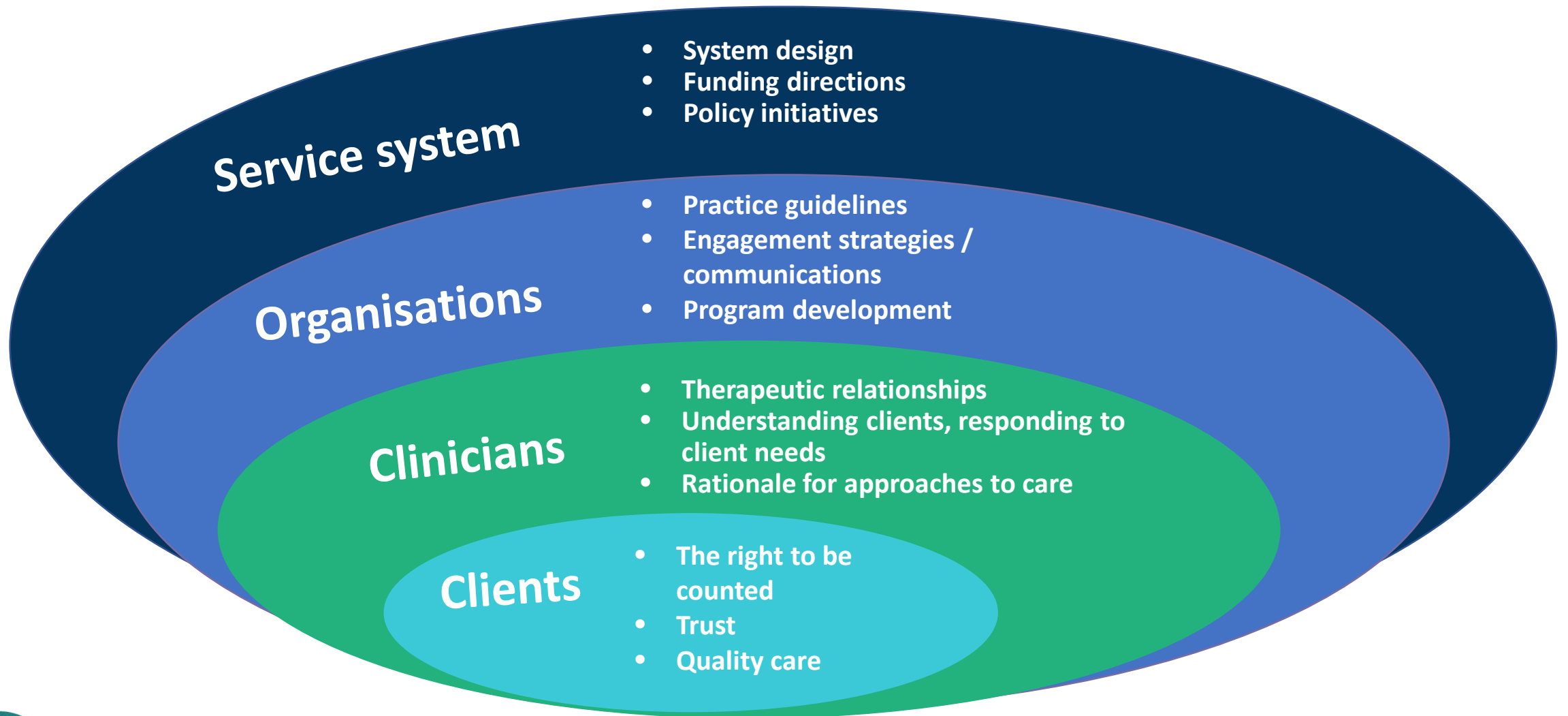
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Australian Bureau of Statistics (2016) defines someone as homeless if their current living arrangement:

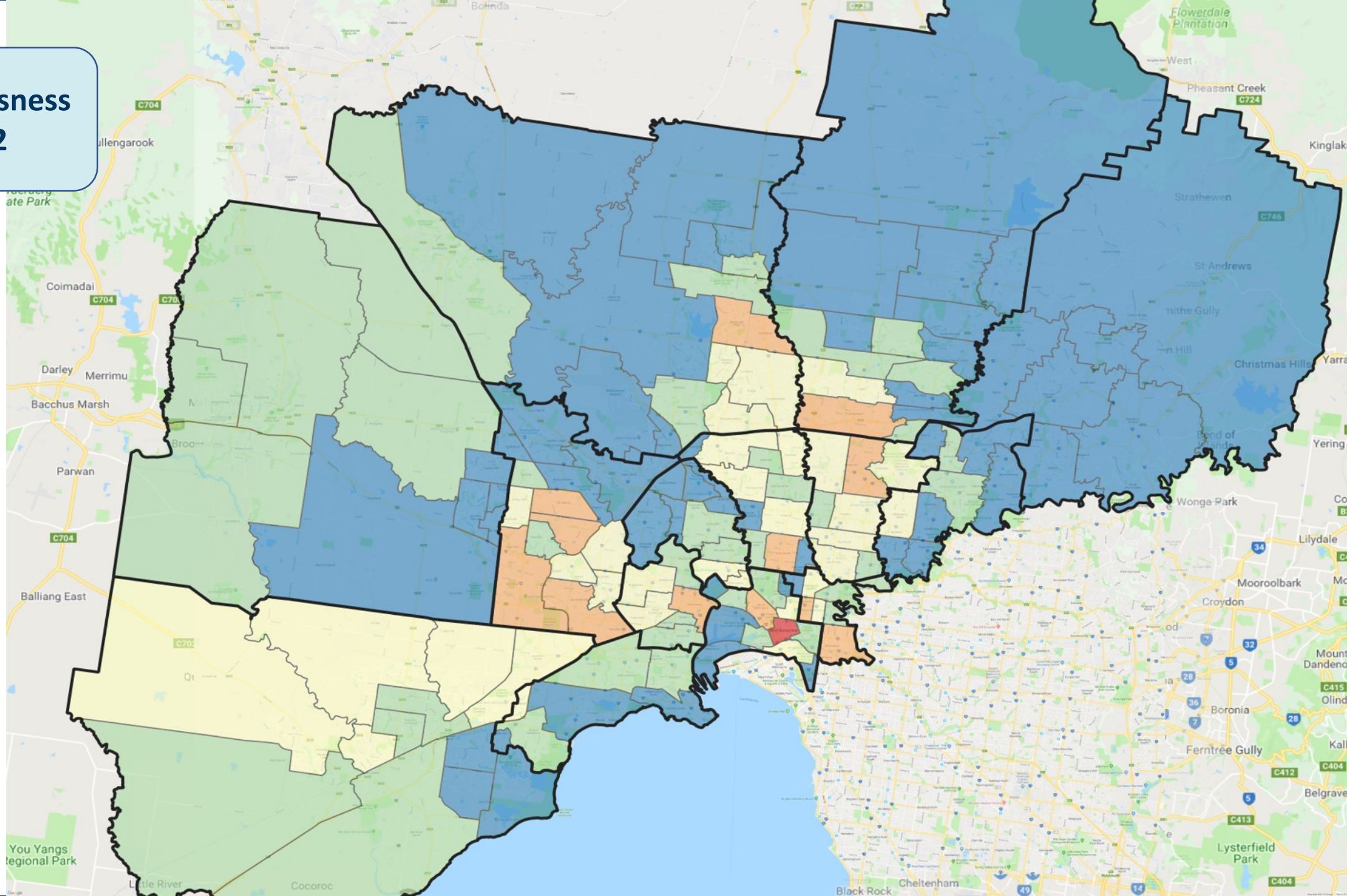
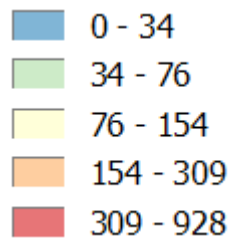
- Is in a dwelling that is inadequate; or
- Has no tenure, or if their tenure is short and not extendable; or
- Does not allow them to have control of, or access to space, for social relations

The value of data

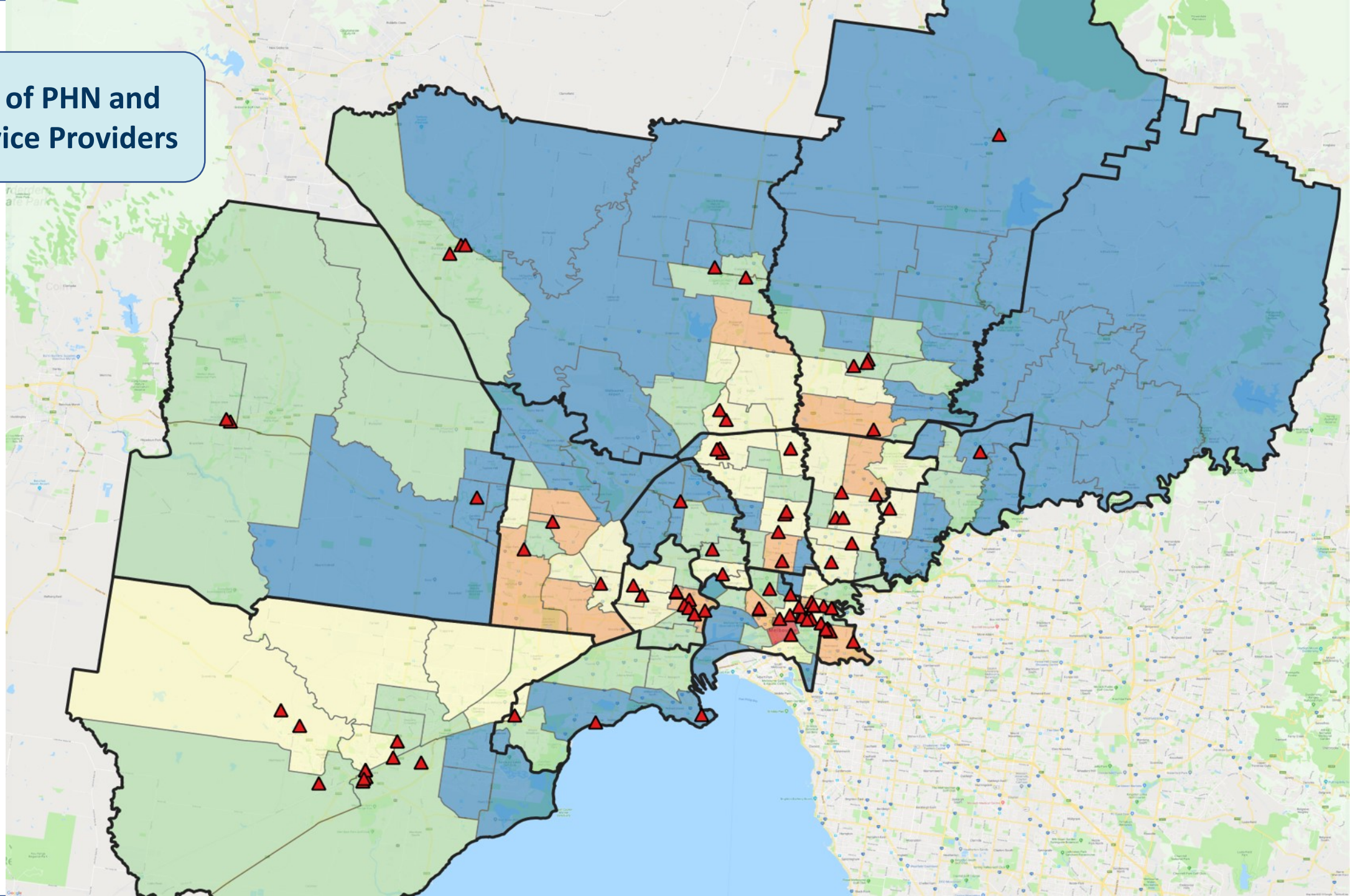
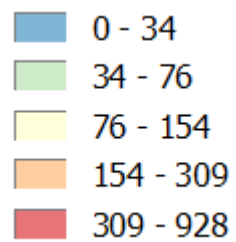


How many people across the North & West experiencing homelessness require AOD treatment?

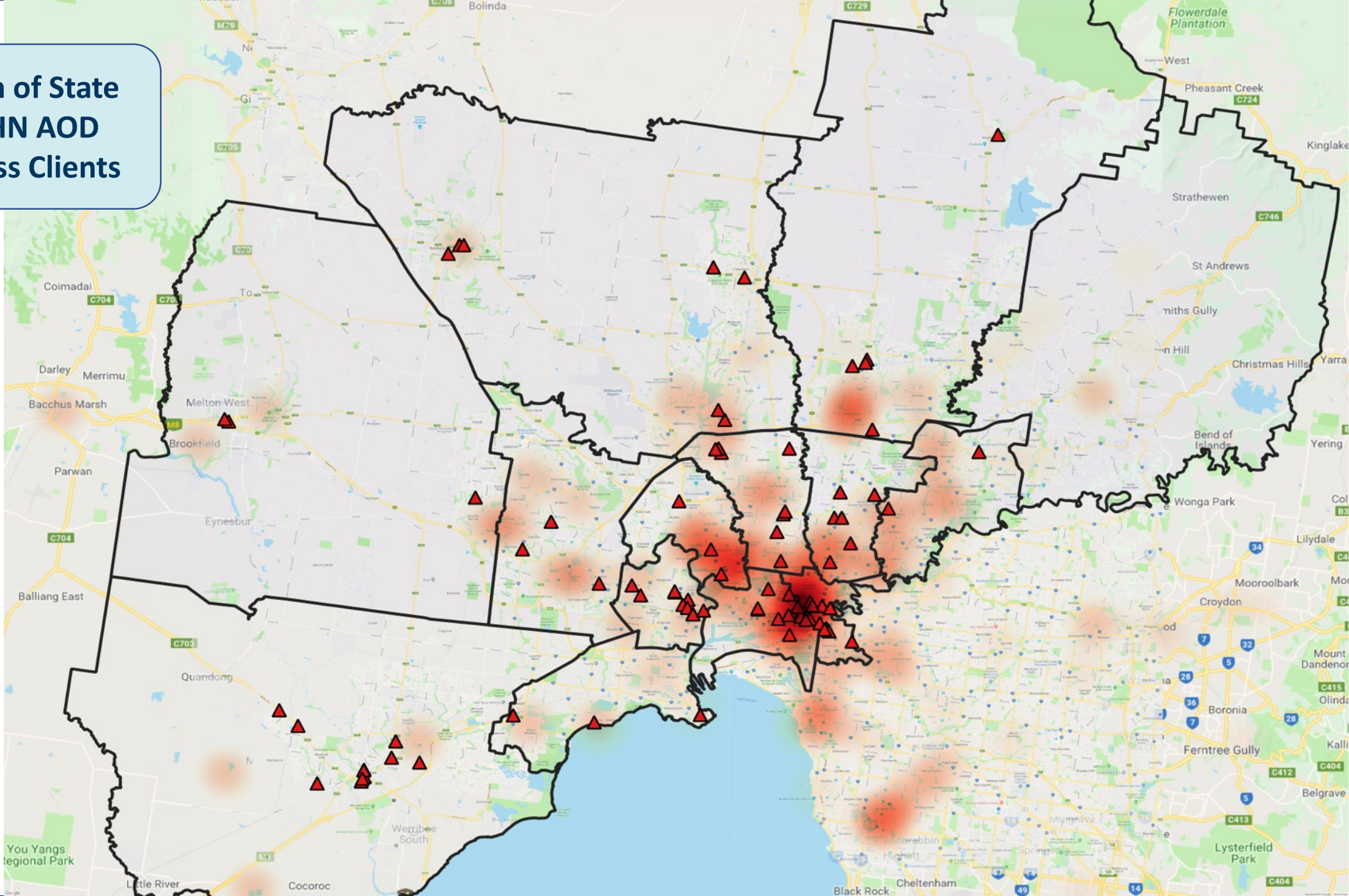
Homelessness by SA2



Location of PHN and State Service Providers

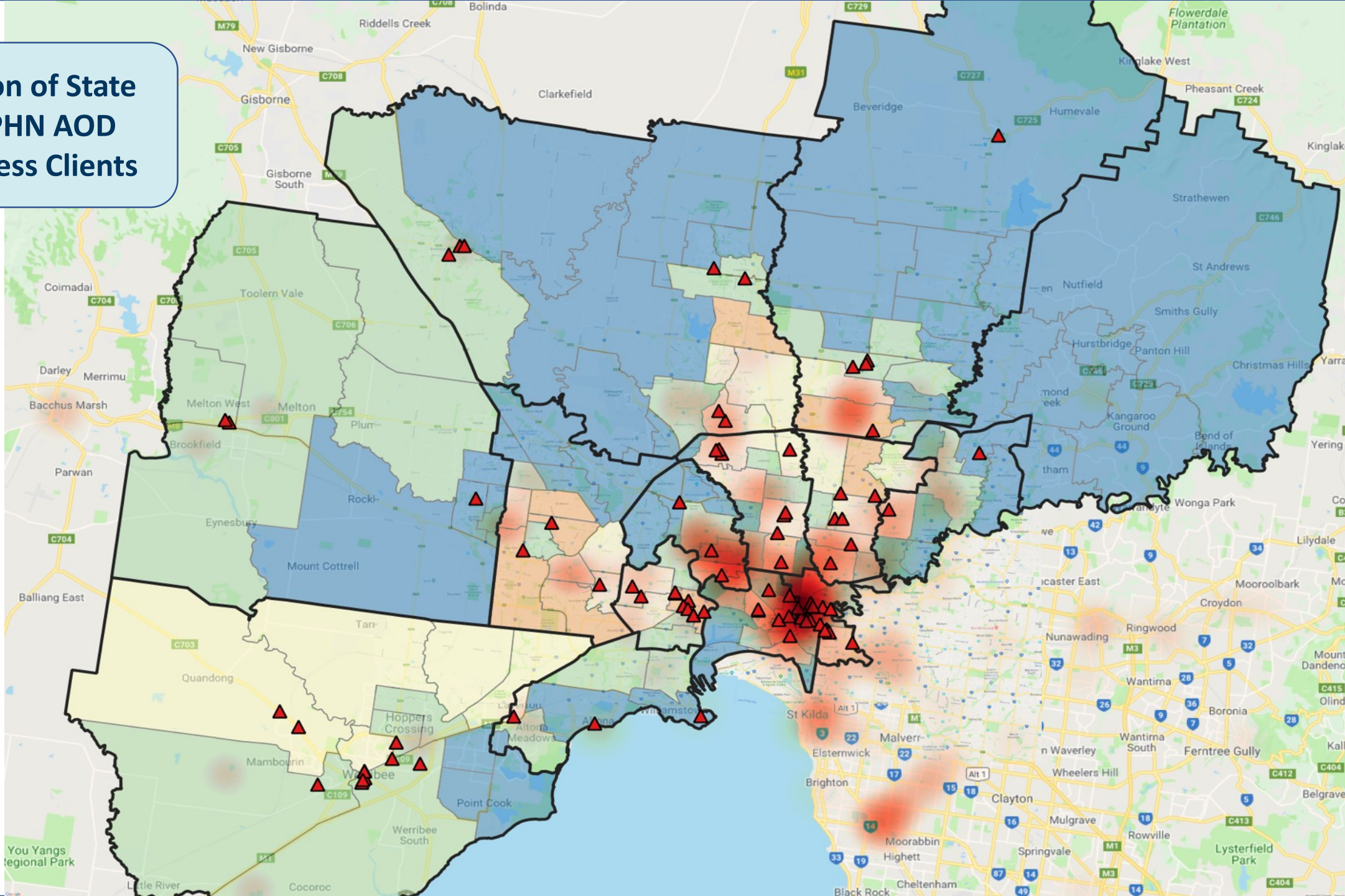


Location of State and PHN AOD Homeless Clients



Location of State and PHN AOD Homeless Clients

- 0 - 34
- 34 - 76
- 76 - 154
- 154 - 309
- 309 - 928

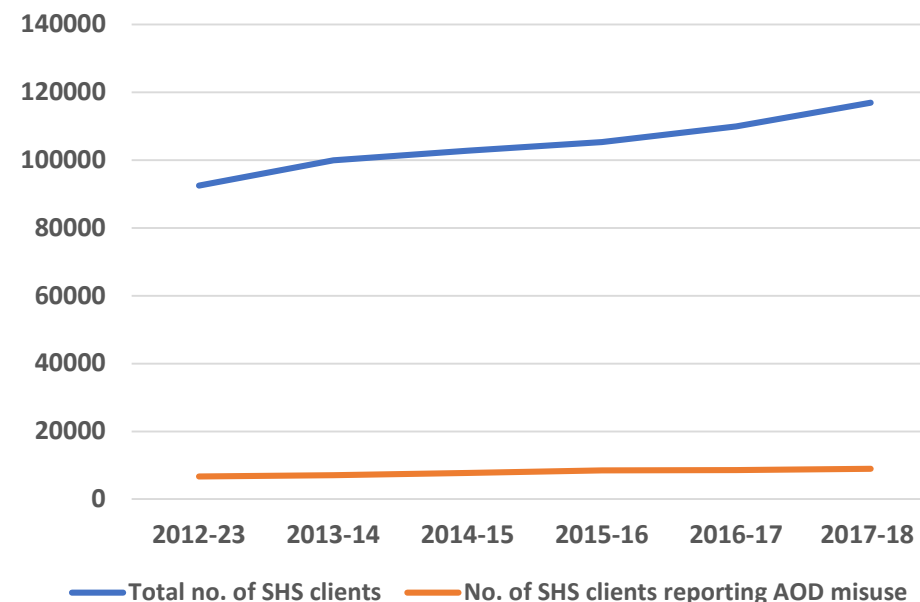


Total no. of Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) clients by State

State or territory	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
VIC	92,462	99,892	102,793	105,287	109,901	116,872
NSW	51,953	51,786	48,262	69,715	74,216	71,628
Qld	43,001	43,751	43,751	42,543	41,438	41,118
WA	21,417	21,437	23,437	24,203	24,626	23,739
SA	21,342	21,655	21,655	20,898	20,771	19,641
Tas	5,585	6,614	6,614	7,859	7,789	6,508
ACT	5,367	5,338	5,338	4,652	4,585	4,026
NT	6,959	7,123	7,649	8,132	9,187	9,285

Source: AIHW 2018. Specialist Homelessness Service Collection 2012-13 to 2017-18 data cubes. Canberra: AIHW.

No. of SHS clients reporting AOD misuse compared to total SHS client population (VIC)



Homeless people (estimated) per 1,000 population

LGA	LGA measure	LGA rank
Melbourne	10.6	2
Yarra	10.0	4
Moonee Valley	3.5	26
Moreland	4.9	11

LGA	LGA measure	LGA rank
Darebin	6.8	7
Banyule	3.7	21
Whittlesea	2.6	39
Nillumbik	1.2	72

LGA	LGA measure	LGA rank
Maribyrnong	8.9	5
Brimbank	5.8	8
Melton	2.1	55
Hume	4.7	13

LGA	LGA measure	LGA rank
Wyndham	2.2	50
Hobsons Bay	2.4	43

Note. VIC state average – 4.0 per 1,000 population

Source: ABS (2016)

Homeless AOD treatment population (2017 – 18)

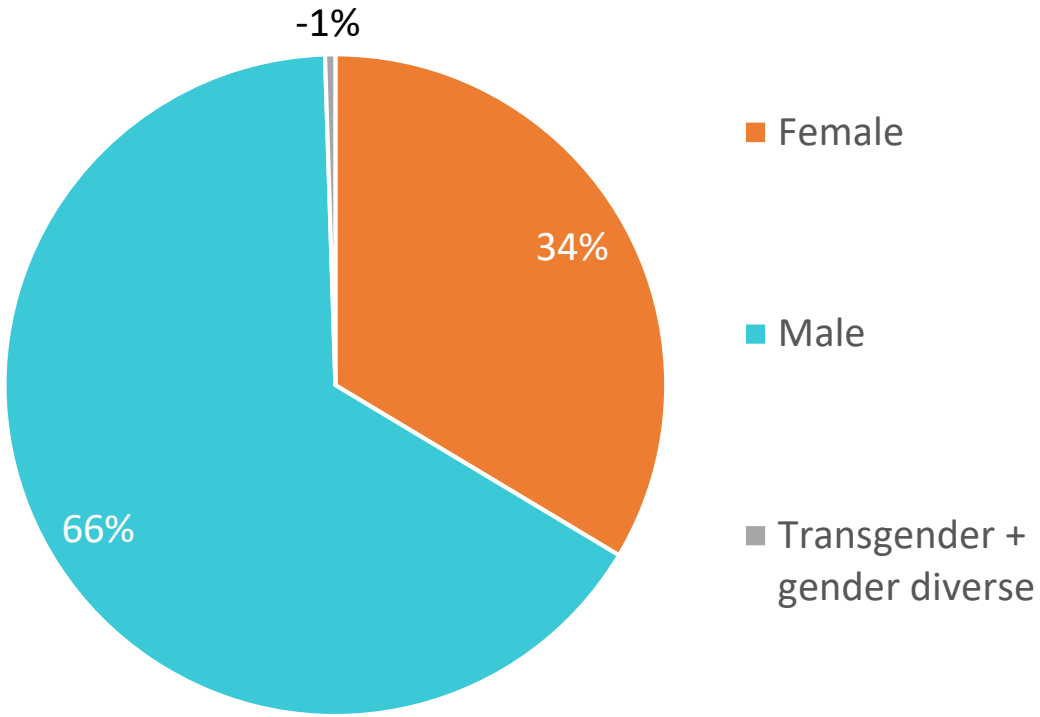
Accommodation type	No.
Boarding house/private hotel	235
Caravan	7
Informal housing	60
No usual residence/homeless	518
None/homeless/public space	303
Shelter/refuge	35
Short-term crisis, emergency or transitional accommodation facility	257
TOTAL	1,415

No. of clients whose accommodation type was not recorded – 1334

Prevalence of homelessness amongst AOD treatment population – 10.5%

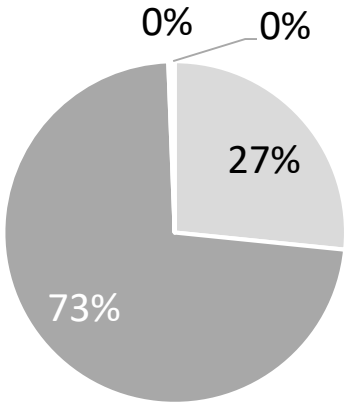
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Gender breakdown

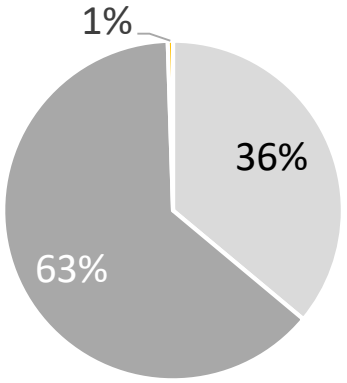


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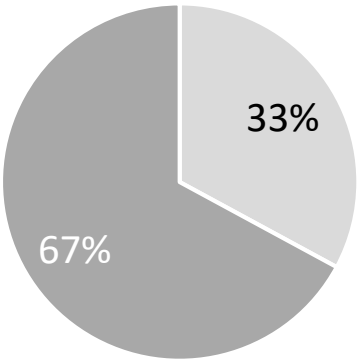
Inner North catchment



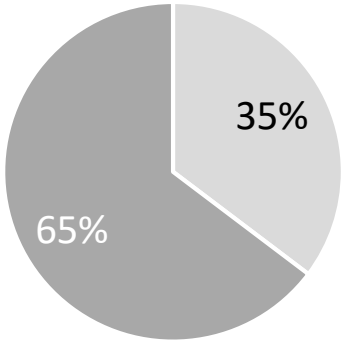
North catchment



North West catchment

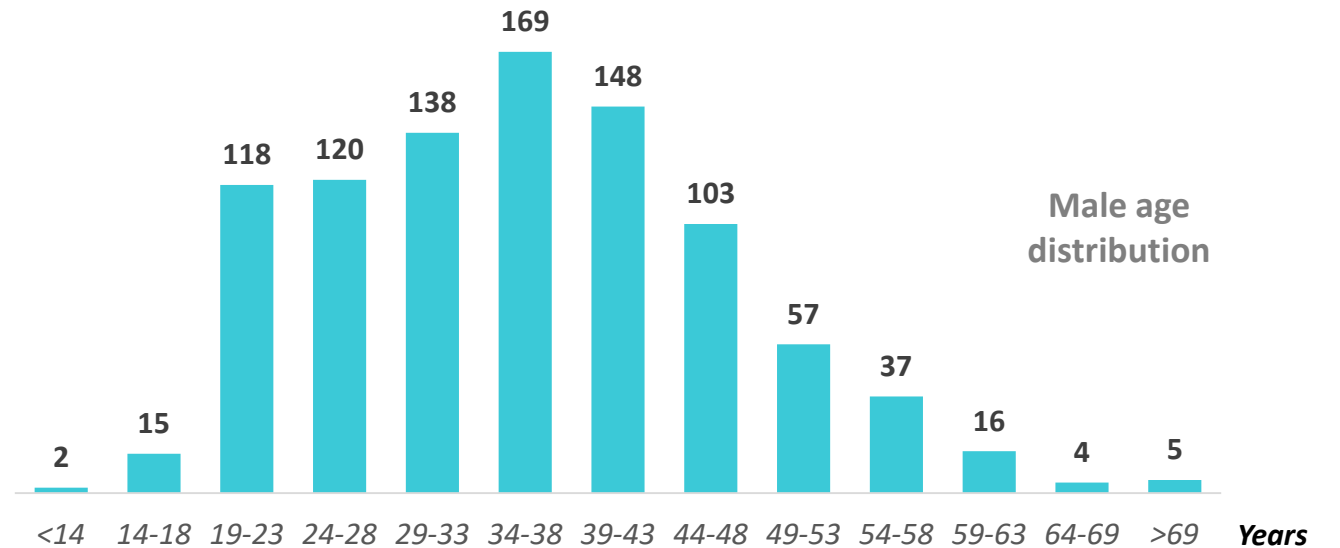
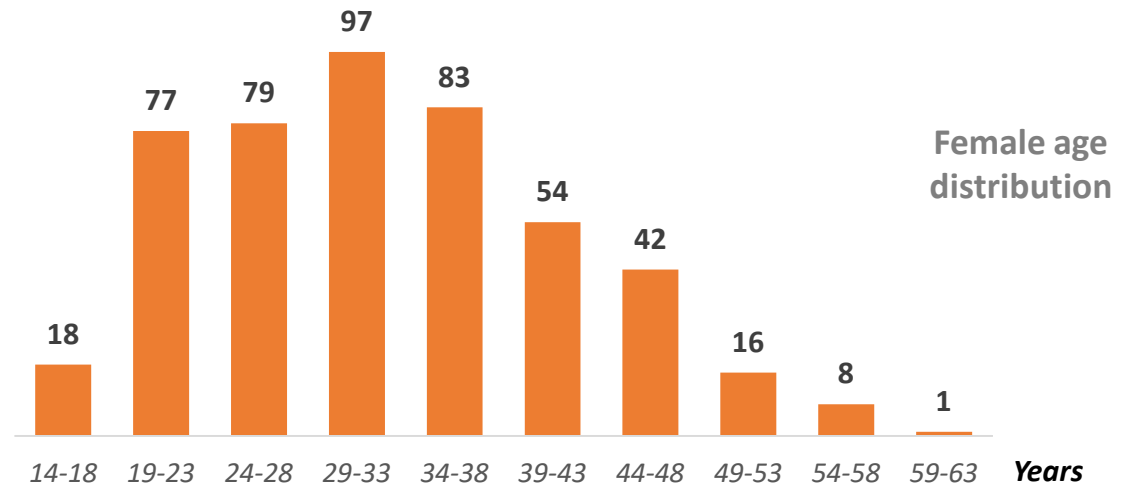


South West catchment



Age distribution

Age	No.	% total
<14	2	0.1%
14-18	33	2.3%
19-23	198	14.0%
24-28	199	14.0%
29-33	238	16.8%
34-38	252	17.8%
39-43	202	14.3%
44-48	146	10.3%
49-53	73	5.2%
54-58	46	3.3%
59-63	17	1.2%
64-69	4	0.3%
>69	5	0.4%
TOTAL	1,415	100%



Principal drug of choice

Homeless AOD treatment population

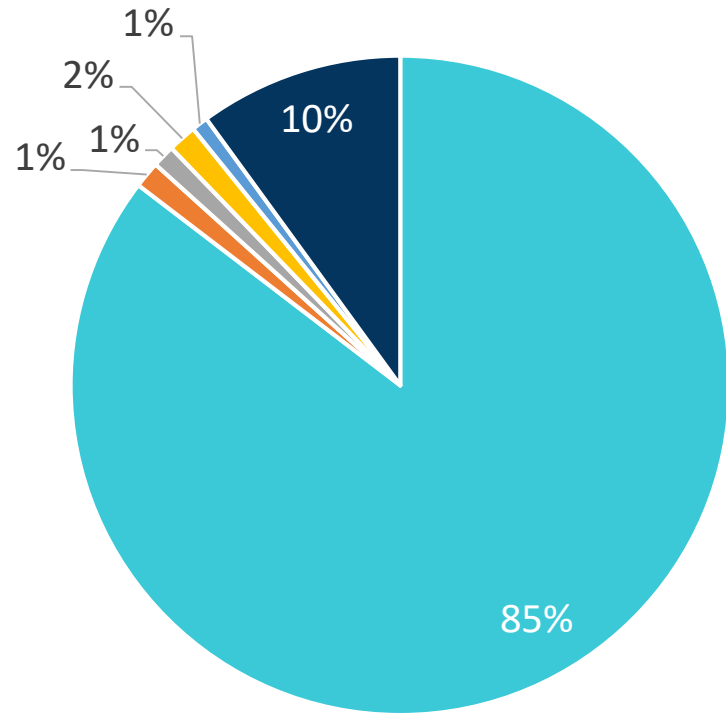
Substance	% total
Methamphetamine/amphetamine	31.6%
Alcohol	23.3%
Not recorded	16.1%
Cannabinoids & related drugs	13.4%
Heroin	11.2%
All other drugs	4.4%

AOD treatment population

Substance	% total
Alcohol	28.1%
Methamphetamine/amphetamine	23.8%
Not recorded	19.0%
Cannabinoids & related drugs	14.0%
Heroin	7.1%
All other drugs	8.0%

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Country of birth



- Australia
- Vietnam
- England
- New Zealand
- Sudan/South Sudan
- All other countries

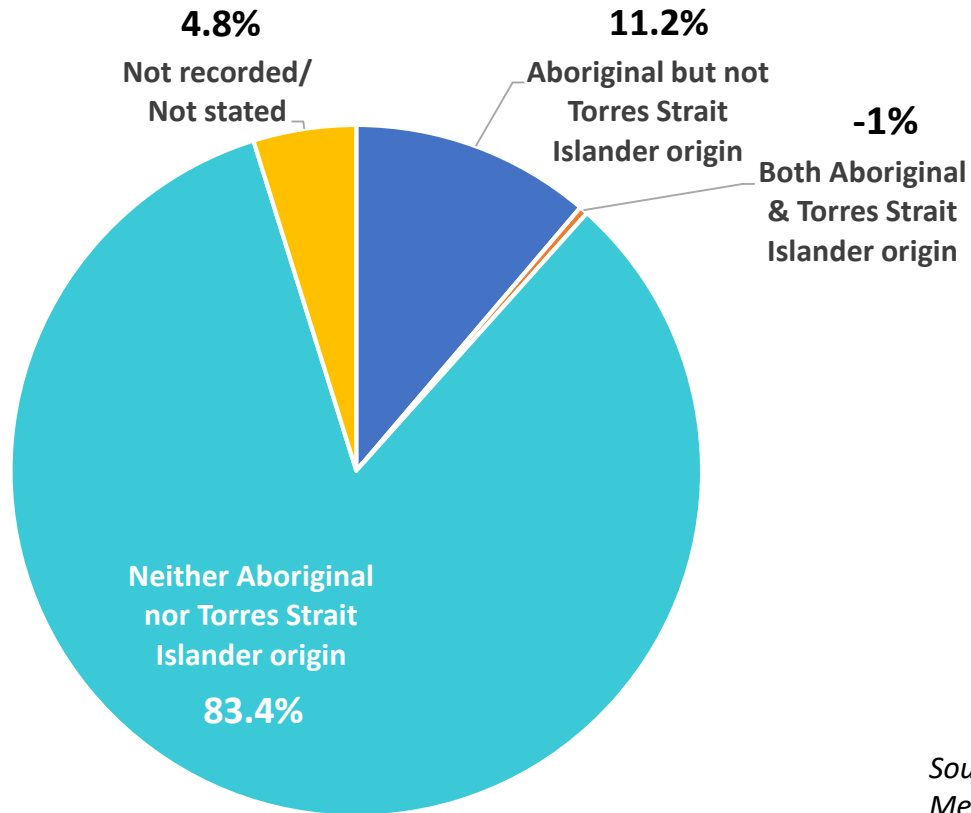
Preferred language

Language	% total
English	95.9%
Not recorded	2.0%
Vietnamese	0.5%
All other languages	1.5%

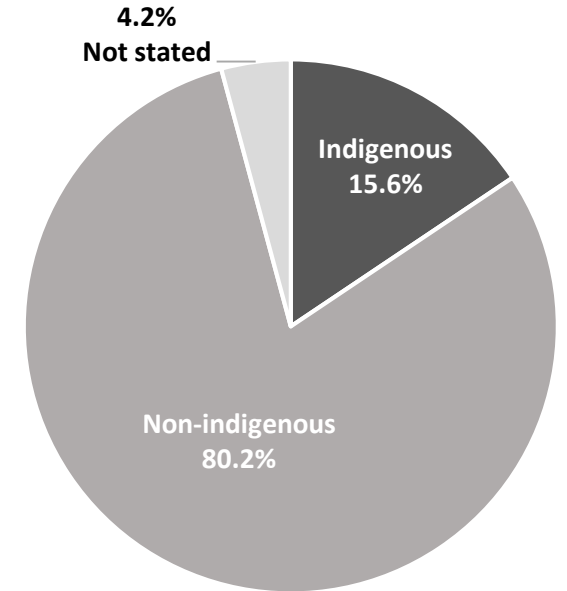
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Indigenous status

Homeless AOD treatment population



SHS clients reporting AOD misuse in VIC (2017-18)



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Source of referral

Source of referral	% total
Self	43.3%
AOD service	15.8%
Not recorded/Not stated/Inadequately described	12.9%
Correctional service (e.g. ACSO/COATS, Court Diversion, Juvenile Justice etc)	7.4%
Hospital/medical practitioner	5.0%
Housing/homelessness service	3.8%
Other	3.7%
Mental health service	1.9%
All other sources	6.3%

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What about the homeless in need of AOD support who are not engaged in treatment?



Any questions

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