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Regional Housing Affordability Indicators from Census 2016

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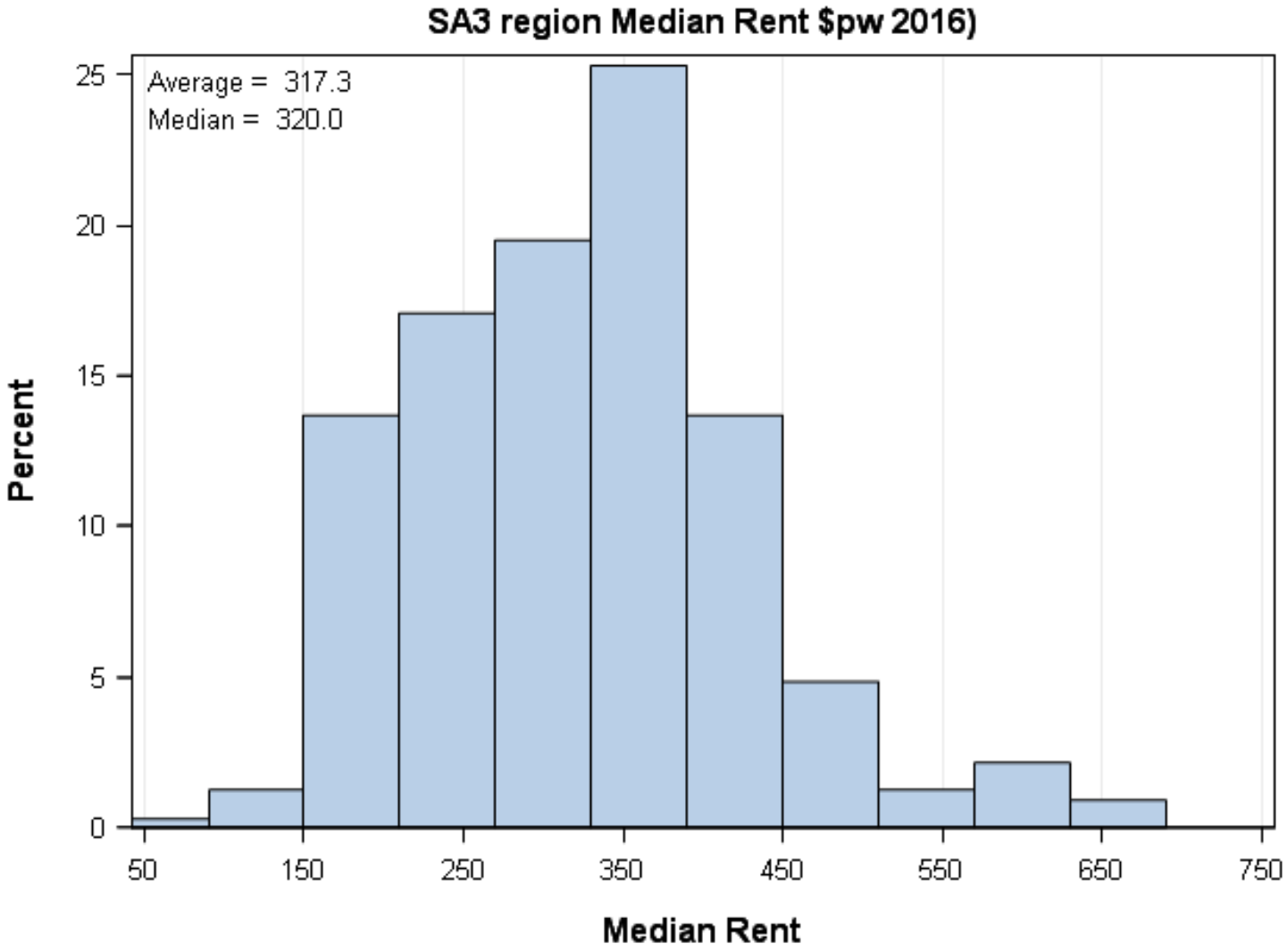
What Housing Data is in the Census?

- Number of persons/Bedrooms in household
- Tenure type (rental, mortgaged, owned outright, public housing)
- Dwelling structure (Detached/Unit etc)
- Dwelling type (Private dwelling/Occupied/Unocc)
- Housing Costs(rent/mortgage repayments)
- This data can be cross-tabulated with many other socioeconomic variables at the person or household level such as age, sex, region, family type, income
- All examples here using ABS ‘Datapacks’

Distribution of SA3 Median Rents



Change in median rents – Top/Bottom Growth

Growth in SA3 rents 2006-2016 (out of 330 SA3s)

Highest Rent Growth	%	Lowest Rent Growth	%
Serpentine - Jarrahdale	153%	Wangaratta - Benalla	43%
Far North	140%	Cairns - North	42%
Litchfield	129%	Gungahlin	41%
Palmerston	126%	Robina	41%
Bayswater - Bassendean	119%	Mildura	40%
Kwinana	118%	South Canberra	40%
Darwin City	116%	Broadbeach - Burleigh	38%
Bowen Basin - North	114%	Whitsunday	36%
Central Highlands (Qld)	113%	Surfers Paradise	29%
Mundaring	112%	Port Douglas - Daintree	21%

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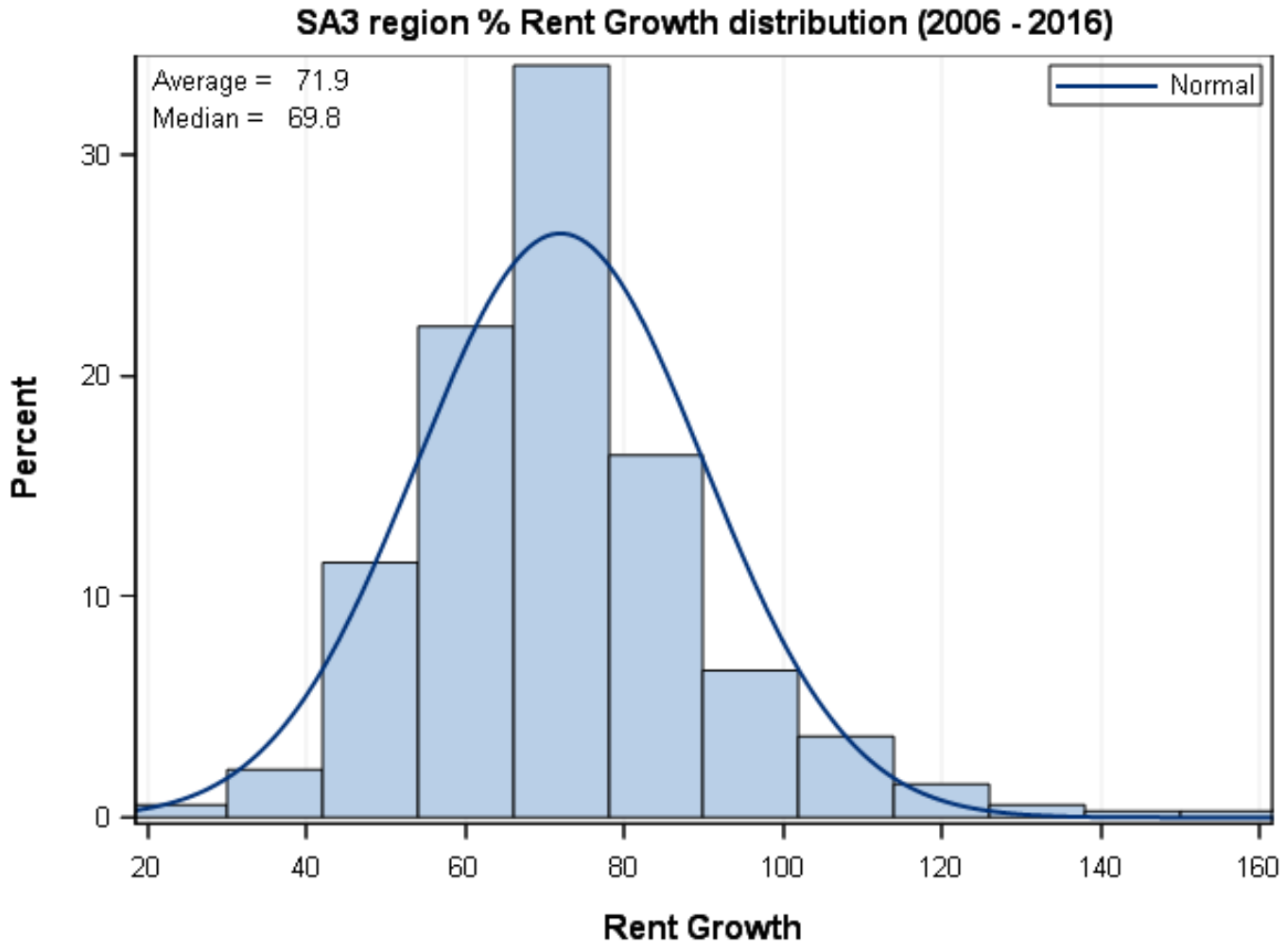
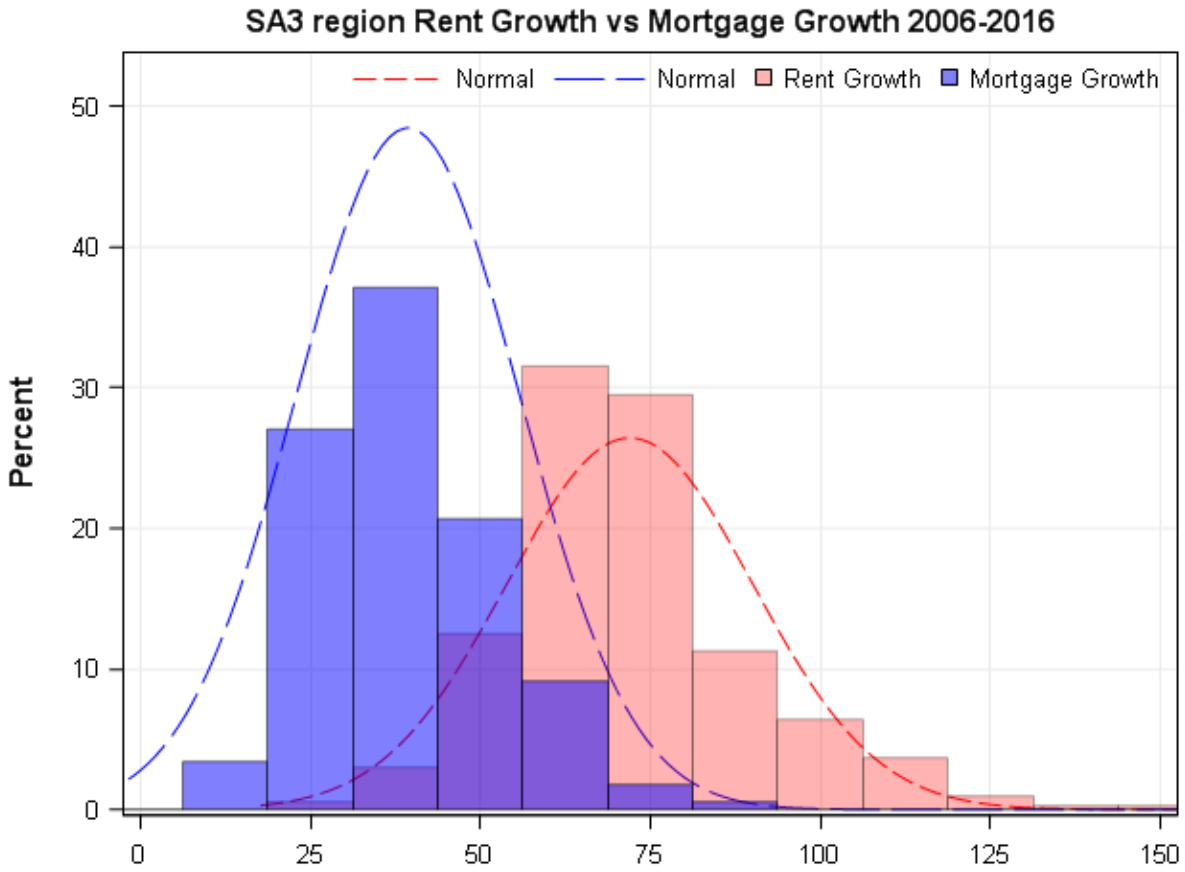
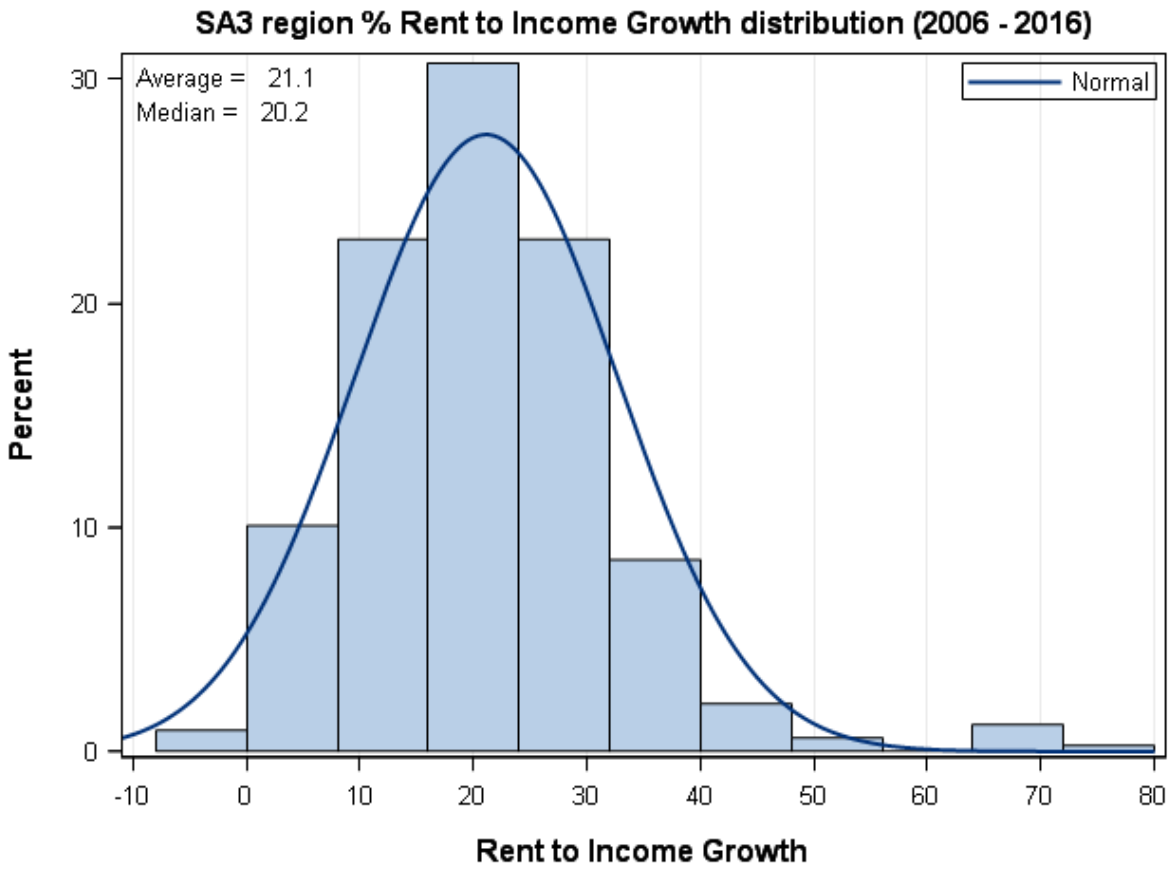


Rent Growth strong than mortgage repayment growth

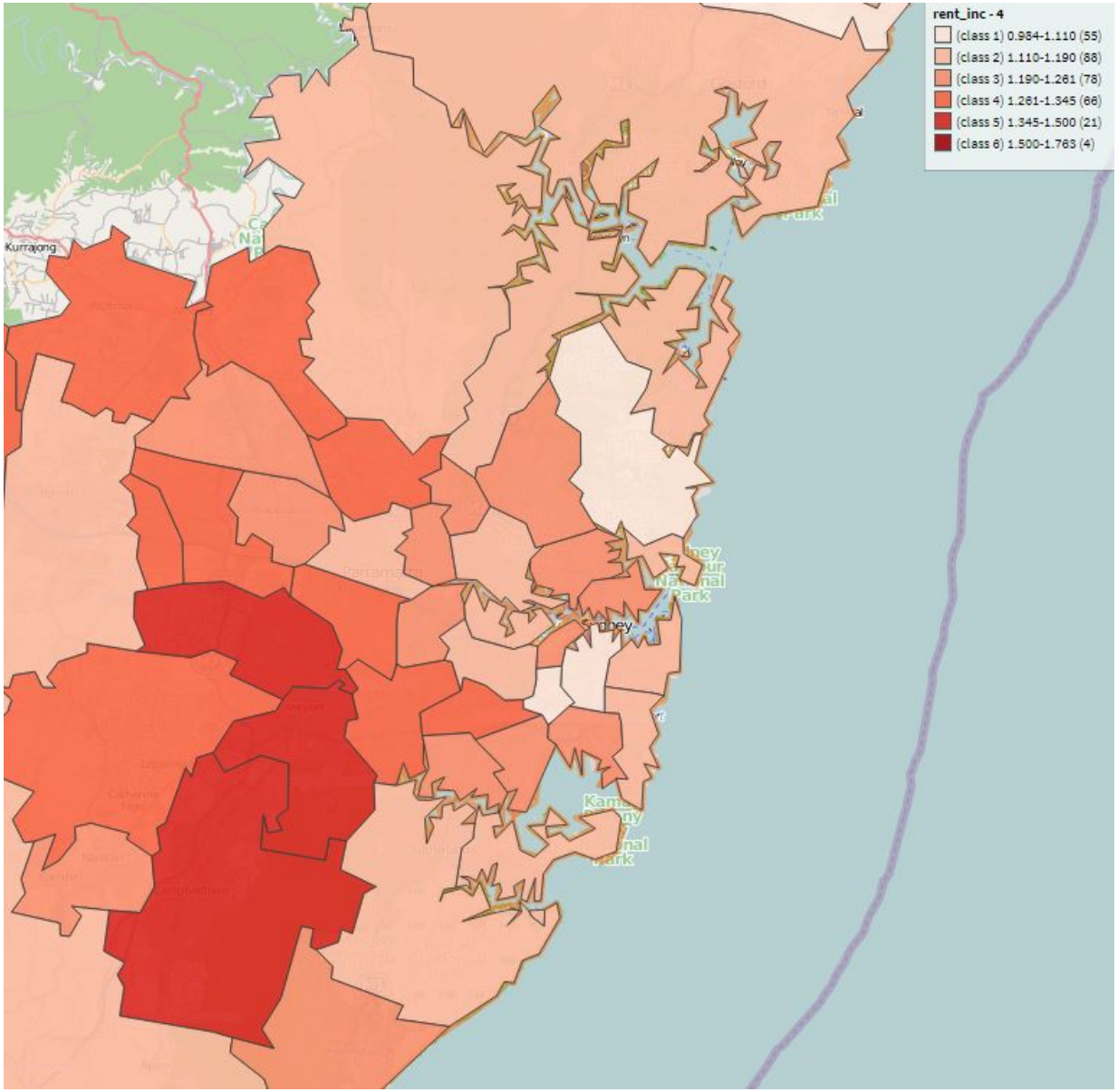


Rent Growth vs Population Growth

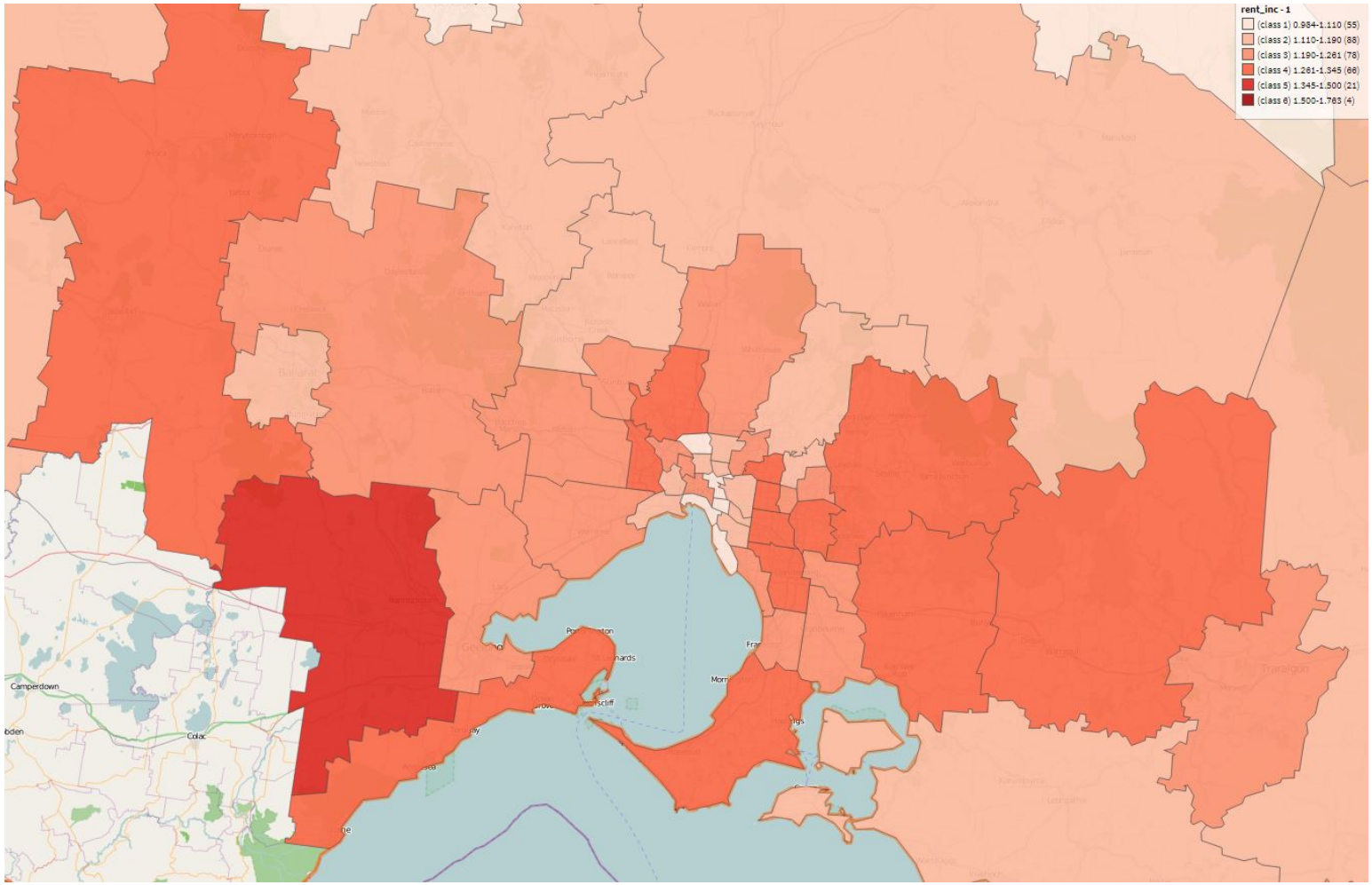
Rent Growth / Income Growth, SA3



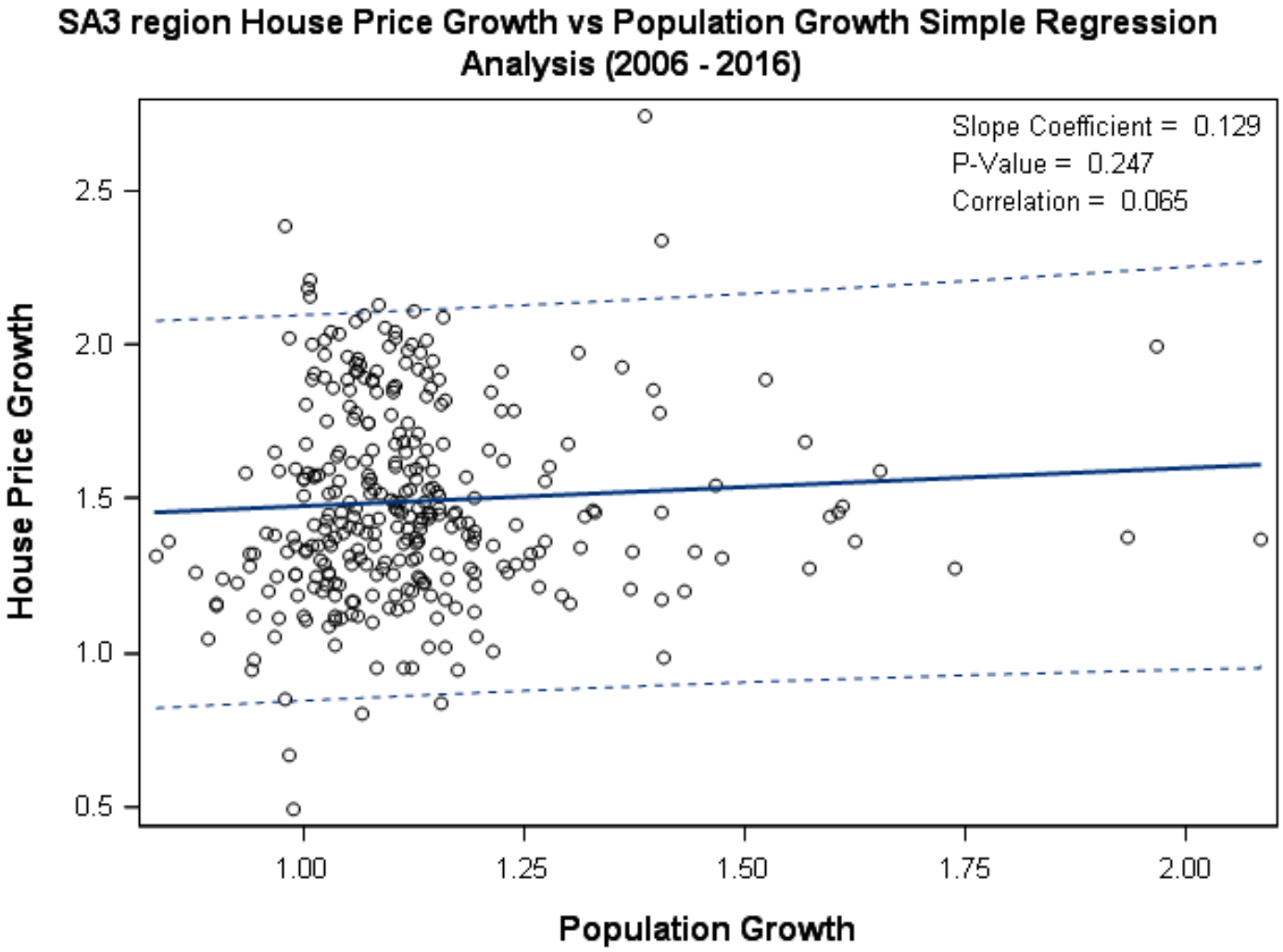
Rent Growth / Income Growth - Sydney



Rent Growth / Income Growth - Melbourne



Combining Census data with Other Data



*House price data supplied by CoreLogic