

ETC5512: Wild Caught Data

Combining Australian census and election data

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📅 Week 6





Today you will:

- look at the ABS geographical boundaries for the 2021 census
- integrate data from different sources (census and election) to make exploratory inferences



Coding Perspective:

- Further expand our understanding of how to read and use spatial data in R
- Better understand how spatial data is organised
- Learn how to intersect two spatial objections
- Practice re-projecting maps

Recall 2021 Federal Election Data

```
library(tidyverse)
library(sf)
aec_map <- read_sf(here::here("data/vic-july-2021-esri/E_VIC21_region.shp"))
votes <- read_csv("https://results.aec.gov.au/27966/Website/Downloads/HouseDopByDivisionDownload-27966.csv", skip = 1)

electoral_winners = votes |>
  mutate(DivisionNm = toupper(DivisionNm)) |>
  filter(Elected == "Y") |>
  select(PartyAb, DivisionID, DivisionNm, Elected) |>
  distinct()

aec_map = aec_map |>
  mutate(Select_div = toupper(Select_div))

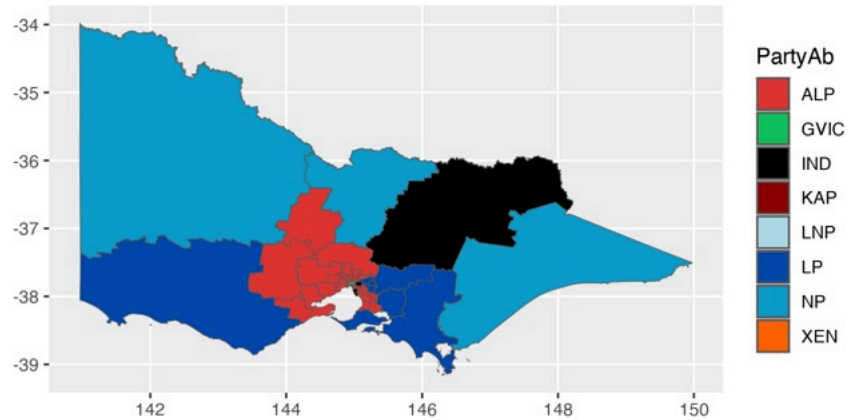
winners_with_map = electoral_winners |>
  left_join(aec_map, by = c("DivisionNm" = "Select_div"))

aus_colours <- c(
  "ALP" = "#DE3533", "LNP" = "#ADD8E6", "KAP" = "#8B0000", "GVIC" = "#10C25B", "XEN" = "#ff6300",
  "LP" = "#0047AB", "NP" = "#0a9cca", "IND" = "#000000"
)

ggplot(winners_with_map) +
  geom_sf(aes(fill = PartyAb, geometry = geometry)) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = aus_colours)

#UPDATED CODE - previous variable assignments from past weeks
winners_fix = winners_with_map
auscolors = aus_colours
```



Recall 2021 Federal Election Data




There are two sources of data:

1. Electoral boundary
2. The votes for candidates in each electorate

Recall 2021 ABS Census Data

- DataPacks  <https://datapacks.censusdata.abs.gov.au/datapacks/>
- GeoPackages  <https://datapacks.censusdata.abs.gov.au/geopackages/>



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Download 2021 General Community Profile for all geographies:

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ABS Census 2021

GeoPackages

GeoPackage

“

*A **GeoPackage** (GPKG) is an open, non-proprietary, platform-independent and standards-based data format for geographic information system implemented as a SQLite database container. Defined by the **Open Geospatial Consortium** (OGC) with the backing of the US military and published in 2014, GeoPackage has seen widespread support from various government, commercial, and open source organizations.*

— Wikipedia

Recall: OGC also defines the WKT

ABS GeoPackage (2021)

  <https://datapacks.censusdata.abs.gov.au/geopackages/>

1. 2021
2. Victoria
3. Topic: Employment and Income or Table: G17
4. GDA2020

- Or use the **strayr** package! We'll use the one from the ABS website instead.

```
# 2022
geopath_2021_G02 <- here::here("data/Geopackage_2021_G02_VIC_GDA2020/G02_VIC_GDA2020.gpkg")
st_layers(geopath_2021_G02)
```

```
## Driver: GPKG
## Available layers:
```

##	layer_name	geometry_type	features	fields	crs_name
## 1	G02_UCL_2021_VIC	Multi Polygon	347	11	GDA2020
## 2	G02_SUA_2021_VIC	Multi Polygon	22	11	GDA2020
## 3	G02_STE_2021_VIC	Multi Polygon	1	11	GDA2020
## 4	G02_SOSR_2021_VIC	Multi Polygon	12	11	GDA2020
## 5	G02_SOS_2021_VIC	Multi Polygon	6	11	GDA2020
## 6	G02_SED_2021_VIC	Multi Polygon	22	11	GDA2020

ABS GeoPackage (2016)

  <https://datapacks.censusdata.abs.gov.au/geopackages/>

1. Victoria
2. Employment, Income and Unpaid Work (EIUW)
3. EIUW GeoPackage A

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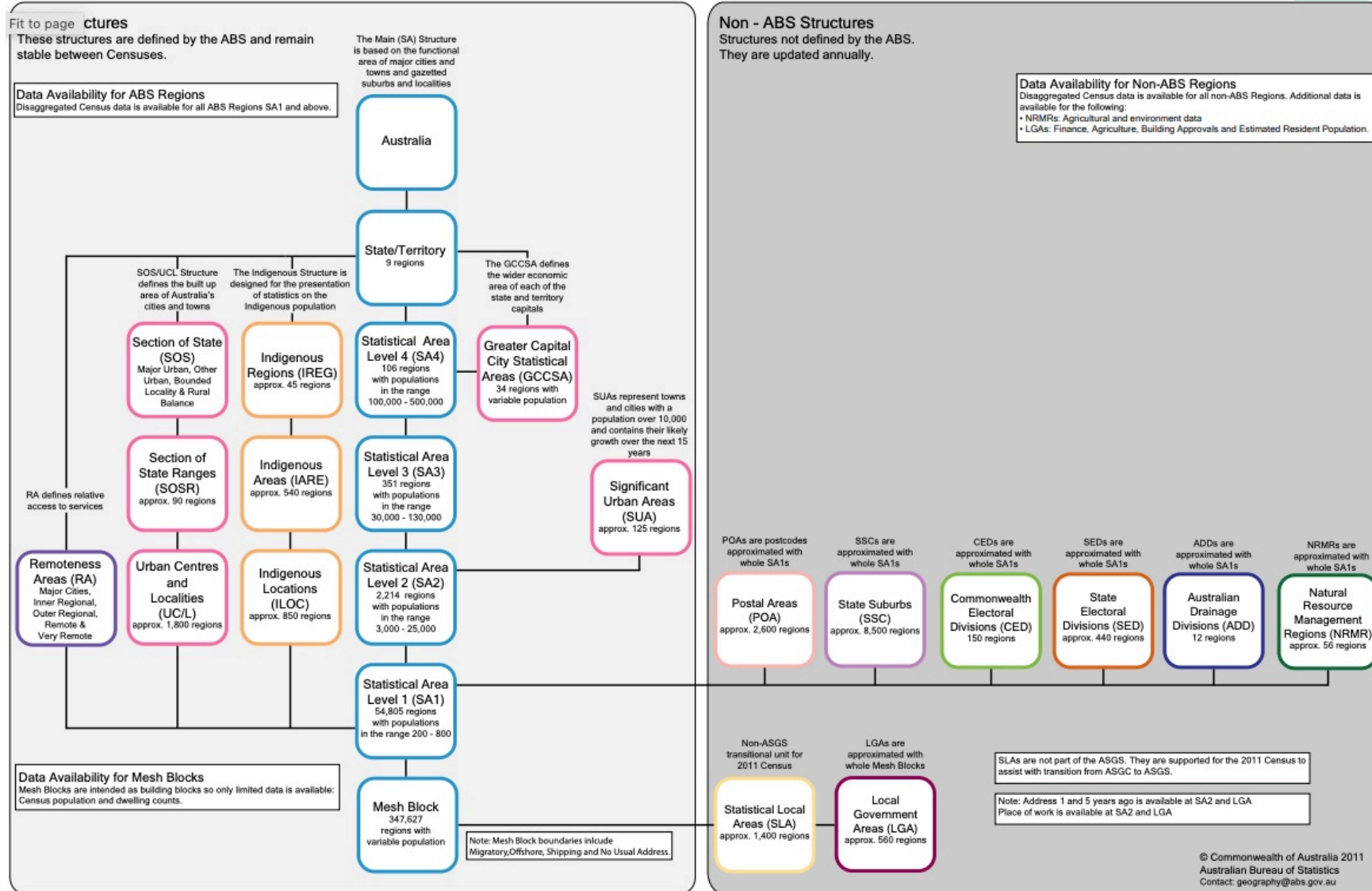
```
geopath_2016_eiuwa <- here::here("data/Geopackage_2016_EIUWA_for_VIC/census2016_eiuwa_vic_short.gpkg")
st_layers(geopath_2016_eiuwa)
```

```
## Driver: GPKG
```

```
## Available layers:
```

```
##           layer_name geometry_type features fields crs_name
## 1 census2016_eiuwa_vic_ced_short           39    489   GDA94
## 2 census2016_eiuwa_vic_gccsa_short           4    489   GDA94
## 3 census2016_eiuwa_vic_lga_short           82    489   GDA94
## 4 census2016_eiuwa_vic_poa_short          698    489   GDA94
## 5 census2016_eiuwa_vic_ra_short            6    489   GDA94
## 6 census2016_eiuwa_vic_sa1_short        14073    489   GDA94
## 7 census2016_eiuwa_vic_sa2_short          464    489   GDA94
```

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)



The number of regions for each layer

```
st_layers(geopath_2021_G02) %>%  
  # make it into a data.frame first  
  tibble(!!!.) %>%  
  # then you can the dplyr operations  
  dplyr::arrange(features)  
  
## # A tibble: 16 × 6  
##   name                geomtype driver features fields crs  
##   <chr>              <list>   <chr>    <dbl>  <dbl> <list>  
## 1 G02_STE_2021_VIC   <chr [1]> GPKG      1     11 <crs>  
## 2 G02_GCCSA_2021_VIC <chr [1]> GPKG      4     11 <crs>  
## 3 G02_SOS_2021_VIC   <chr [1]> GPKG      6     11 <crs>  
## 4 G02_RA_2021_VIC    <chr [1]> GPKG      6     11 <crs>  
## 5 G02_SOSR_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG     12     11 <crs>  
## 6 G02_SA4_2021_VIC   <chr [1]> GPKG     19     11 <crs>  
## 7 G02_SUA_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG     22     11 <crs>  
## 8 G02_CED_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG     41     11 <crs>  
## 9 G02_SA3_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG     68     11 <crs>  
## 10 G02_LGA_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG     82     11 <crs>  
## 11 G02_SED_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG     90     11 <crs>  
## 12 G02_UCL_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG    347     11 <crs>  
## 13 G02_SA2_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG    524     11 <crs>  
## 14 G02_POA_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG    694     11 <crs>  
## 15 G02_SAL_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG   2946     11 <crs>  
## 16 G02_SA1_2021_VIC  <chr [1]> GPKG  15482     11 <crs>
```

🔍 Data in the layer

```
vicmap_ste_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_STE_2021_VIC")
vicmap_ste_G02$geom

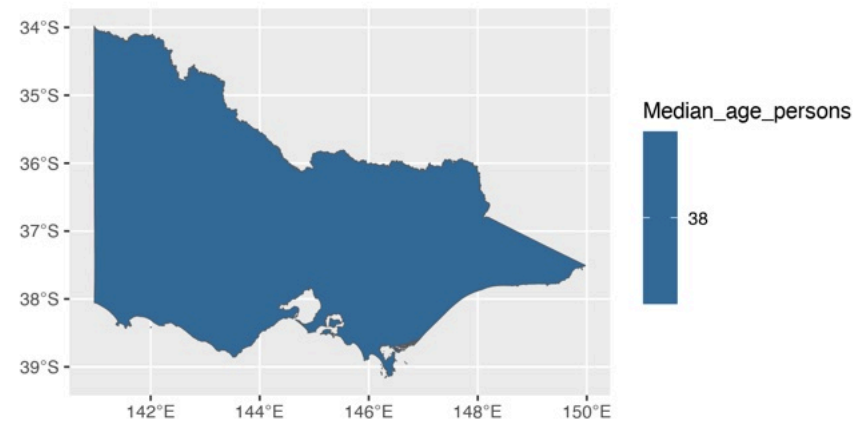
## Geometry set for 1 feature
## Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
## Dimension:      XY
## Bounding box:   xmin: 140.9619 ymin: -39.15918 xmax: 149.9762 ymax: -33.98064
## Geodetic CRS:   GDA2020

str(vicmap_ste_G02)

## sf [1 × 12] (S3: sf/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
##  $ STE_CODE_2021          : chr "2"
##  $ STE_NAME_2021          : chr "Victoria"
##  $ Median_age_persons     : num 38
##  $ Median_mortgage_repay_monthly: num 1859
##  $ Median_tot_prsnl_inc_weekly  : num 803
##  $ Median_rent_weekly         : num 370
##  $ Median_tot_fam_inc_weekly    : num 2136
##  $ Average_num_psns_per_bedroom : num 0.8
##  $ Median_tot_hhd_inc_weekly    : num 1759
##  $ Average_household_size      : num 2.5
##  $ AREA_ALBERS_SQKM           : num 227496
##  $ geom                      :sfc_MULTIPOLYGON of length 1; first list element: List of 157
##  ..$ :List of 1
##  .. ..$ : num [1:39, 1:2] 146 146 146 146 146 ...
```

State or Territory (STE)

```
vicmap_ste_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_STE_2021_VIC")  
  
ggplot(vicmap_ste_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```



```
nrow(vicmap_ste)
```

```
## [1] 1
```

Breakout Session



Try it yourself time:

- Download the geopackage for the 2021 census and variable G02
- Look at how that spatial data is organised
- Look at the different layers

What are the differences between the regionalisations?

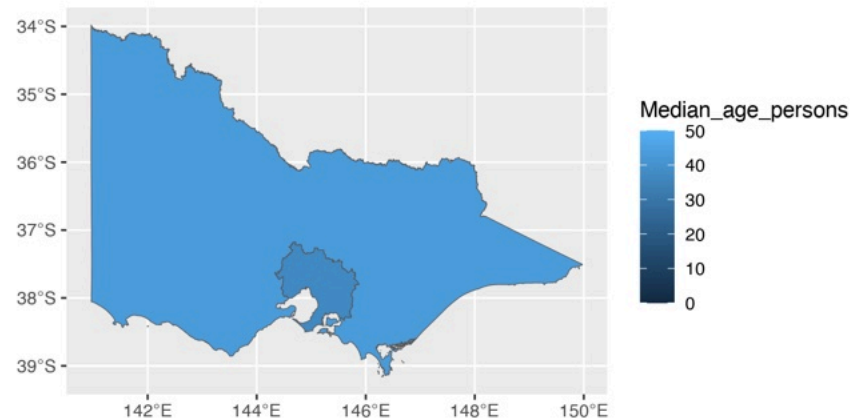
What do you notice?

Want a challenge visualise the 2016 data!

Greater Capital City Statistical Areas (GCCSA)

- Each region with variable population

```
vicmap_gccsa_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_GCCSA_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_gccsa_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```



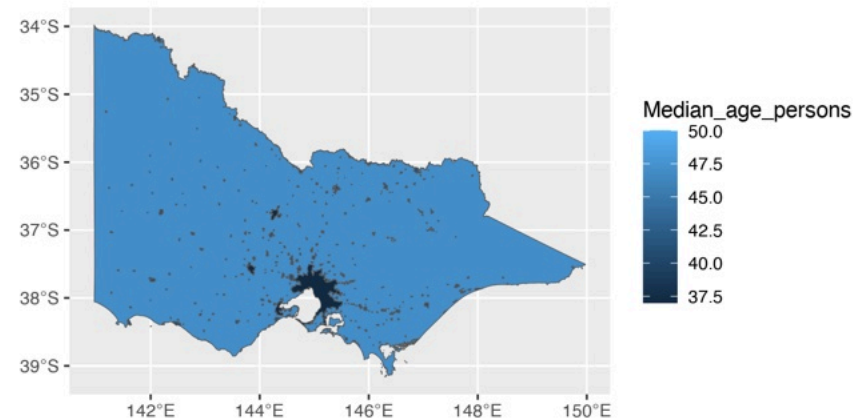
```
nrow(vicmap_gccsa_G02)
```

```
## [1] 4
```

Section of State (SOS)

- Major urban, other urban, bounded locally & rural balance

```
vicmap_sos_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_SOS_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_sos_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```

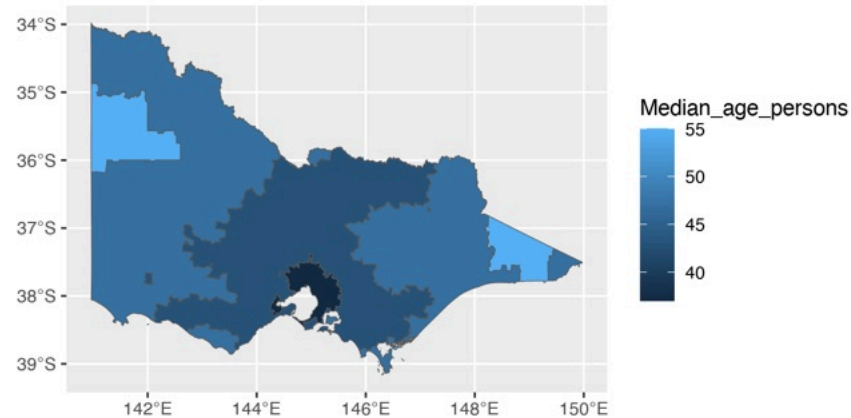


```
nrow(vicmap_sos_G02)
```

```
## [1] 6
```


Remoteness Areas (RA)

```
vicmap_ra_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_RA_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_ra_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```



```
nrow(vicmap_ra_G02)
```

```
## [1] 6
```

Section of State Ranges (SOSR)

```
vicmap_sosr_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_SOSR_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_sosr_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```



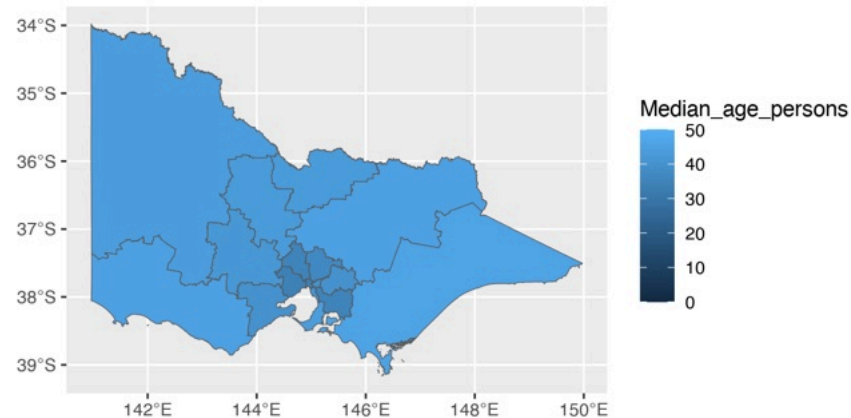
```
nrow(vicmap_sosr_G02)
```

```
## [1] 12
```

Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4)

- Each region with population of 100,000 - 500,000

```
vicmap_sa4_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_SA4_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_sa4_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```

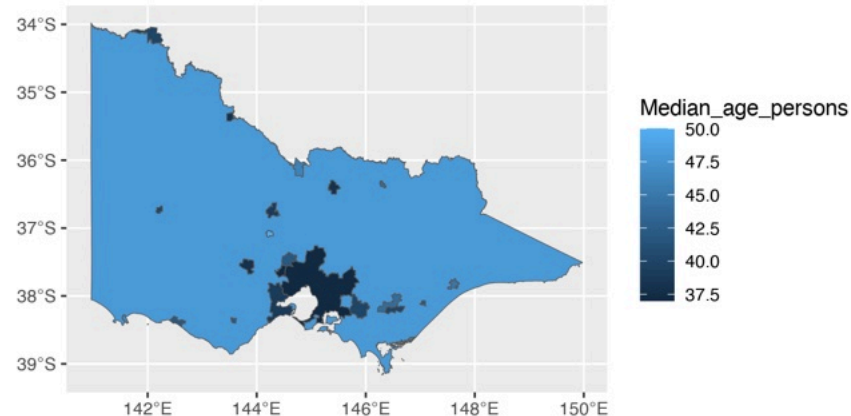


```
nrow(vicmap_sa4_G02)
```

```
## [1] 19
```

Significant Urban Areas (SUA)

```
vicmap_sua_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_SUA_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_sua_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```

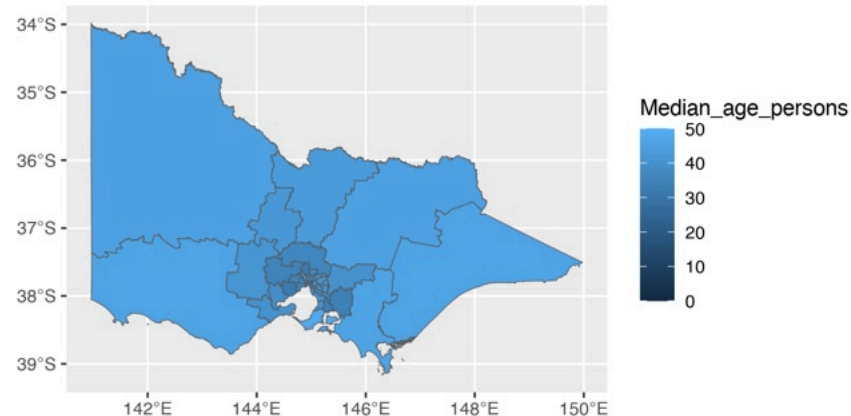


```
nrow(vicmap_sua_G02)
```

```
## [1] 22
```

Commonwealth Electoral Division (CED)

```
vicmap_ced_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_CED_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_ced_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```



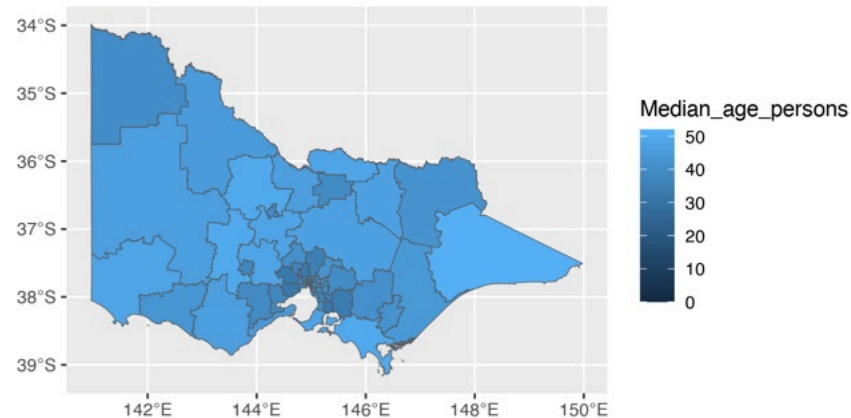
```
nrow(vicmap_ced_G02)
```

```
## [1] 41
```

Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3)

- Each region with population of 30,000 - 130,000

```
vicmap_sa3_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_SA3_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_sa3_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```

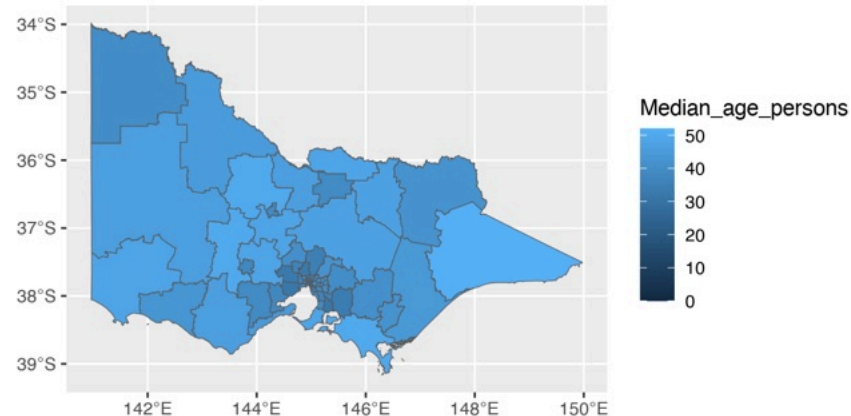


```
nrow(vicmap_sa3_G02)
```

```
## [1] 68
```

Local Government Area (LGA)

```
vicmap_lga_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_SA3_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_lga_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```

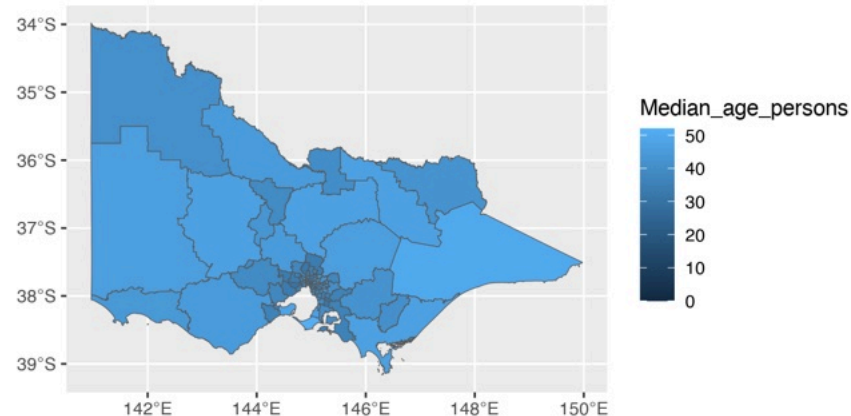


```
nrow(vicmap_lga_G02)
```

```
## [1] 68
```

State Electoral Division (SED)

```
vicmap_sed_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_SED_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_sed_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```

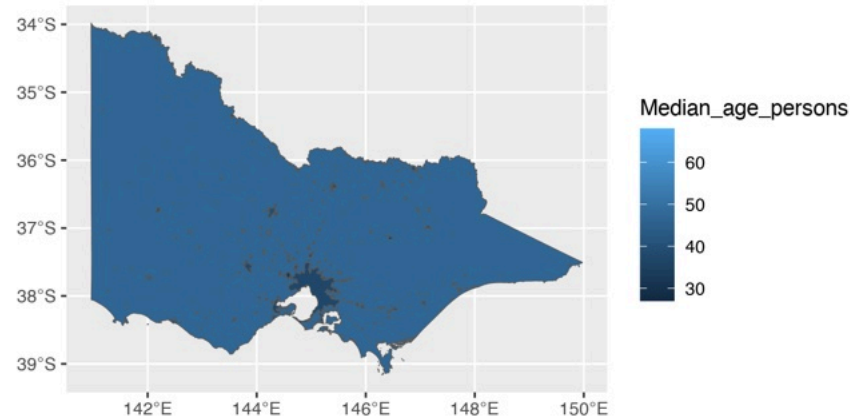


```
nrow(vicmap_sed_G02)
```

```
## [1] 90
```


Urban Centres and Localities (UCL)

```
vicmap_ucl_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_UCL_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_ucl_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```



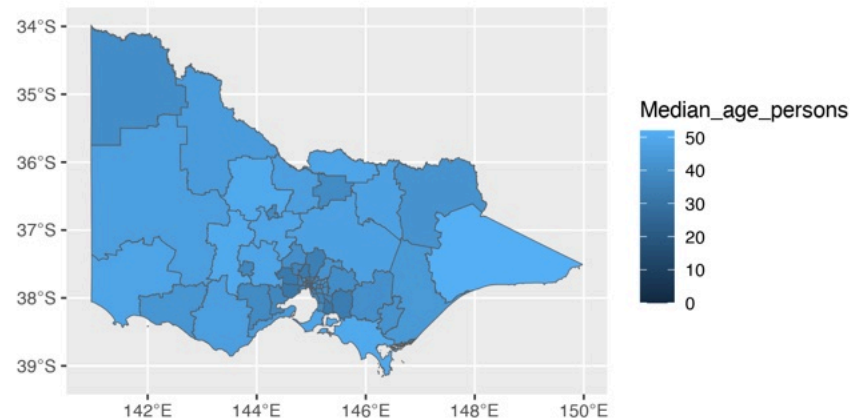
```
nrow(vicmap_ucl_G02)
```

```
## [1] 347
```

Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2)

- Each region with populations in the range of 3,000-25,000

```
vicmap_sa2_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_SA3_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_sa2_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```

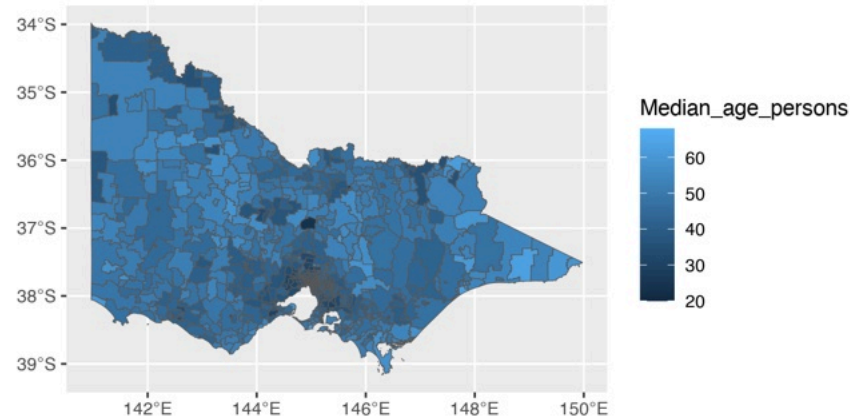


```
nrow(vicmap_sa2_G02)
```

```
## [1] 68
```

Postal Areas (POA)

```
vicmap_poa_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_POA_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_poa_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```

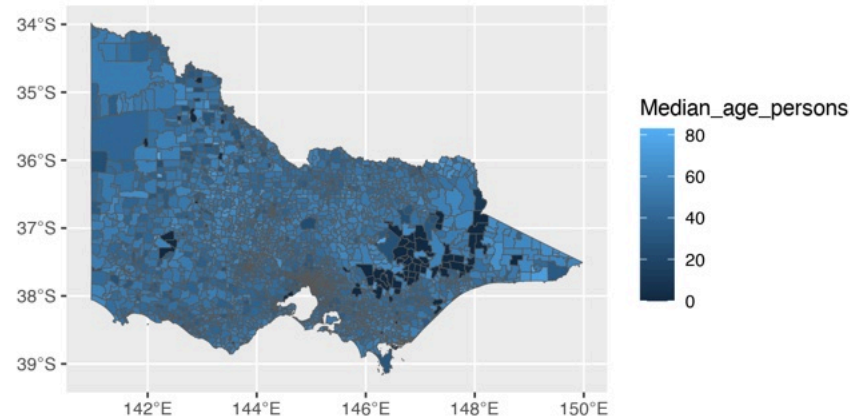


```
nrow(vicmap_poa_G02)
```

```
## [1] 694
```

State Area Localities (SAL) (Formerly SSC)

```
vicmap_sal_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_SAL_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_sal_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```



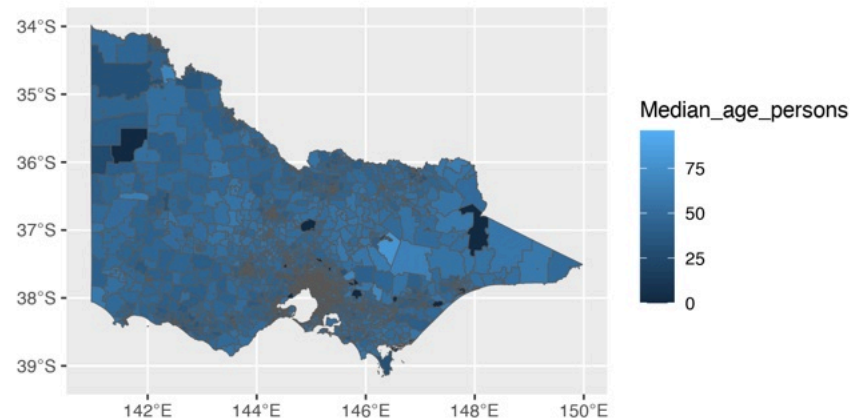
```
nrow(vicmap_sal_G02)
```

```
## [1] 2946
```

Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1)

- Each region with a population of range 200-800

```
vicmap_sa1_G02 <- read_sf(geopath_2021_G02, layer = "G02_SA1_2021_VIC")  
ggplot(vicmap_sa1_G02) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons))
```



```
nrow(vicmap_sa1_G02)
```

```
## [1] 15482
```

Electorate boundary vs Census boundary

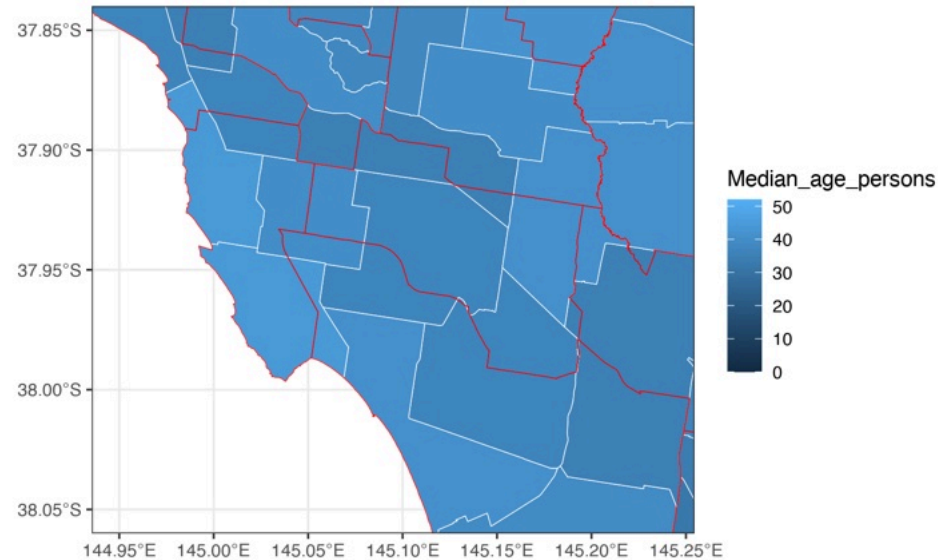


Estimate a median age for an electorate

Comparing SED 2021 and electorates divisions 2022

See [here](#) for `electoral_winners` data was.

```
ggplot() +  
  geom_sf(data = vicmap_sed_G02,  
    aes(geometry = geom, fill = Median_age_persons),  
    alpha = 1, color = "white", size = 2) +  
  geom_sf(data = winners_with_map, aes(geometry = geometry),  
    fill = "transparent", color = "red", size = 2) +  
  coord_sf(xlim = c(144.95, 145.24), ylim = c(-38.05, -37.85)) +  
  theme_bw()
```



Closer look Hotham electorate 1

```
electorate <- winners_with_map |>
  filter(DivisionNm == "HOTHAM")

# Set projection to GDA1994 using EPSG:4283
st_crs(electorate$geometry, 4283)

# Transform projection from GDA1994 to GDA2020 using EPSG:7844
electorate$geometry = st_transform(electorate$geometry, 7844)

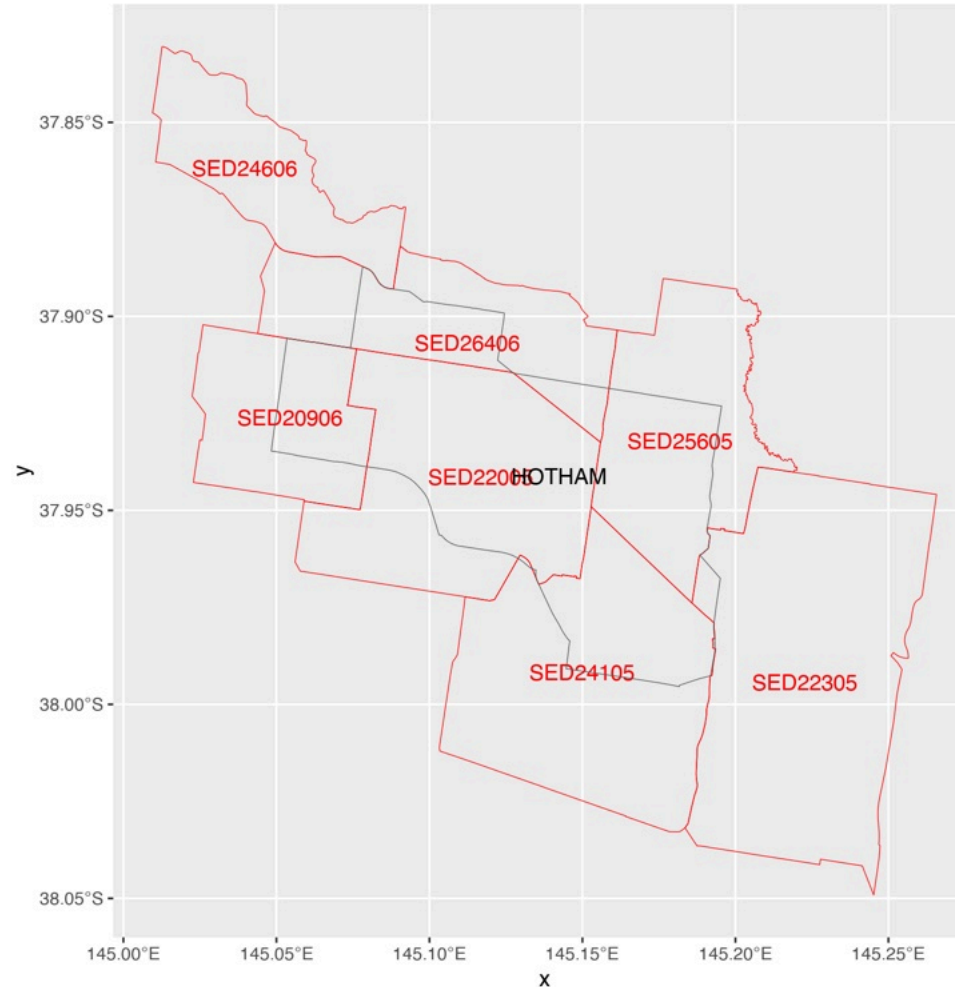
sed_intersect <- vicmap_sed_G02 |>
  filter(st_intersects(geom,
    electorate$geometry,
    sparse = FALSE
  )[, 1])

ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = sed_intersect,
    aes(geometry = geom), color = "red", fill = "transparent") +
  geom_sf_text(data = sed_intersect,
    aes(label = SED_CODE_2021, geometry = geom), color = "red") +
  geom_sf(data = electorate, aes(geometry = geometry), fill = "transparent") +
  geom_sf_text(data = electorate, aes(geometry = geometry, label = DivisionNm))

## Coordinate Reference System:
##   User input: GDA94
##   wkt:
```


Closer look Hotham electorate 1

There are 7 SED regions that intersect with Hotham electorate.



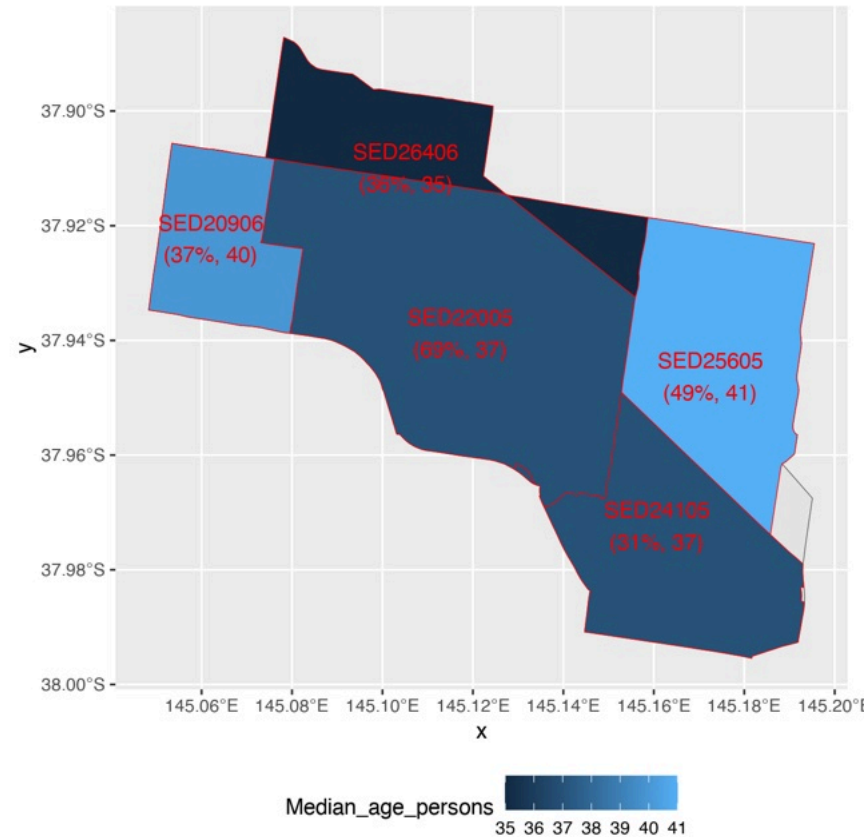
Closer look Hotham electorate 2

```
sed_intersect2 <- sed_intersect |>
  mutate(
    geometry = st_intersection(geom, electorate$geometry),
    perc_area = 100 * st_area(geometry) / st_area(geom),
    perc_area = as.numeric(perc_area)
  ) |>
  filter(perc_area > 5)

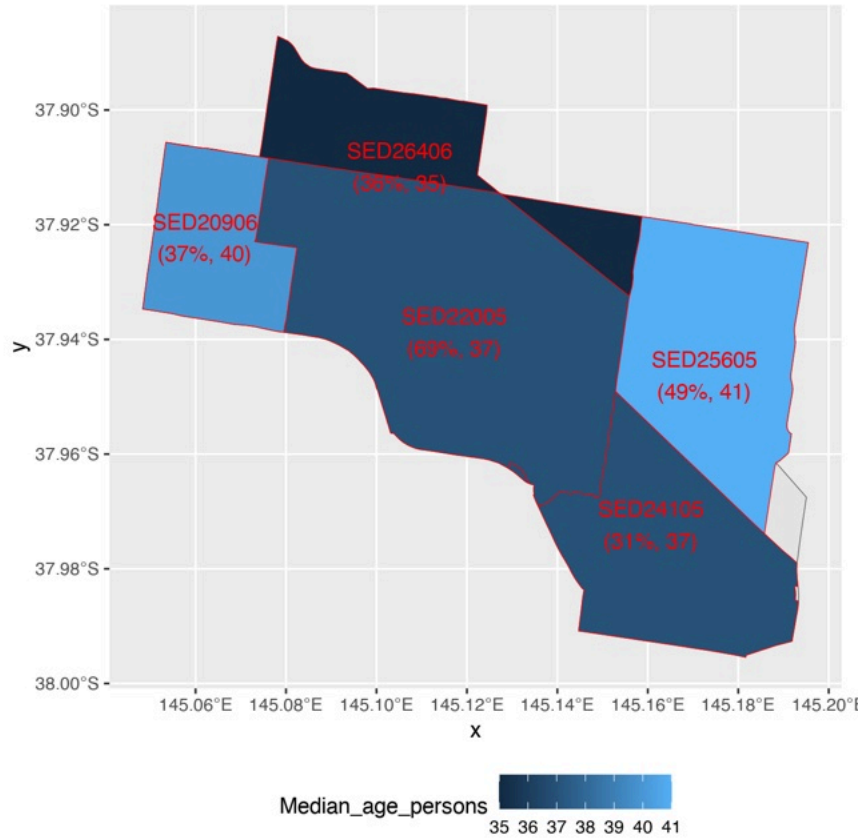
ggplot(sed_intersect2, aes(geometry = geometry)) +
  geom_sf(data = electorate) +
  geom_sf_text(
    data = electorate,
    aes(label = DivisionNm)
  ) +
  geom_sf(color = "red", aes(fill = Median_age_persons)) +
  geom_sf_text(
    aes(
      label = glue::glue("{SED_CODE_2021}
                          ({scales::comma(perc_area, 1)}%, {Median_age_persons})")
    ),
    color = "red"
  ) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
```

Closer look Hotham electorate 2

- There are 5 SED areas with at least 5% intersection with the electoral area.
- **How would you characterise the median age for Hotham?**



Closer look Hotham electorate 3



Strategy 1

```
sort(sed_intersect2$Median_age_persons)
## [1] 35 37 37 40 41
```

Strategy 2

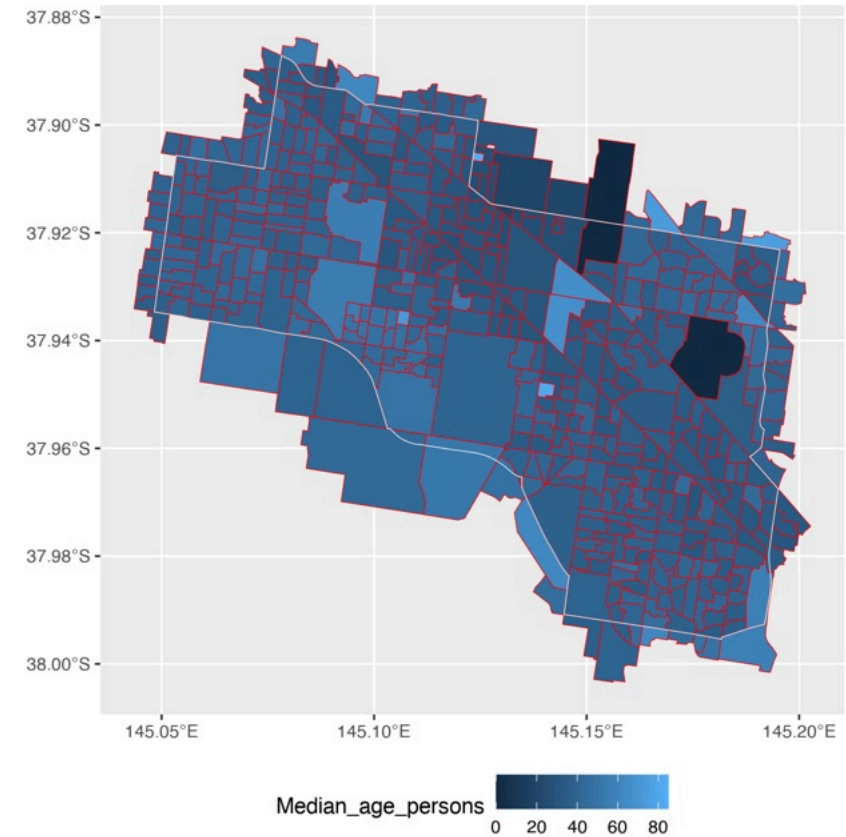
```
mean(sed_intersect2$Median_age_persons)
## [1] 38
```

Strategy 3

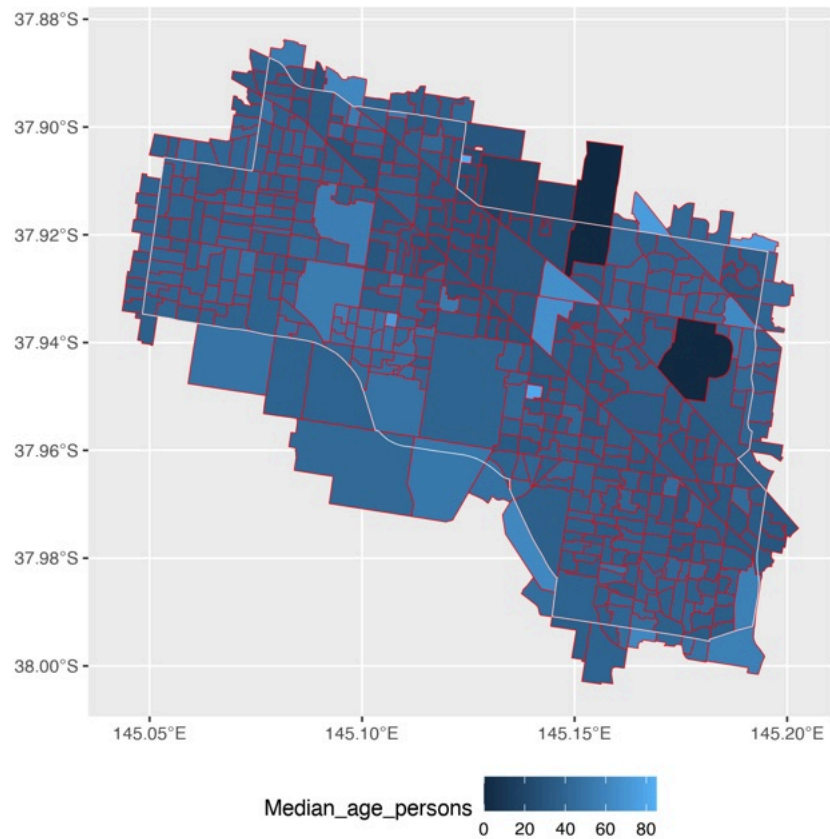
```
weighted.mean(
  sed_intersect2$Median_age_persons,
  sed_intersect2$perc_area
)
## [1] 38.06118
```

Closer look Hotham electorate 4

```
sa1_intersect <- vicmap_sa1_G02 %>%  
  filter(st_intersects(geom,  
    electorate$geometry,  
    sparse = FALSE  
  ))[, 1])  
  
sa1_intersect2 <- sa1_intersect %>%  
  mutate(  
    geometry = st_intersection(geom, electorate$geometry),  
    perc_area = 100 * st_area(geometry) / st_area(geom),  
    perc_area = as.numeric(perc_area)  
  ) %>%  
  filter(perc_area > 5)  
  
ggplot(sa1_intersect) +  
  geom_sf(color = "red",  
    aes( fill = Median_age_persons, geometry = geom))  
  geom_sf(data = electorate,  
    color = "white", size = 2, fill = "transparent",  
    aes(geometry = geometry)) +  
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
```



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Strategy 1

```
fivenum(sa1_intersect2$Median_age_persons)

## [1]  0 35 38 41 81
```

Strategy 2

```
mean(sa1_intersect2$Median_age_persons)

## [1] 38.07674
```

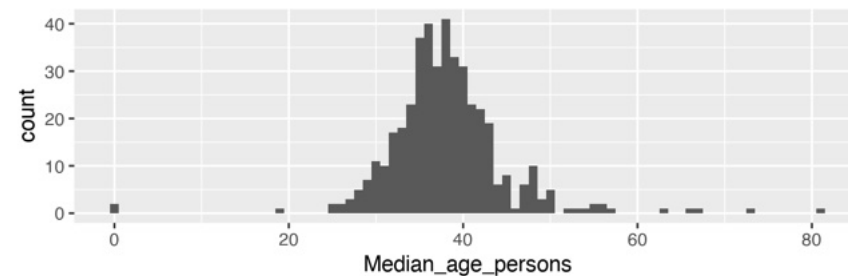
Strategy 3

```
weighted.mean(sa1_intersect2$Median_age_persons, sa1_intersect2$perc_area)

## [1] 38.02792
```

Strategy 4

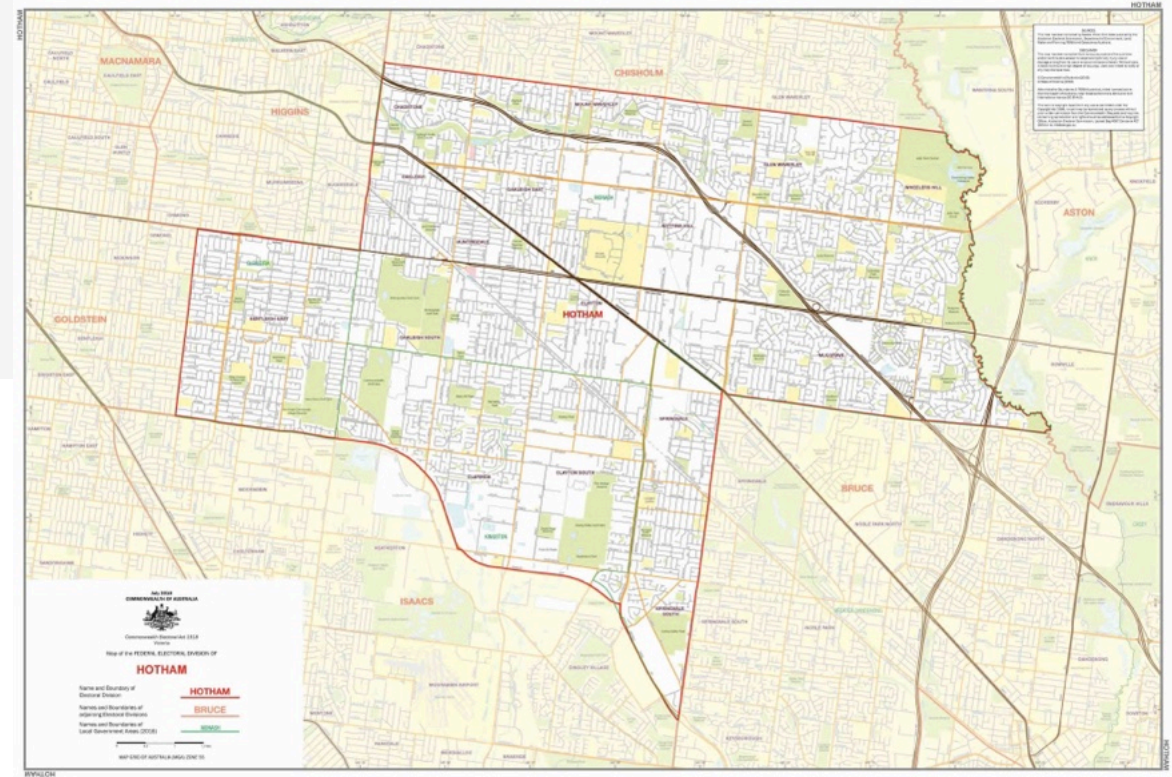
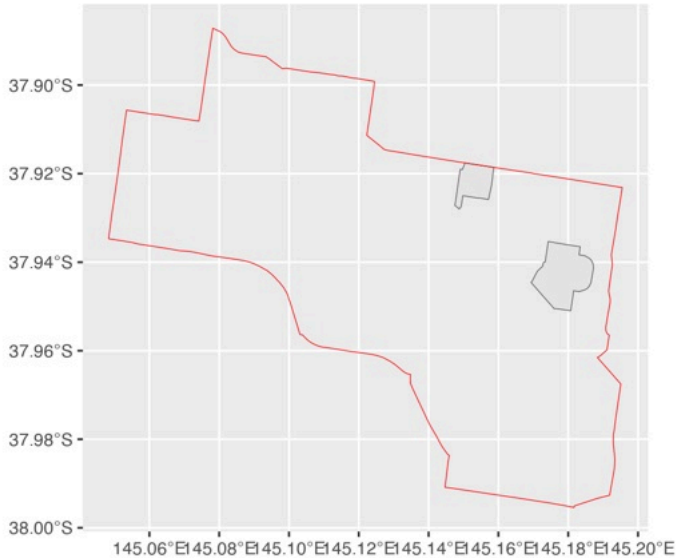
```
ggplot(sa1_intersect2, aes(x = Median_age_persons)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 1)
```



Closer look Zero median age

(Hotham 2022)[<https://www.aec.gov.au/profiles/vic/hotham.htm>]

```
sa1_intersect2 %>%  
  filter(Median_age_persons == 0) %>%  
  ggplot() +  
  geom_sf() +  
  geom_sf(  
    data = electorate, color = "red",  
    fill = "transparent",  
    aes(geometry = geometry)  
  )
```



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Before

Strategy 1

```
fivenum(sa1_intersect2$Median_age_persons)

## [1]  0 35 38 41 81
```

Strategy 2

```
mean(sa1_intersect2$Median_age_persons)

## [1] 38.07674
```

Strategy 3

```
weighted.mean(sa1_intersect2$Median_age_persons, sa1_interse

## [1] 38.02792
```

After

```
sa1_intersect3 <- sa1_intersect2 %>%
  filter(Median_age_persons != 0)
```

Strategy 1

```
fivenum(sa1_intersect3$Median_age_persons)

## [1] 19 35 38 41 81
```

Strategy 2

```
mean(sa1_intersect3$Median_age_persons)

## [1] 38.25467
```

Strategy 3

```
weighted.mean(sa1_intersect3$Median_age_persons, sa1_inter

## [1] 38.20661
```


Dorling Cartogram

```
sa1_intersect4 <- sa1_intersect %>%  
  mutate(centroid = st_centroid(geom))  
  
dorling_plot <- ggplot(sa1_intersect4) +  
  geom_sf(  
    data = electorate,  
    aes(geometry = geometry), size = 4, fill = "grey60"  
  ) +  
  geom_sf(aes(geometry = centroid, color = Median_age_persons),  
    size = 0.5, shape = 3  
  ) +  
  scale_color_viridis_c(name = "Median age", option = "magma")
```



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```
sa1_intersect5 <- sa1_intersect4 %>%  
  filter(st_intersects(centroid, electorate$geometry, sparse = FALSE)[, 1],  
         Median_age_persons != 0)
```

Strategy 1

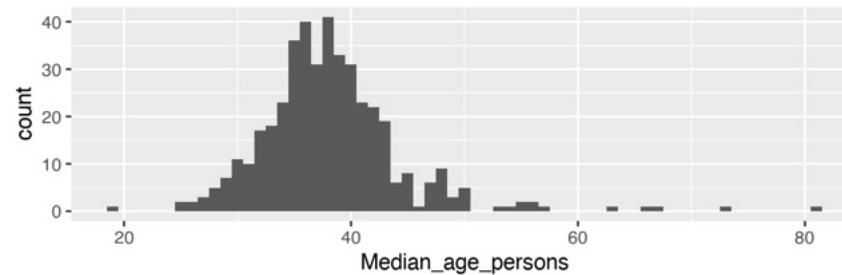
```
fivenum(sa1_intersect5$Median_age_persons)  
  
## [1] 19 35 38 41 81
```

Strategy 2

```
mean(sa1_intersect5$Median_age_persons)  
  
## [1] 38.20706
```

Strategy 4

```
ggplot(sa1_intersect5, aes(x = Median_age_persons)) +  
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 1)
```



Summary



- There are many ways to characterise an electorate.
- Estimates of median age of an electorate is more consistent using SA1 map data than SED map data.



- We looked at mapping the 2021 census boundaries and projected a summary of the census variable (i.e. median age) onto a 2022 electoral district
- Discovered some of the challenges with matching two different types of data



Read [Forbes, Cook & Hyndman \(2020\) Spatial modelling of the two-party preferred vote in Australian federal elections: 2001–2016. *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics*](#). for a more sophisticated approach to studying the census variables and election results together.

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📅 Week 6