

Identifying disadvantage

A priority of the Government is to ensure services are directed to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people and families across the country. To assist service providers to understand the service areas and geographic need, the Department has provided data extracts from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) website.

The Financial Wellbeing and Capability (FWC) Activity service areas are based on the Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2016 (ASGS). Please refer to the [ABS ASGS](#) web page for general information.

Description of extract

Data item	Description
SA4 Name 2016	ASGS Statistical Areas Level 4 (SA4s) usually have a population above 100,000 persons, and are the largest sub-state region.
SA2 Name 2016	ASGS Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s) have an average population of about 10,000 persons, and reflect areas representing a community that interacts together socially and economically.
Population 2016	Population levels from the ABS 2016 Census of Population and Housing.
SEIFA Percentile 2016	Socio-Economic Indexes for Australia (SEIFA) 2016 ranks areas in Australia according to relative socio-economic advantage and disadvantage. The percentile for the SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage is provided. Refer to the ABS SEIFA web page for information.

Key to SEIFA percentiles in extract

Plain English description	Percentile description
Most Disadvantage	Percentiles 1 to 10 (top 10% of areas by disadvantage)
High Disadvantage	Percentiles 11 to 25 (next 15% of areas by disadvantage)
Medium Disadvantage	Percentiles 26 to 50 (next 25% of areas by disadvantage)
Less Disadvantage	Percentiles 51 to 75 (next 25% of areas by disadvantage)
Low Disadvantage	Percentiles 76 to 90 (next 15% of areas by disadvantage)
Least Disadvantage	Percentiles 91 to 100 (last 10% of areas by disadvantage)
Not indexed	Denoted as 'NI' (areas not given percentile due to low population)

Accessing maps of areas

Maps of SA4s across the country and their corresponding SA2s can be viewed using the interactive [National Map](#) web site. To view SA2s and SA4s in the National Map, click 'Add data' then enter 'SA2' or 'SA4', and click the plus symbol. Alternatively, the [ABS Maps](#) web site provides a similar tool.