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Search Diversity WA: Quick guide

Search Diversity WA is an online search facility that presents **demographic**, **cultural** and **socioeconomic** backgrounds of Western Australians, including profiles of all State electoral divisions (SED) and local government areas (LGA) as well as for culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities.

The website assists government, non-government agencies and corporations to better understand Western Australia's population. This will inform effective decision making and community planning for equitable services that meet the needs of this State's CaLD communities.
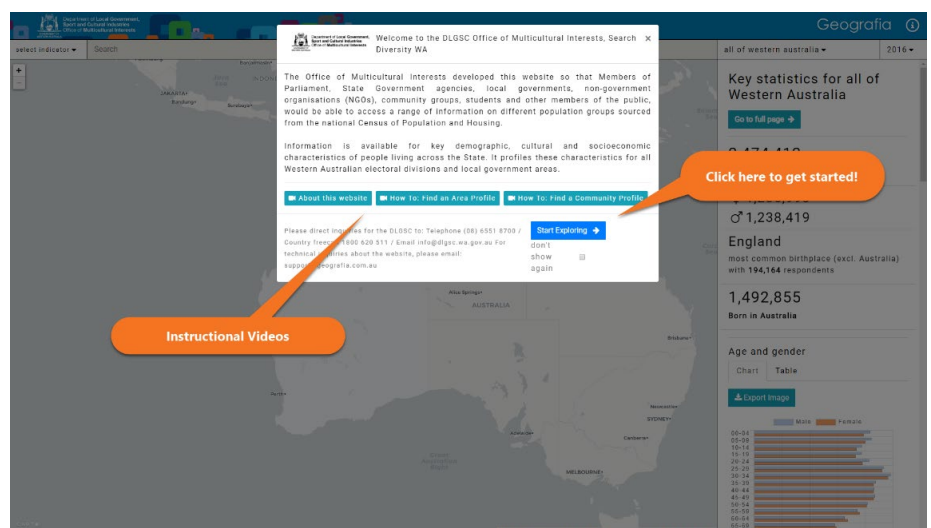
Getting started

To access the resource, head to **geografia.com.au/dlgsc**

Tip: For best results, use the latest version of your browser (Safari, Internet Explorer, Edge, Firefox or Chrome).

Once you open the site, you will see a pop-up window with links to instructional videos. Click on **Start exploring.**

Navigation

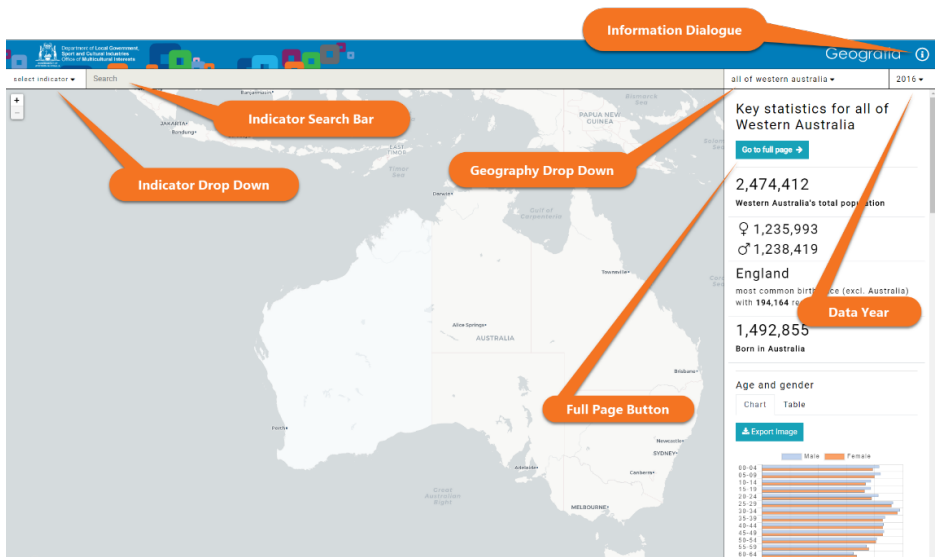**Indicator drop down**—Click here to select Ancestry, Birthplace, Religion or Language.

Indicator search bar—Click here to search something specific once you have selected an indicator.

Geography drop down—Click here to select a specific geography: local government area, State electoral division or all of Western Australia.

Data year—Click here to change the year of the Census data.

Information dialogue—Click here for more information about the site (how to use this site, about the geography, about the data and glossary).

Full page button—Once you have selected the variables and geography you want to look at, clicking this button will take you to the full page of data. Reports are available for download here.

How to find an area profile

An easy way to start using this website is by exploring the different features of your own community.

For example, let's look at the State electoral division of Belmont.

First, select electoral division from the **Geography drop down** in the top right corner, and the **Refine geography search bar** will appear. Either start typing Belmont or select it from the alphabetically sorted list.

The map will automatically zoom in on the area and highlight the State electoral division border. Once selected, the right-hand panel will display key statistics for the chosen geography. You can change the Census year using the drop down in the top right corner.

The other way to find your geography of interest is by looking for it on the map. All you have to do is to make sure you have selected either local government area or State electoral division in the **Geography drop down** and start by zooming in to the area you are interested in.

How to find a community profile

Firstly, select the type of community you are interested in from the **Indicator drop down** in the top left of the page. You are able to select community profiles based on Ancestry, Birthplace, Religion or Language.

For example, to look at the Hindu community, select Religion. Next, in the **Indicator search bar**, start typing Hinduism, or select it from the menu.

Once selected, the right-hand panel will display key statistics for the chosen community. You can switch between LGA, State electoral divisions and the whole of Western Australia by using the **Geography drop down.** You can also change the Census year using the drop down next to it.

Download reports, images and raw data

Once you have selected the variables and geography you want to look at, clicking this button will take you to the full page of data for your selection.

By clicking on the document icons, you can download a report for the selection you are viewing.

You can export charts or raw data throughout the site by using the blue buttons.

Where to get help

For **technical enquiries** about the website please email **support@geografia.com.au**.

For **more information** about the site click on the **Information dialogue** in the top right corner.