

# Census 2016: Love and marriage

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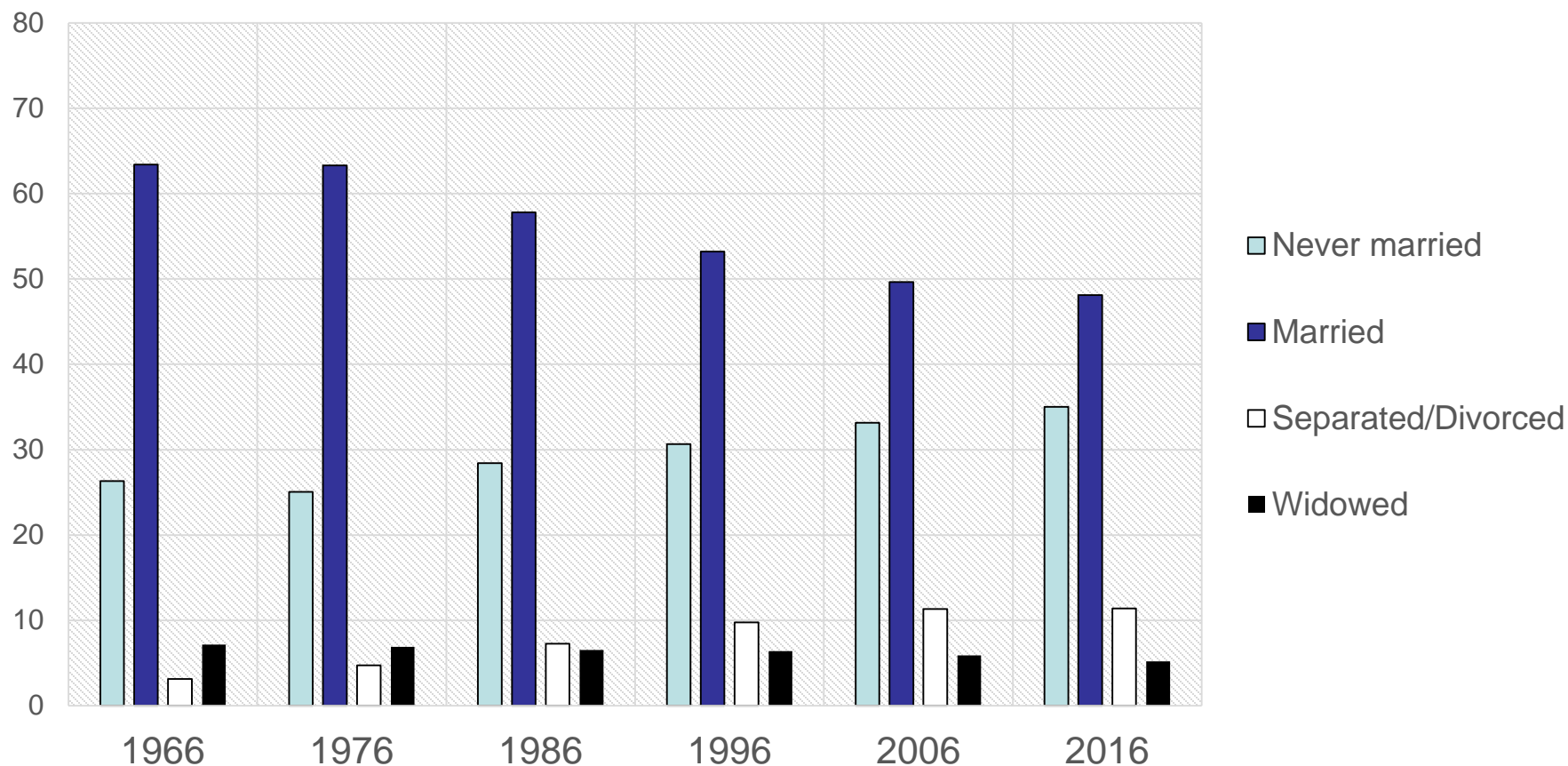
# Marriage and relationship questions and variables

	Legal marital status	Duration of existing marriage	Married more than once	De-facto partner	Same sex couple	Same sex marriage
<b>1911</b>	X	X				
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<b>1976</b>	X	X				
<b>1981</b>	X	X	X			
<b>1986</b>	X	X	X	X		
<b>1991</b>	X			X		
<b>1996</b>	X			X	X	
...	...			...	...	
<b>2011</b>	X			X	X	X
<b>2016</b>	X			X	X	X

# Changes in marital status over time

**Registered marital status:**

**Population aged 15+**



# The rise of cohabitation

## Social Marital Status:

% of persons living with a partner who are married vs cohabiting

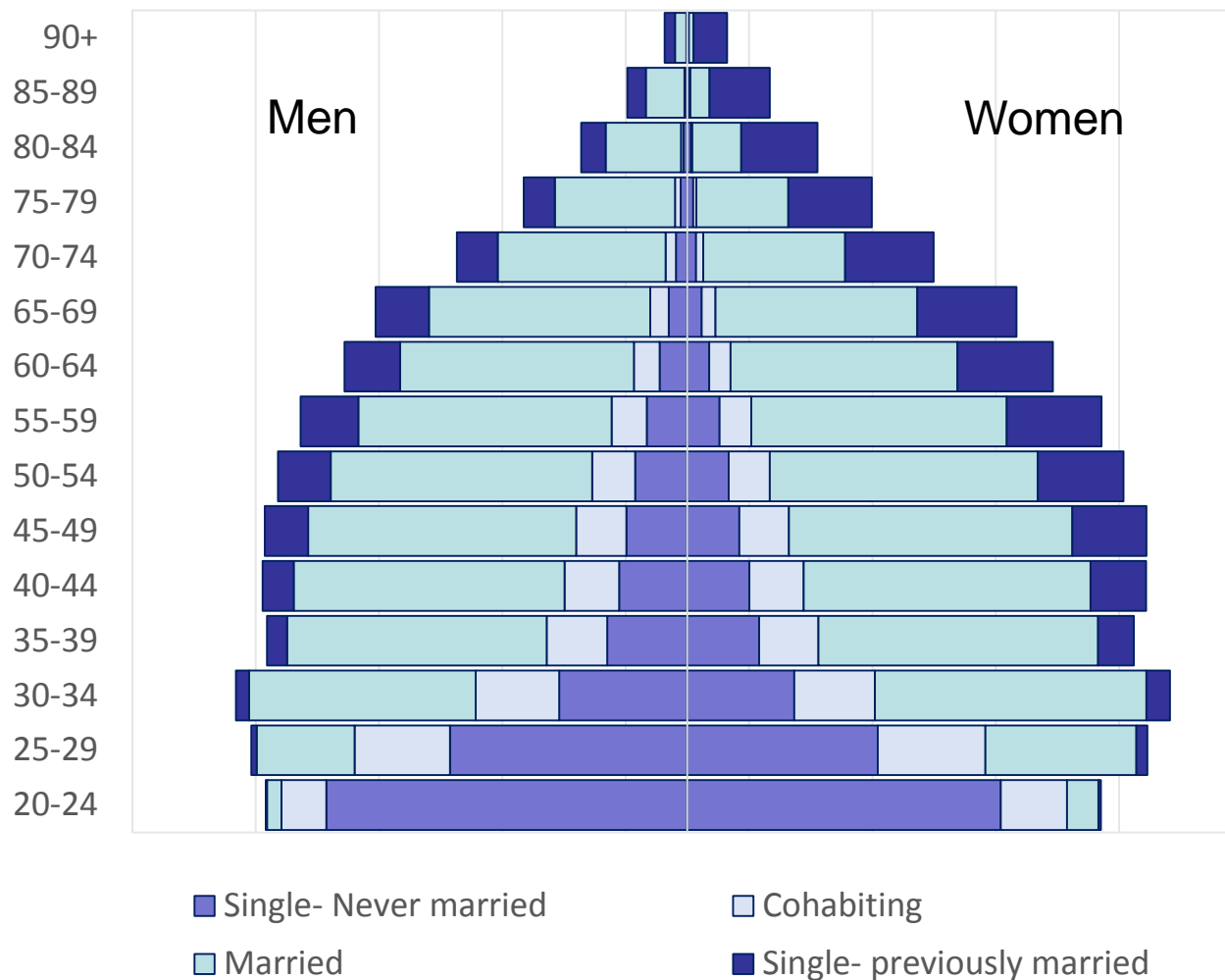
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	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016
Married	93	90	88	85	84	82
<b>Cohabiting</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

# Same-sex couples

	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016
<b>Number of couples</b>	10,214	19,596	25,604	33,707	46,774
<b>Increase from previous census</b>		92%	31%	32%	39%
<b>% of all couples</b>	-	-	0.60	0.72	0.93

# Relationship status by age & sex



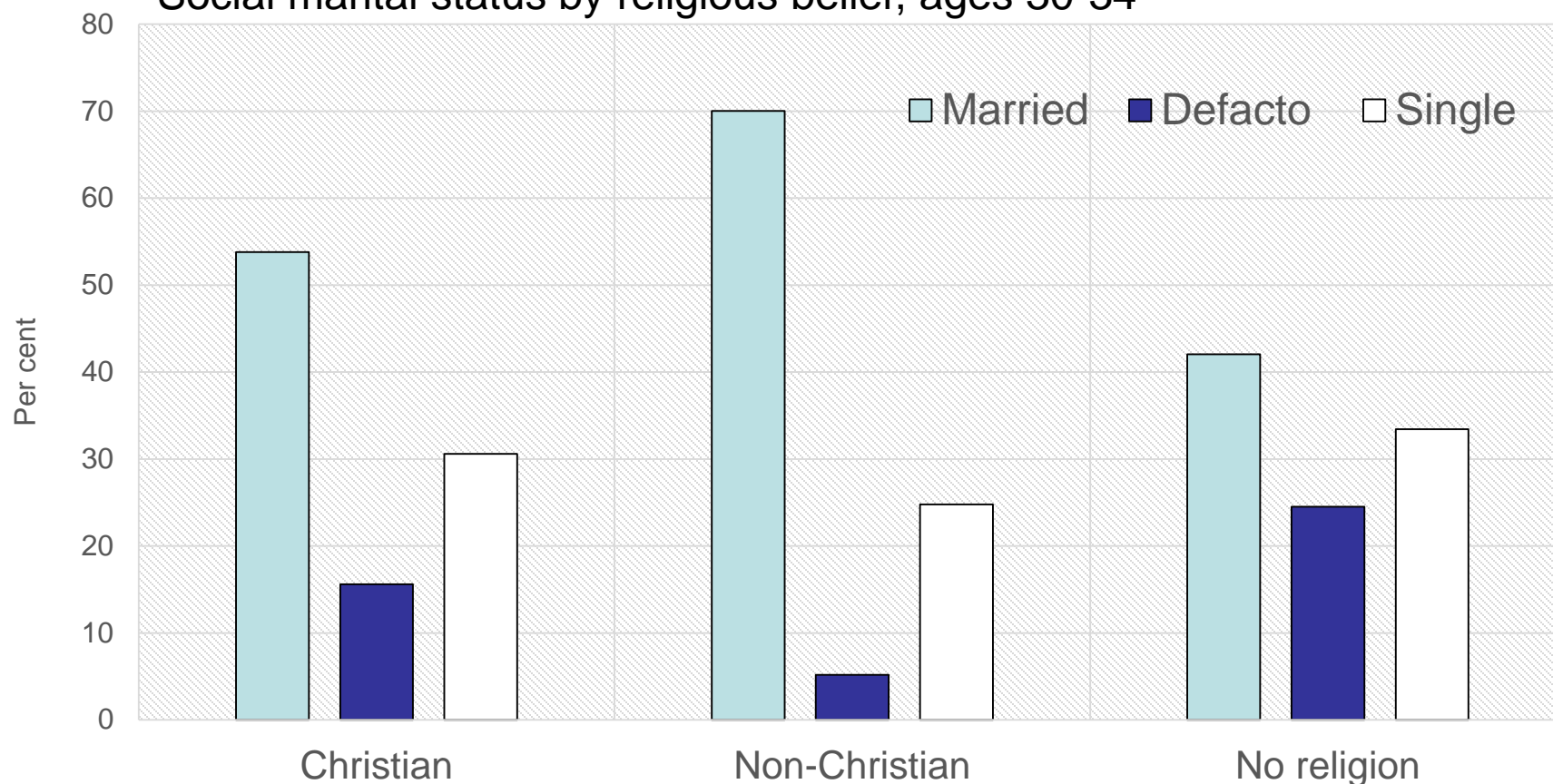
# Marital status and religion

% married by religious affiliation and age

	Christian	Non-Christian	No religion
20-24	5	13	3
25-29	27	45	19
30-34	54	70	42
35-39	64	75	52
40-44	65	73	54
45-49	65	70	53
50-54	64	68	53
55-59	65	66	55
60-64	66	65	57
65-69	67	65	59
70-74	65	62	58
75-79	60	58	56

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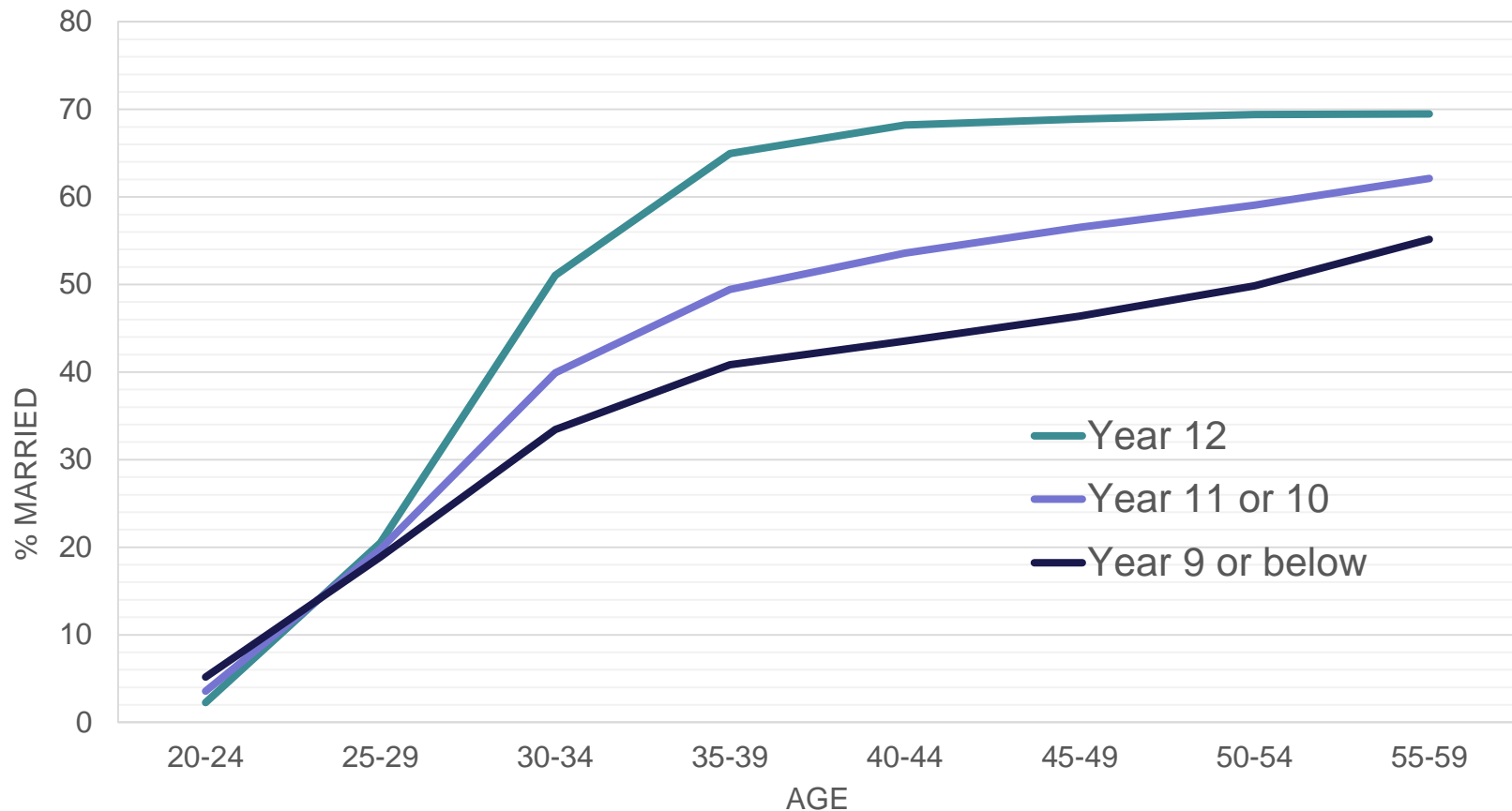
Social marital status by religious belief, ages 30-34



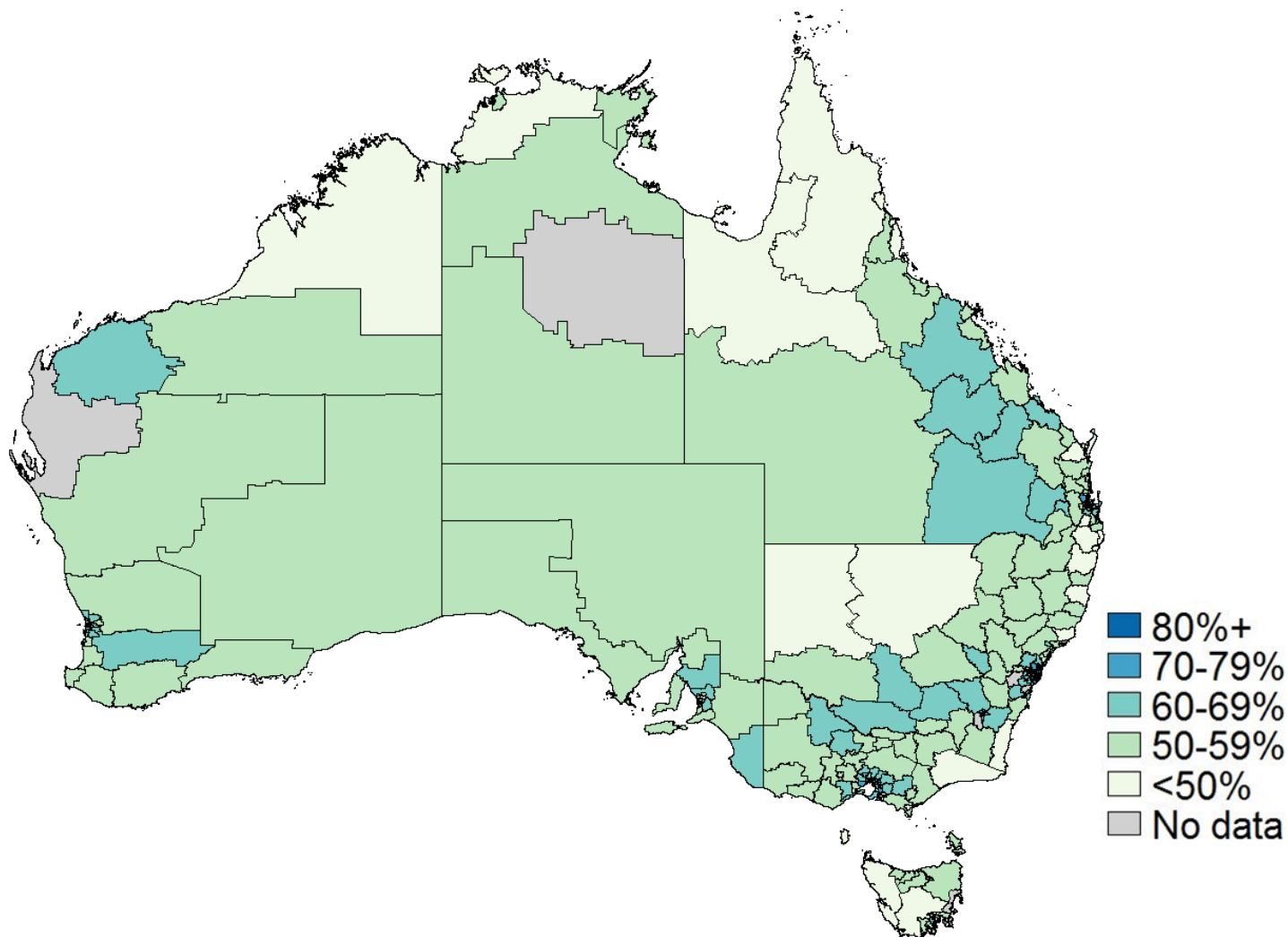


# Marital status and education

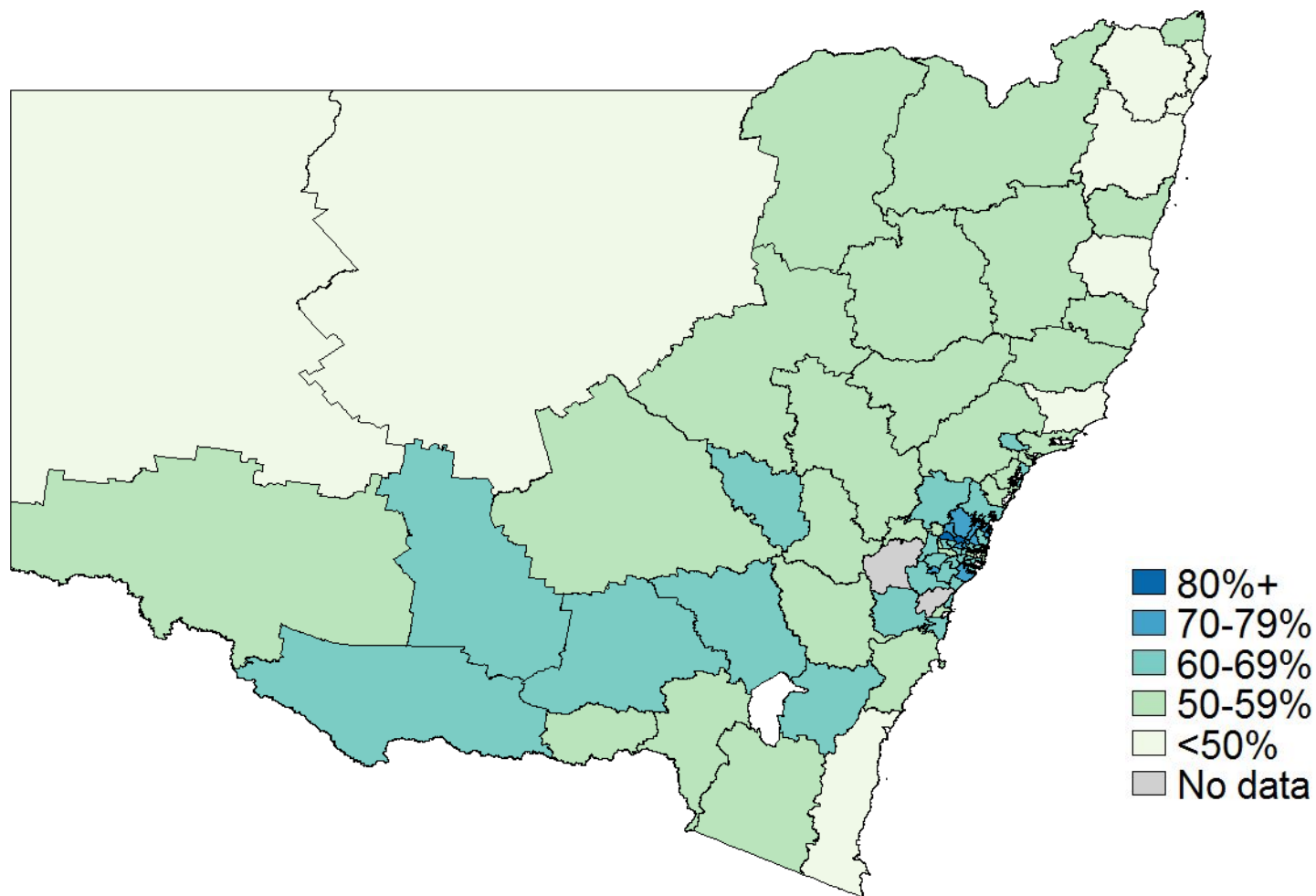
% of men married, by highest year of schooling



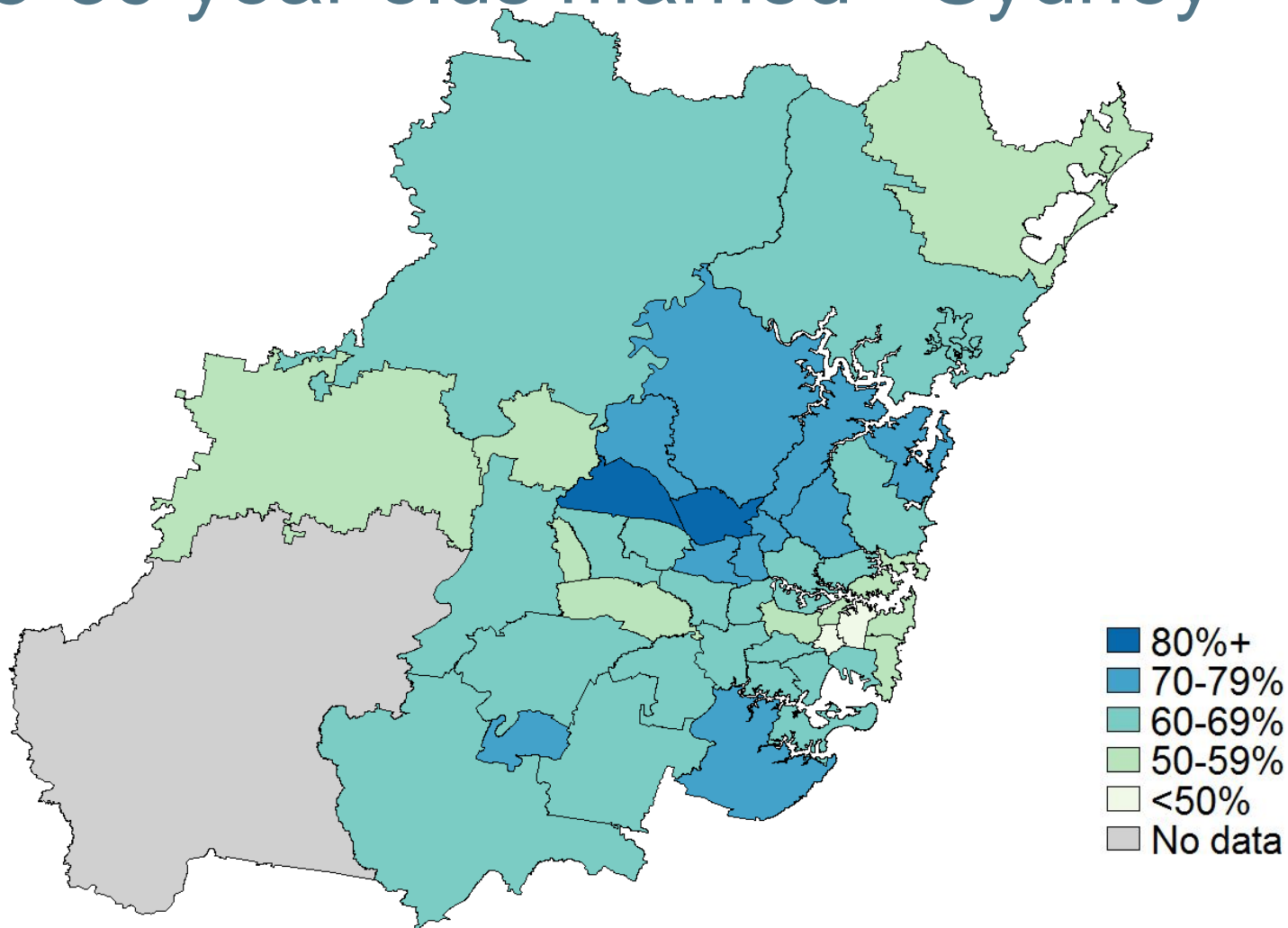
# % 35-39 year olds married - Australia



## % 35-39 year olds married - NSW



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## Love: What does the census say?

- That marriage is still important
- Trends in relationships are continuing
  - More cohabitation
  - More same-sex couples
- Age, Religion, Education play a role
- Geographic variation consistent with known drivers of marriage