



## Suicide rates among First Nations people, by sex and Indigenous Region (IREG), 2011–2020

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The following data refer to the annual crude suicide rates among First Nations people, in areas defined as Indigenous Regions (IREG), covering New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Note:

- crude rates are not comparable with age-standardised rates
- certain IREGs in WA, NT and SA have been combined to avoid suppressing data.

Data from 2011–2020 combined show that the rate of suicide among First Nations people varied greatly between IREGs. Kununurra in Western Australia had the highest rate of suicide, with 71.3 per 100,000 persons. The lowest suicide rate was recorded in Torres Strait, with 6.8 per 100,000 (Figure 1; Data tables: Suicide prevention (2024 archived) Table SP.5).

The rate of suicide among First Nations males was higher than the rate among First Nations females in all IREGs covered here. The IREG with the highest suicide rate among First Nations males was Mount Isa (90.2 per 100,000), and the IREG with the lowest reportable suicide rate among First Nations males was Sydney - Wollongong (17.5 per 100,000 males) (Figure 3; Data tables: Suicide prevention (2024 archived) Table SP.5).

Among First Nations females, Kununurra was the IREG with the highest rate of suicide (62.8 per 100,000), and New South Wales Central and North Coast was

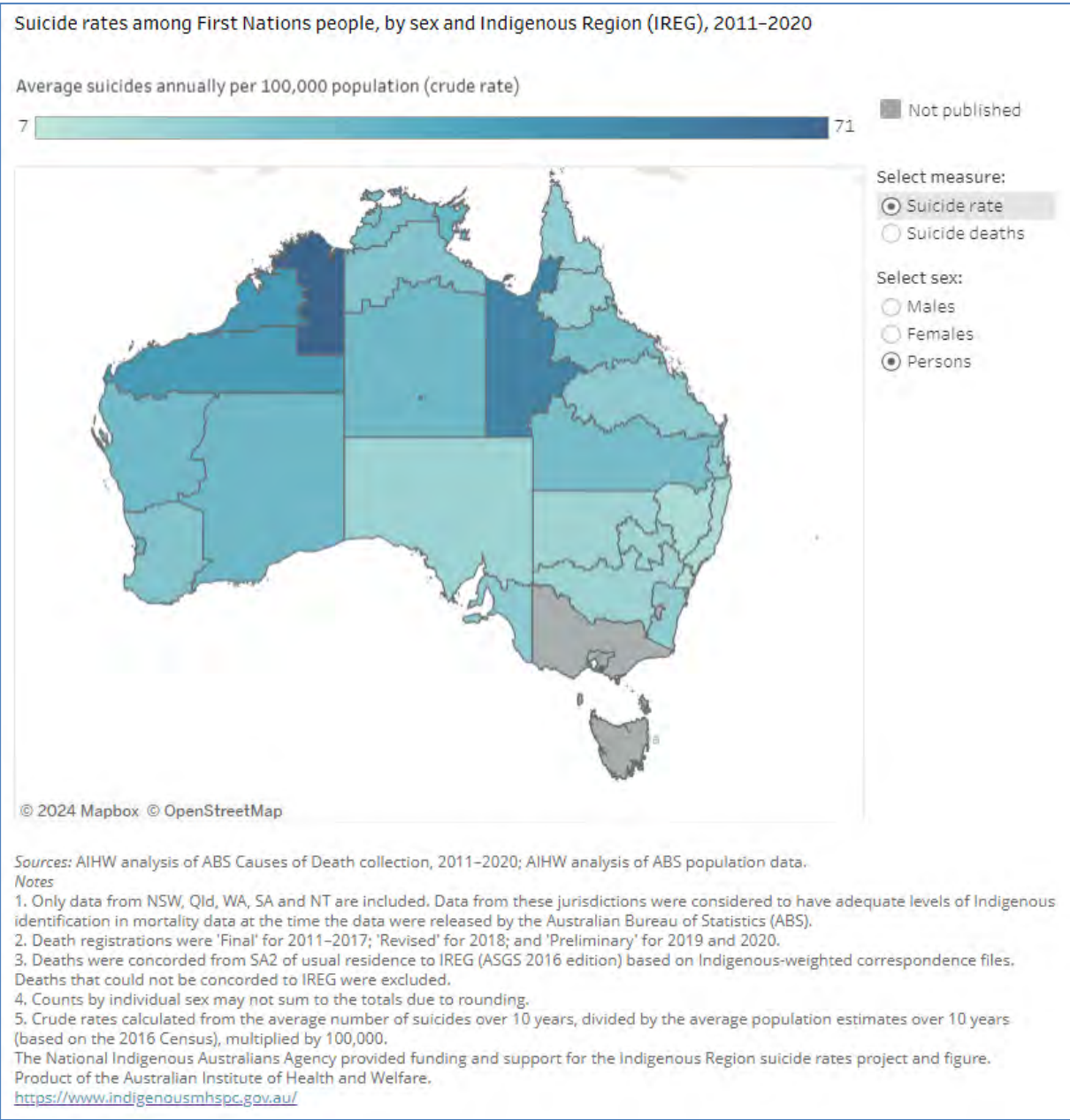
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the IREG with the lowest rate (5.3 per 100,000 females) (Figure 5; Data tables: Suicide prevention (2024 archived) Table SP.5).

The male and female rates are not shown for the Torres Strait IREG, which had the lowest First Nations suicide rate for all persons, because of confidentiality concerns related to the small numbers of recorded suicides.

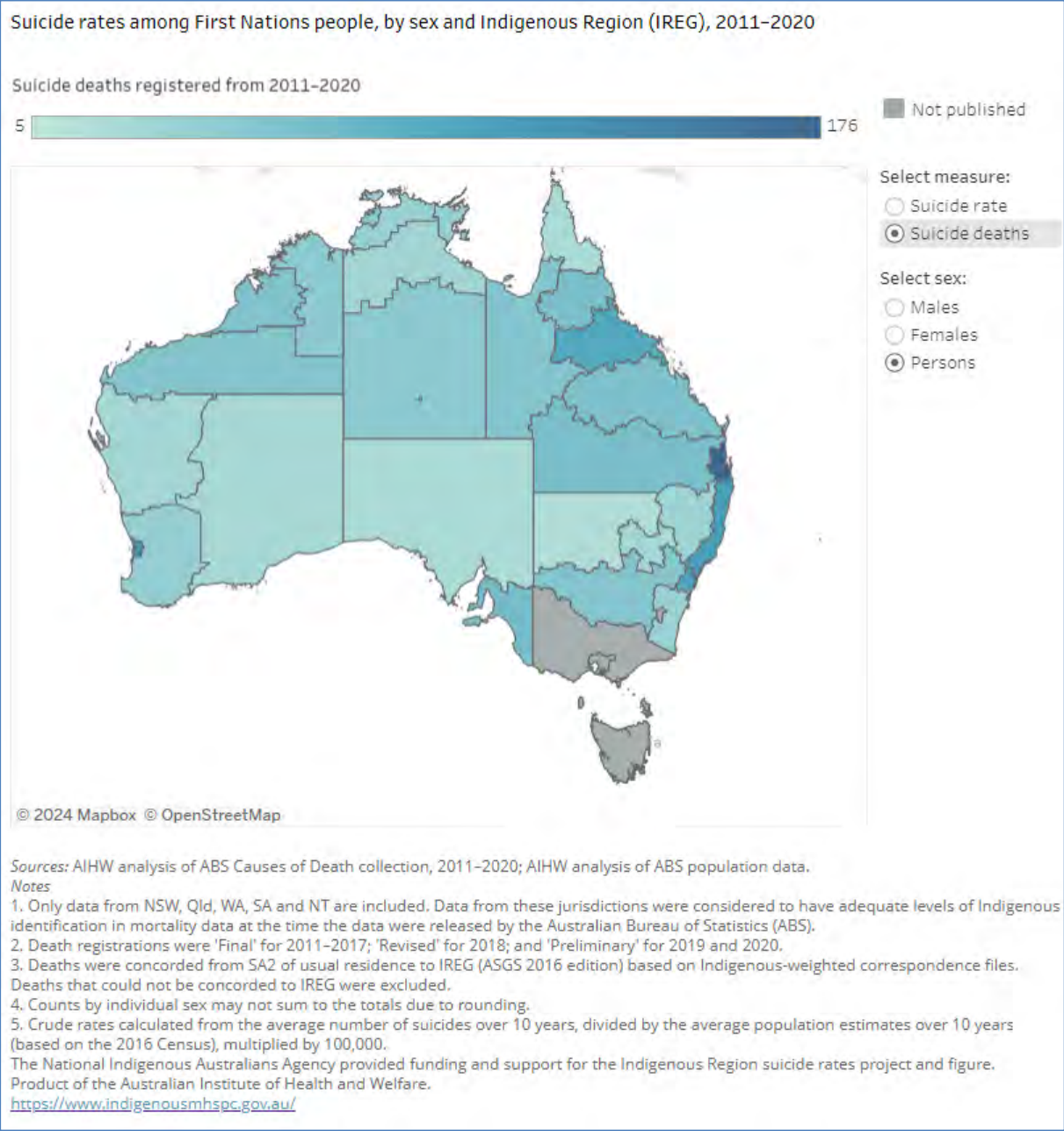
**Figure 1. Suicide rates among First Nations people, by Indigenous Region (IREG), 2011–2020**



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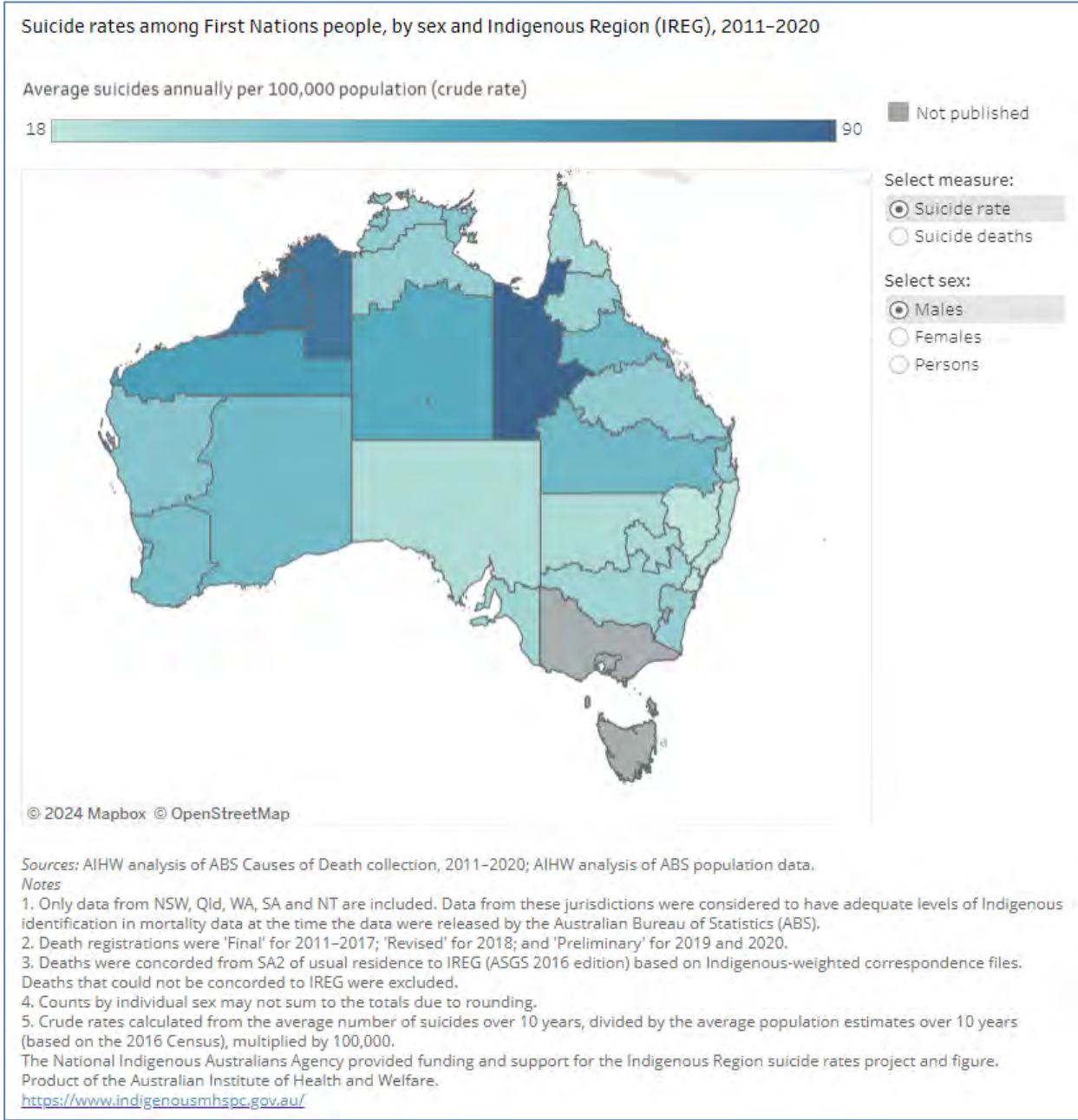
**Figure 2. Suicide deaths among First Nations people, by Indigenous Region (IREG), 2011–2020**



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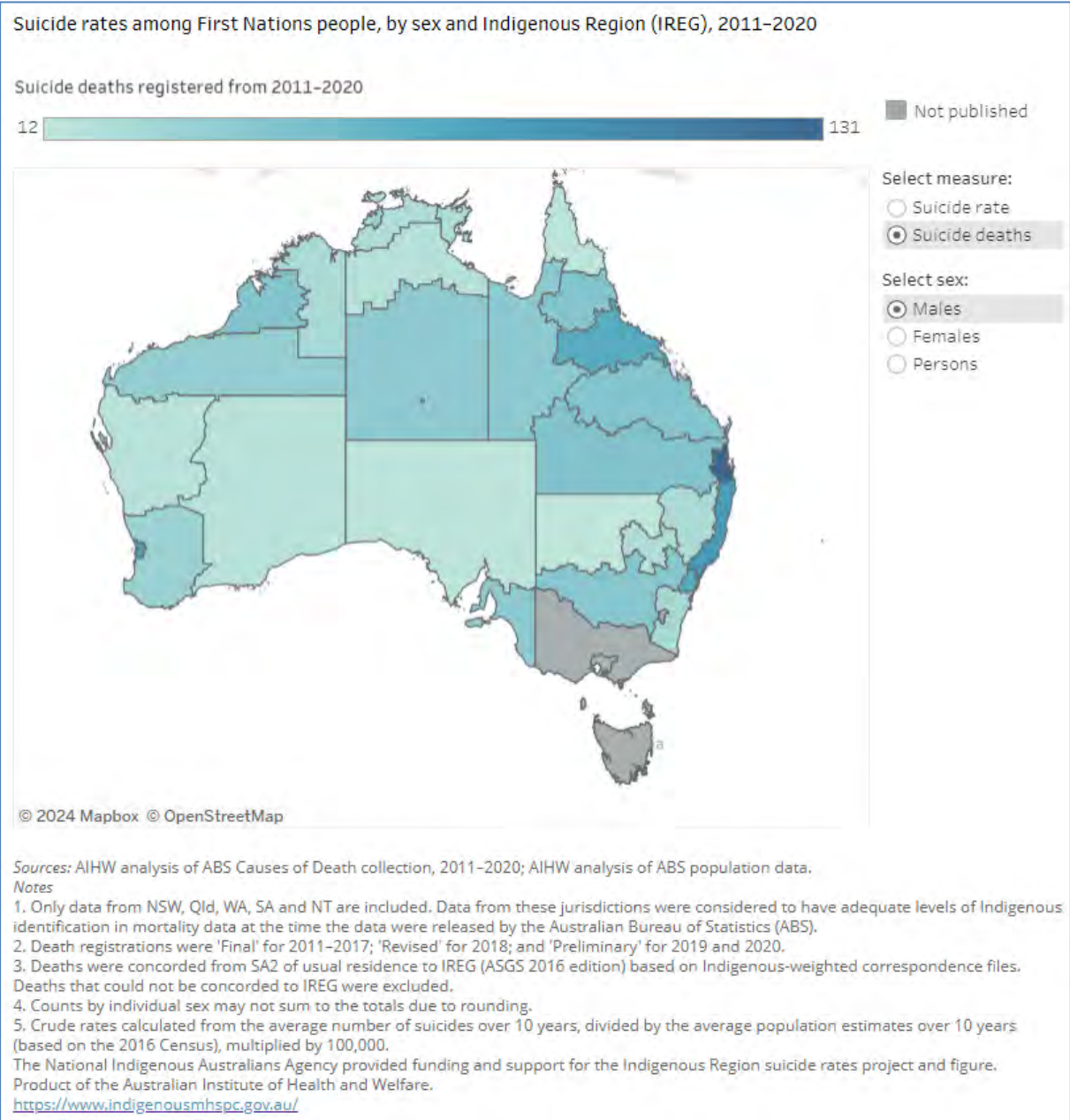
**Figure 3. Suicide rates among First Nations males, by Indigenous Region (IREG), 2011–2020**



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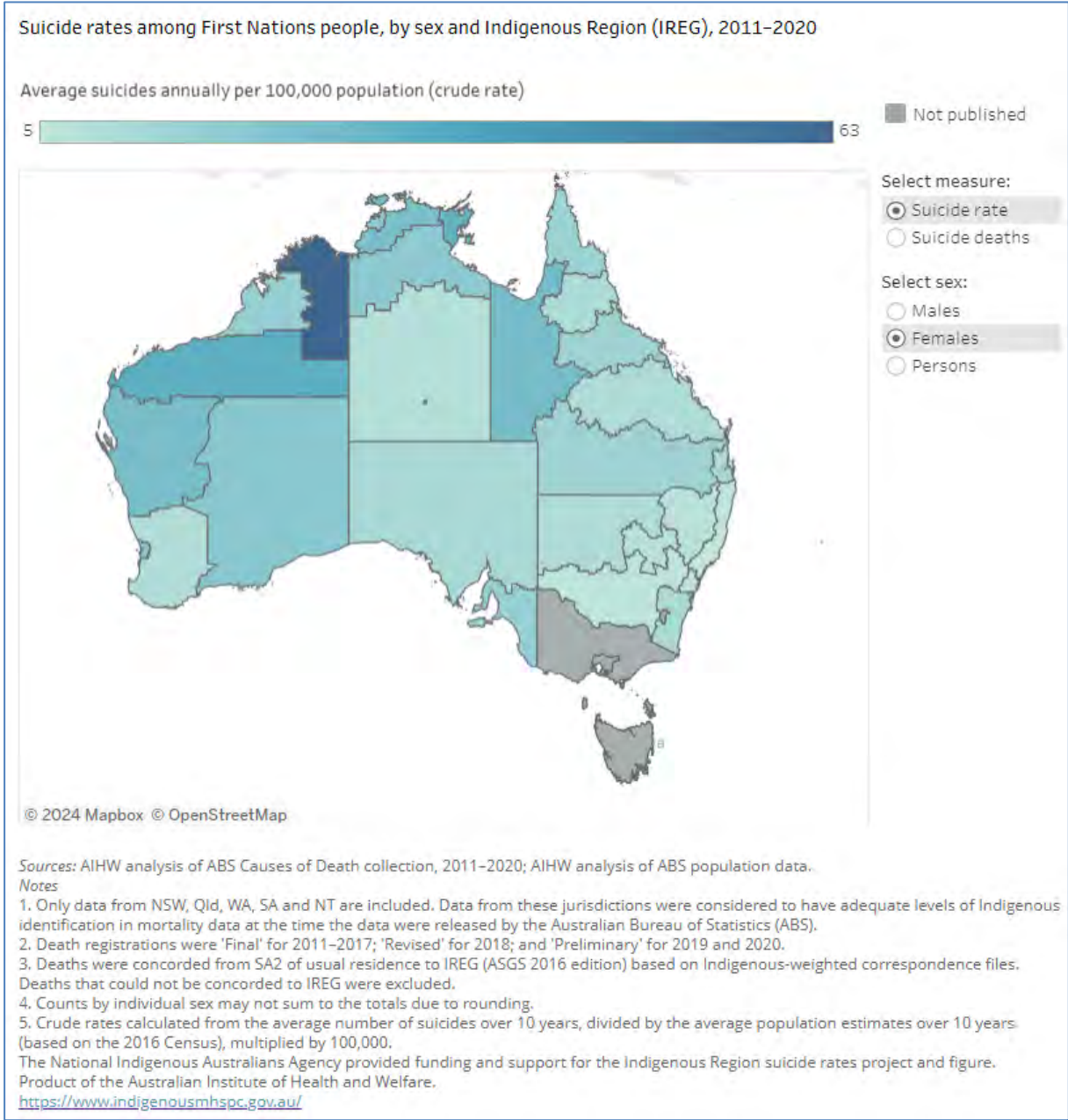
**Figure 4. Suicide deaths among First Nations males, by Indigenous Region (IREG), 2011–2020**



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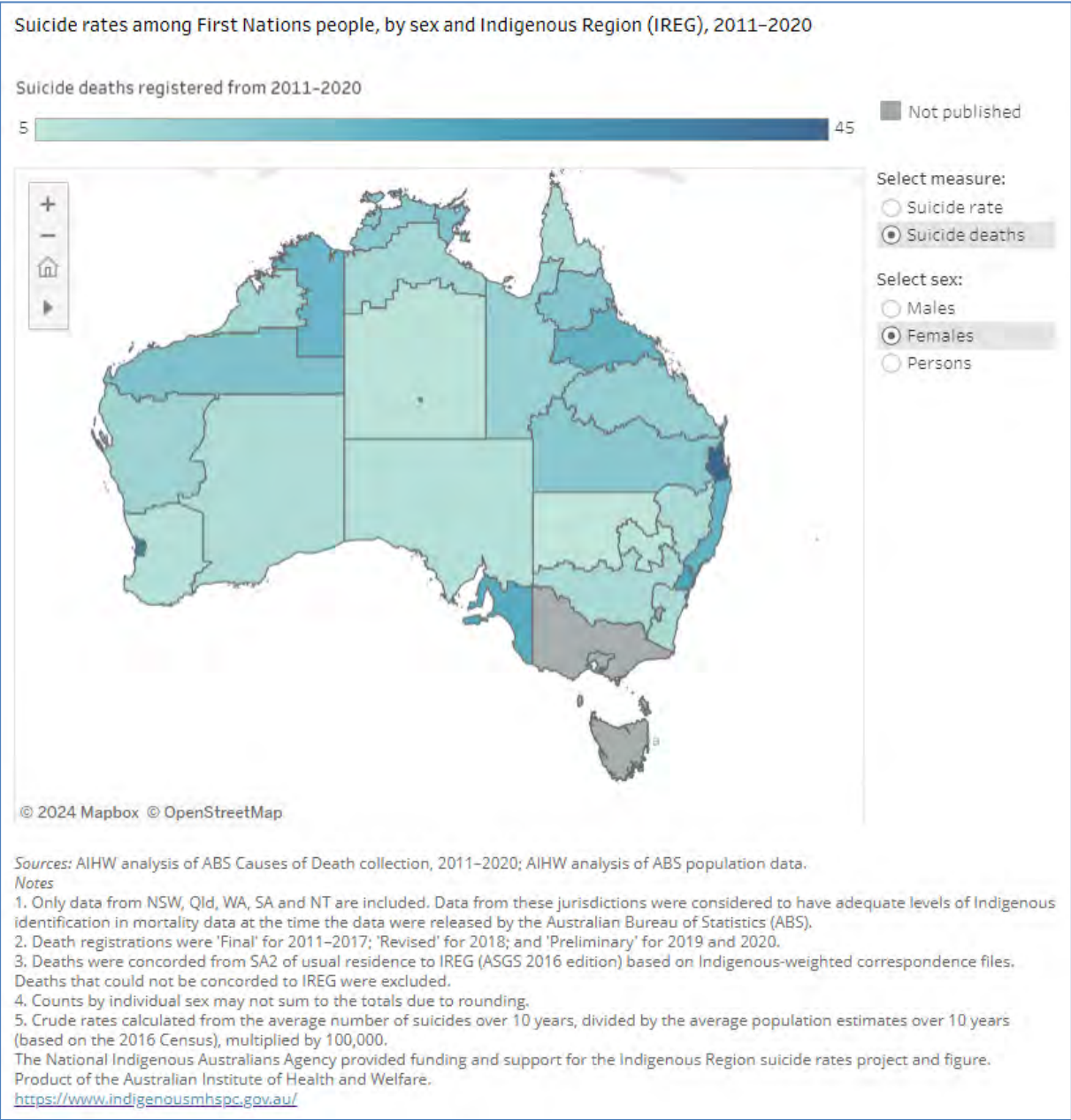
**Figure 5. Suicide rates among First Nations females, by Indigenous Region (IREG), 2011–2020**



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**Figure 6. Suicide deaths among First Nations females, by Indigenous Region (IREG), 2011–2020**



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