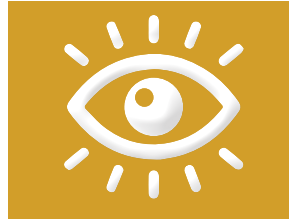




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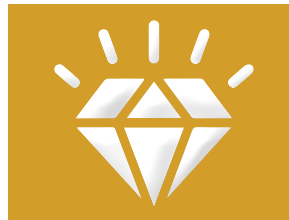
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Mission

“Leveraging on partnerships and innovative technologies, to produce and disseminate relevant, quality, timely statistics and spatial data that are fit-for-purpose in accordance with international standards and best practice”



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FOREWORD



The Population and Housing Census remains the cornerstone of demographic and socio-economic statistics, providing critical data for evidence-based decision-making in Namibia. The 2023 Namibia Census Atlas is a key publication in the series of reports derived from the 2023 Population and Housing Census, offering a spatial perspective on the nation's demographic landscape.

This marks Namibia's fourth post-independence census and represents a significant milestone as the first to fully integrate Geographic Information System (GIS) in data collection, analysis, and visualisation. By linking census data with precise geospatial references, this Atlas transforms statistical findings into accessible, and visually compelling maps—enabling users to explore population distribution, housing trends, and socio-economic indicators at national, regional, and constituency levels.

The 2023 Census Atlas builds on Namibia's commitment to innovation in statistical dissemination. Unlike traditional reports, this Atlas is designed to serve a broad audience—from policymakers and planners to researchers, educators, and the general public—by presenting complex data in an intuitive, geographically referenced format. The integration of GIS ensures that users can analyse spatial patterns, identify disparities, and support localised planning with greater precision than ever before.

This publication complements the 2023 Census Main Report and forthcoming thematic reports, providing an additional dimension to understanding Namibia's population dynamics. We encourage users to explore this Atlas alongside other census products to gain deeper insights into the country's demographic and developmental trends.

Finally, we extend our gratitude to the dedicated teams at the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA), particularly the GIS and NSDI Coordination Department, for their expertise in producing this innovative resource. Their work ensures that Namibia's census data remains not only accurate and comprehensive but also accessible in a simple way that empower informed decision-making across all sectors.

We trust that the 2023 Namibia Census Atlas will serve as a valuable tool for advancing evidence-based planning, research, and education—supporting Namibia's progress toward its national development goals and global commitments, including the Africa Agenda 2063 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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PREFACE



The 2023 Namibia Population Census Atlas presents key findings from the 2023 Population and Housing Census through thematic maps, offering a spatial perspective on Namibia's demographic and socio-economic landscape. Covering nine (9) chapters with topics ranging from population distribution to household characteristics, education, vital statistics, economic activity, and living conditions, this Atlas transforms census data into accessible geographic insights. The maps reveal regional patterns and disparities at national, regional, and constituency levels, supporting evidence-based decision making.

Please note: Choropleth maps for constituencies and regions use similar colour palettes but represent distinct value ranges and totals/percentages. Refer to each map's legend separately to accurately interpret the data.

The NSA remains committed to expanding access to spatial data. Customised maps or datasets can be requested through our website www.nsa.org.na or by contacting our headquarters in Windhoek. We invite all users- from policymakers to researchers and the public - to explore Namibia's demographic landscape through this innovative geographic lens.

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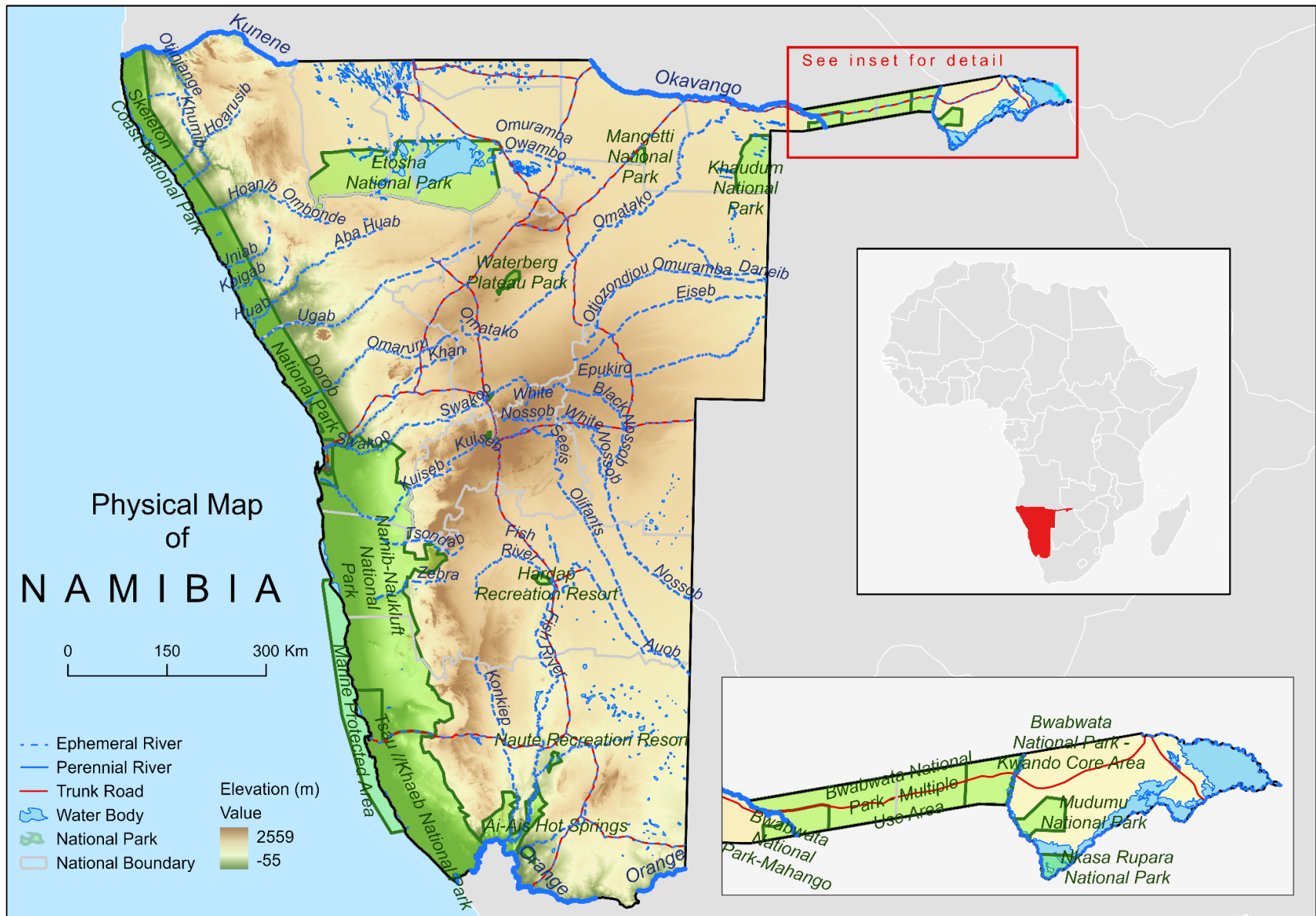


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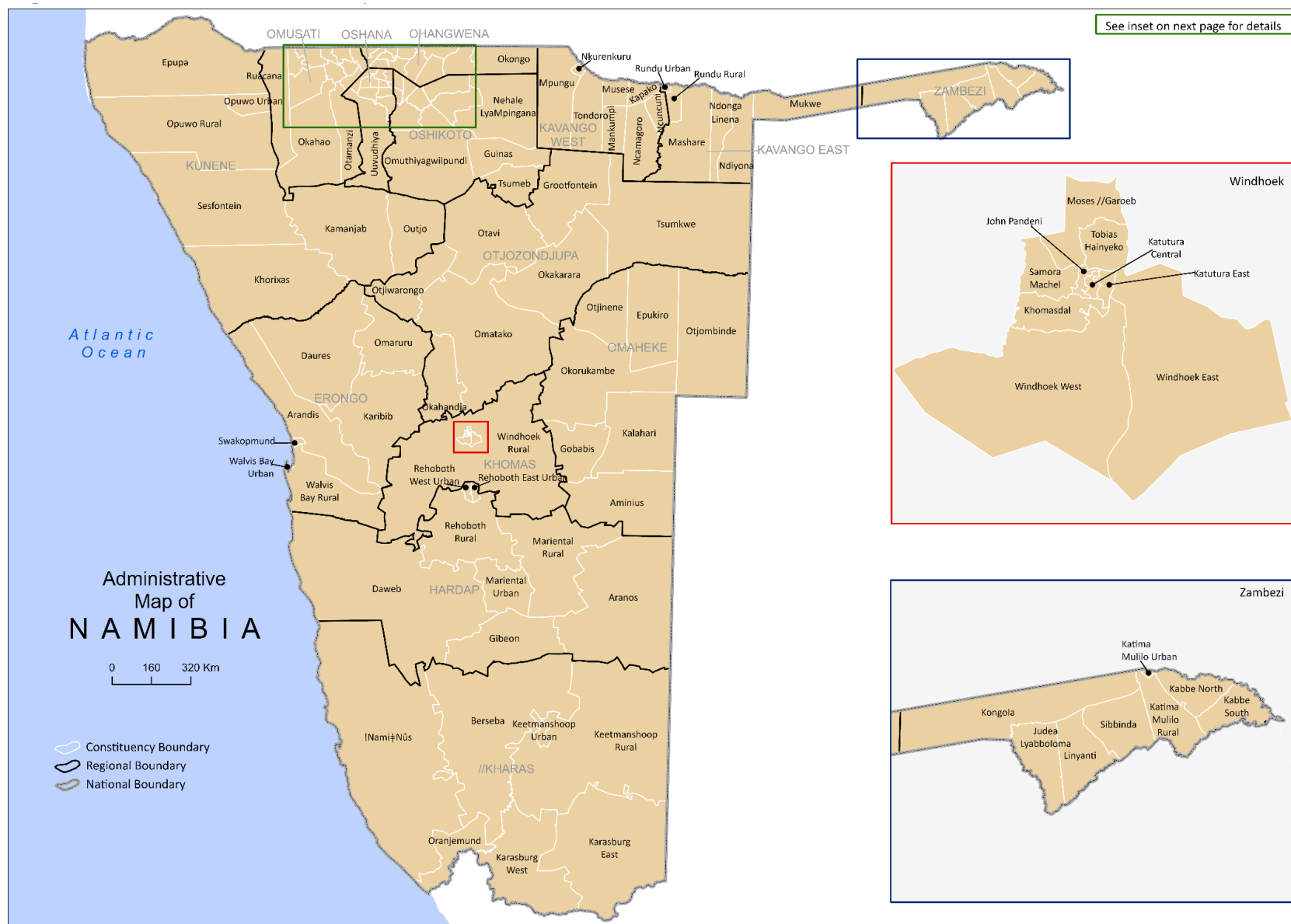


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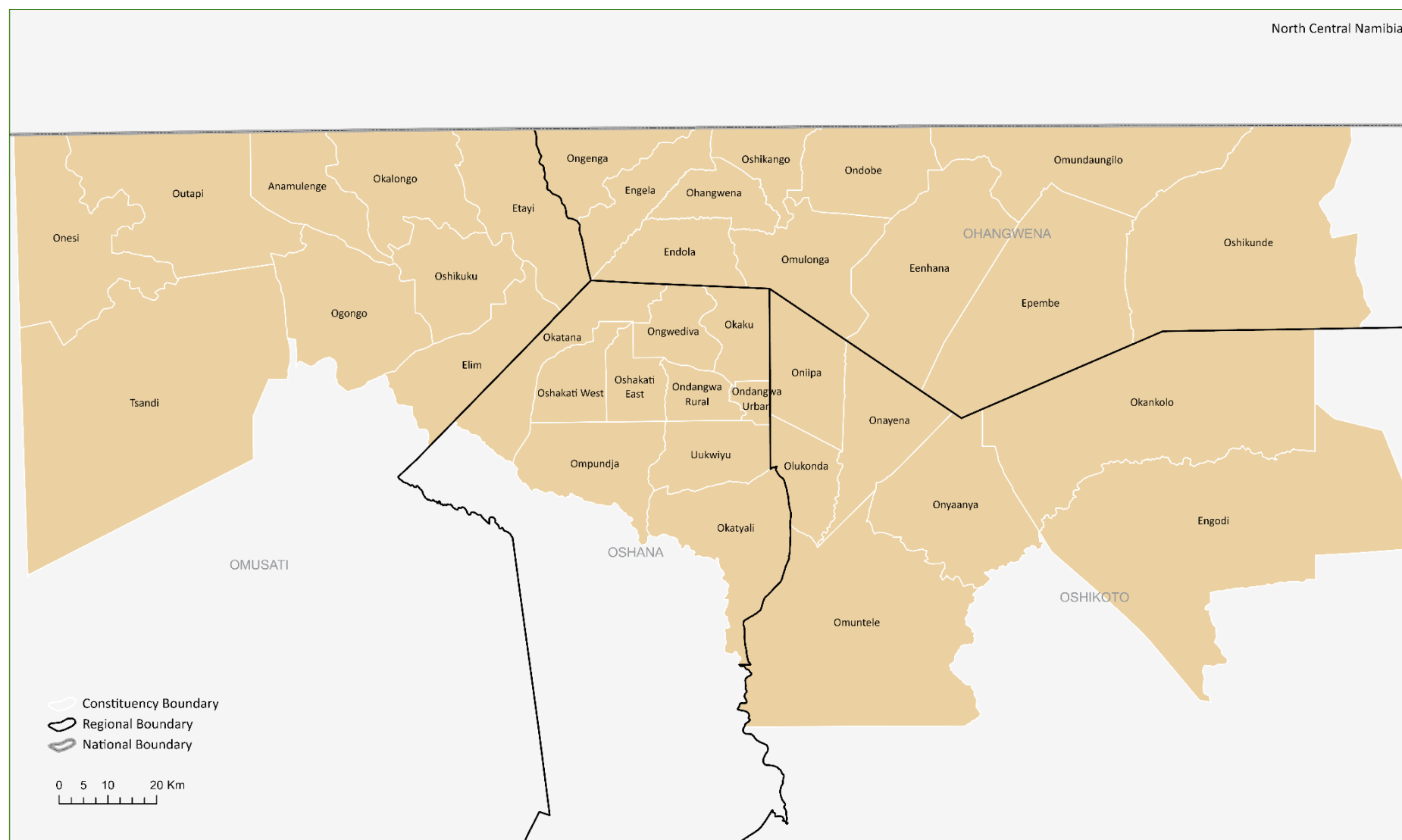


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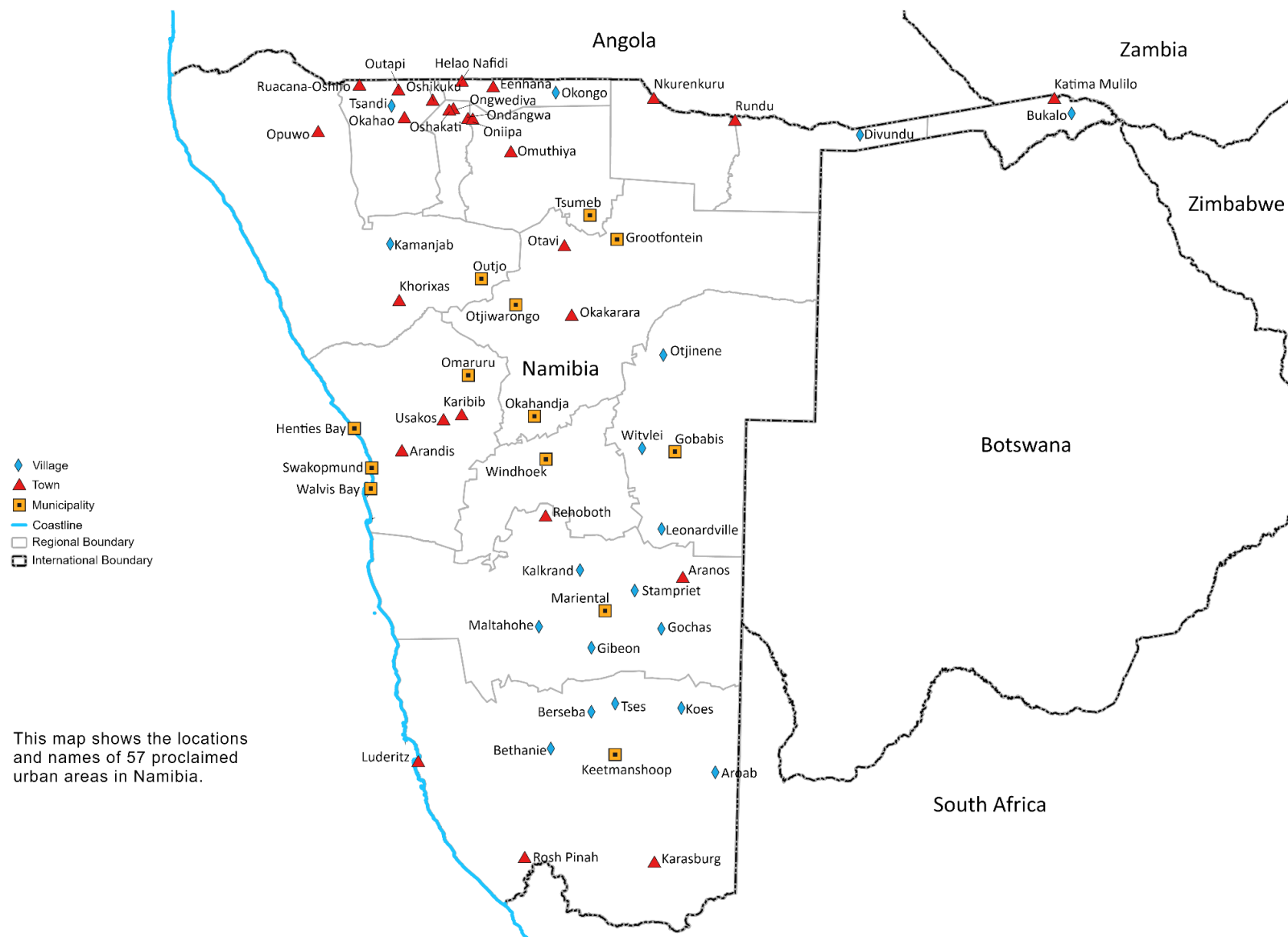
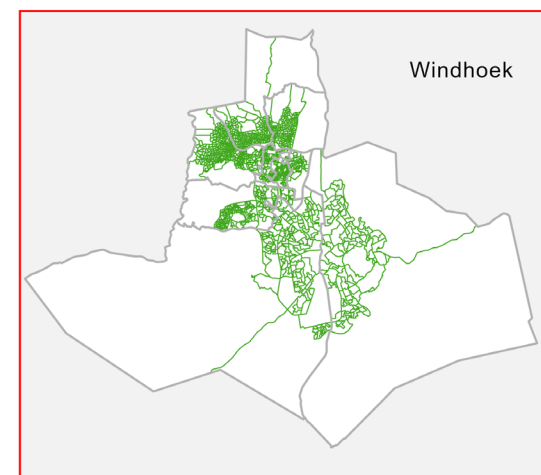
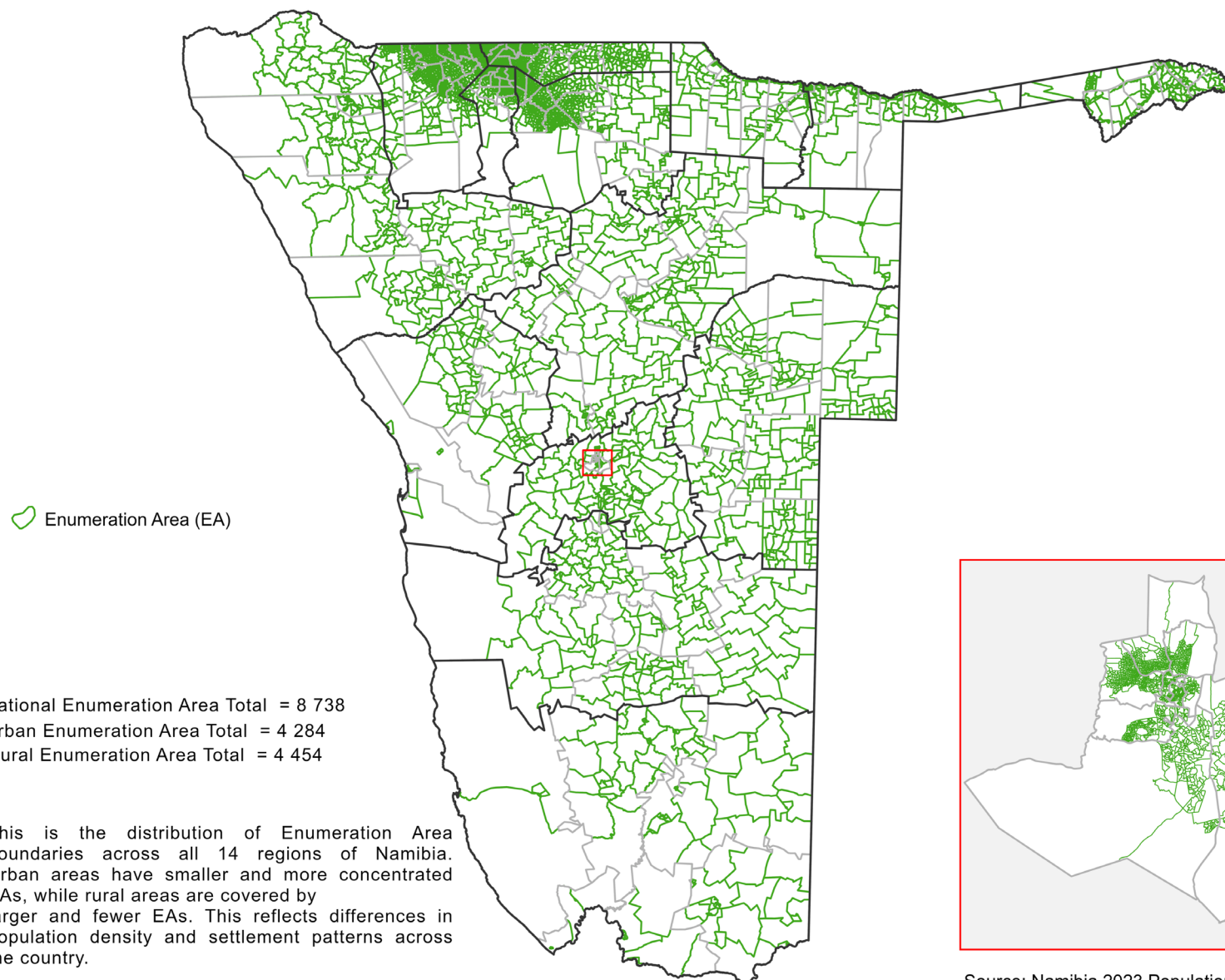


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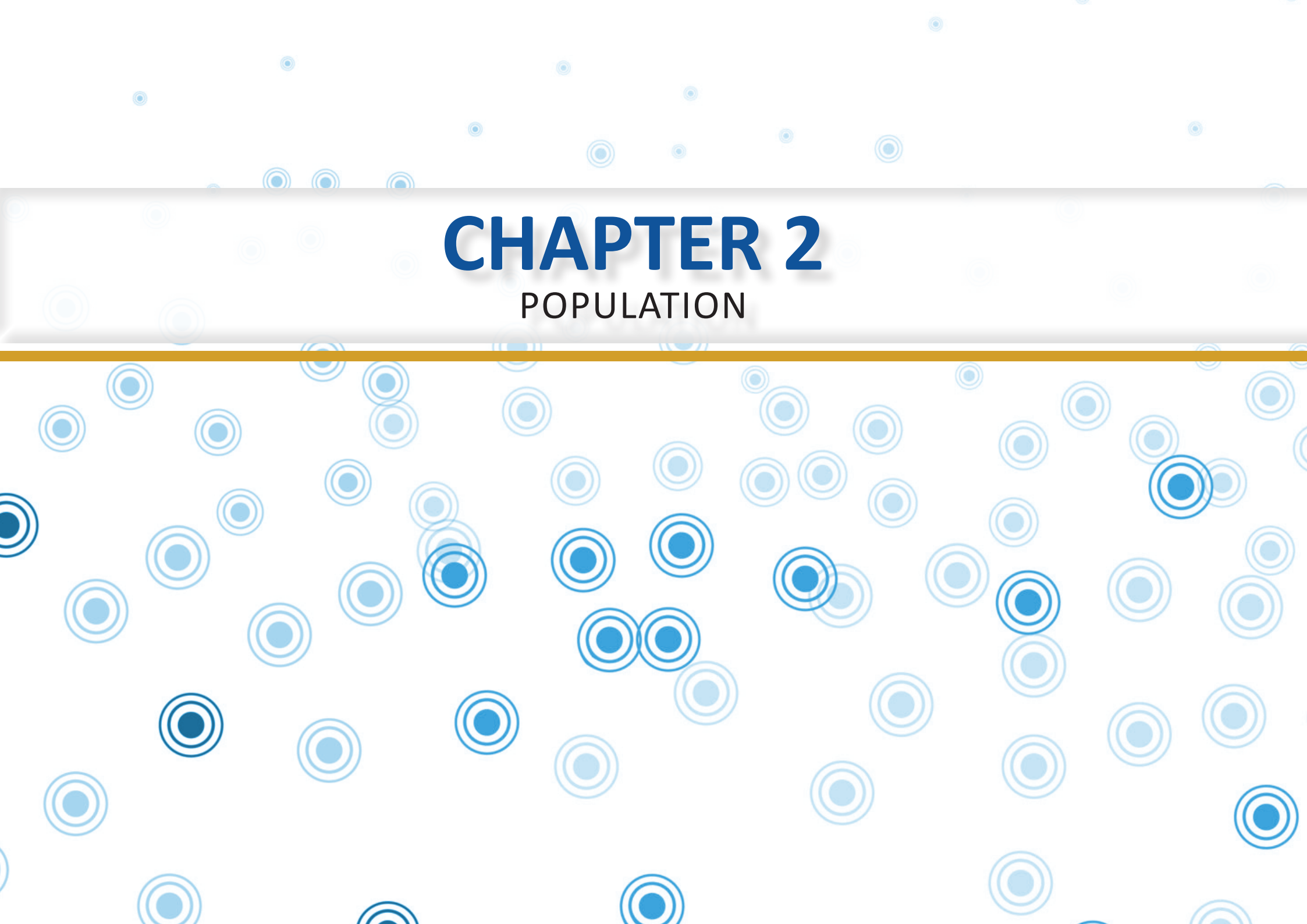
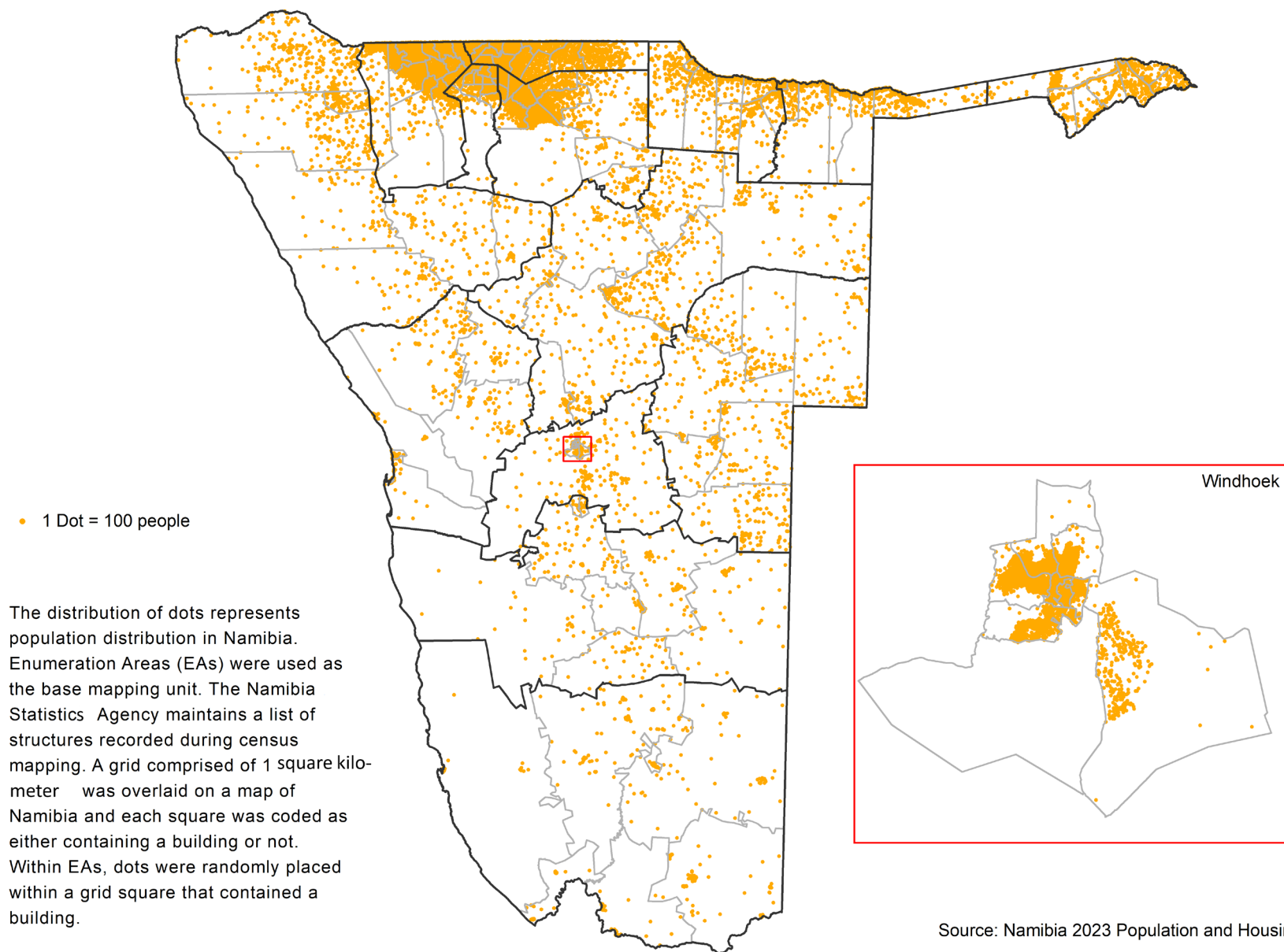
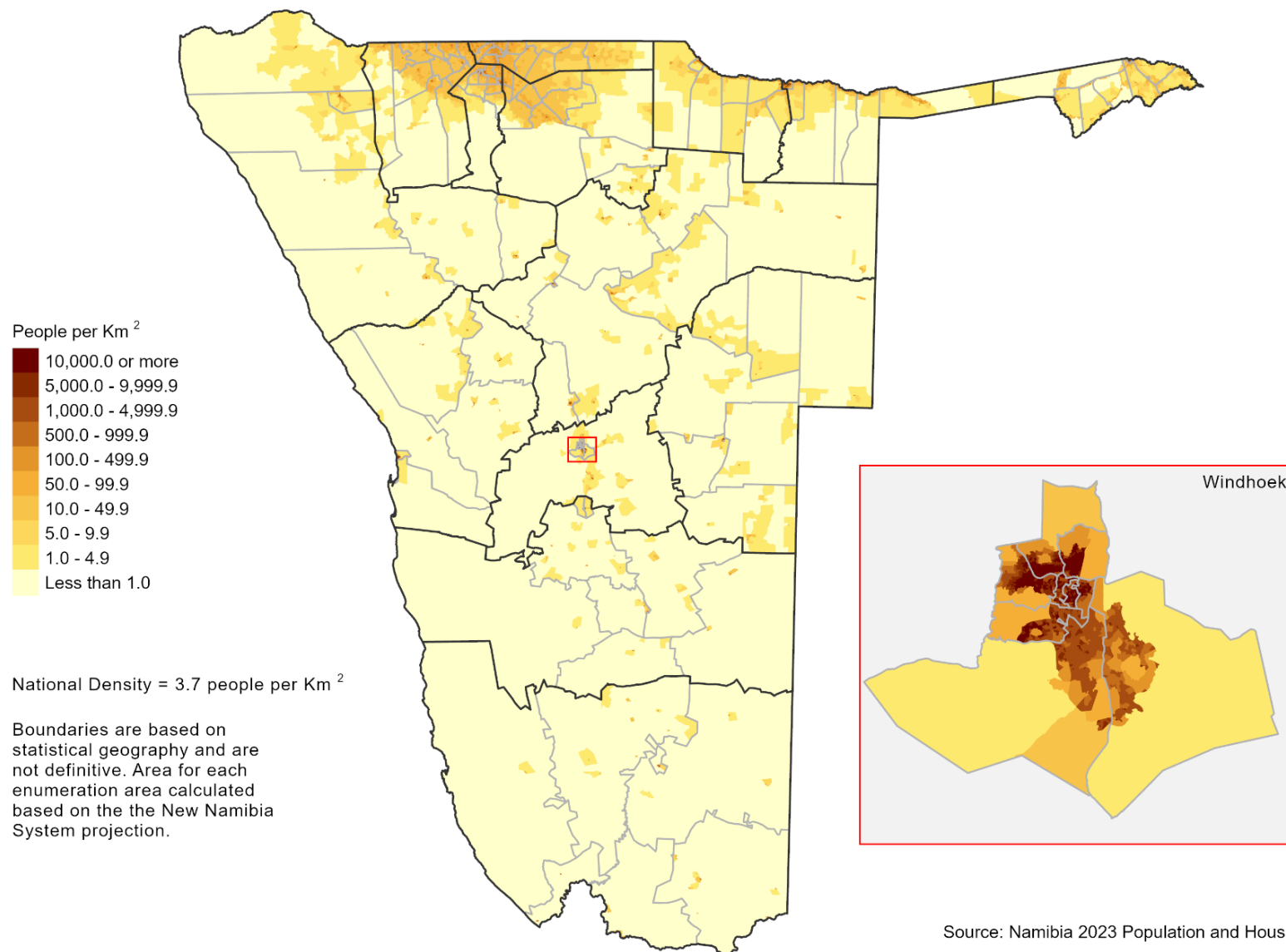


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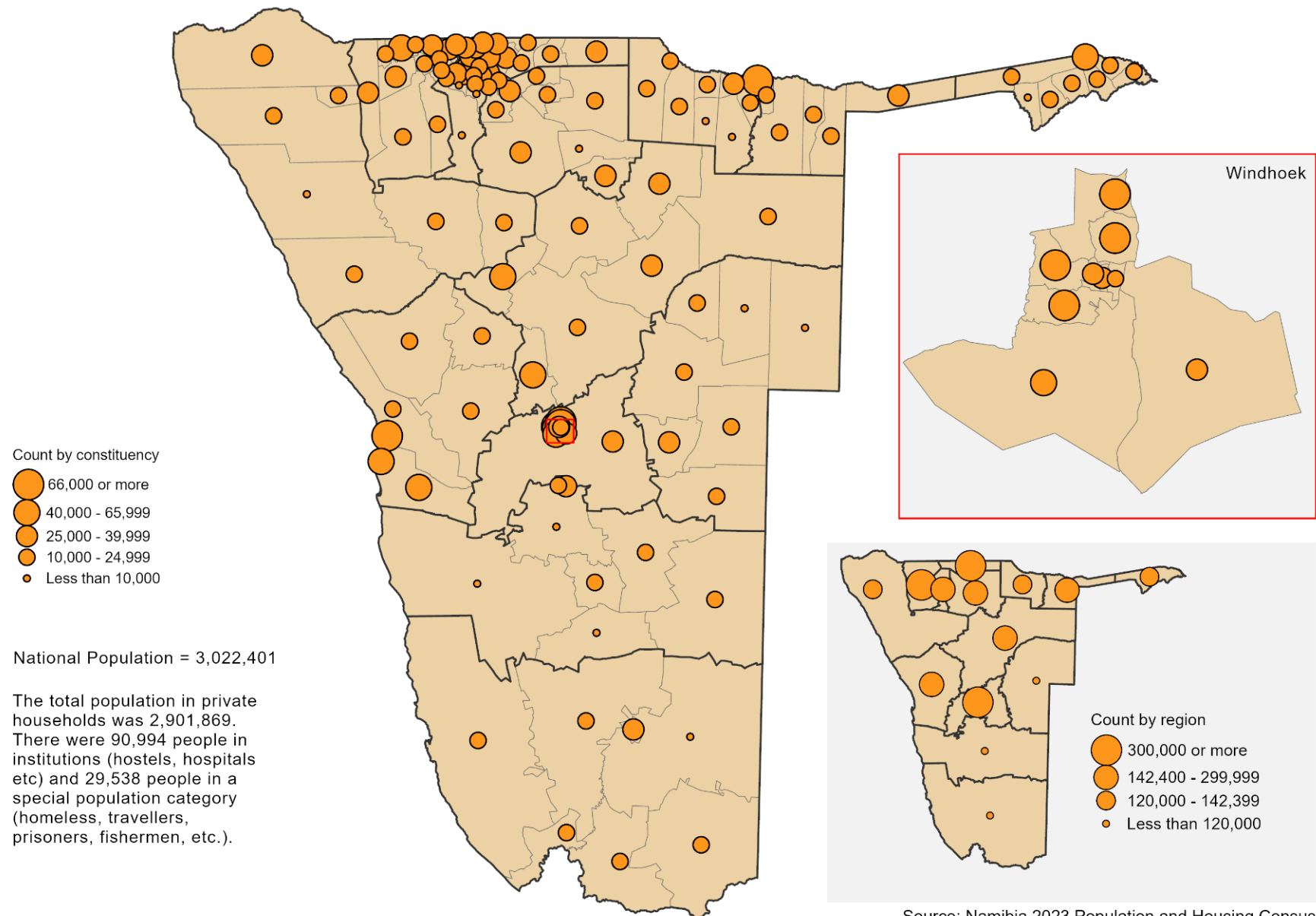
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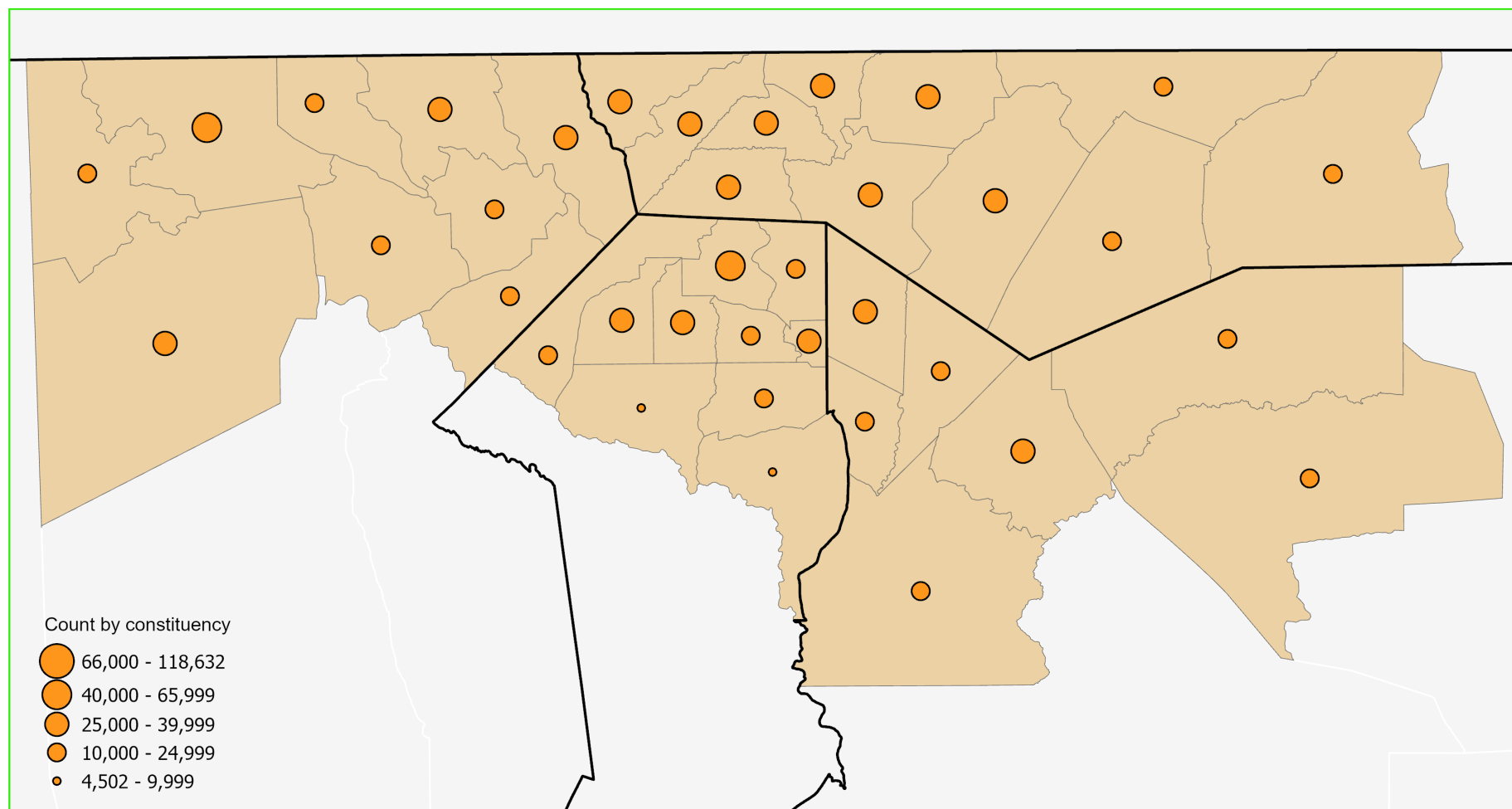
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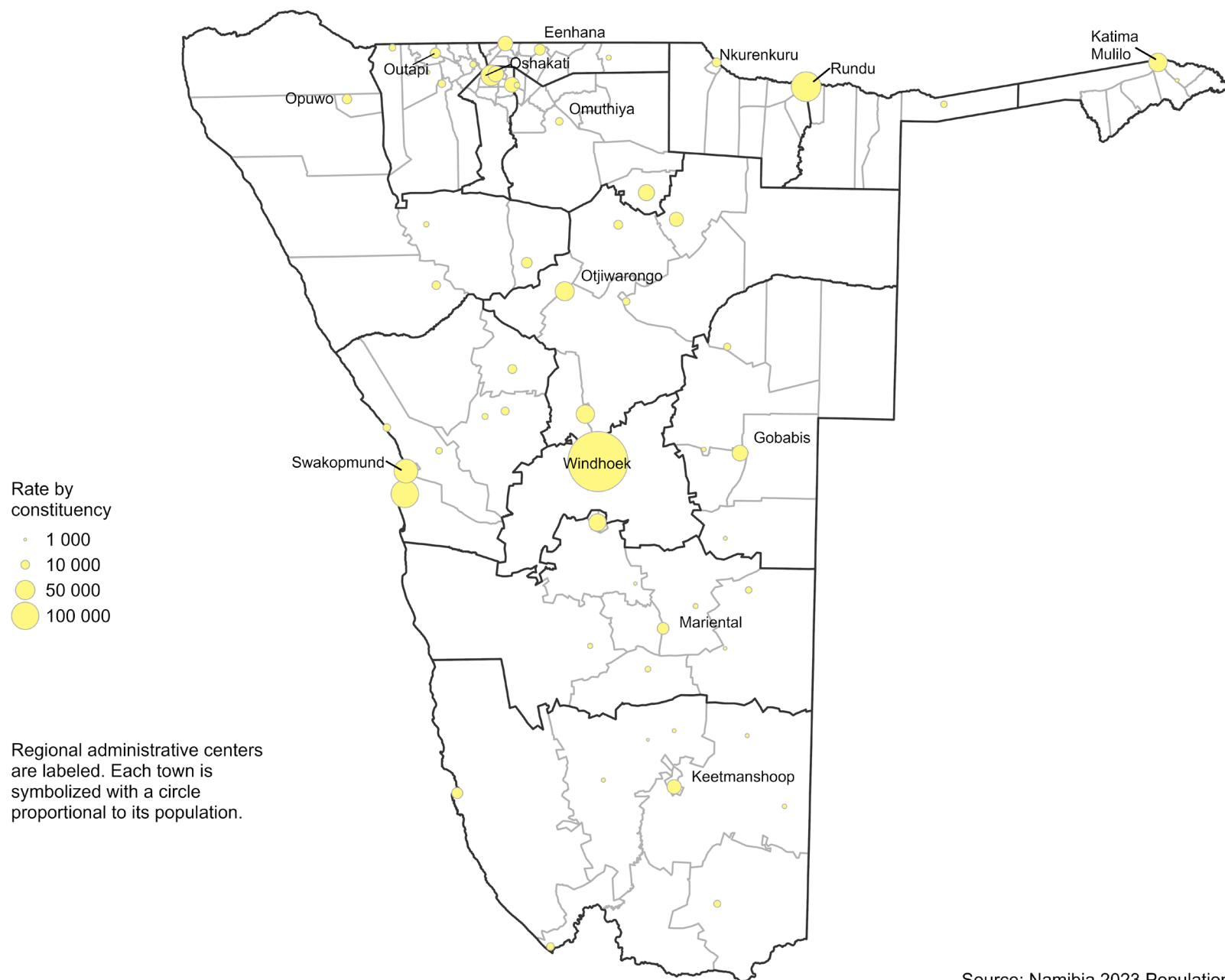
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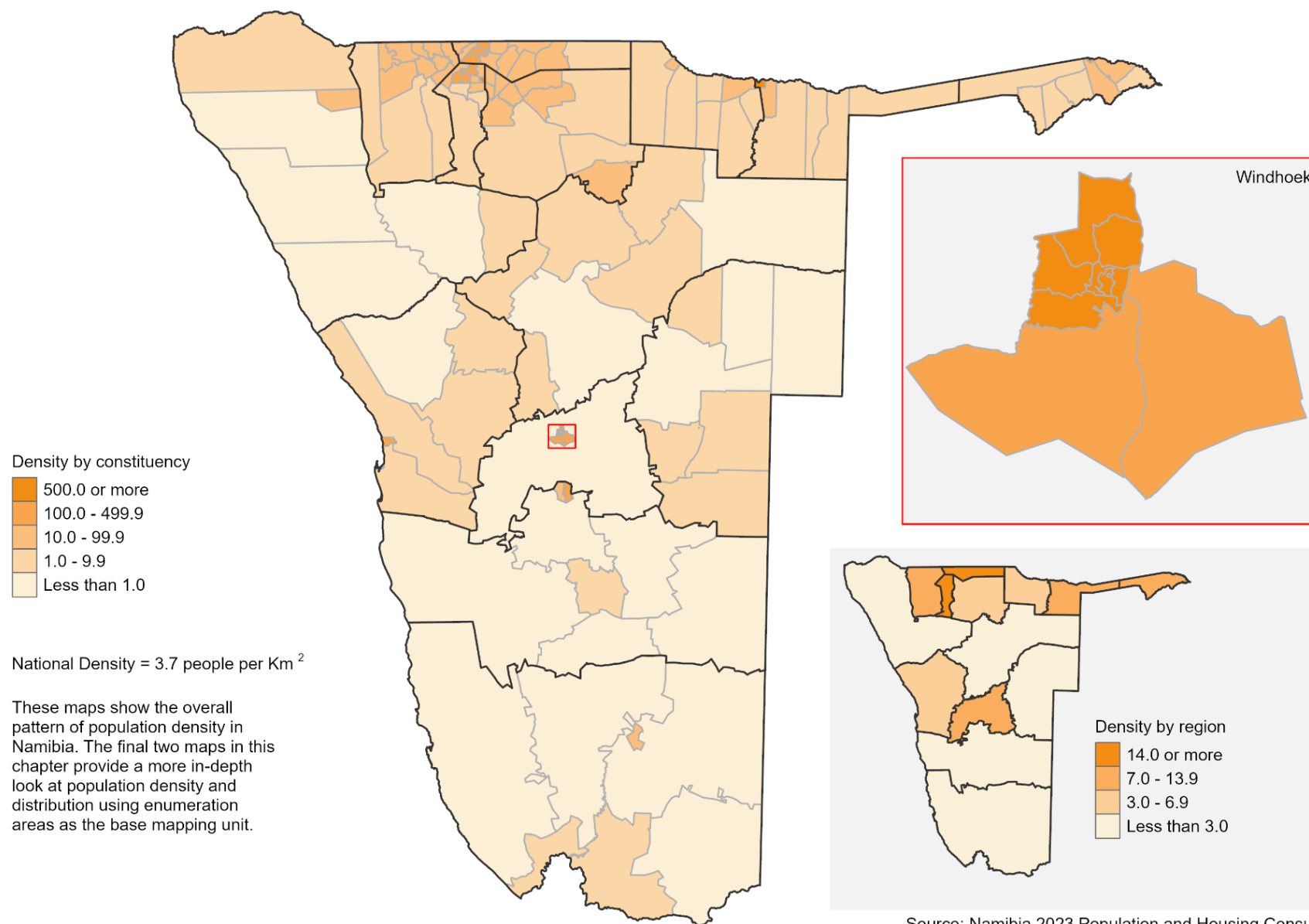
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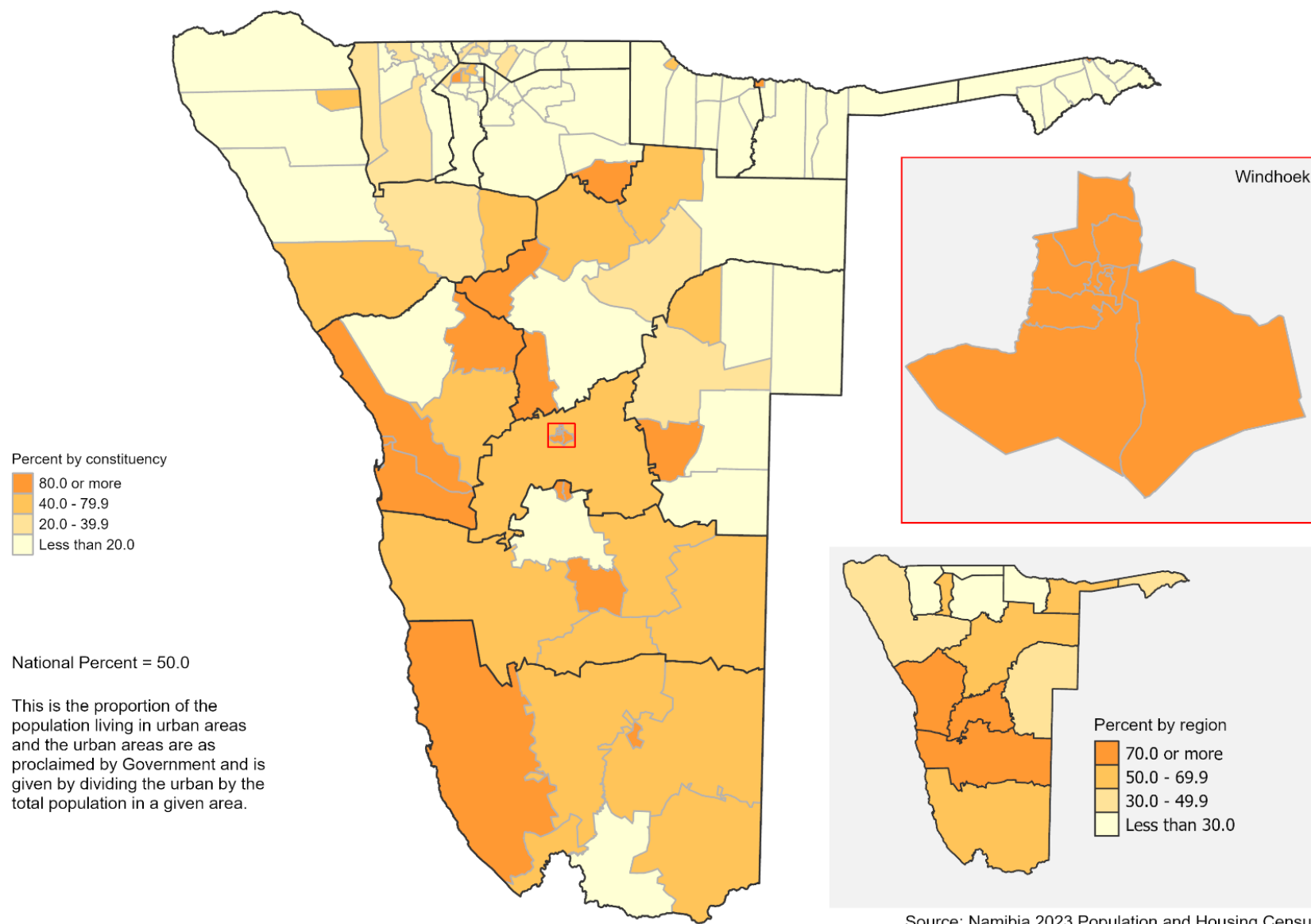
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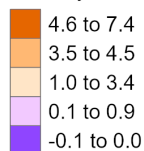
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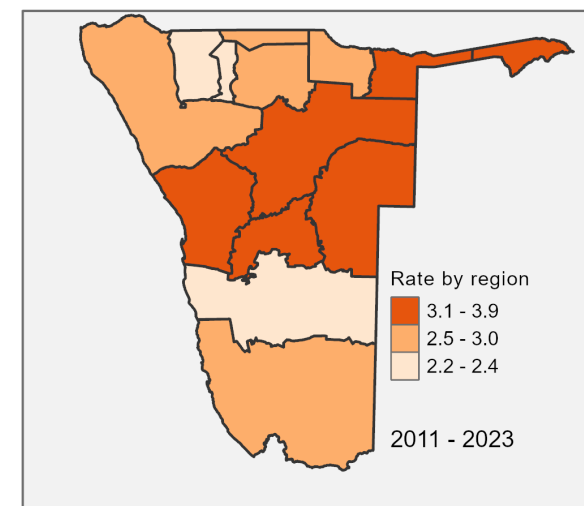
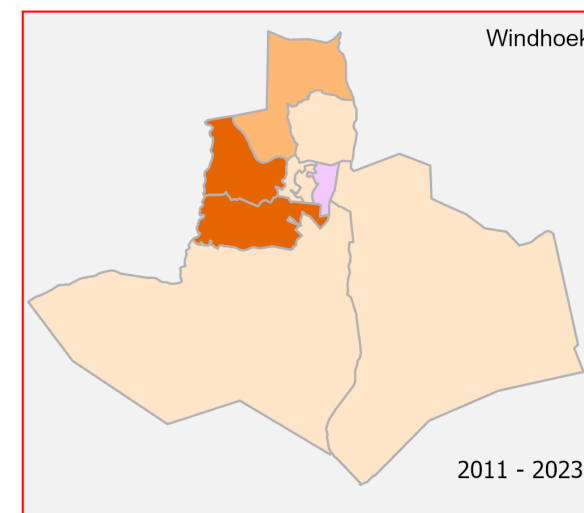
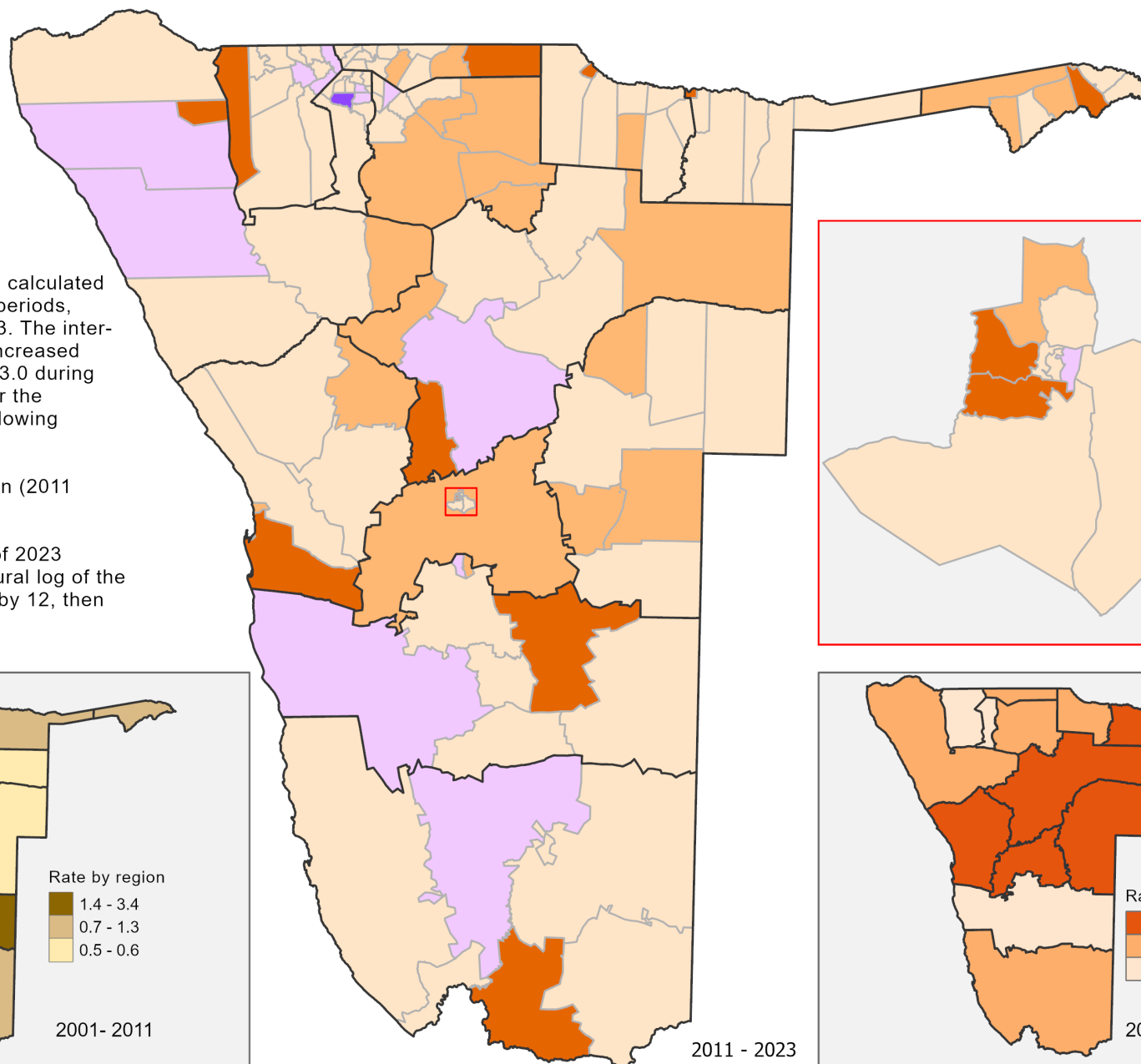
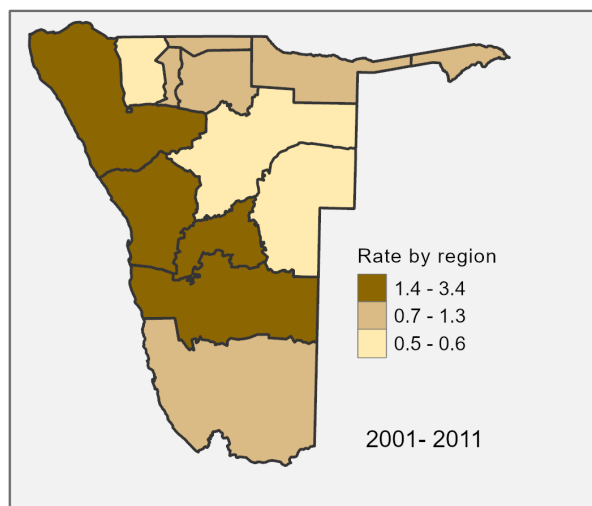


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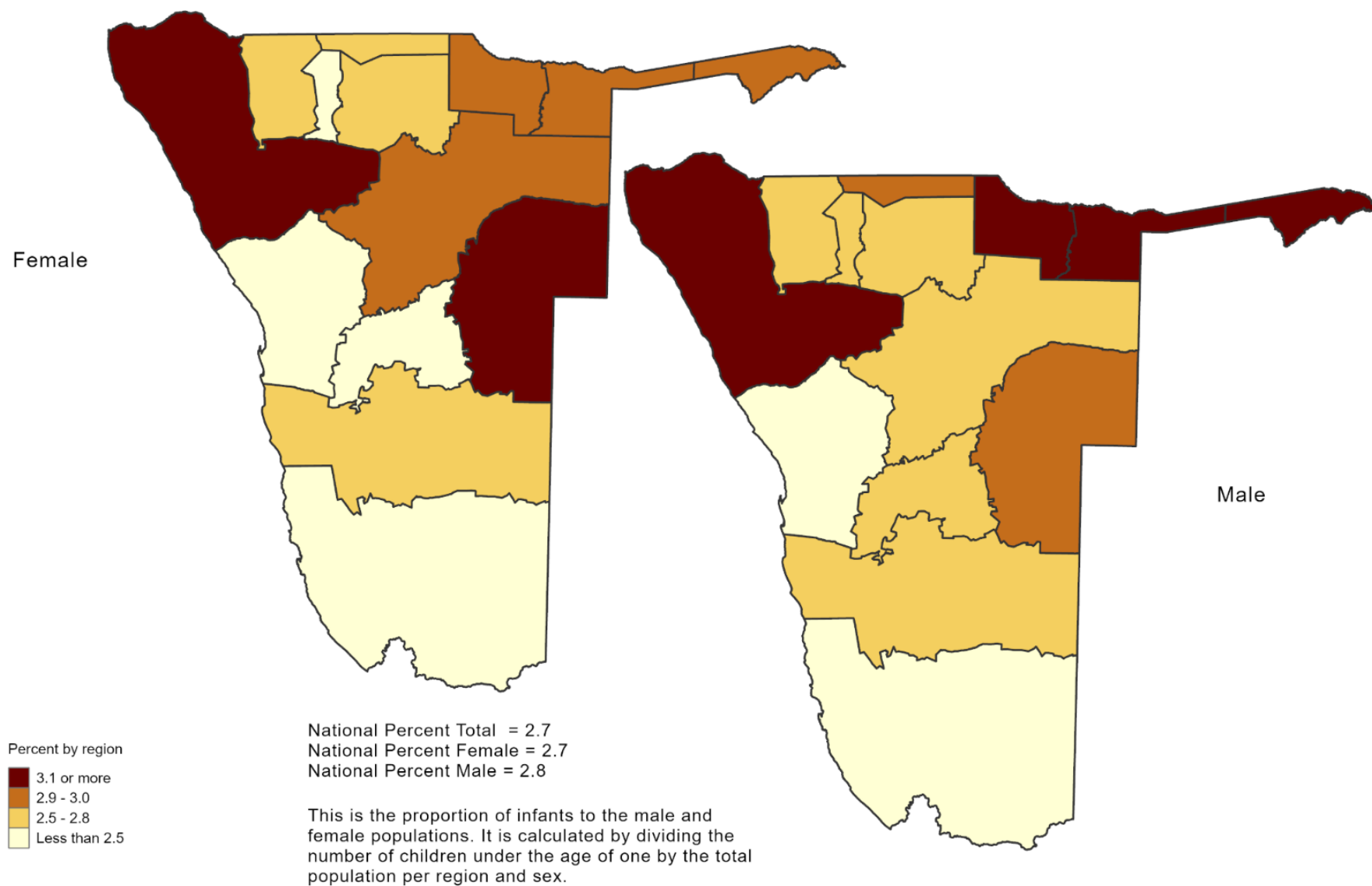
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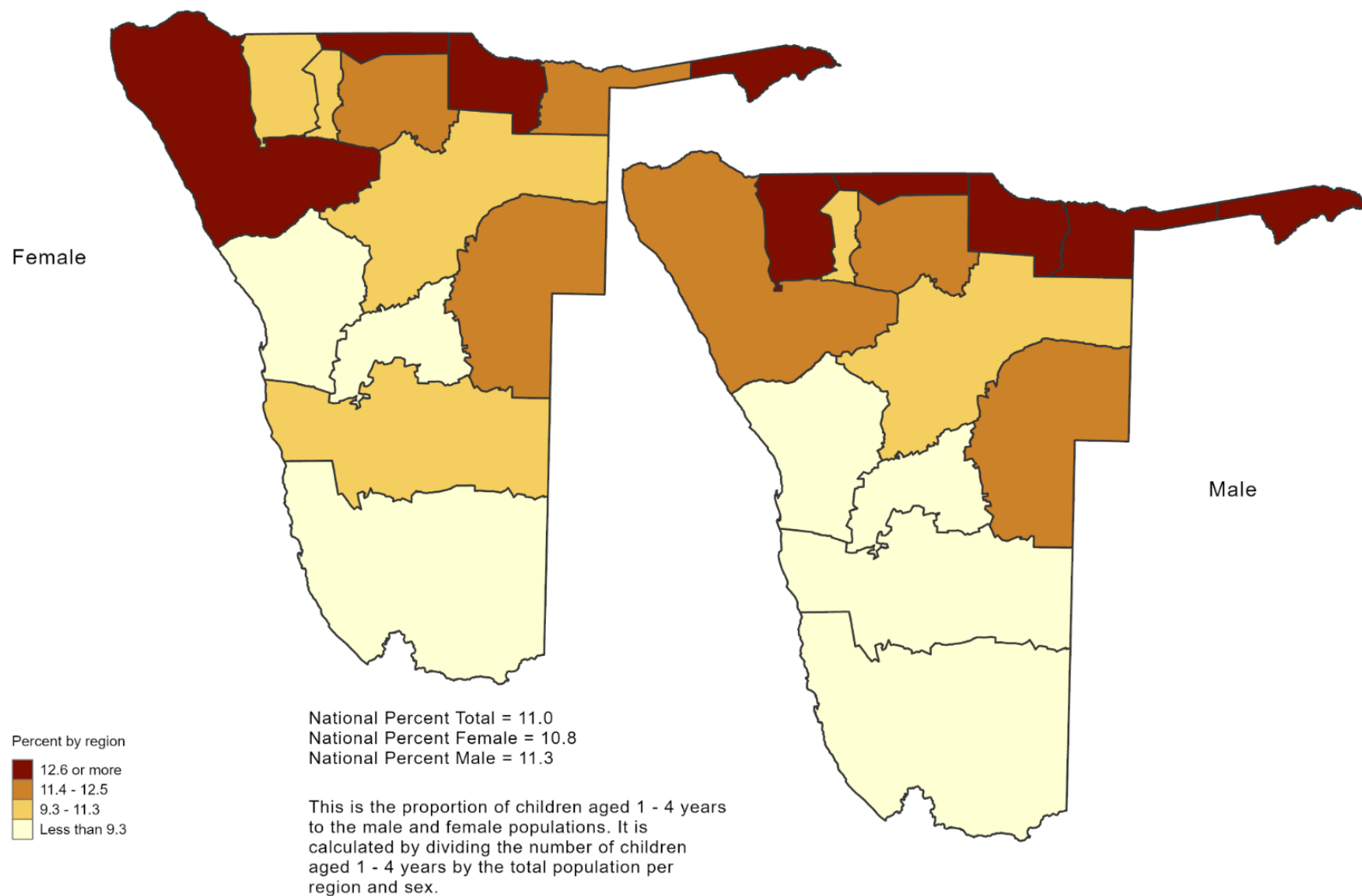
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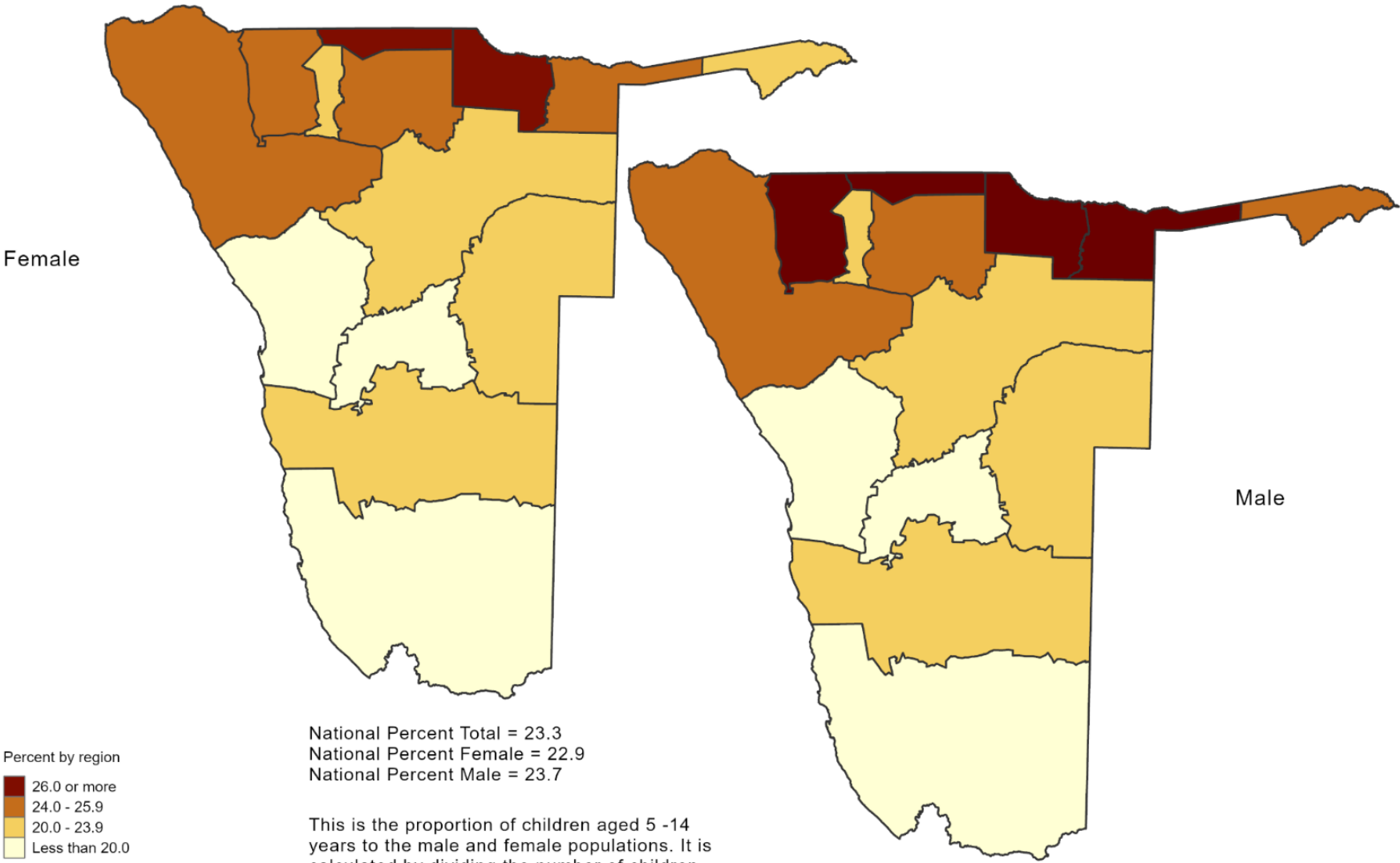
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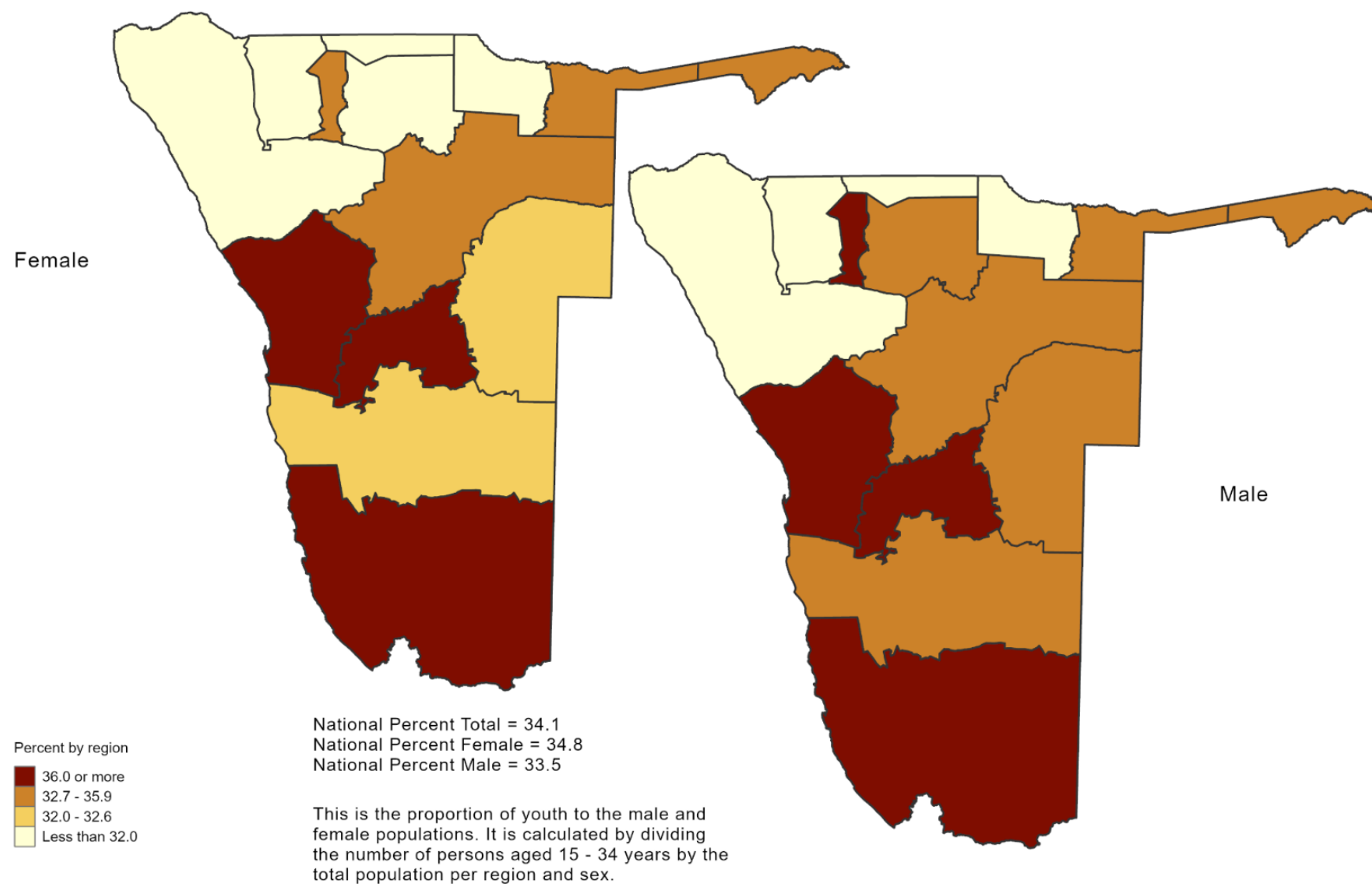
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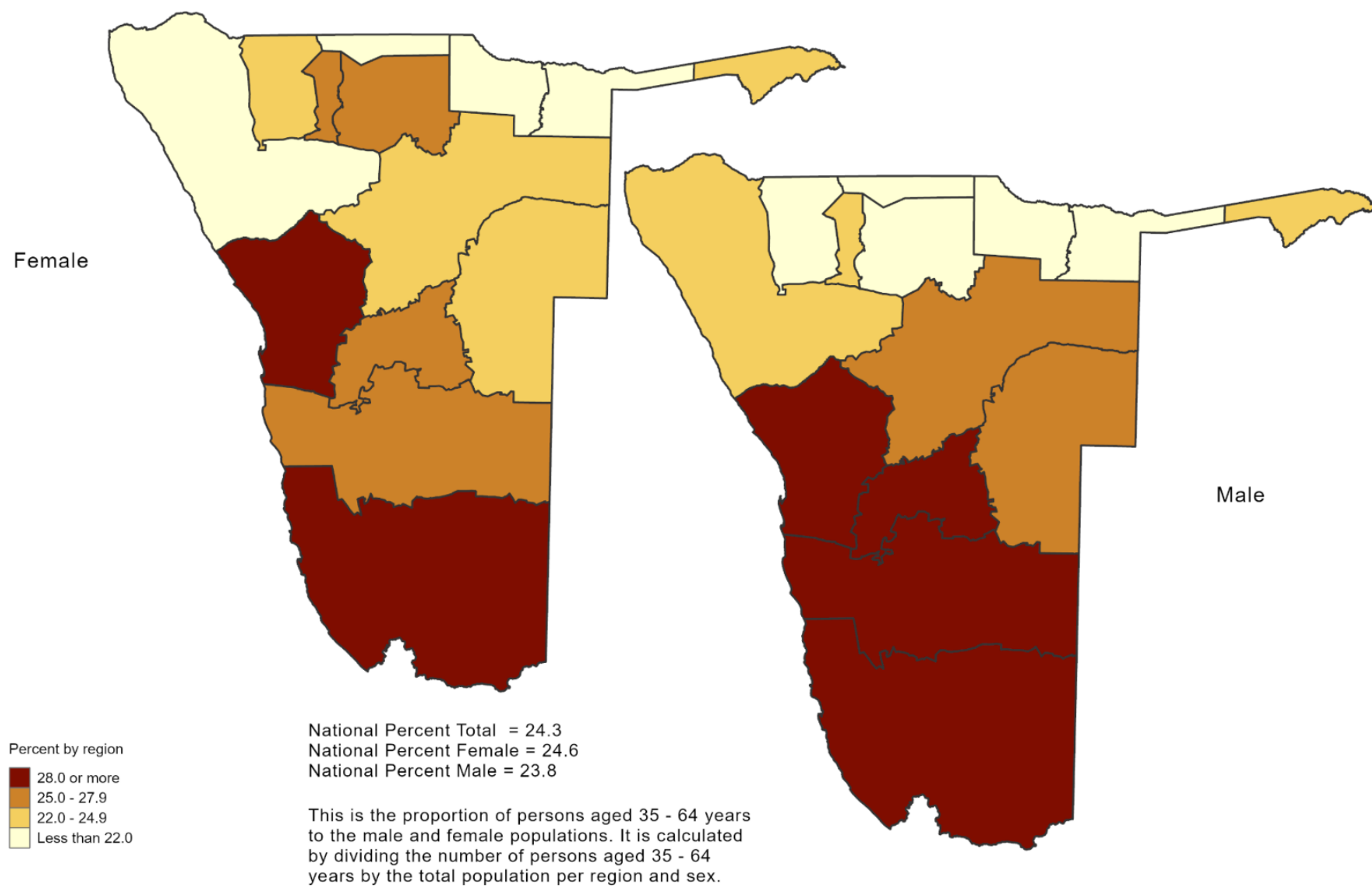
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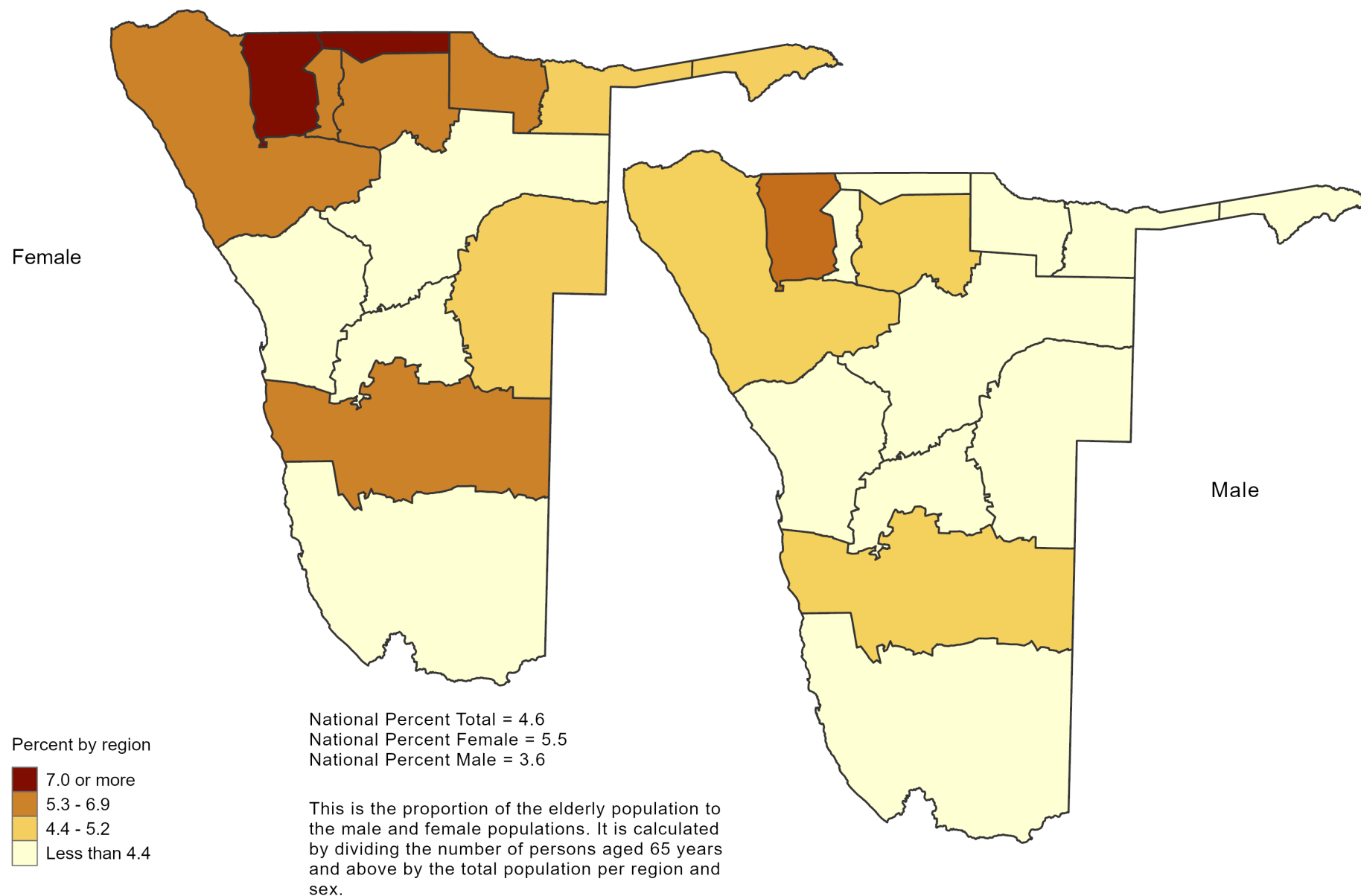
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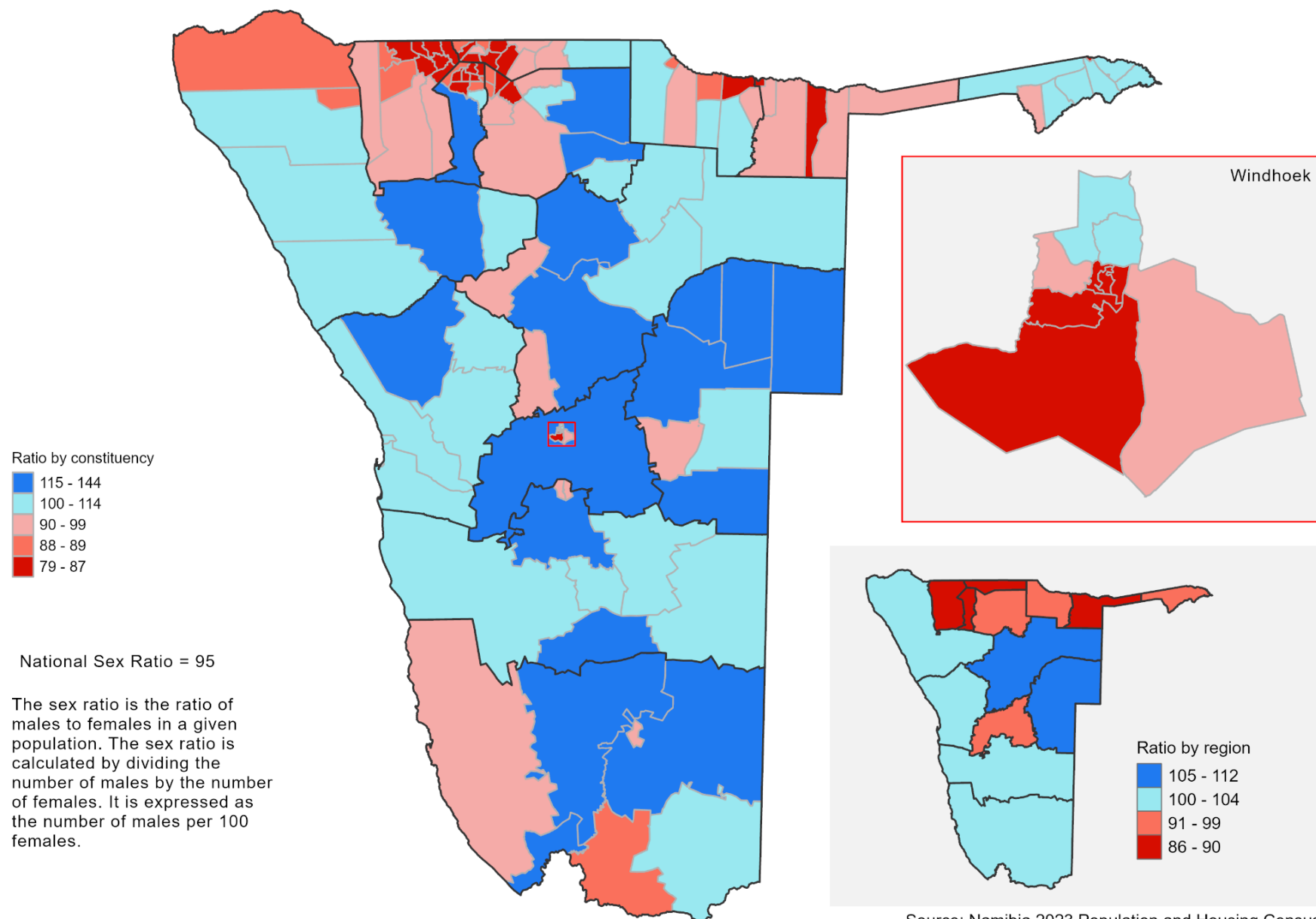
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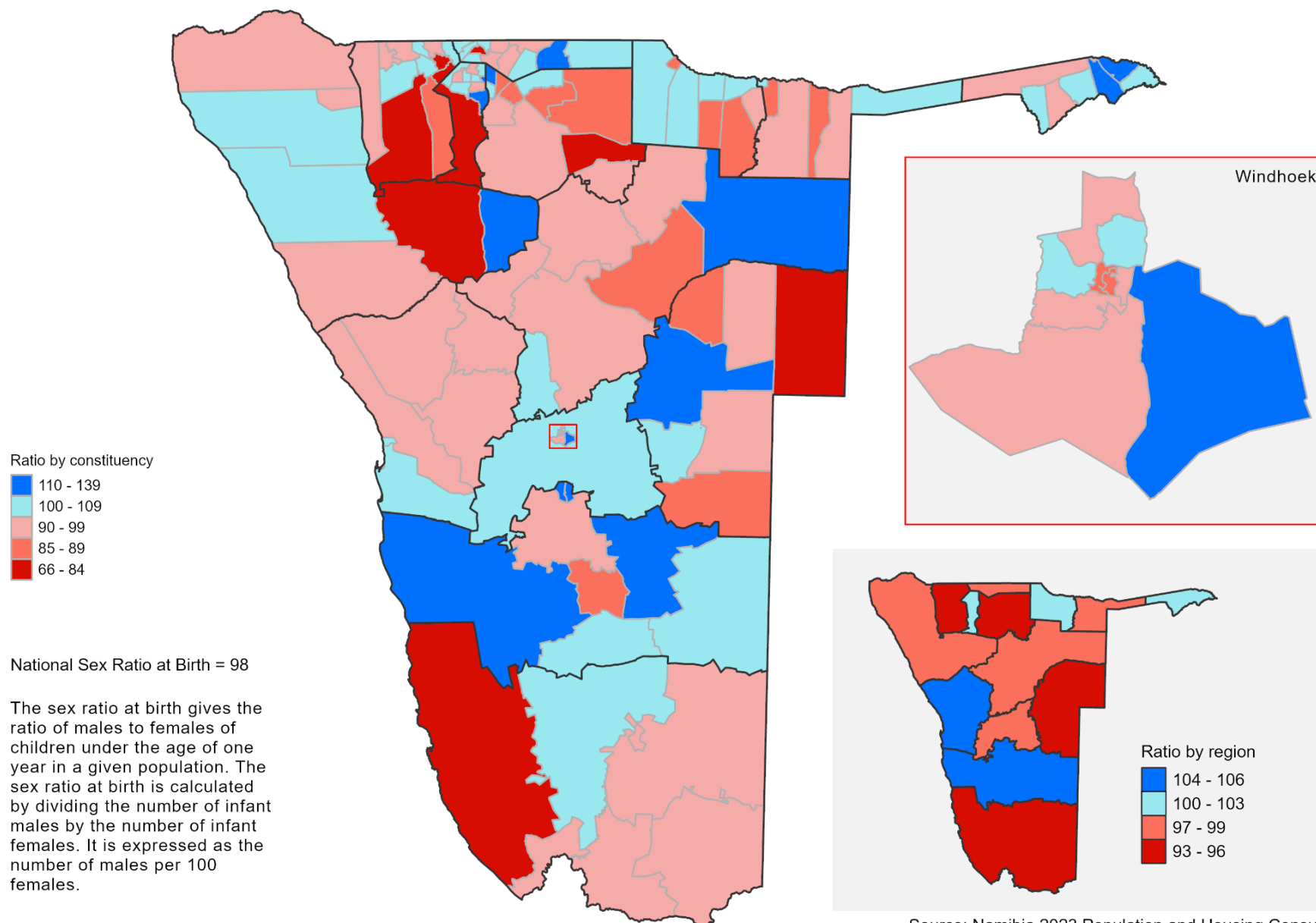
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Figure 2.14 Sex Ratio of Total Population by Region and Constituency: 2023



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Figure 2.15 Sex Ratio of Children Aged Less Than 1 Year by Region and Constituency: 2023



CHAPTER 3

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Housing and household information

Housing Characteristics

Housing characteristics includes all structures used as dwelling units. Aspects considered are type of housing unit, tenure, source of energy for lighting and cooking, water supply, toilet and waste/garbage disposal.

Household

A household is defined as a person or group of persons related or unrelated living in the same dwelling unit and sharing common catering arrangements.

Household Size

Average household size is an indicator of the size of households and is obtained by dividing the number of persons in households by the total number of households.

Head of Household

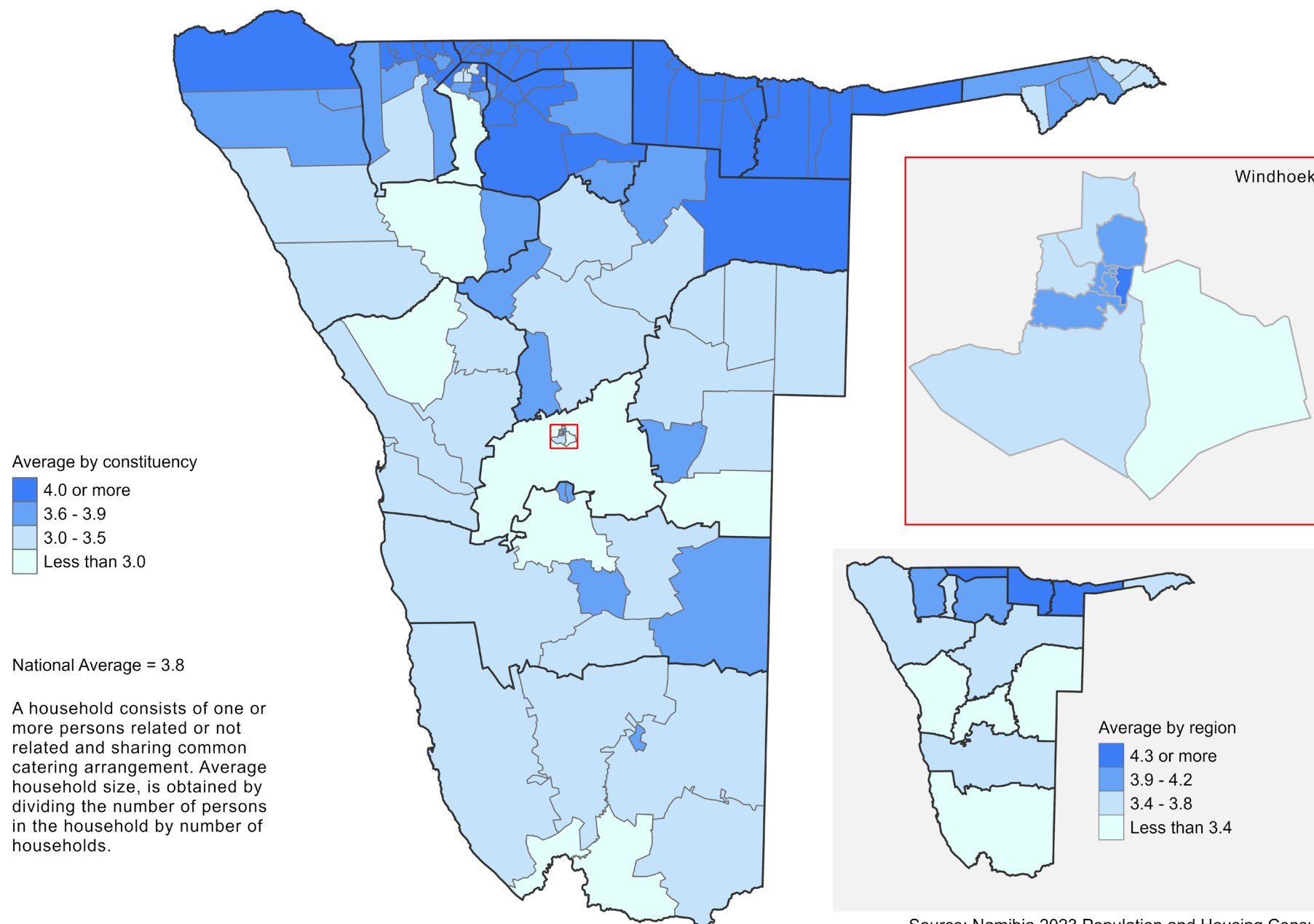
The head of household is the person, of either sex, to whom other members of the household looked upon as the decision maker. The head of household was identified by the household respondent during enumeration.

Household Assets

Ownership of assets is an important indicator of social welfare and living standards, therefore households that own certain assets have higher standards of living than those without.

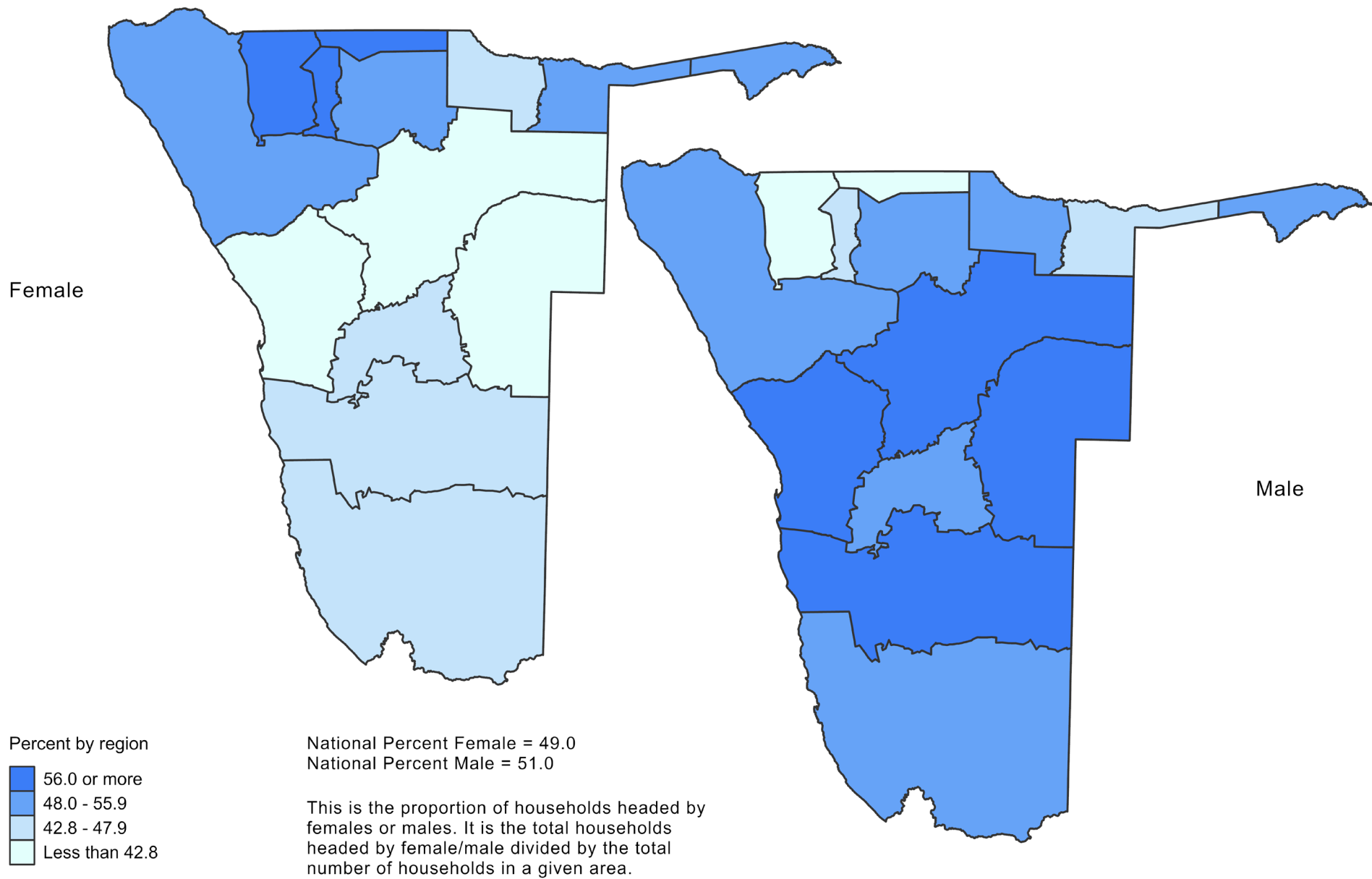


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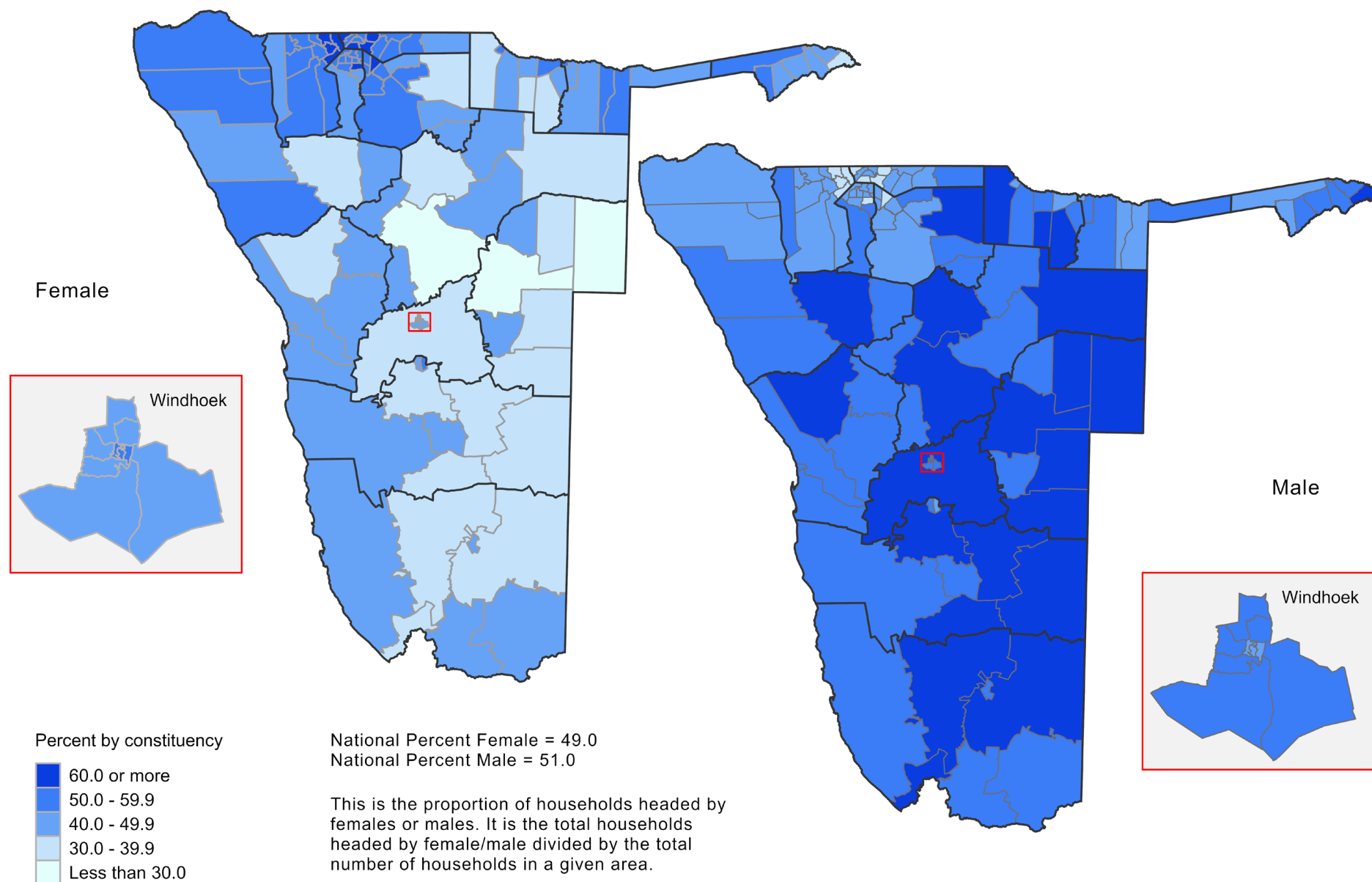
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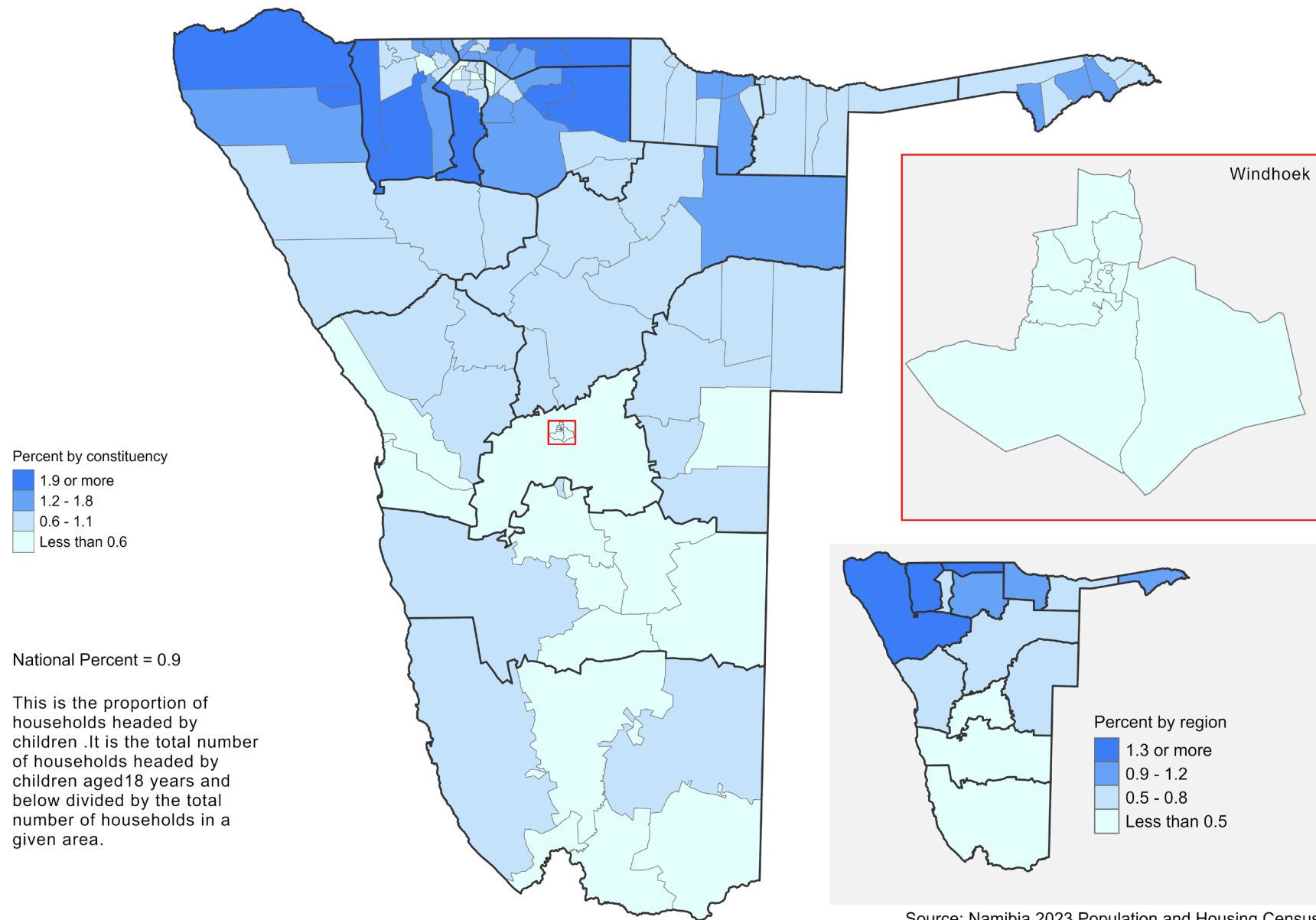
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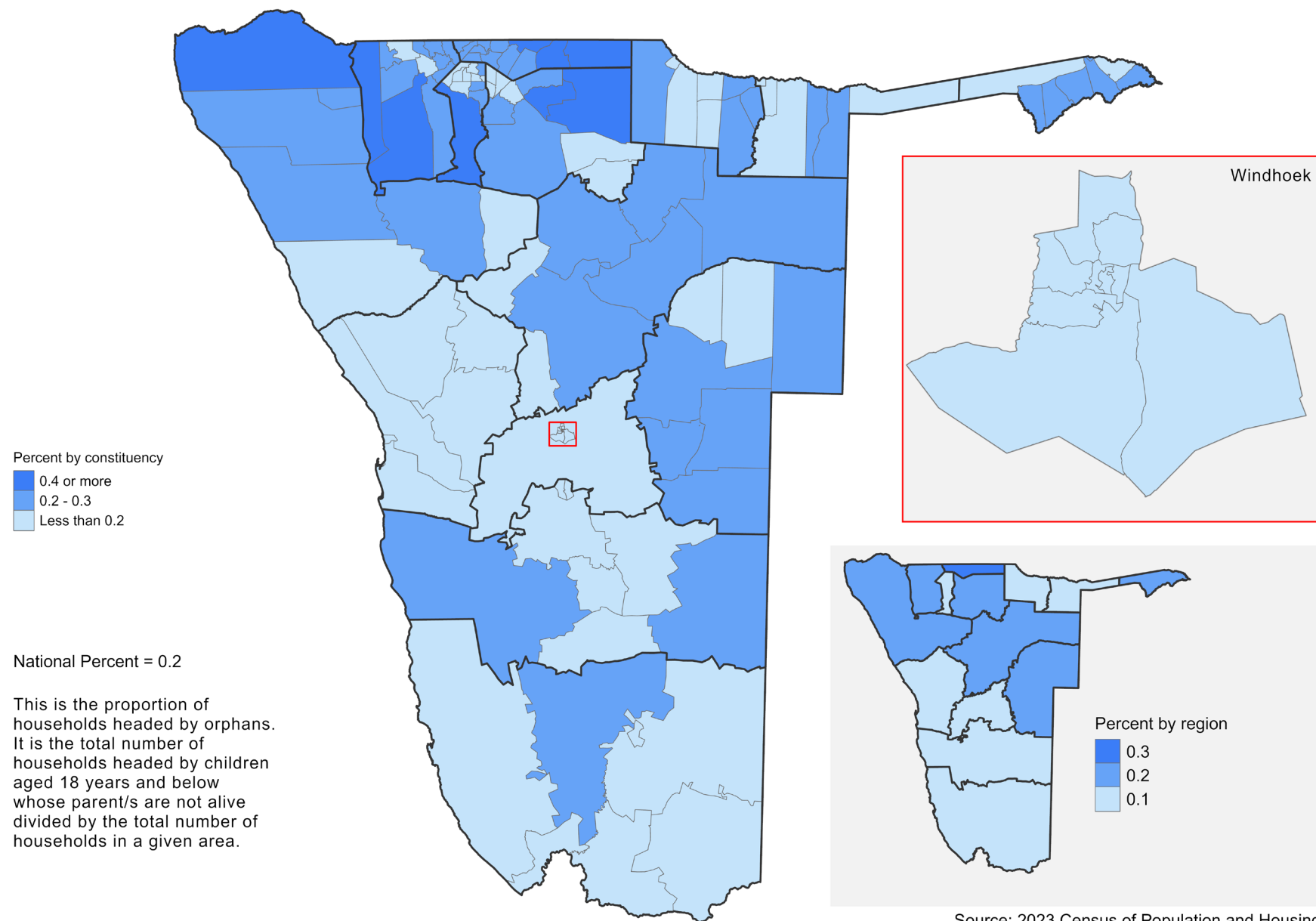
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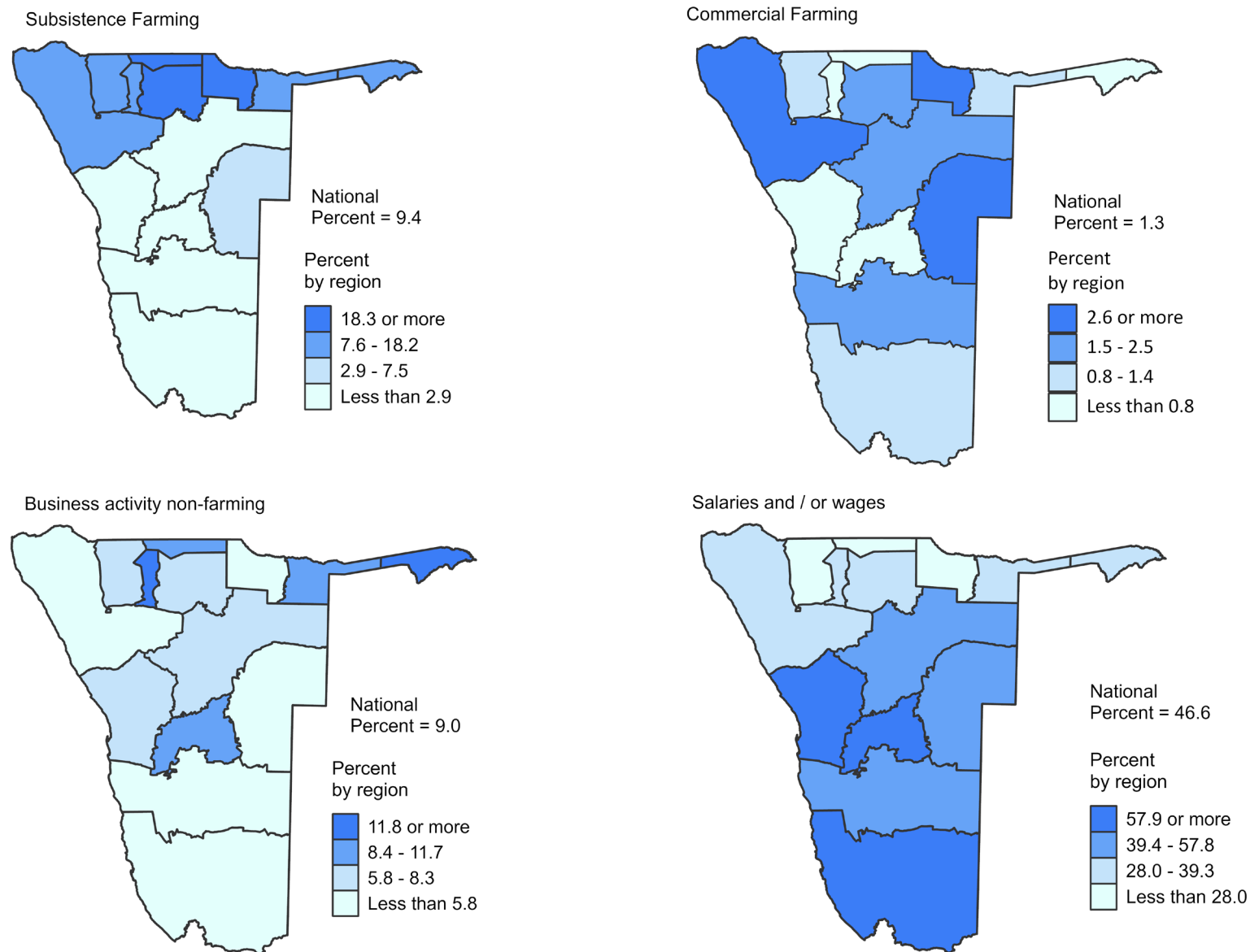
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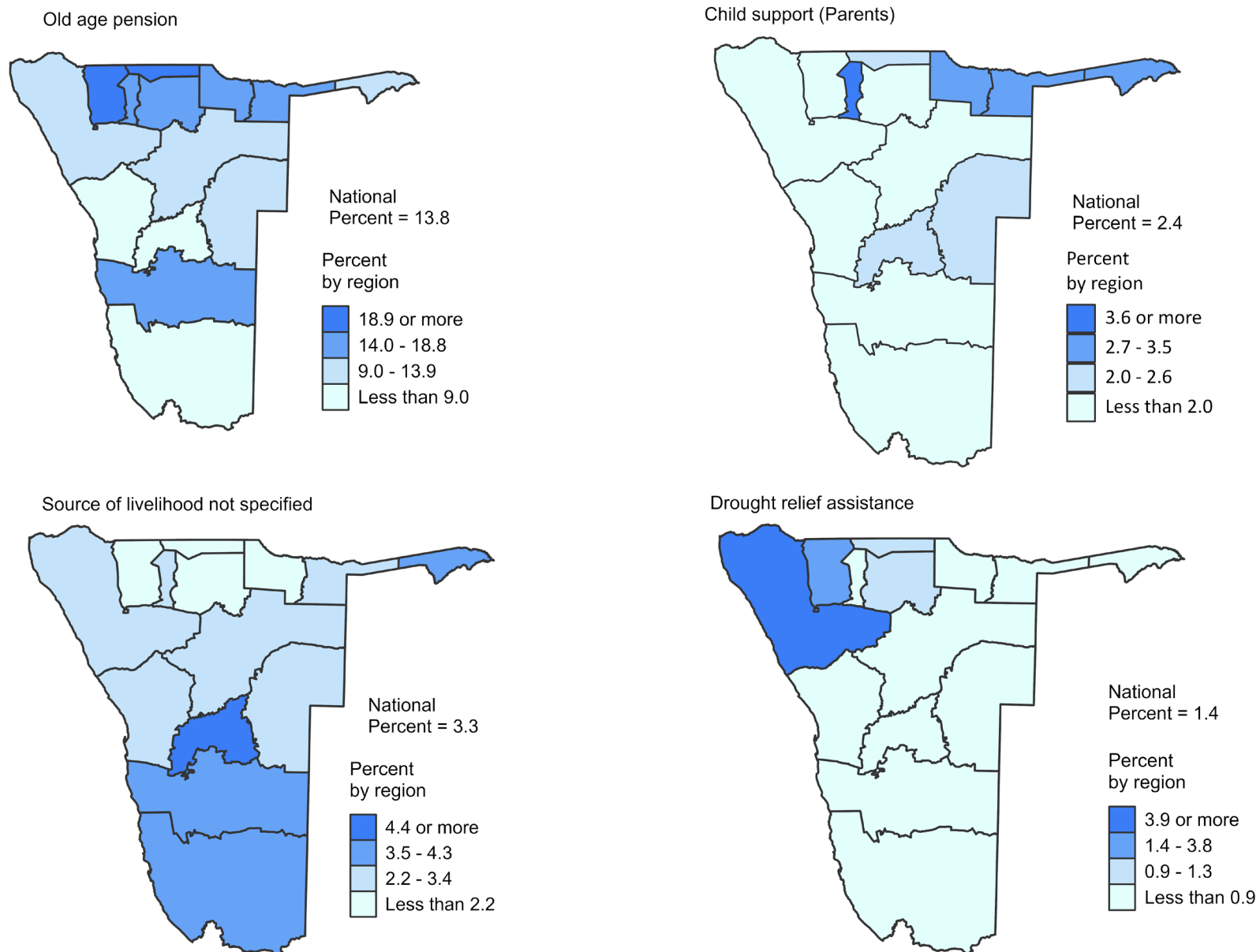
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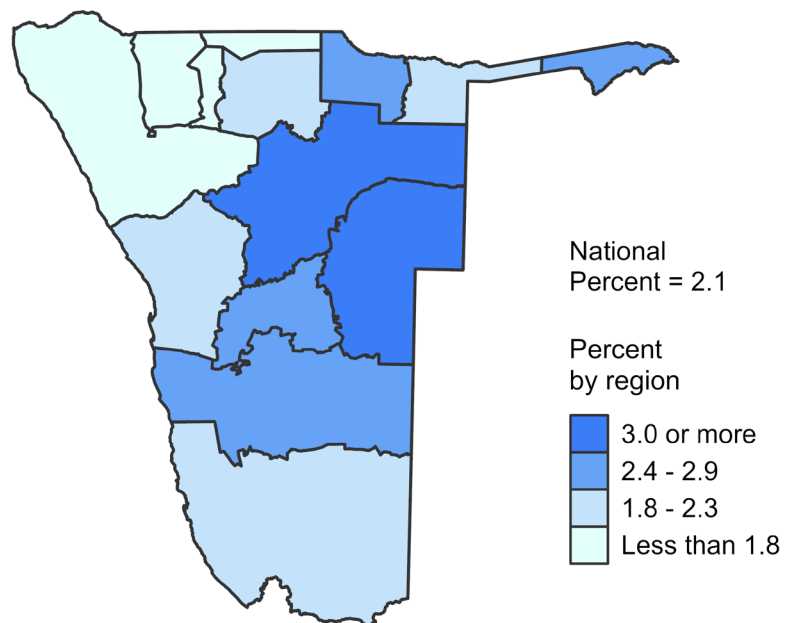
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In kind receipts



Disability grants

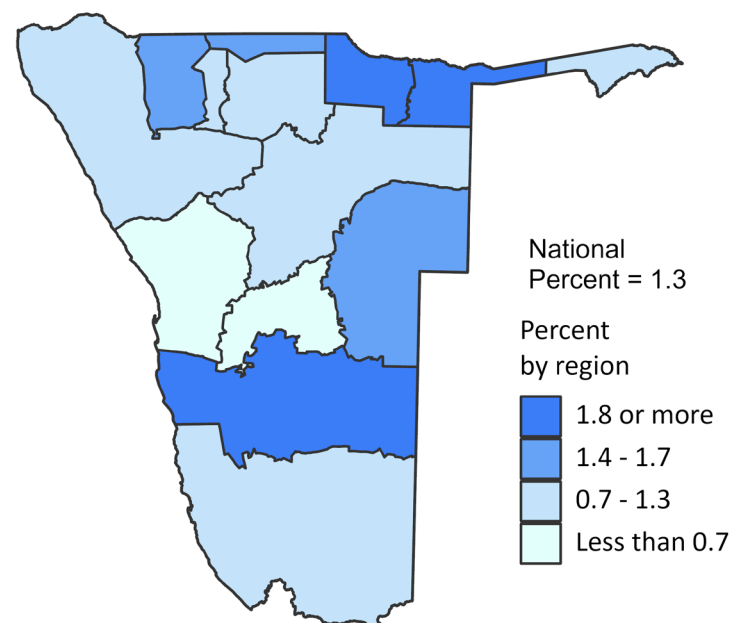
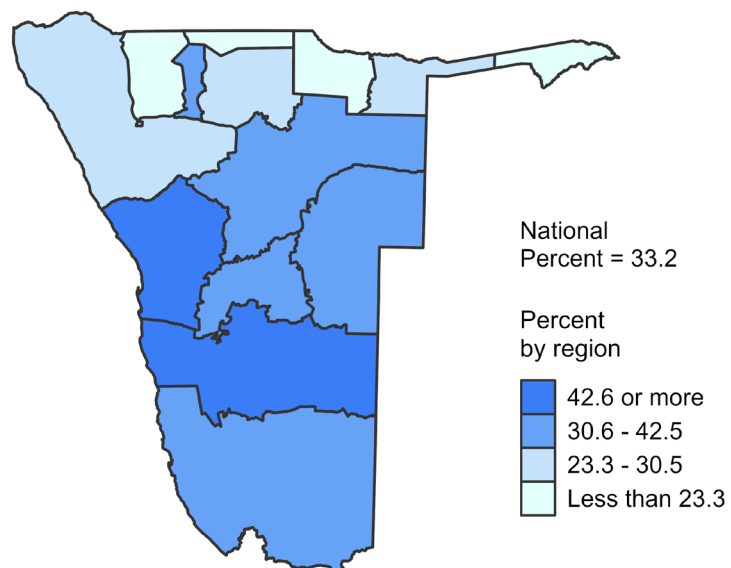
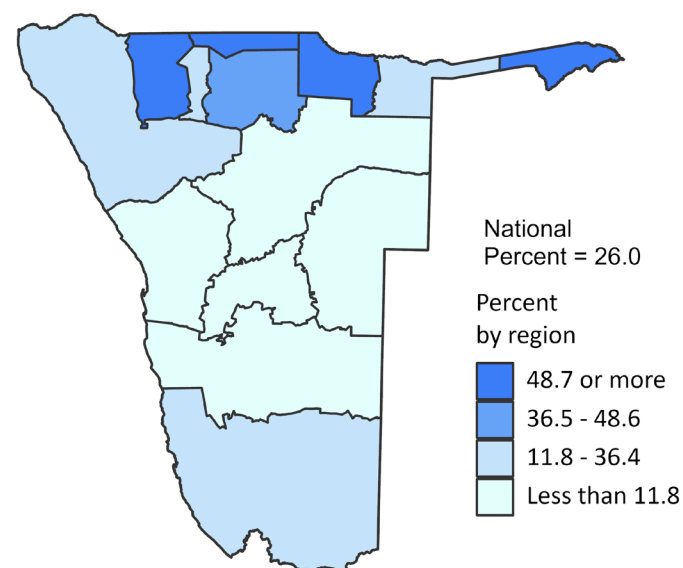


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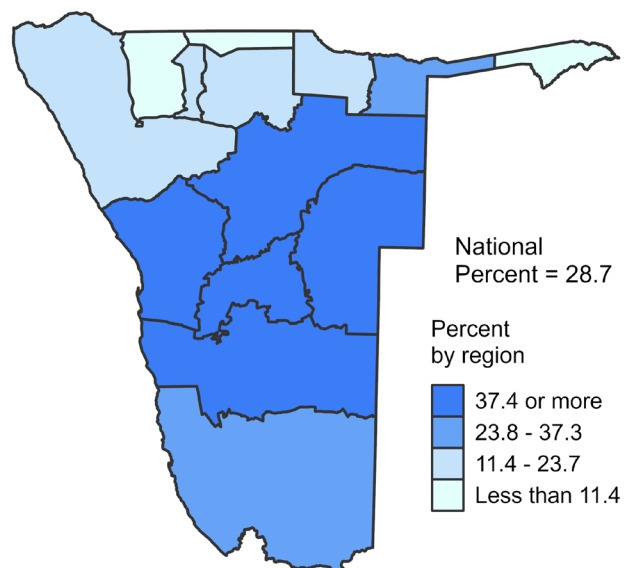
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Traditional dwelling

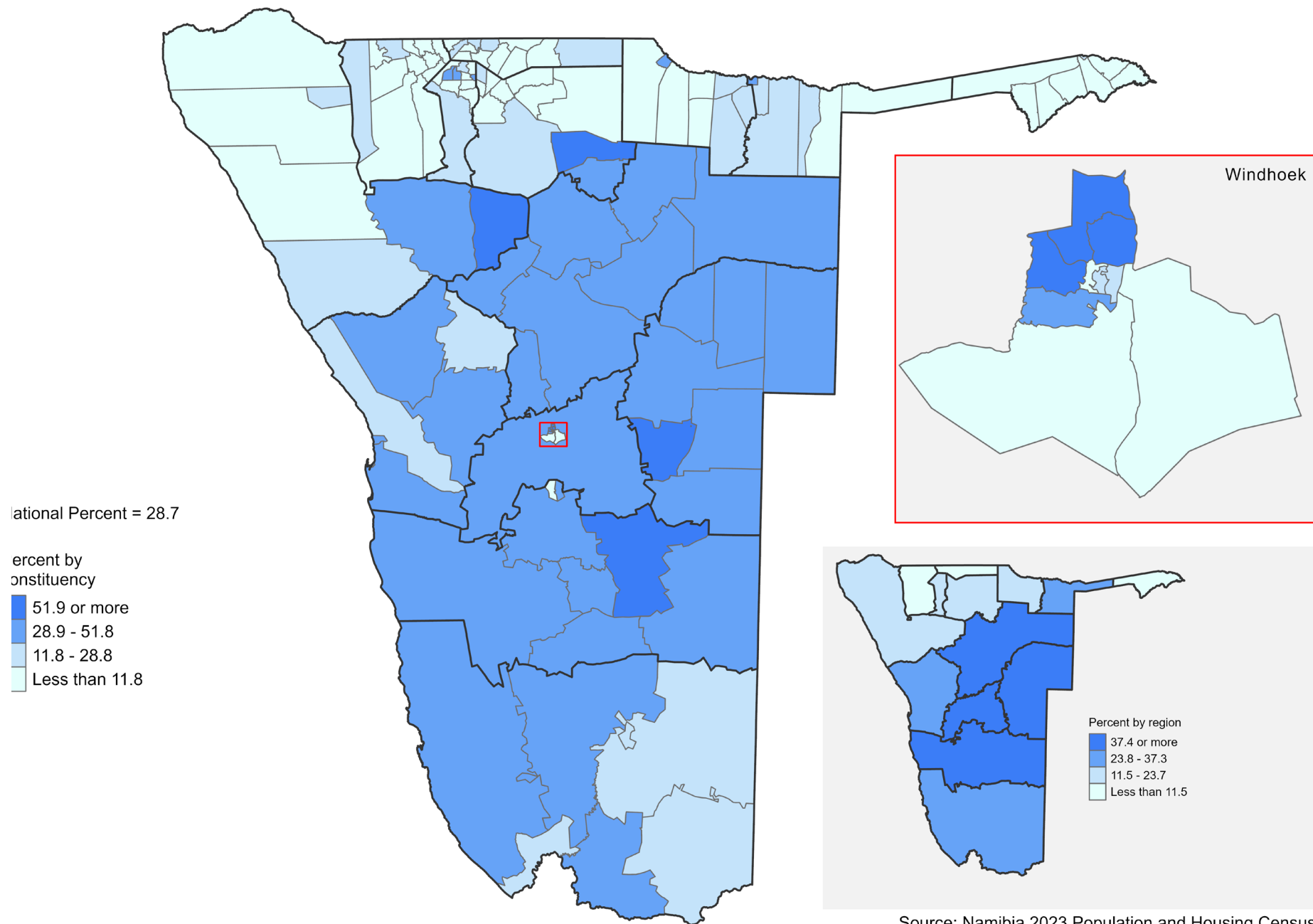


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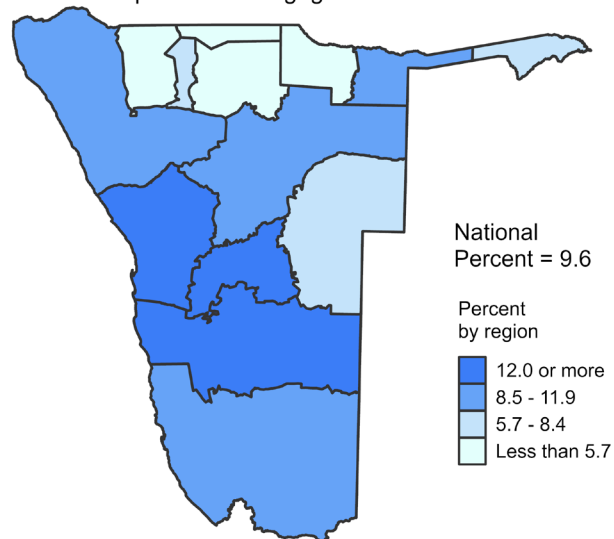
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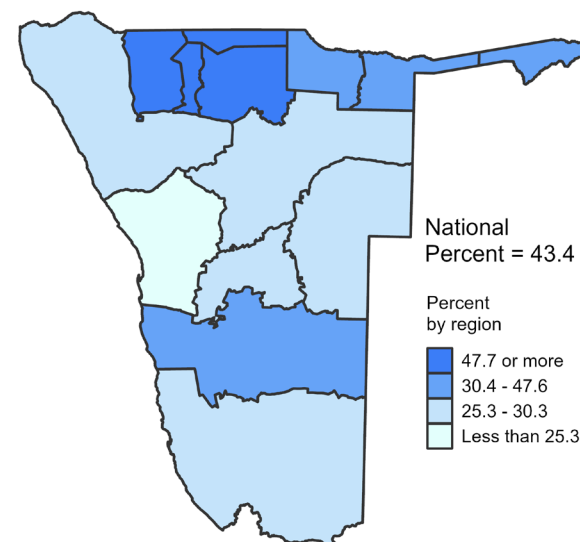
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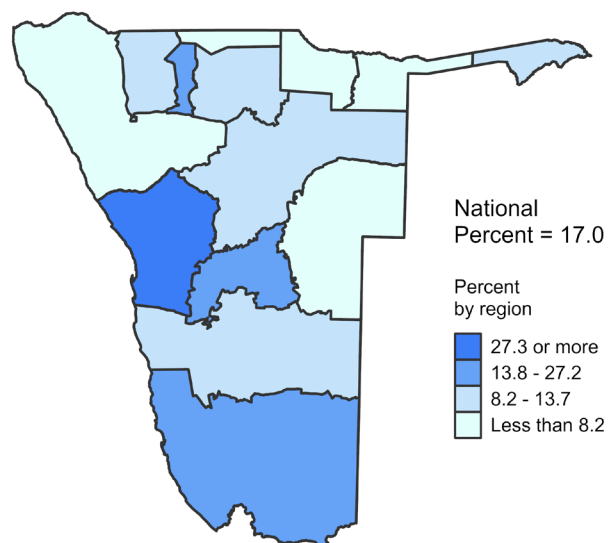
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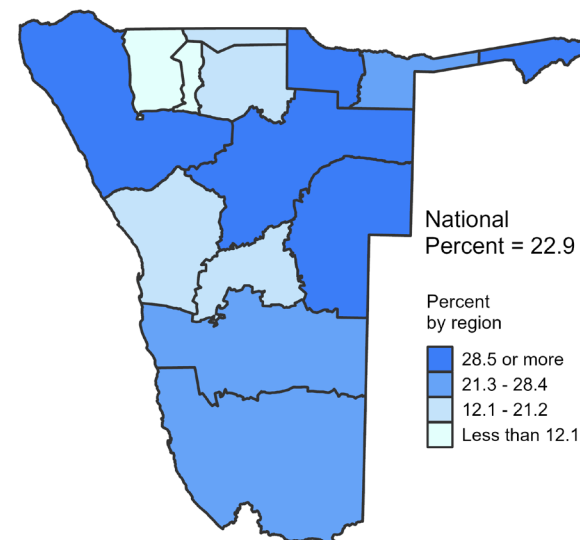
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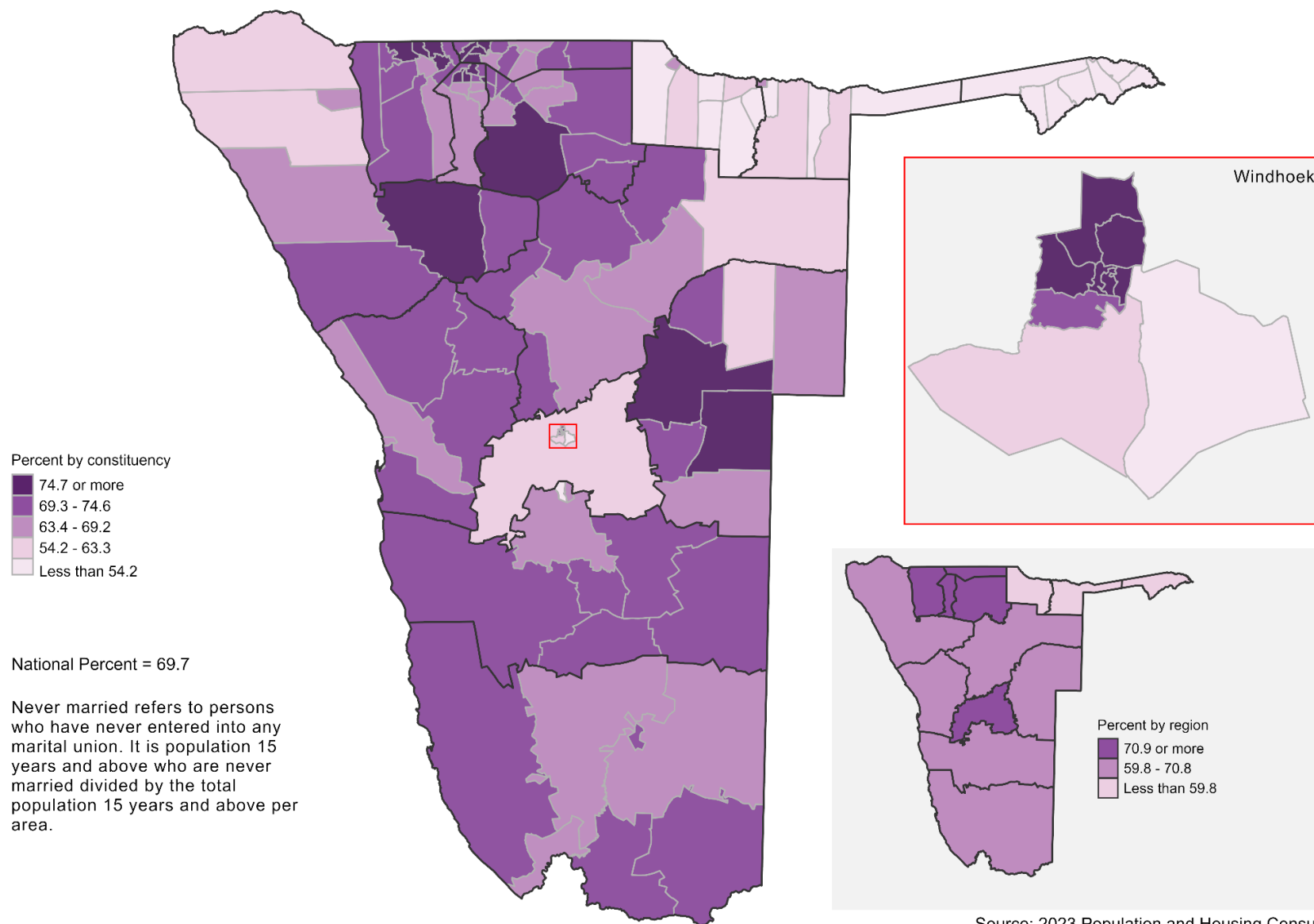
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MARITAL STATUS

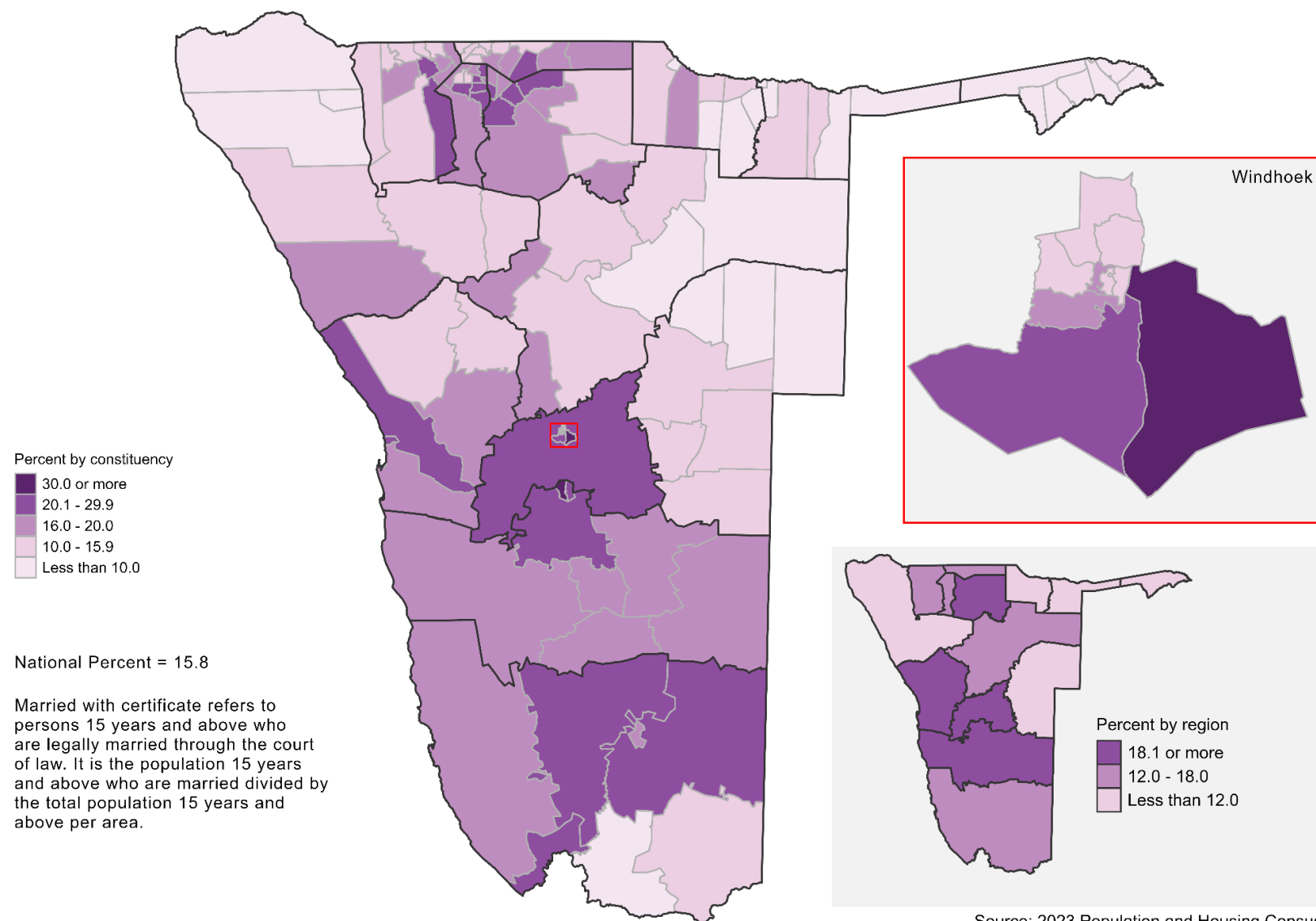


Figure 4.1 Percent of Population aged 15+ Never Married by Constituency and Region: 2023



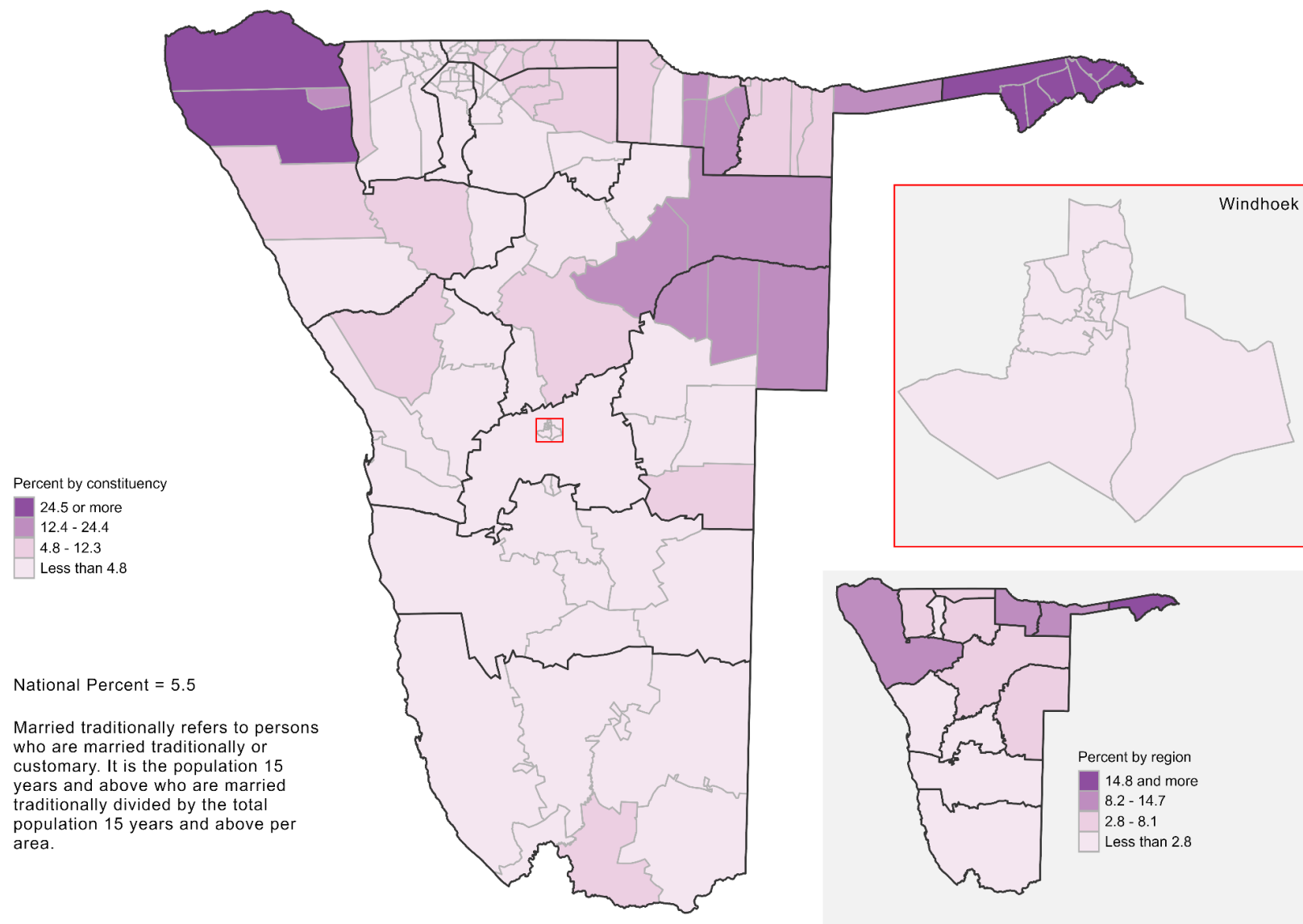
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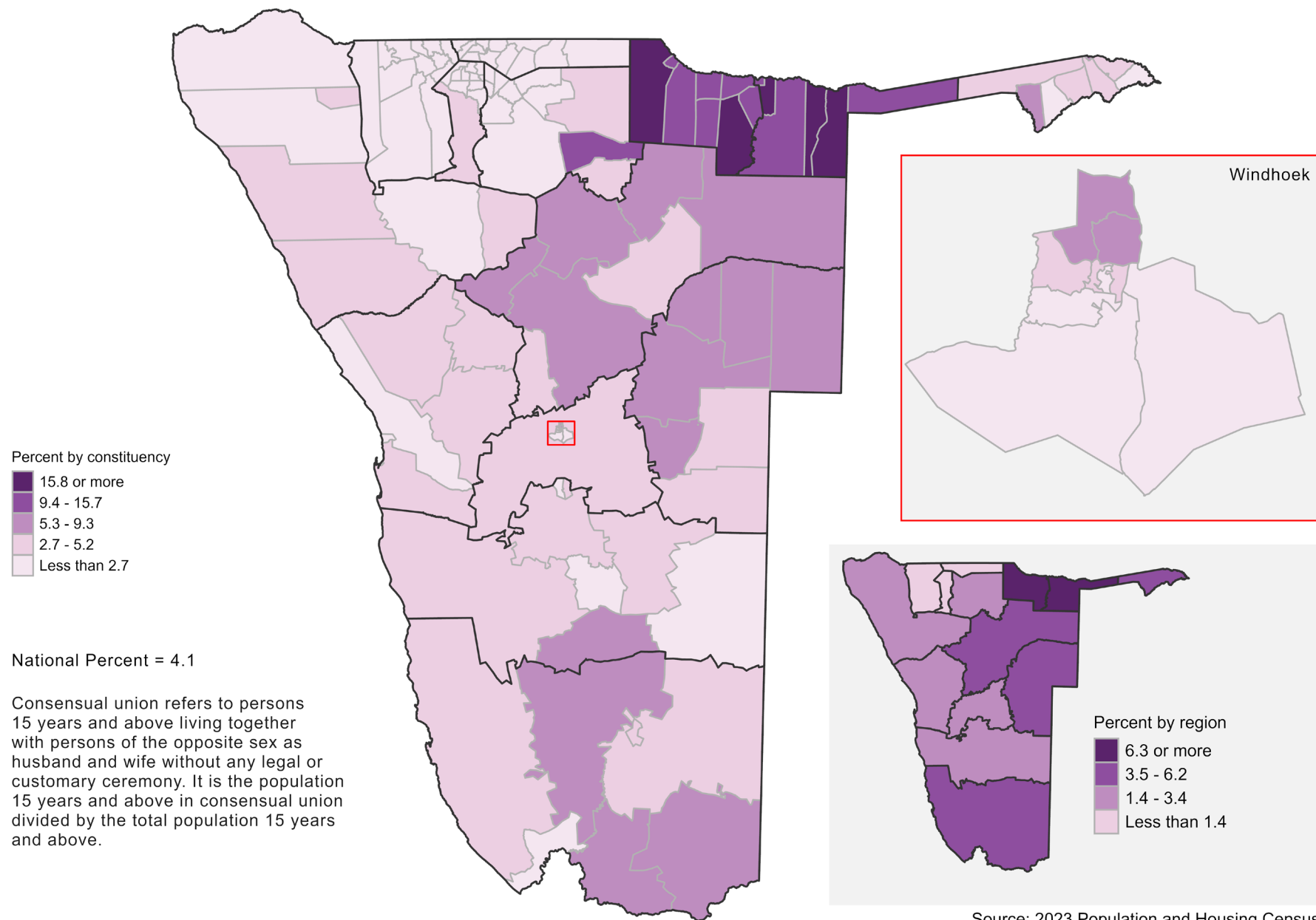
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Figure 4.3 Percent of Population aged 15+ Married Traditionally by Constituency and Region: 2023



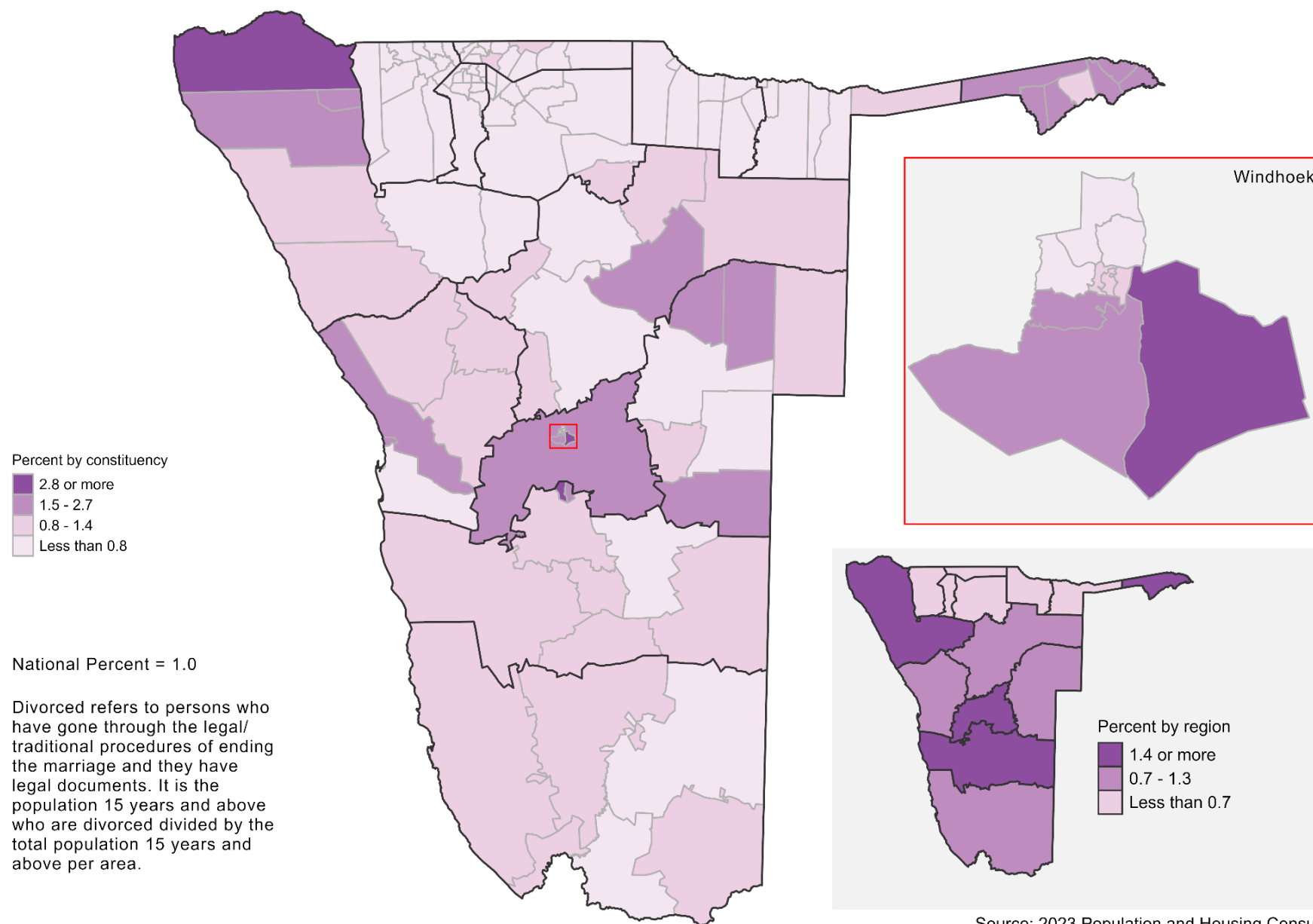
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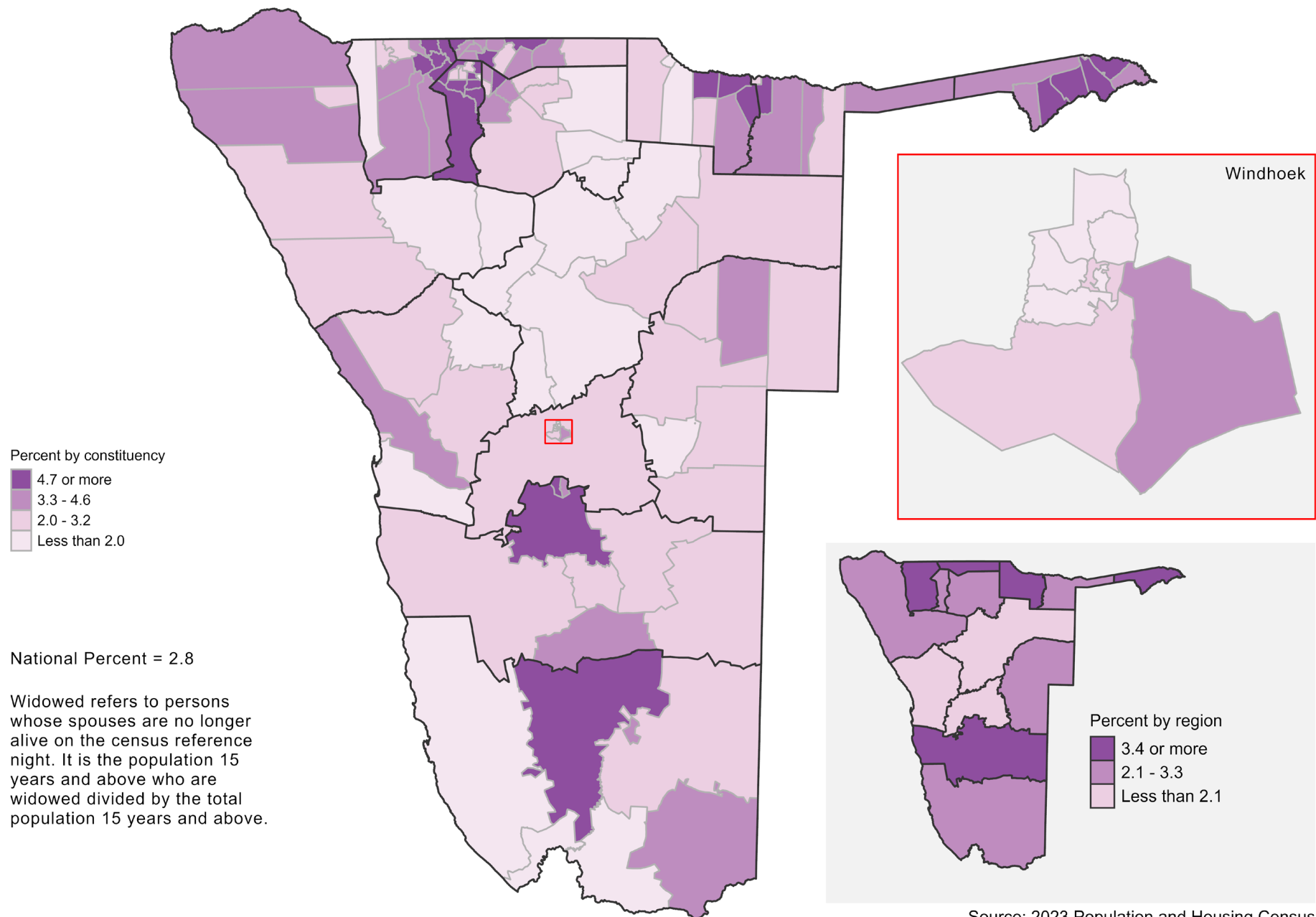
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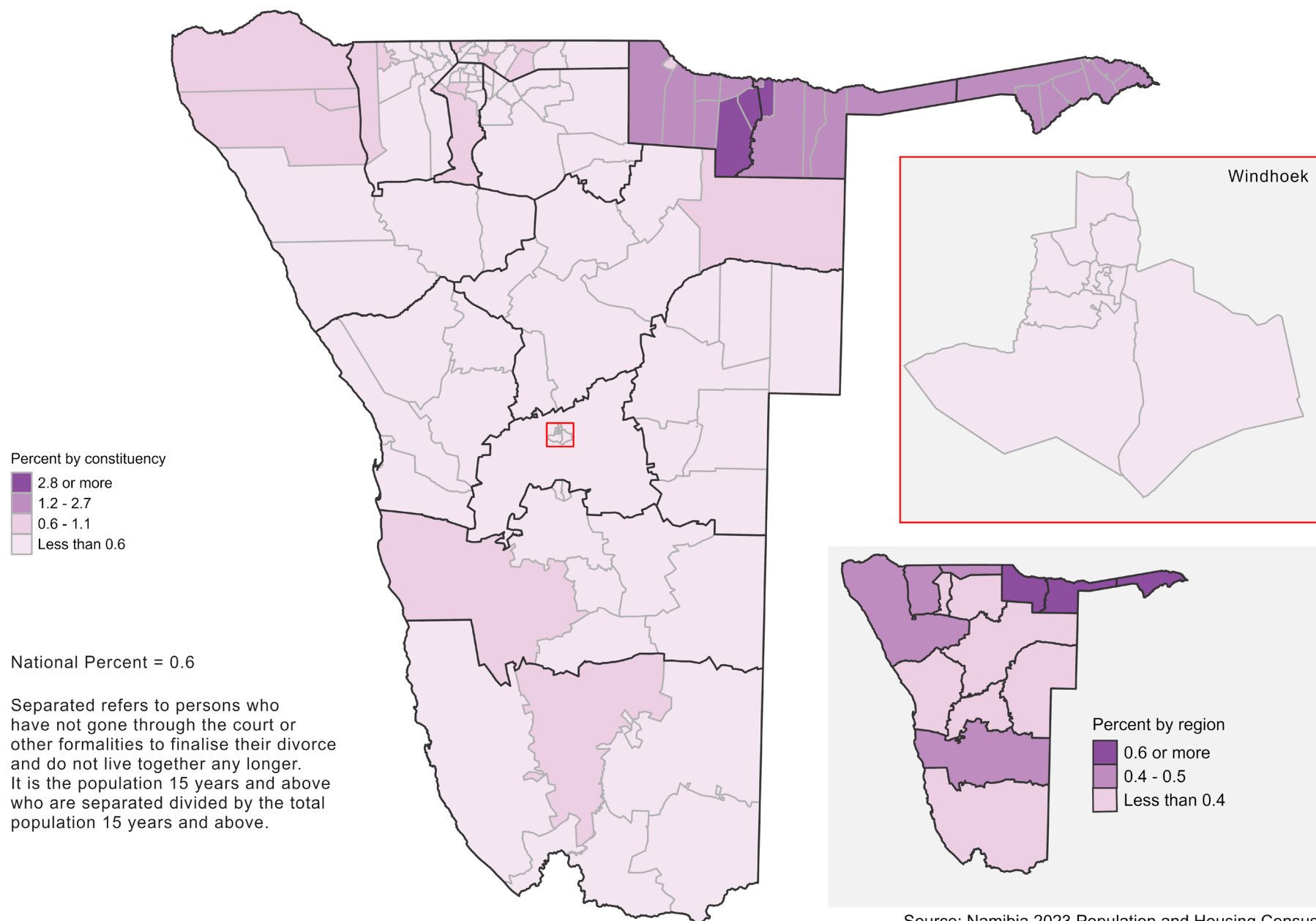
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Figure 4.6 Percent of Population aged 15+ Widowed by Constituency and Region: 2023



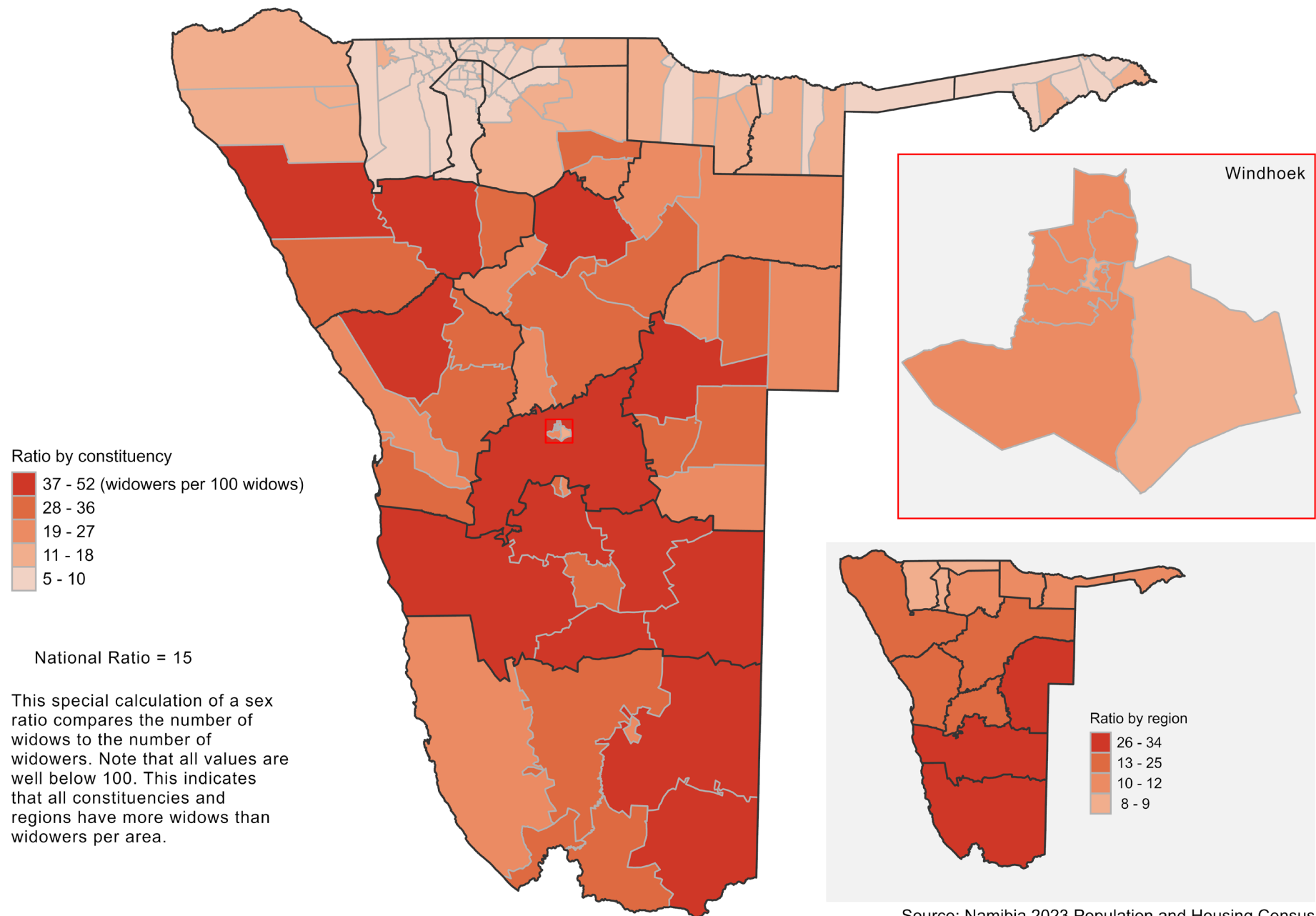
Source: 2023 Population and Housing Census

Figure 4.7 Percent of Population aged 15+ Separated by Constituency and Region: 2023



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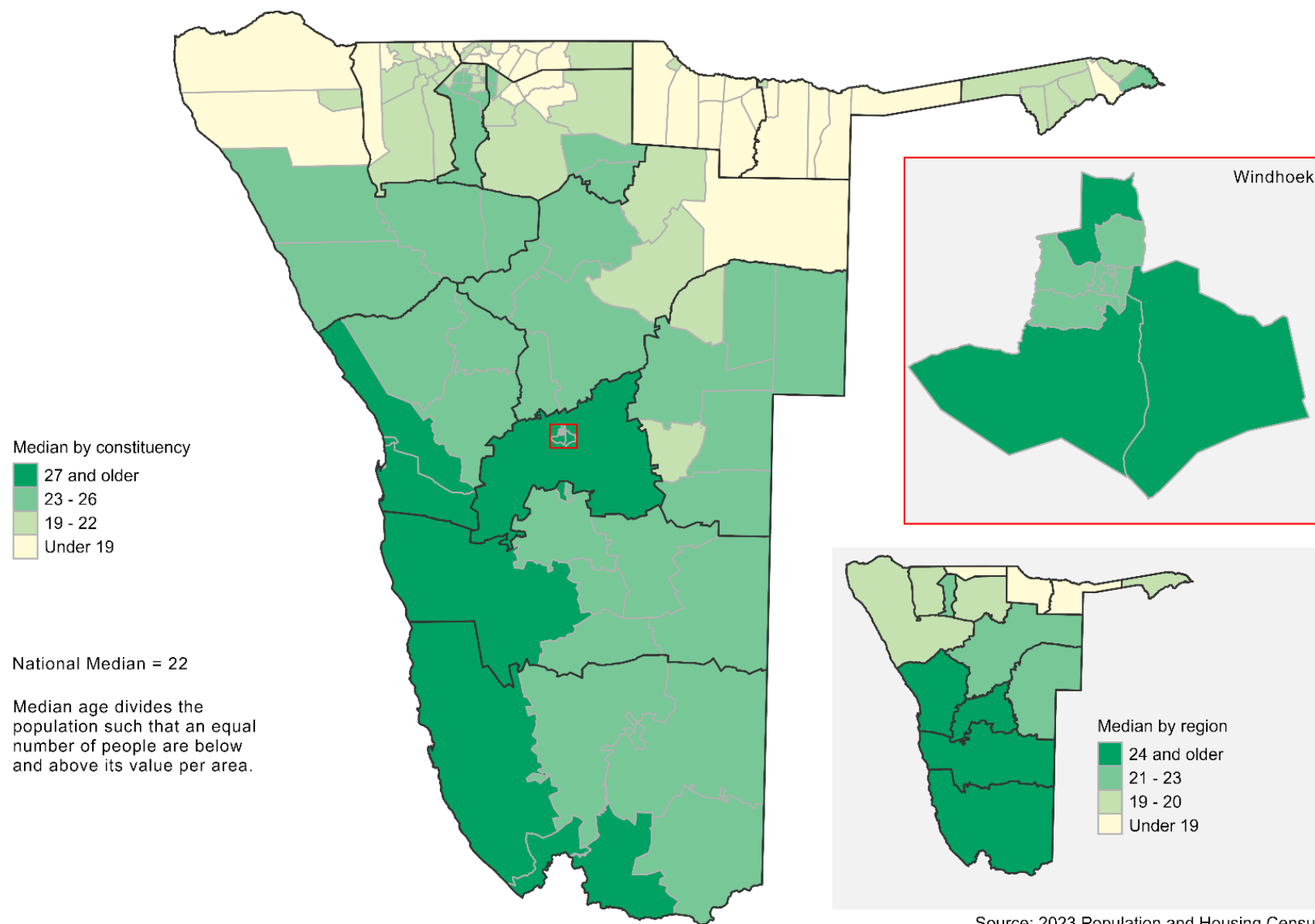
Figure 4.8 Sex Ratio of Widowed Population aged 15+ by Constituency and Region: 2023



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VITAL STATISTICS

Month	Value
Feb.	240
Mar.	300
Apr.	270
May	200
June	220
July	350
Aug.	370
Sep.	400
Nov.	520
Dec.	340
Jan.	410
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Figure 5.1 Median Age by Constituency and Region: 2023



Source: 2023 Population and Housing Census

Figure 5.2 Total Fertility Rate by Constituency and Region: 2023

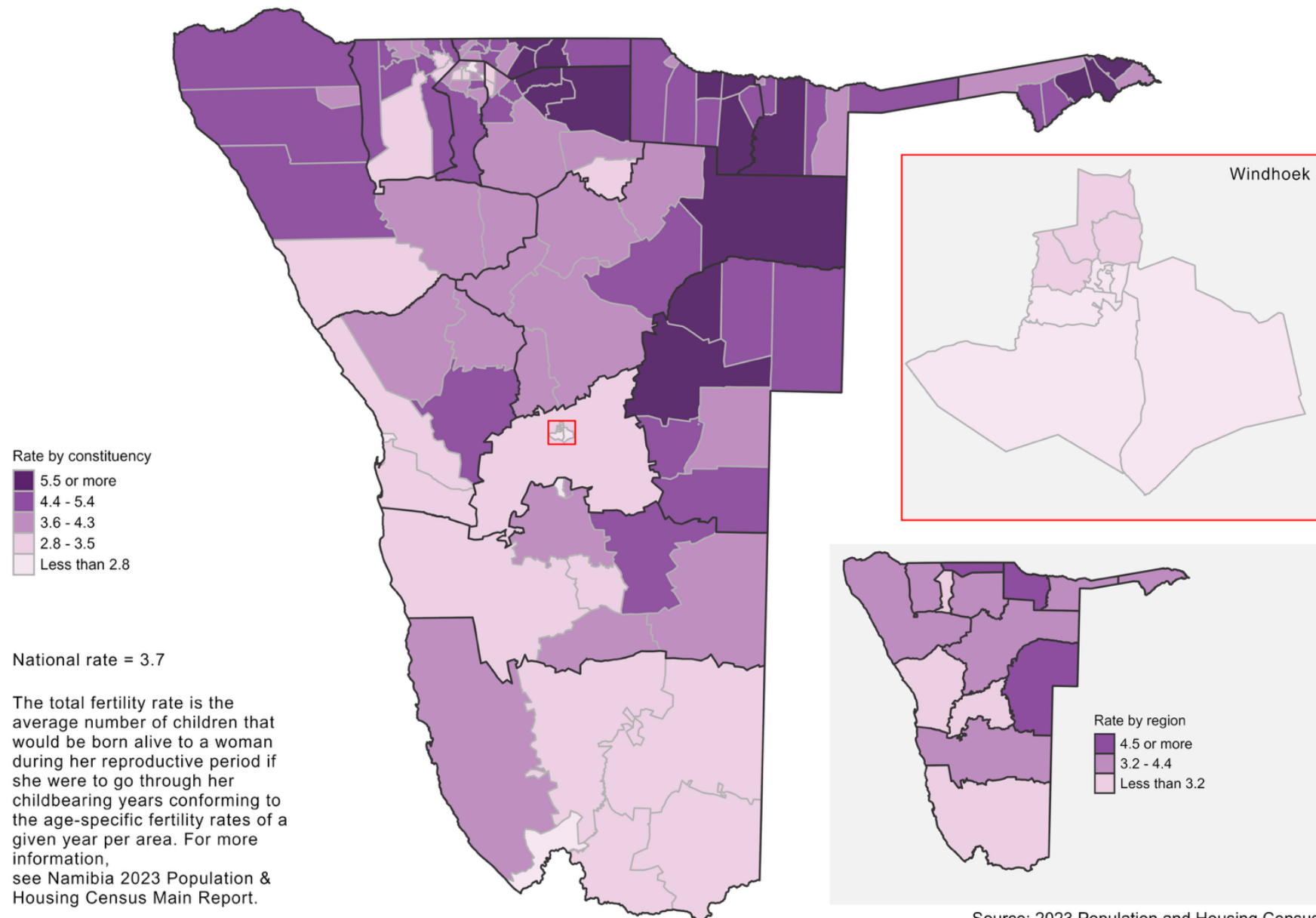
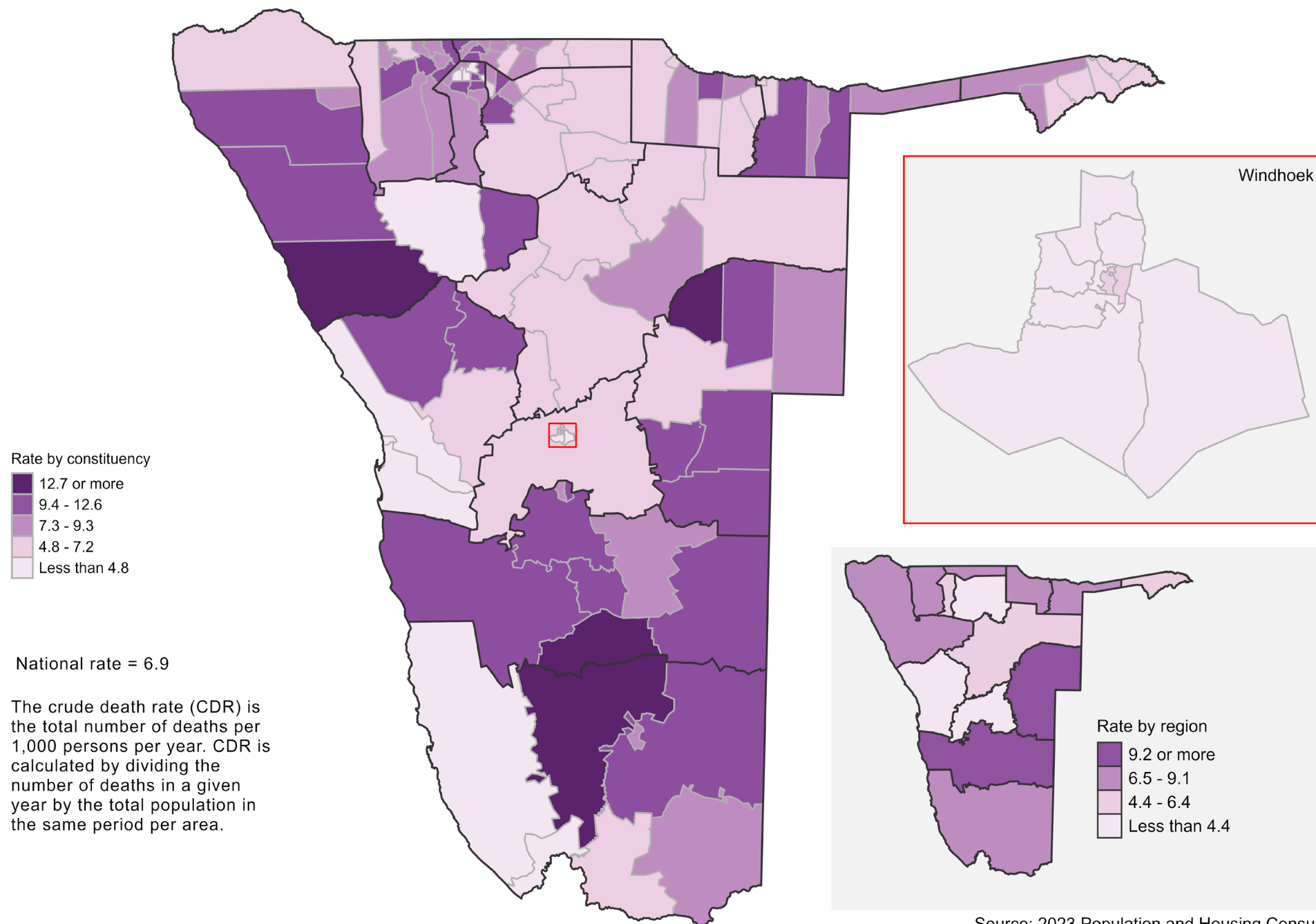
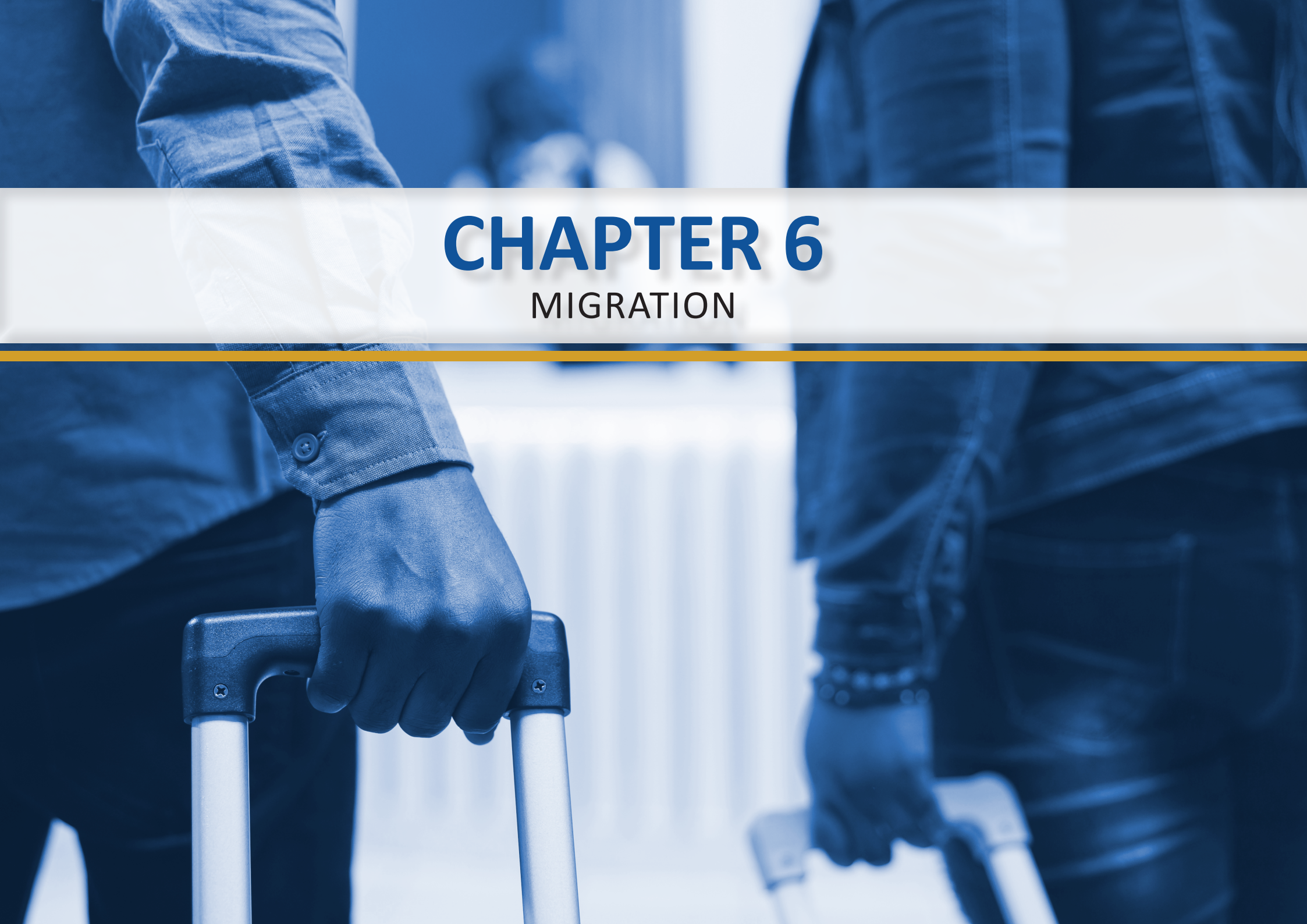


Figure 5.3 Crude Death Rate by Constituency and Region: 2023



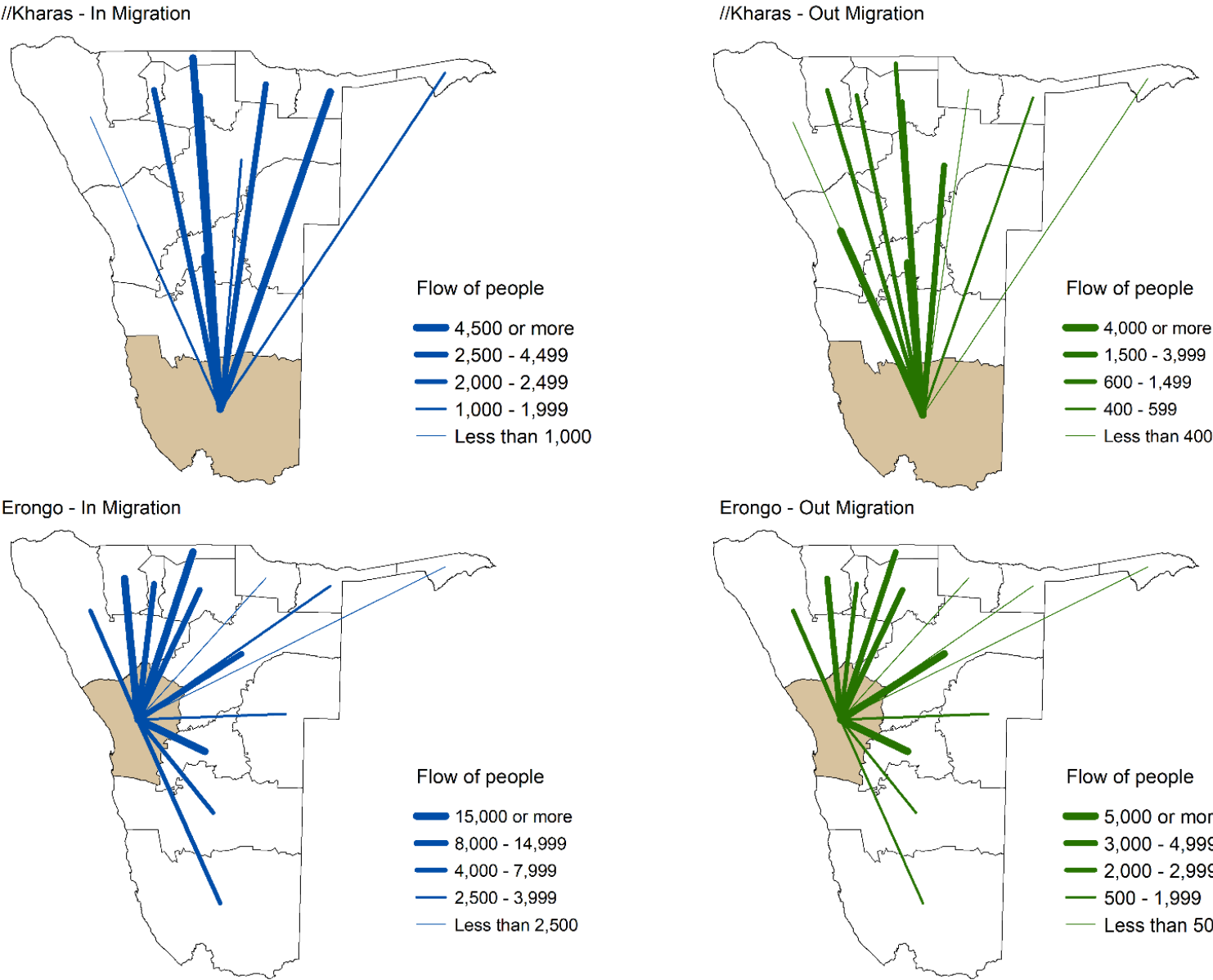
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MIGRATION

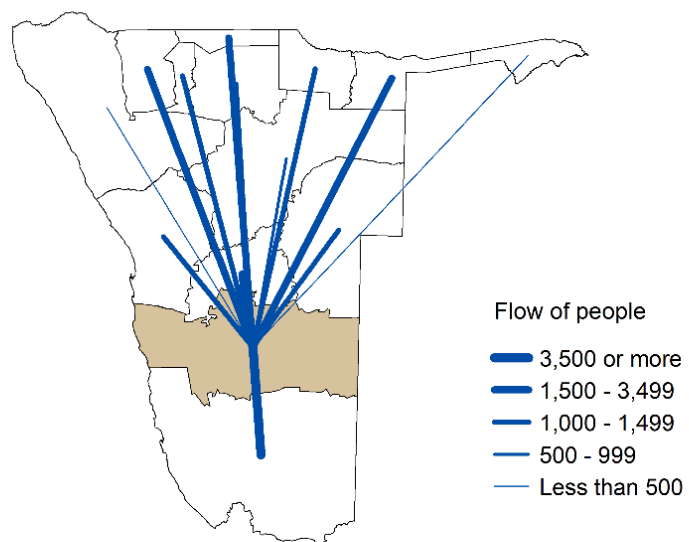
Figure 6.1 Non-Recent Migrants for //Kharas and Erongo



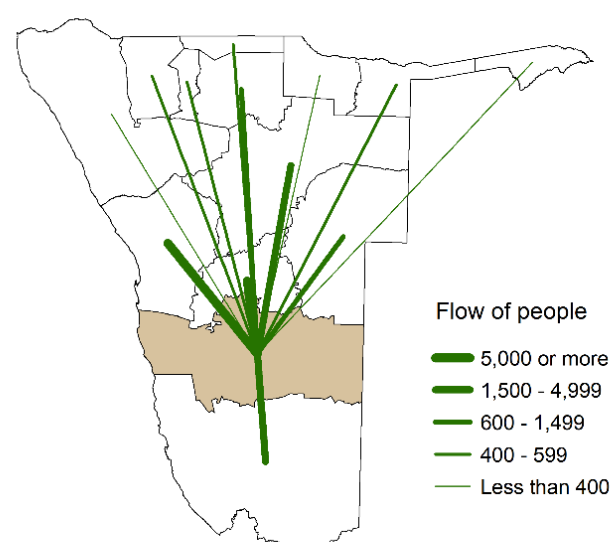
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Figure 6.2 Non-Recent Migrants for Hardap and Kavango East

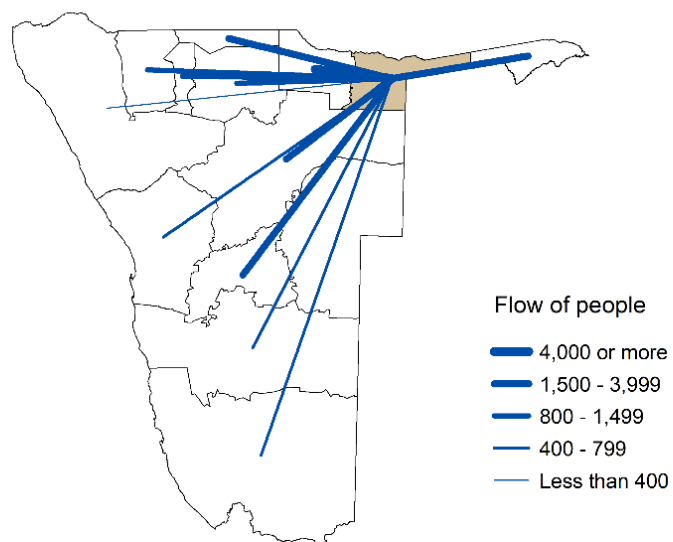
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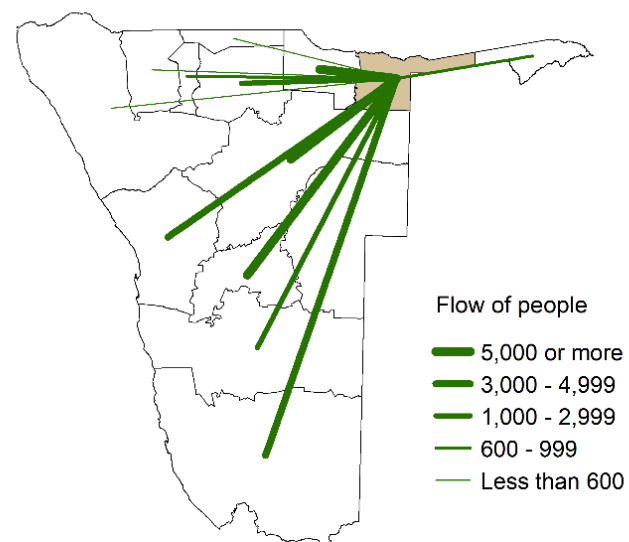
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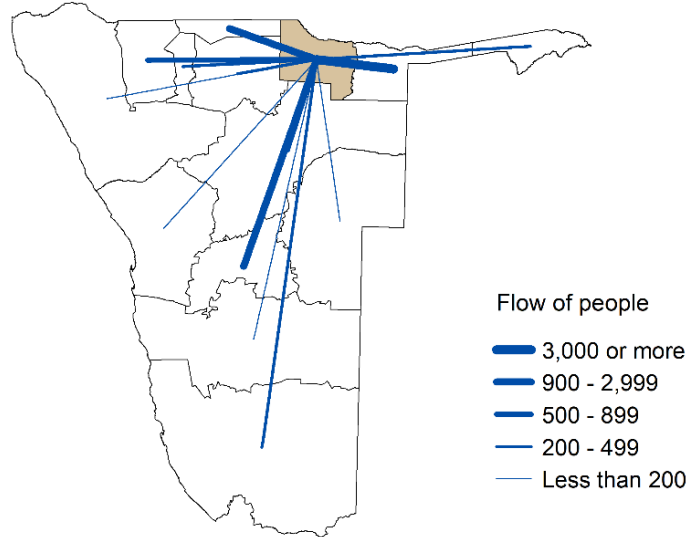
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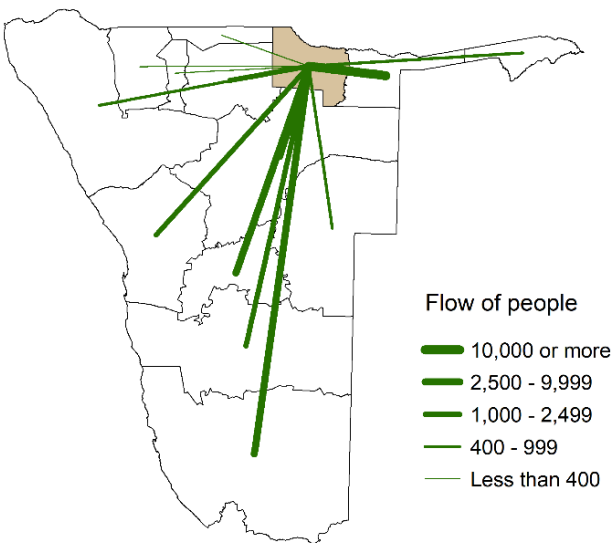
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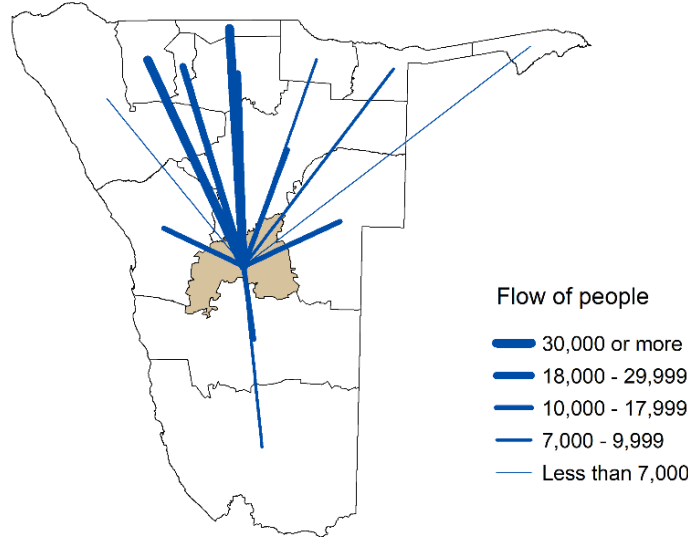
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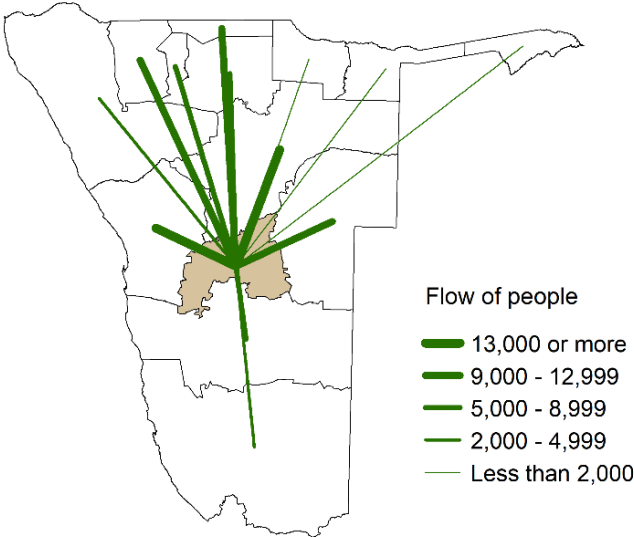
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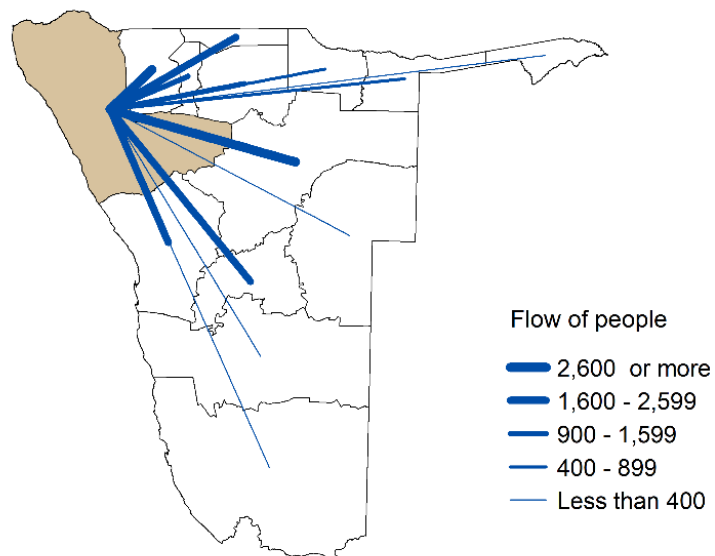
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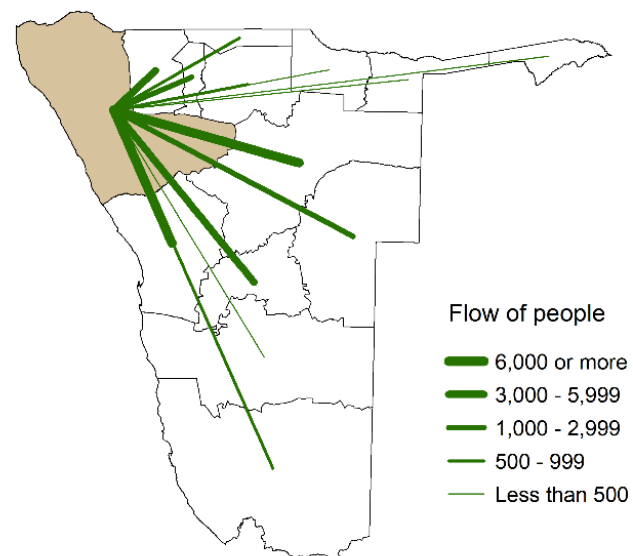
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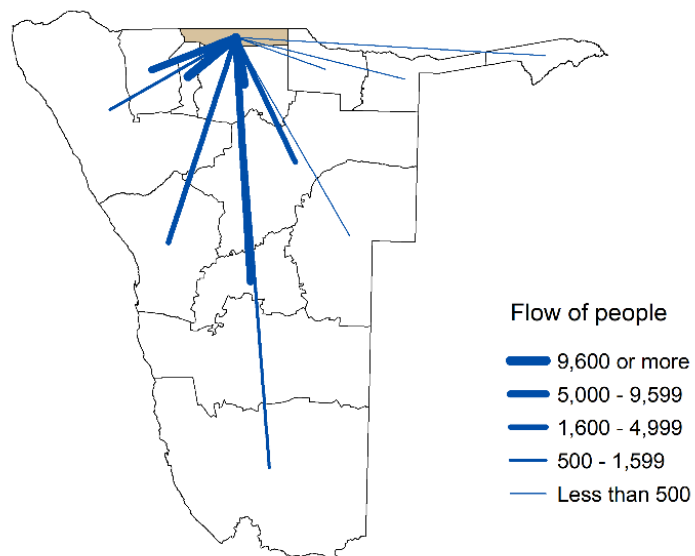
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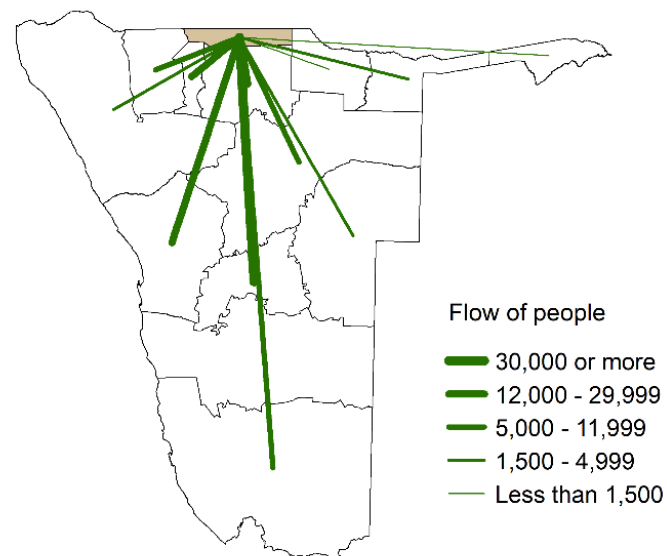
Kunene - Out Migration



Ohangwena - In Migration



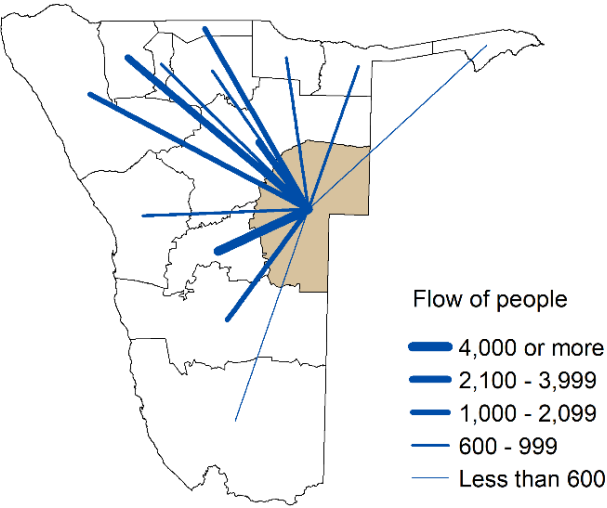
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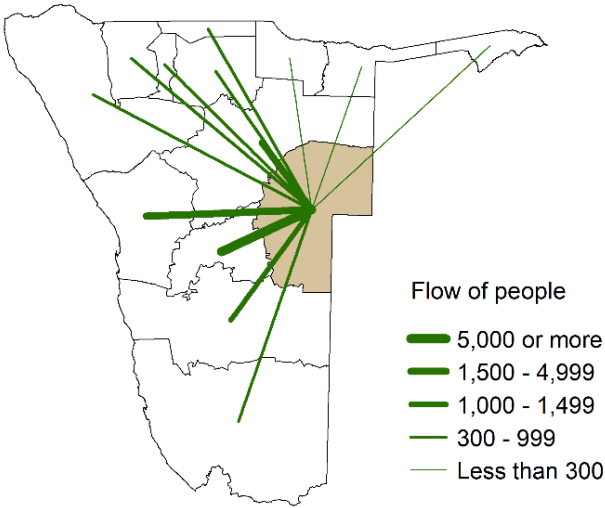
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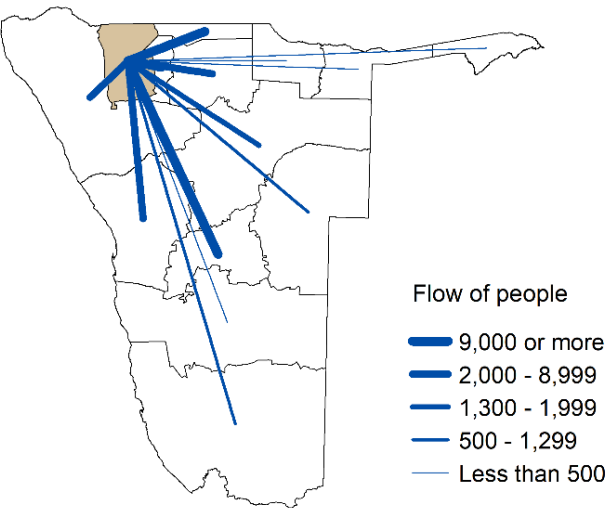
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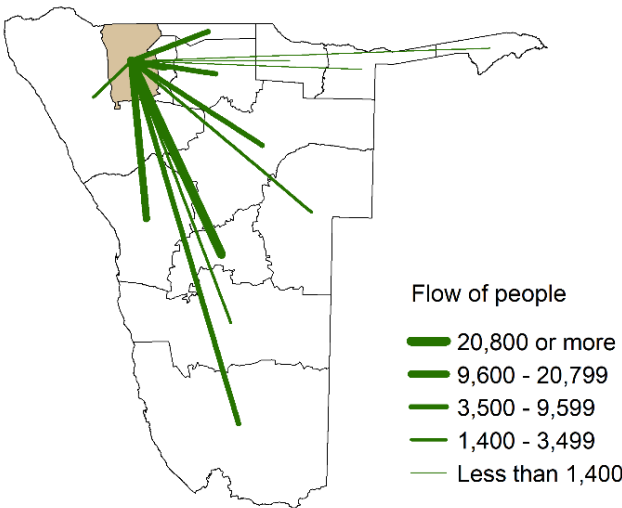
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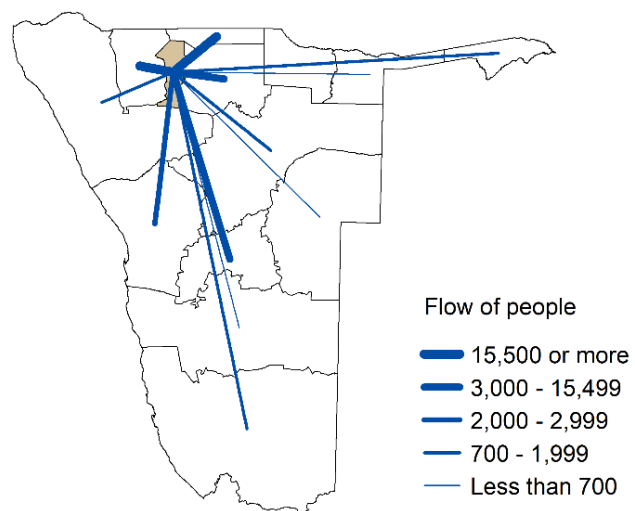
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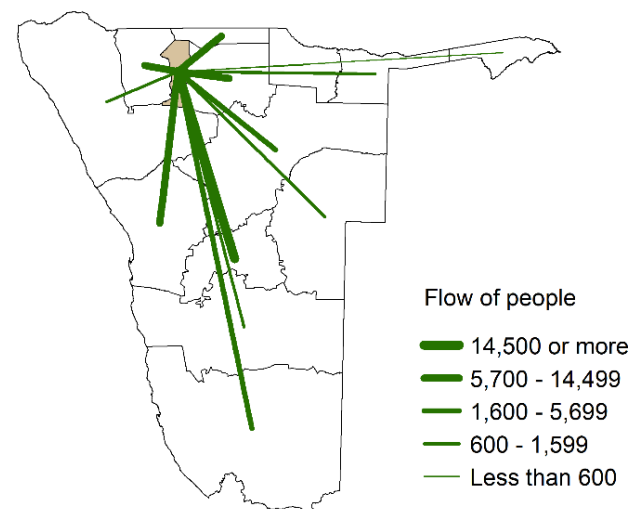
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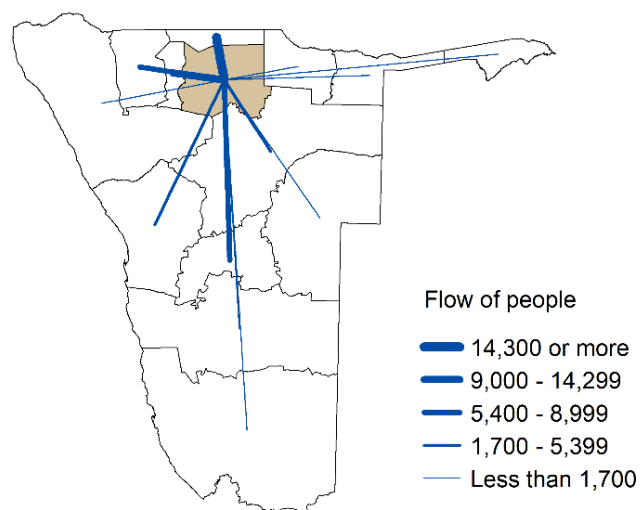
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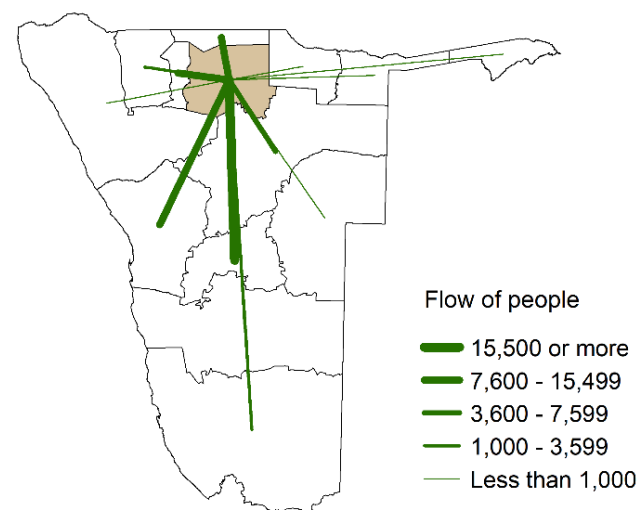
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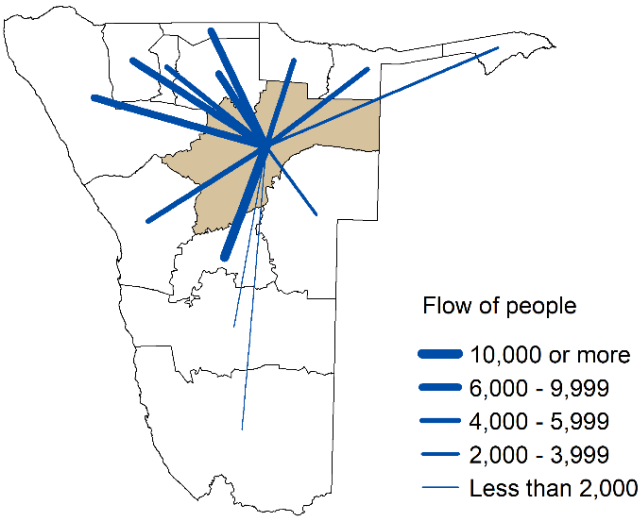
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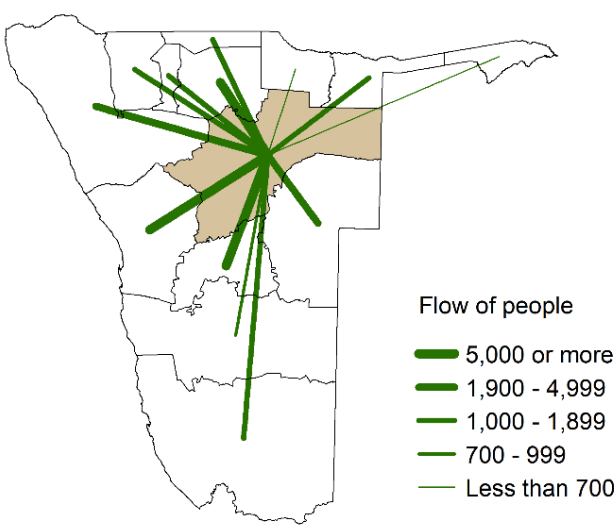
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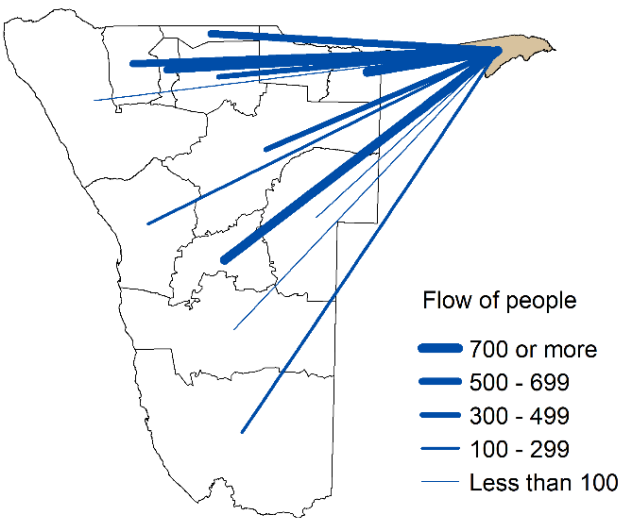
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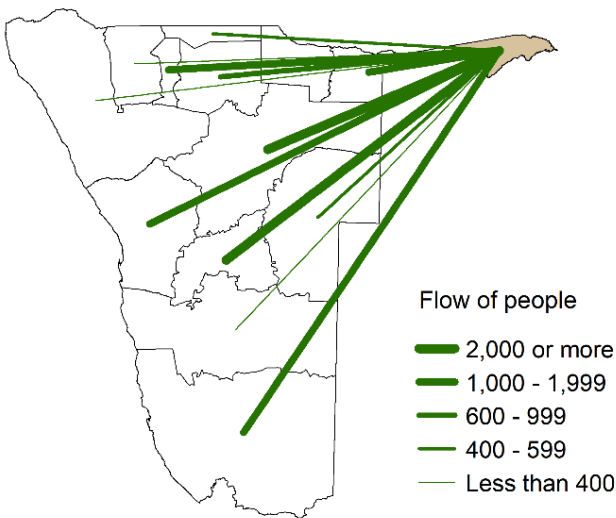
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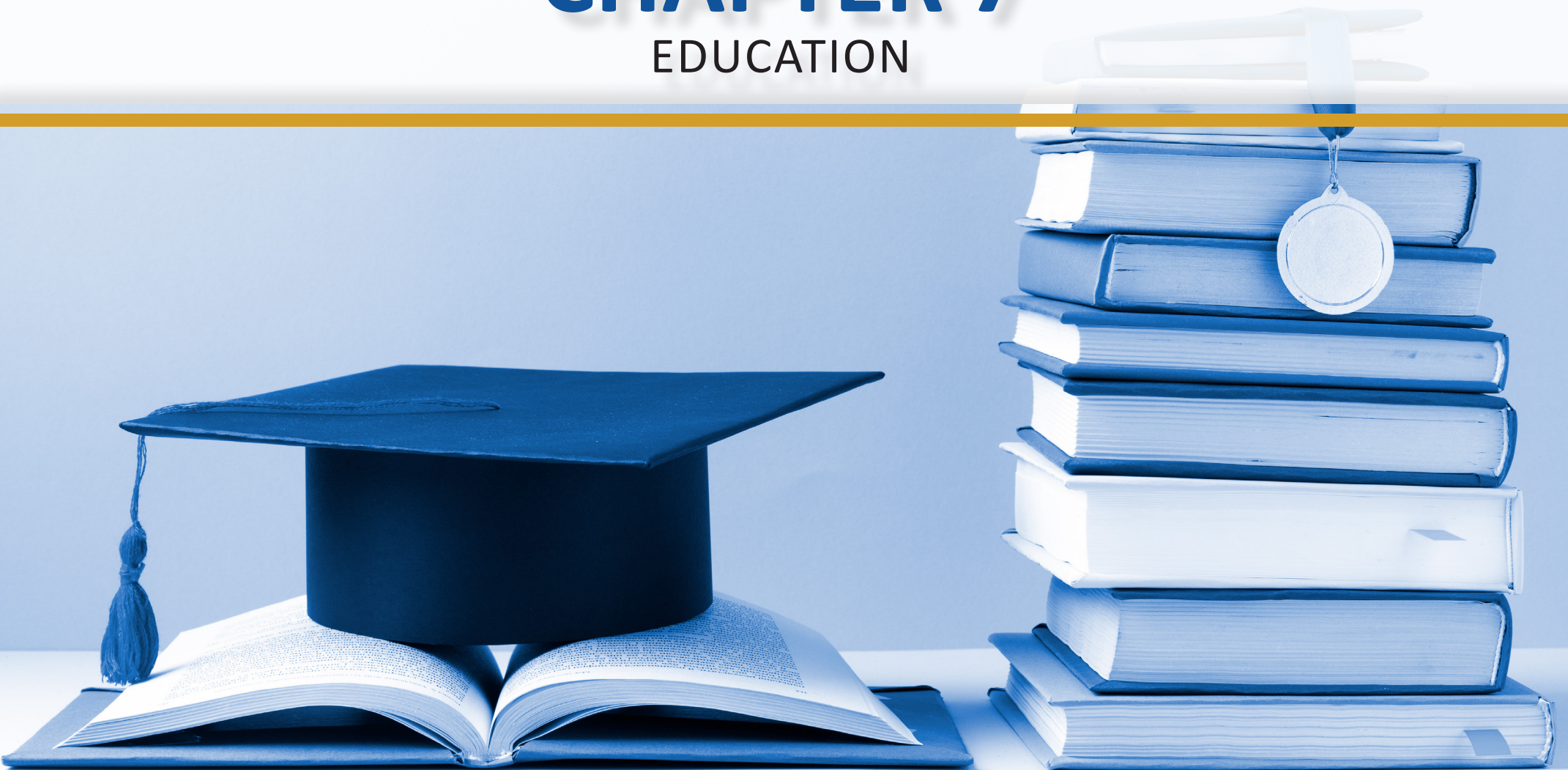
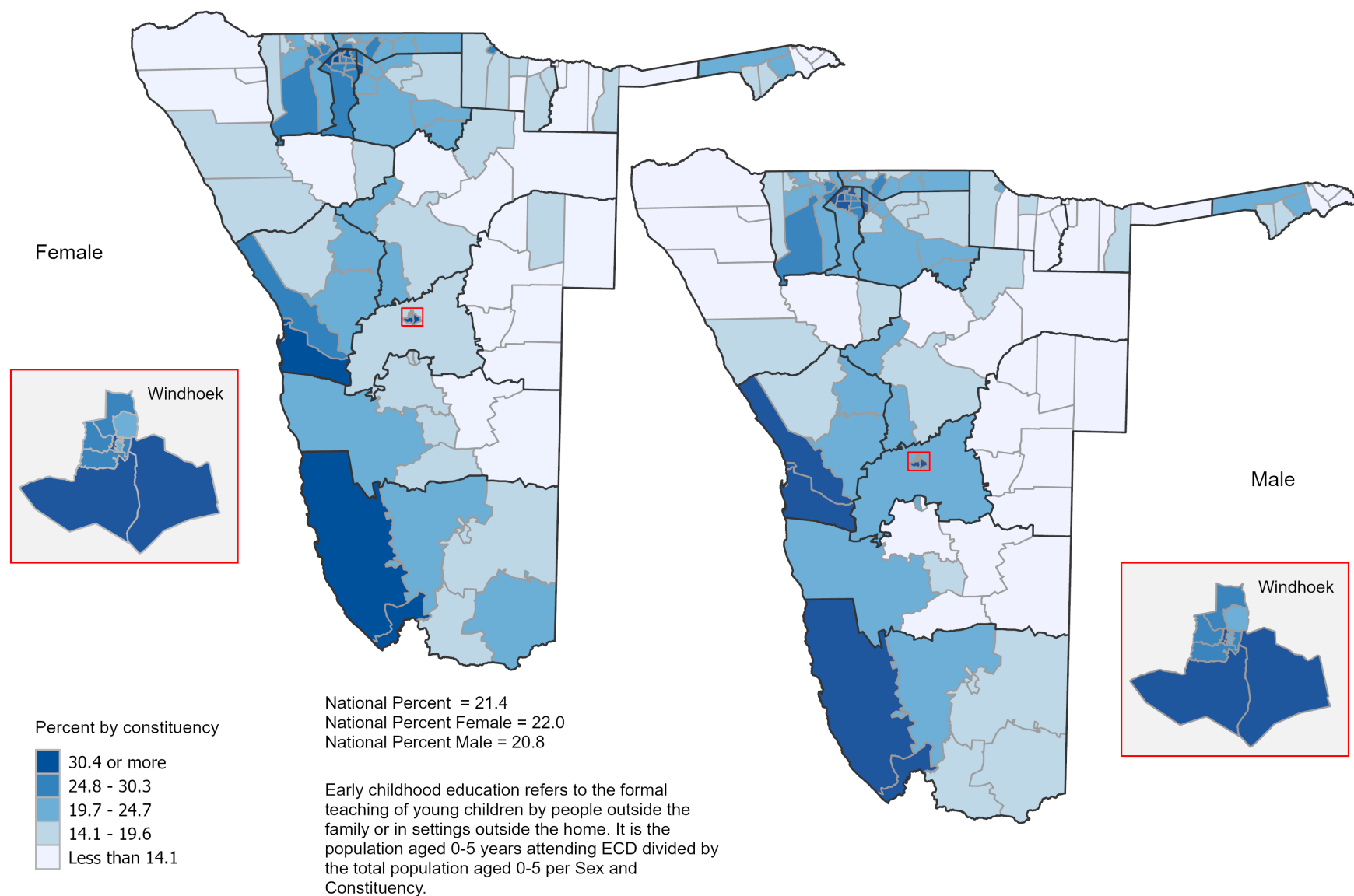
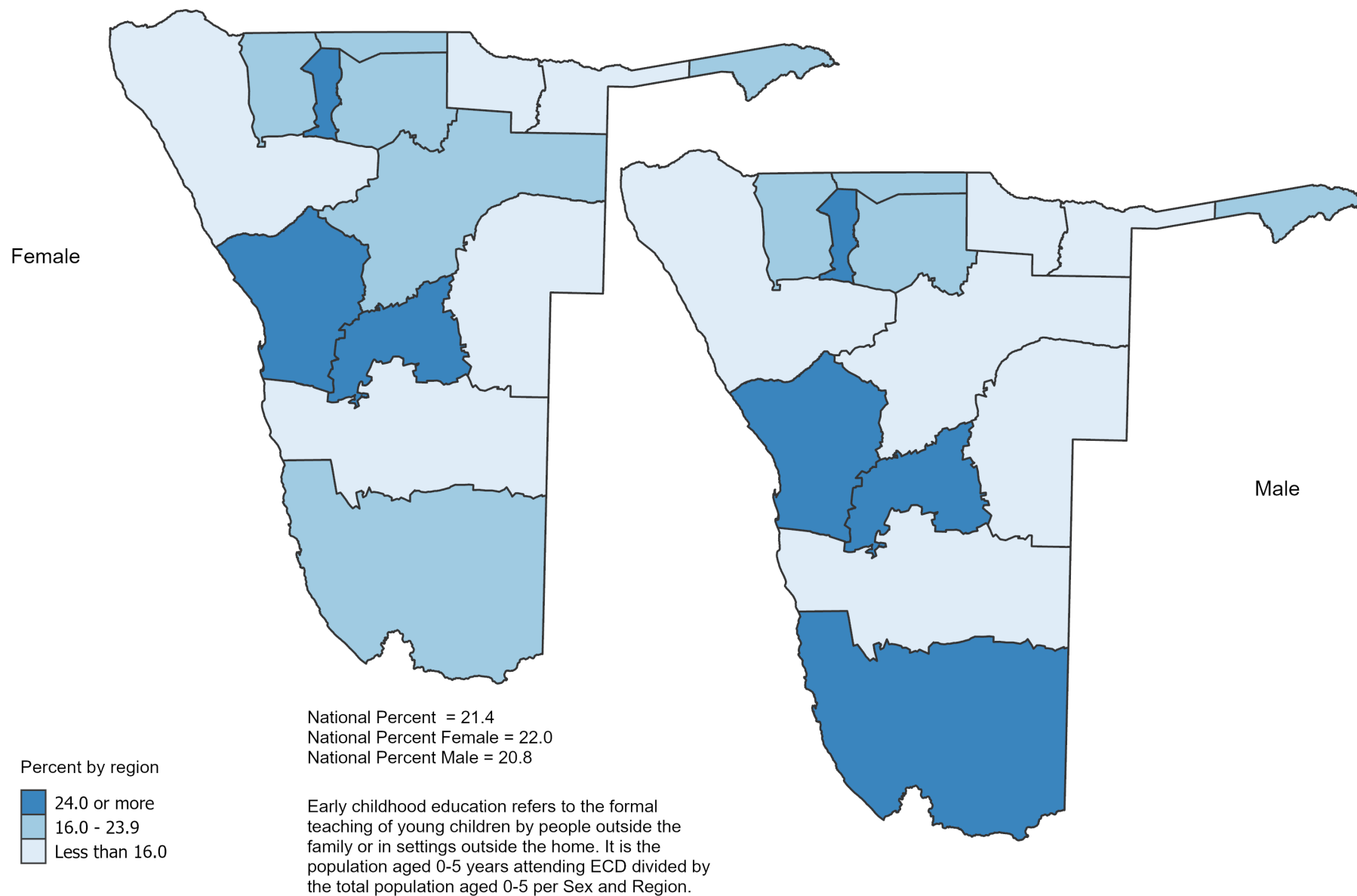


Figure 7.1 Early Childhood Education Aged 0 – 5 by Sex and Constituency: 2023



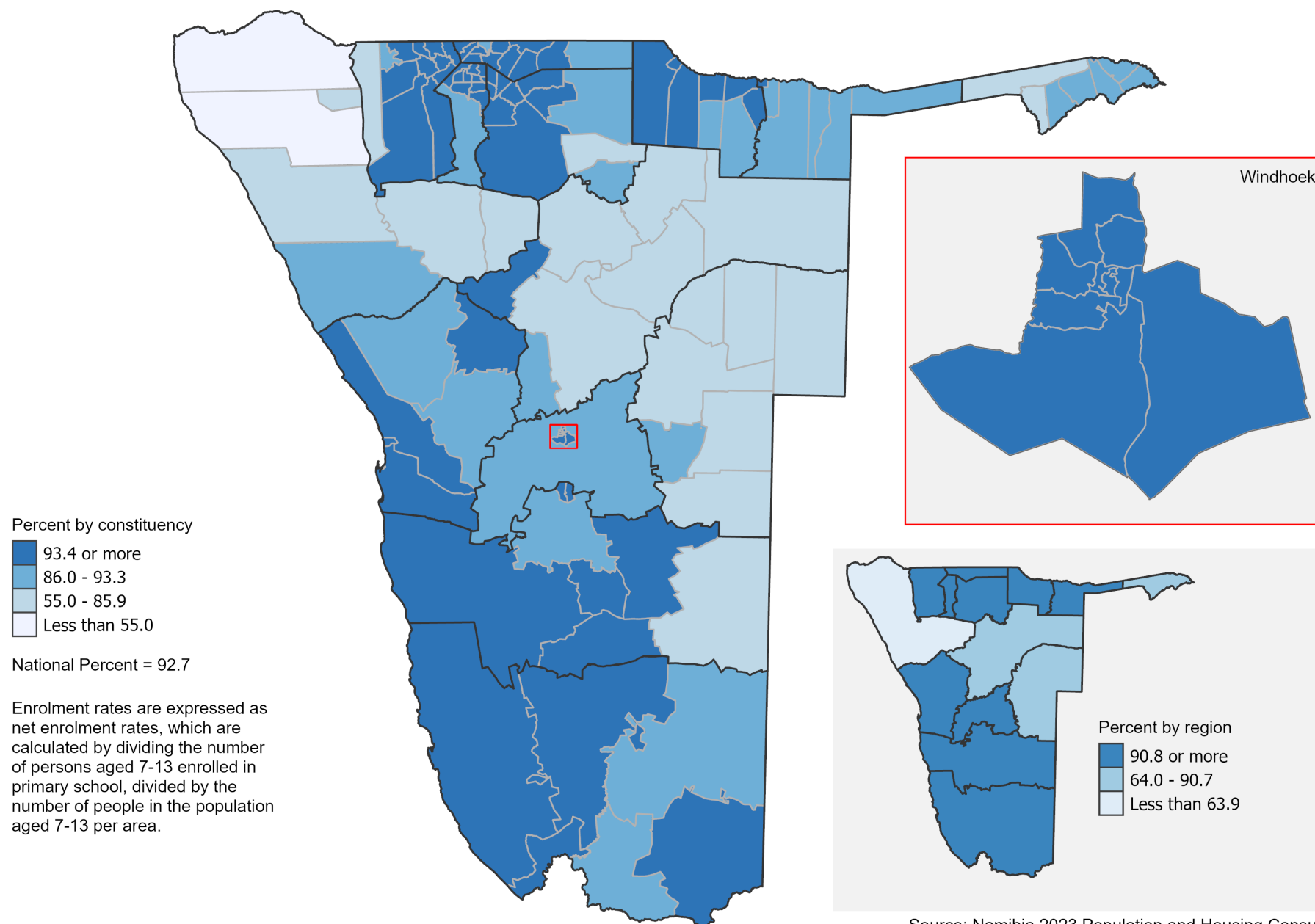
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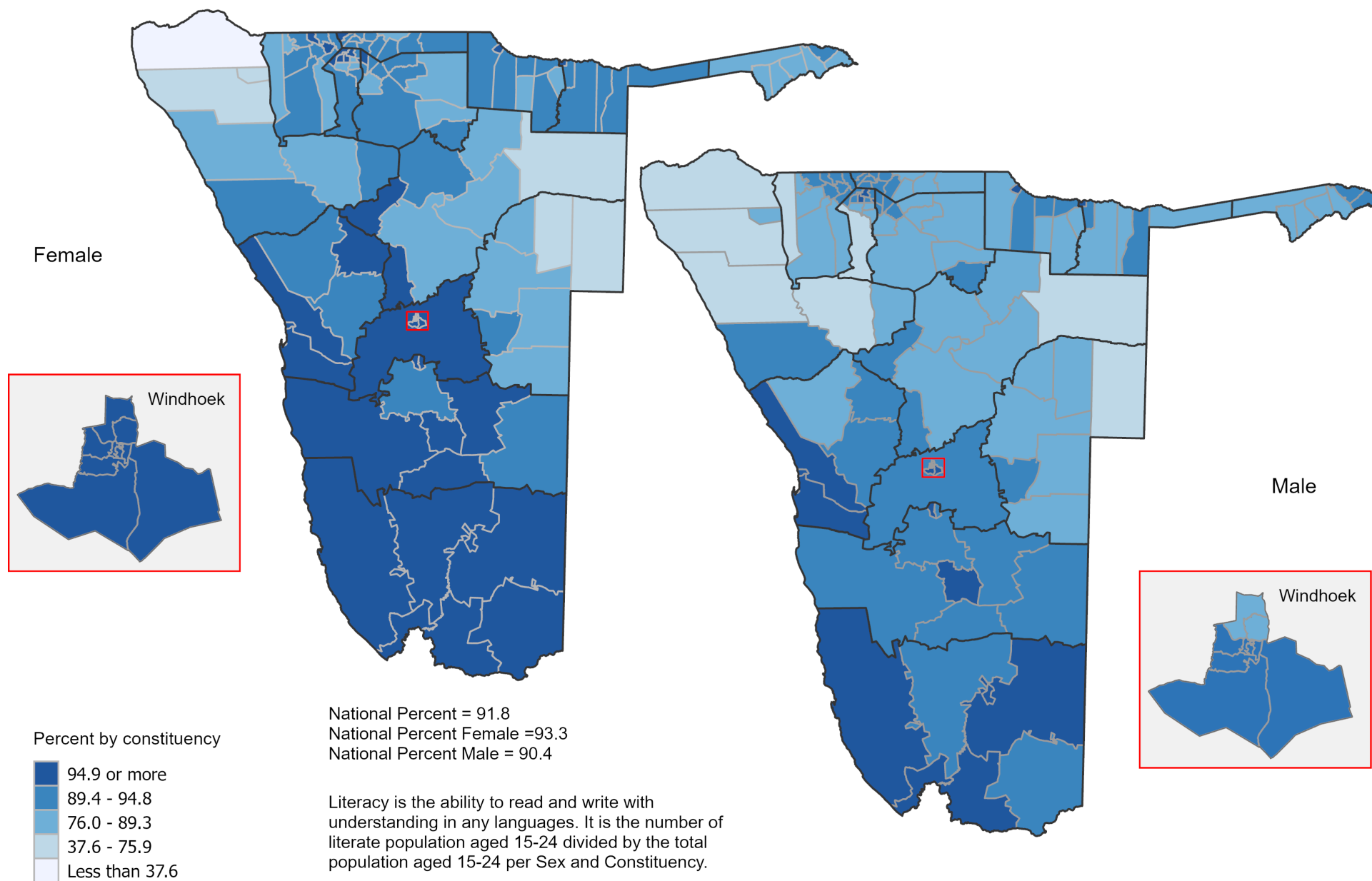
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Figure 7.3 Percent of Enrolment at Primary School Level Aged 7 - 13 by Constituency and Region: 2023



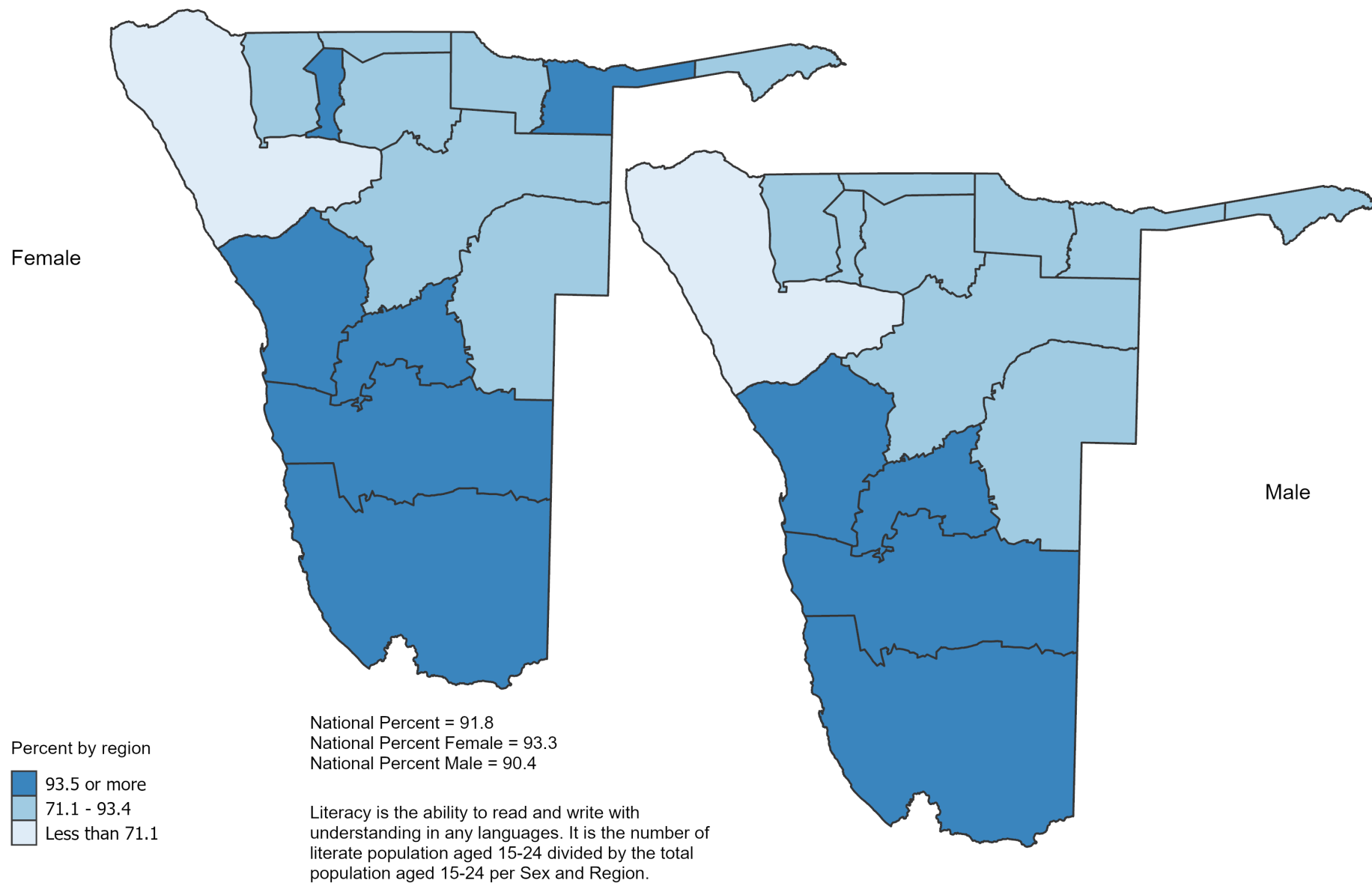
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Figure 7.4 Percent of Literate Population Aged 15 - 24 by Sex and Constituency: 2023



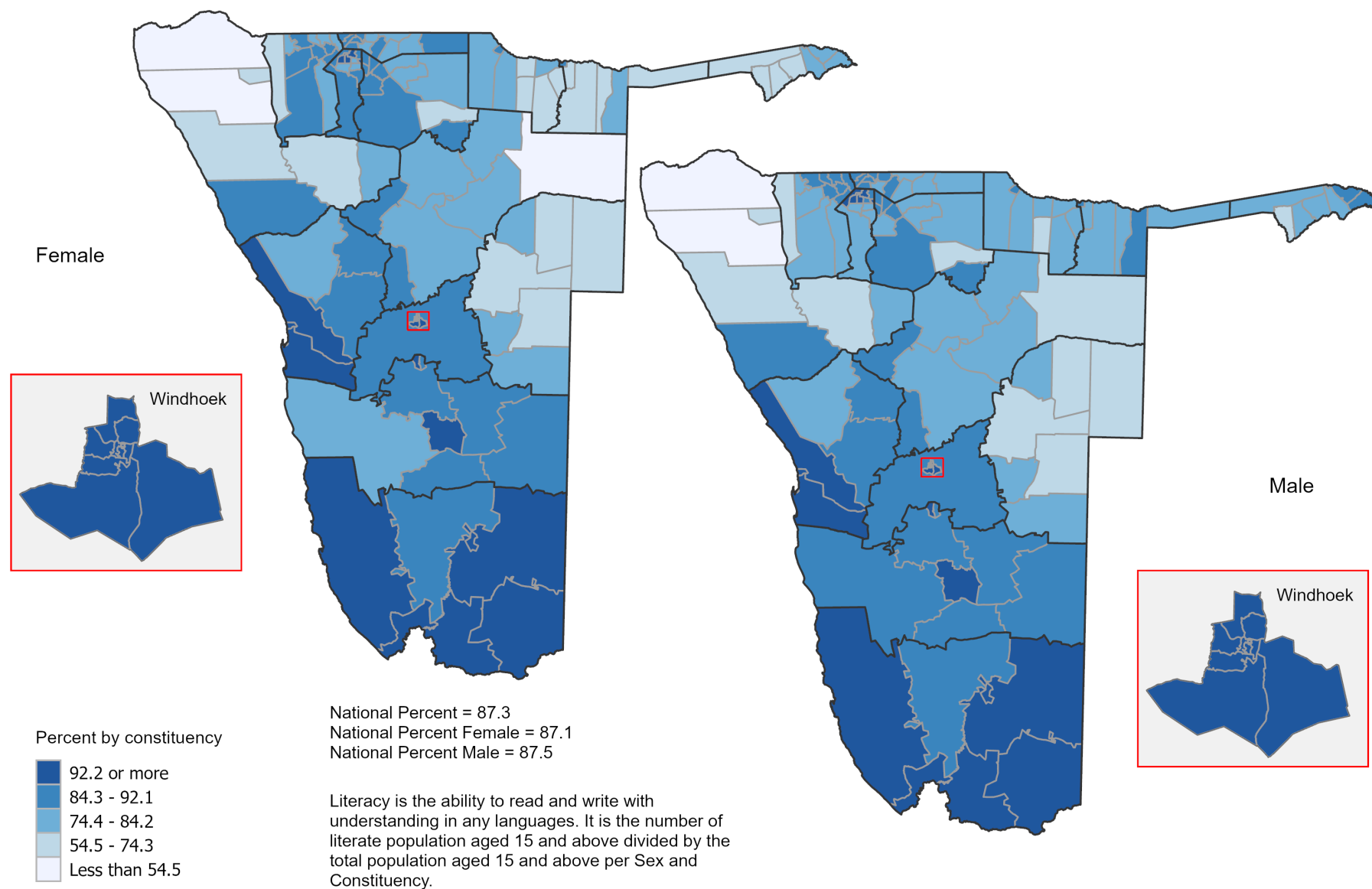
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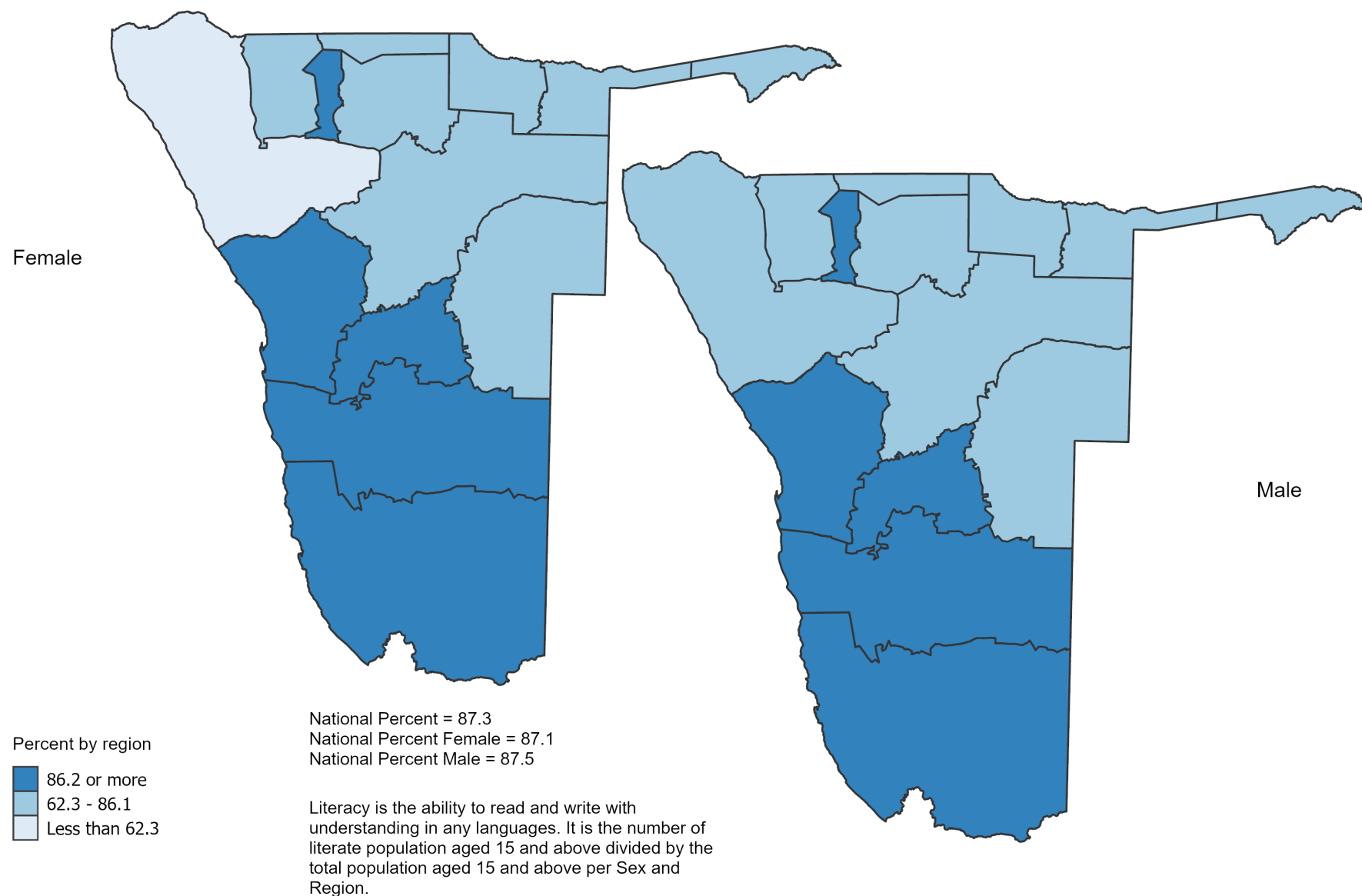
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Figure 7.6 Percent of Literate Population Aged 15 and Above by Sex and Constituency: 2023



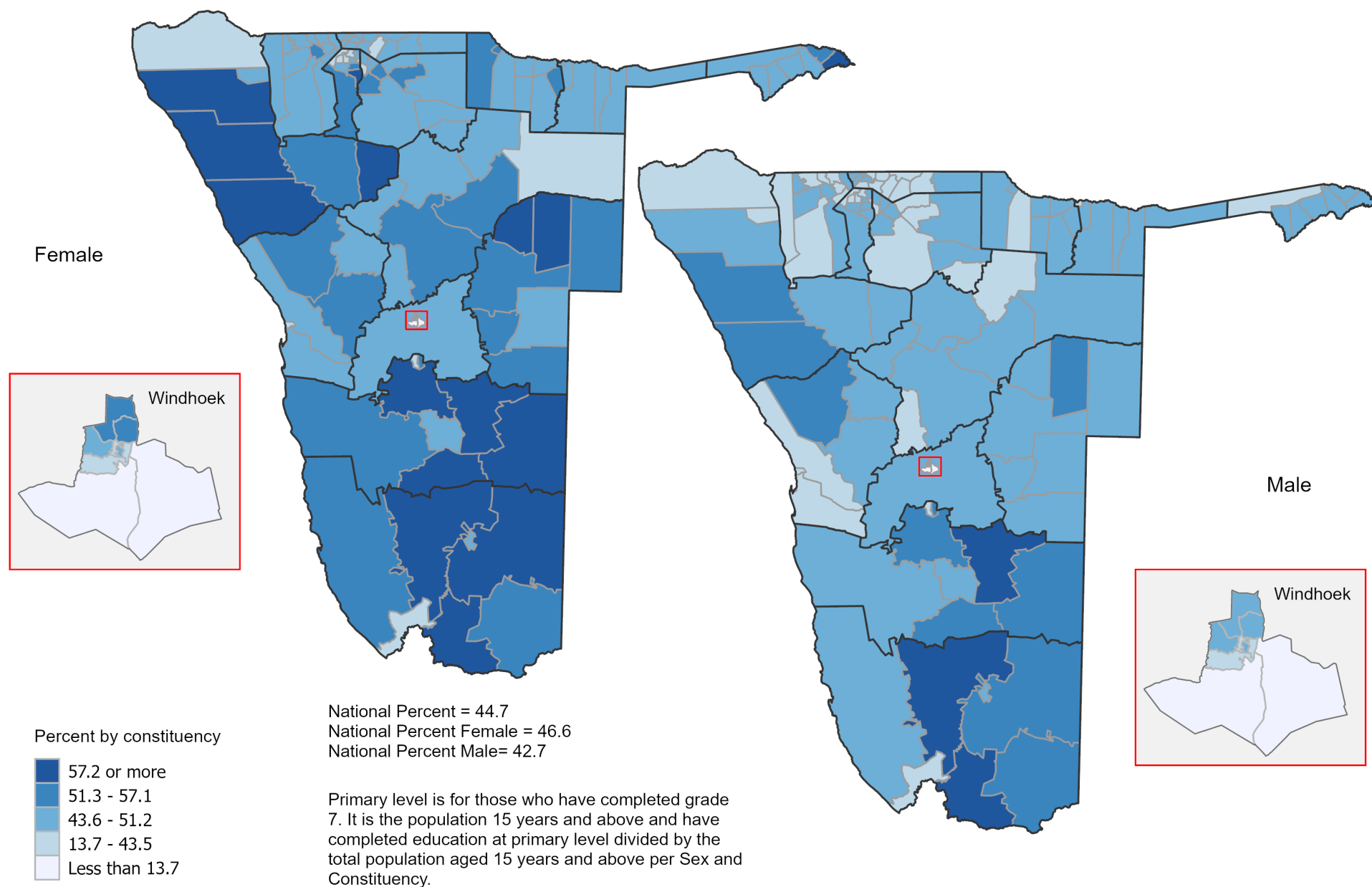
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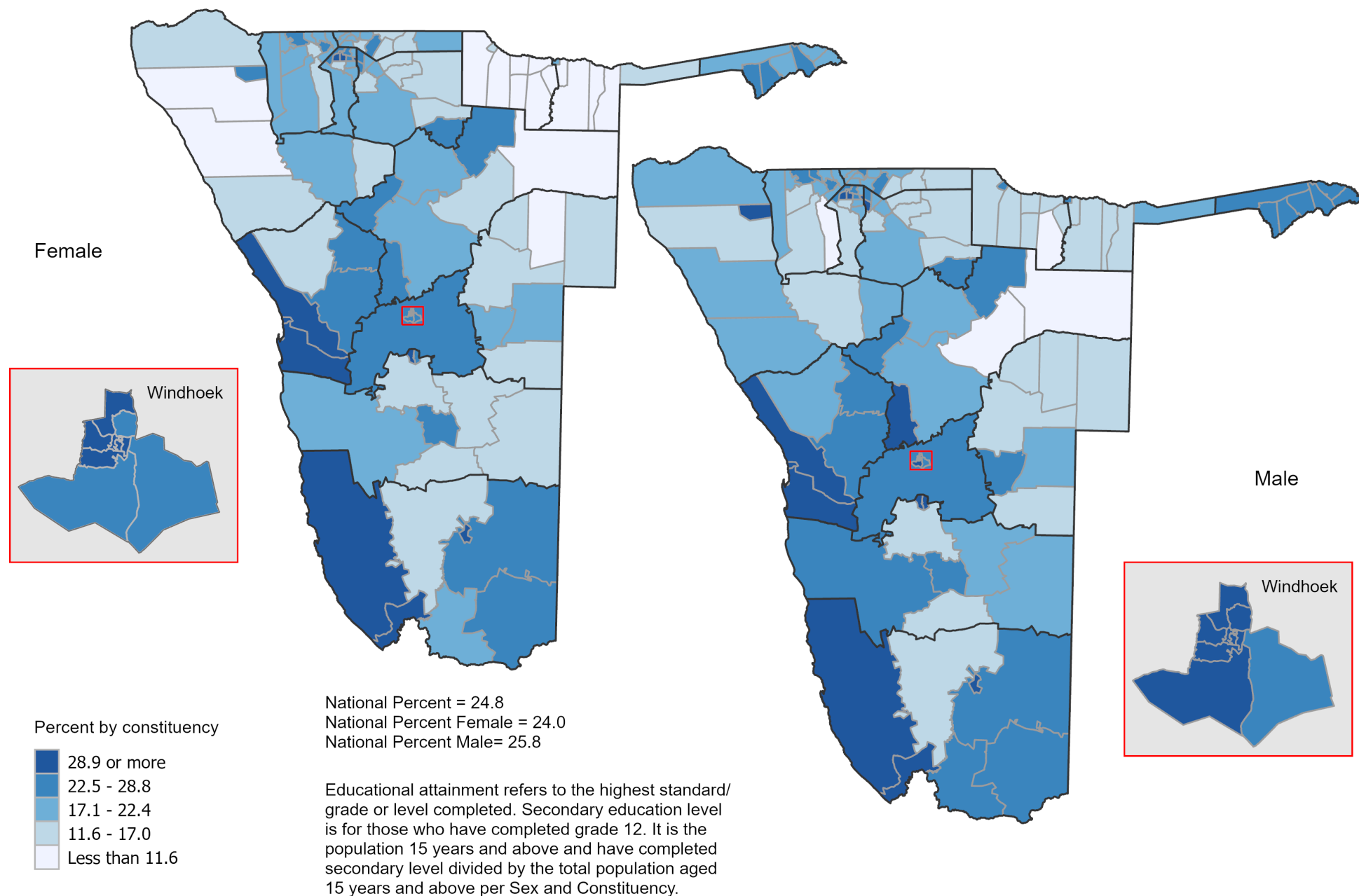
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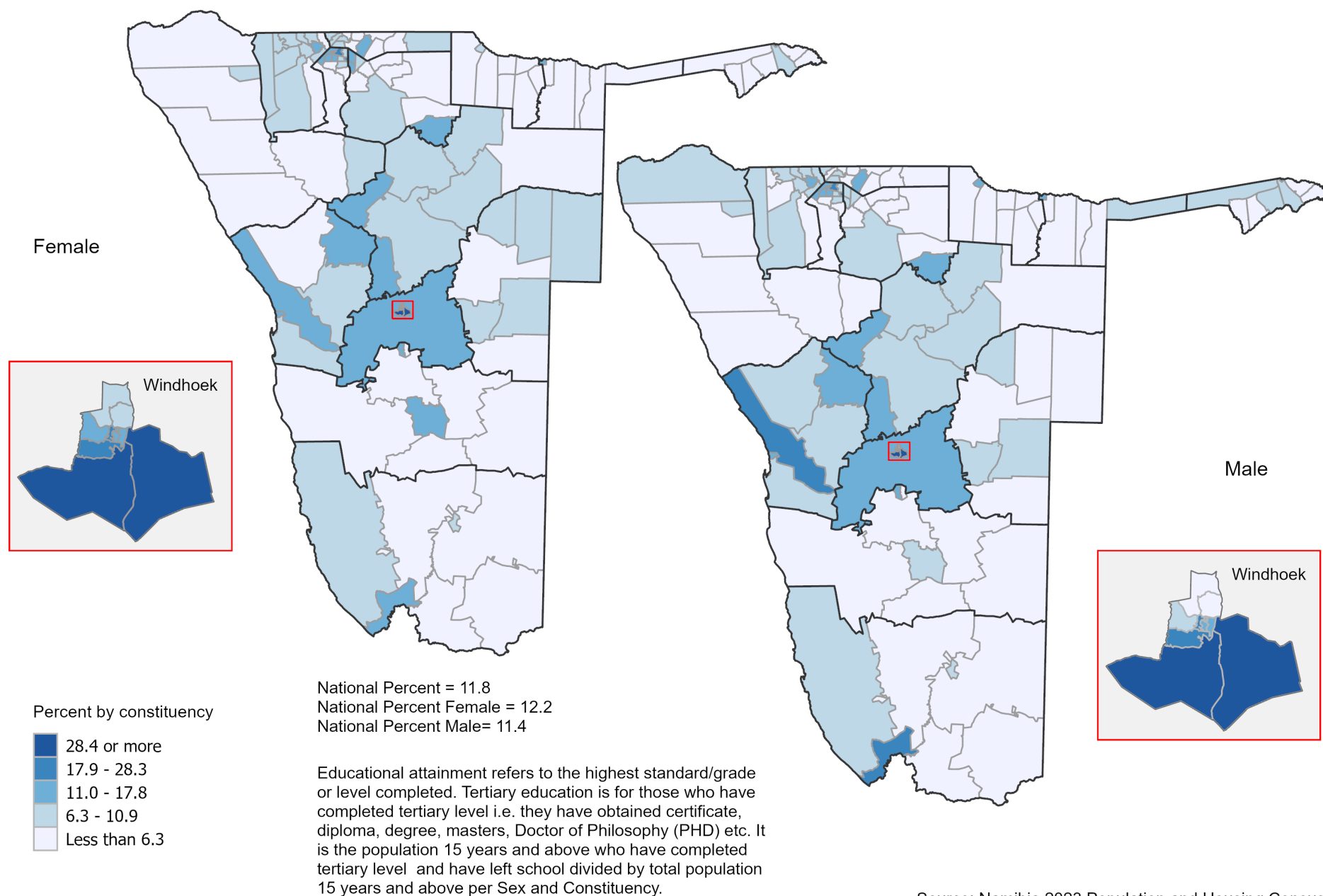
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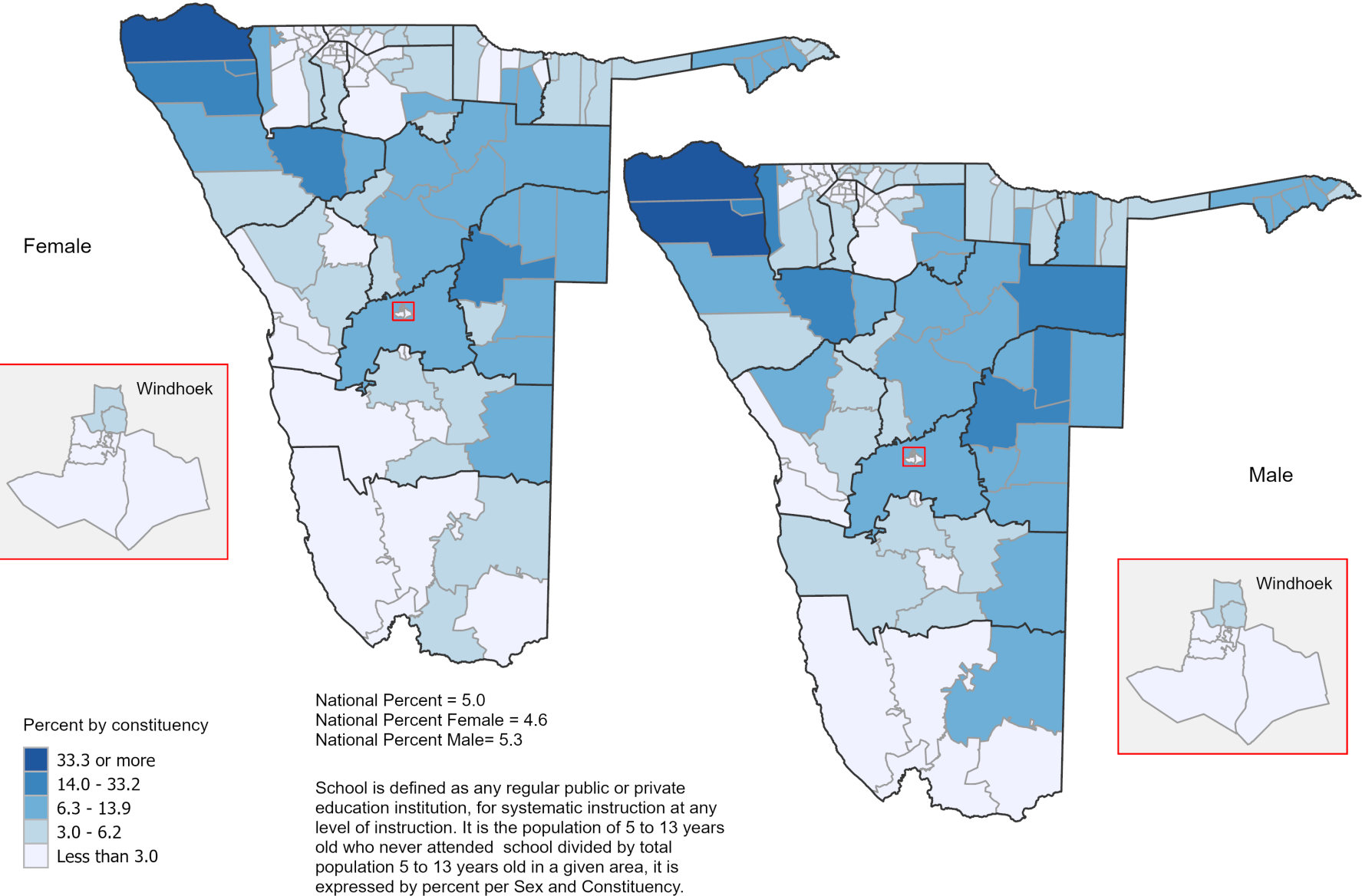
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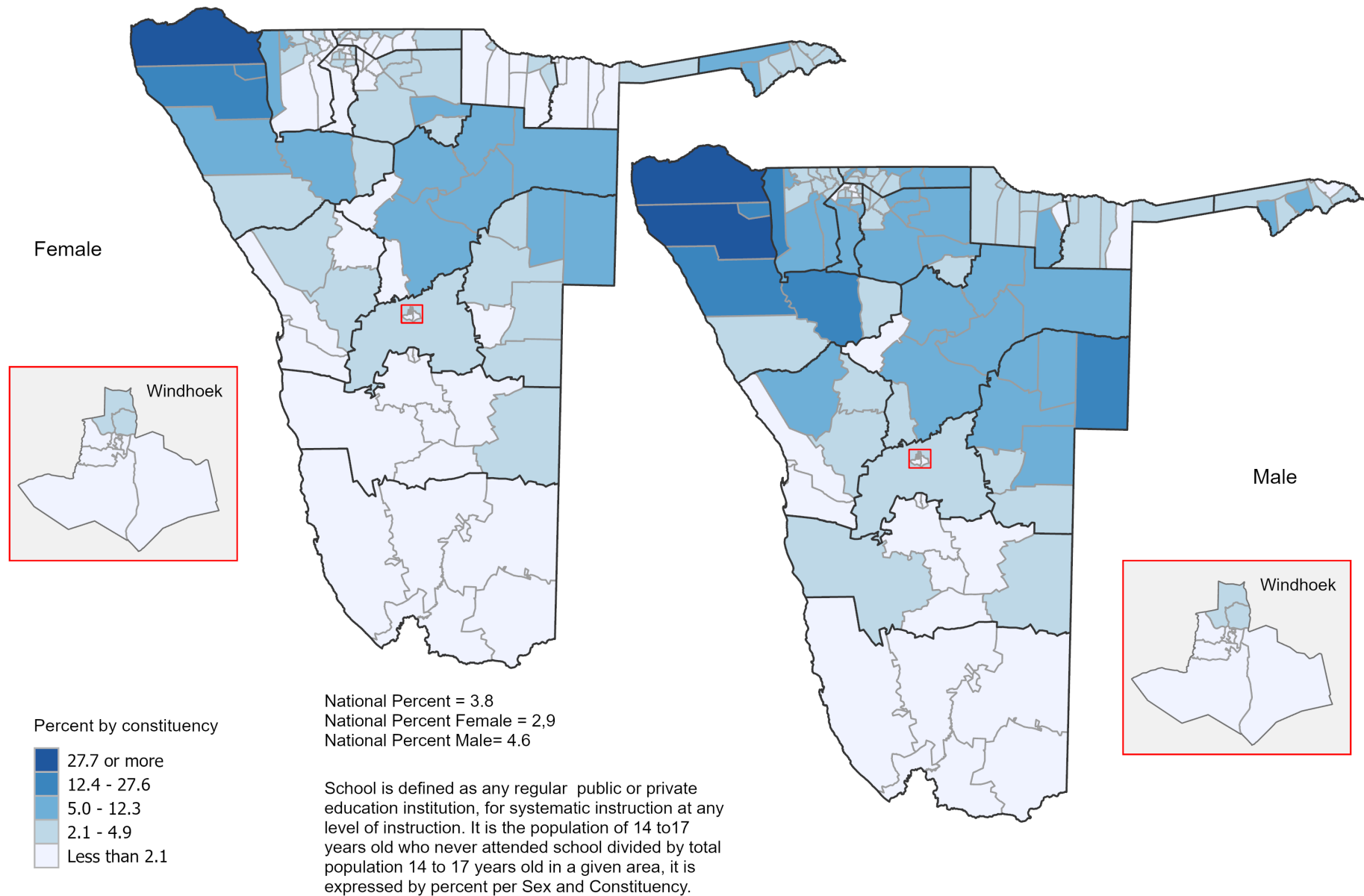
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Figure 7.11 Percent of Population who Never Attended School Aged 5 -13 by Sex and Constituency: 2023



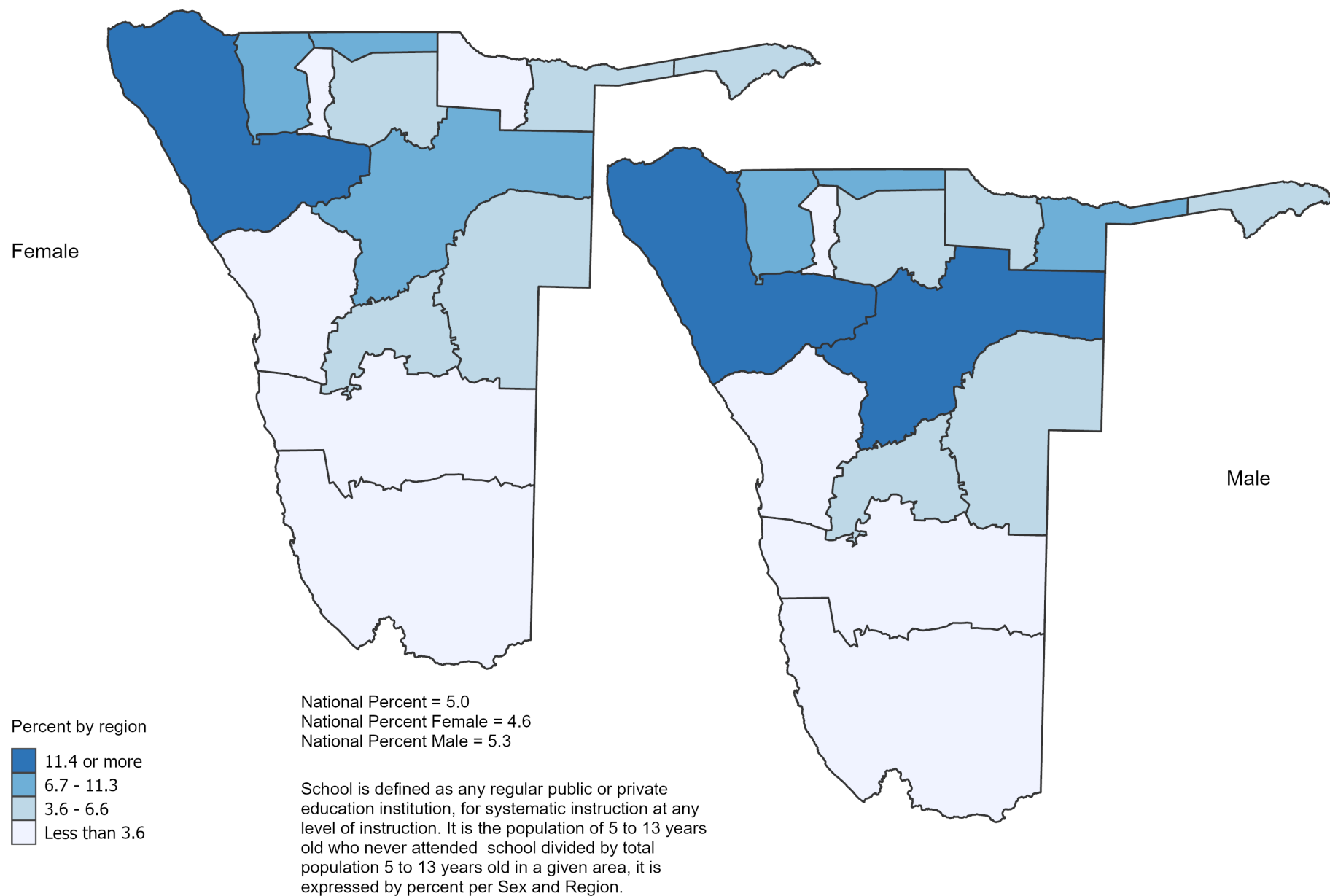
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Figure 7.12 Percent of Population who Never Attended School Aged 14 -17 by Sex and Constituency: 2023



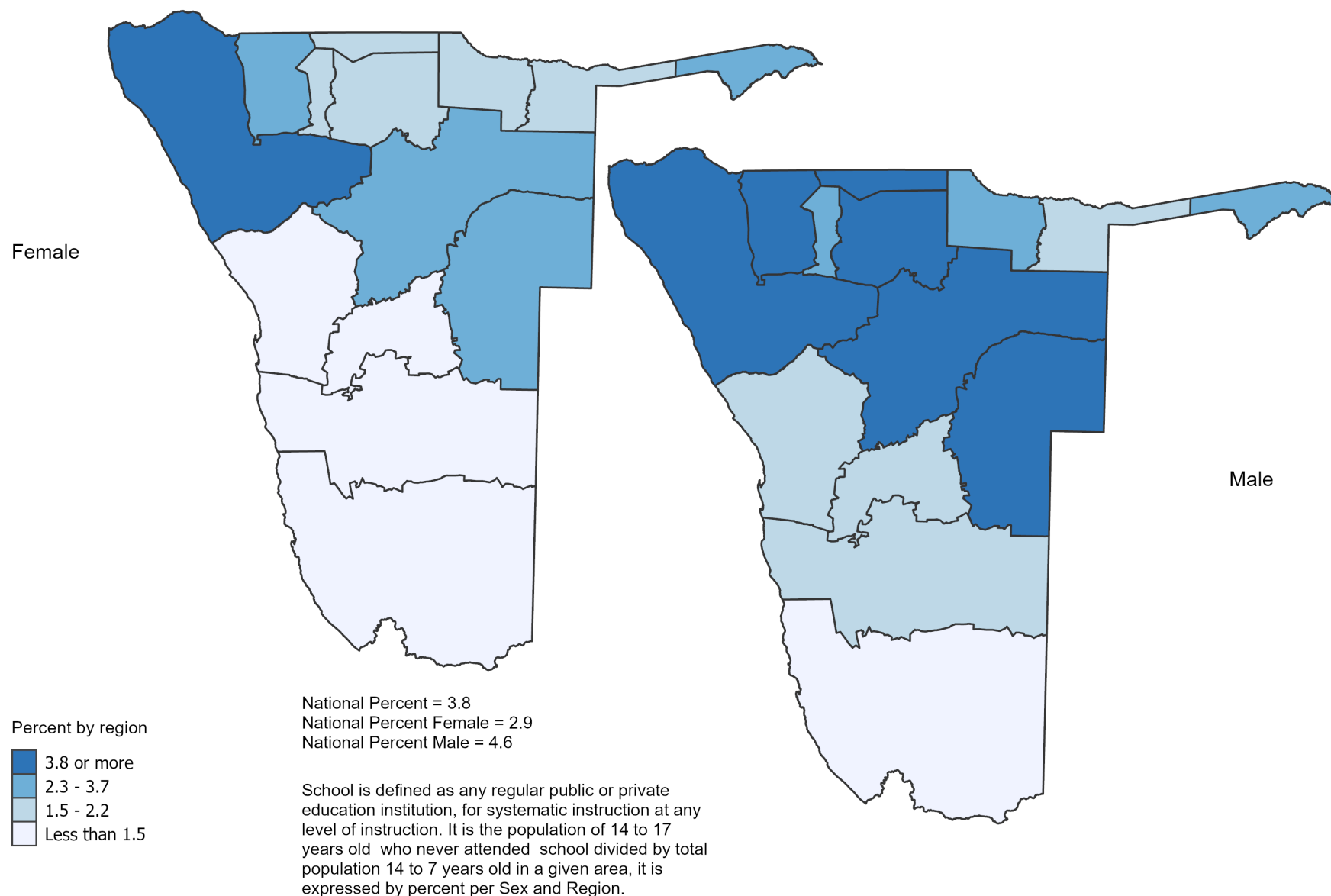
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Figure 7.13 Percent of Population who Never Attended School Aged 5 -13 by Sex and Region: 2023



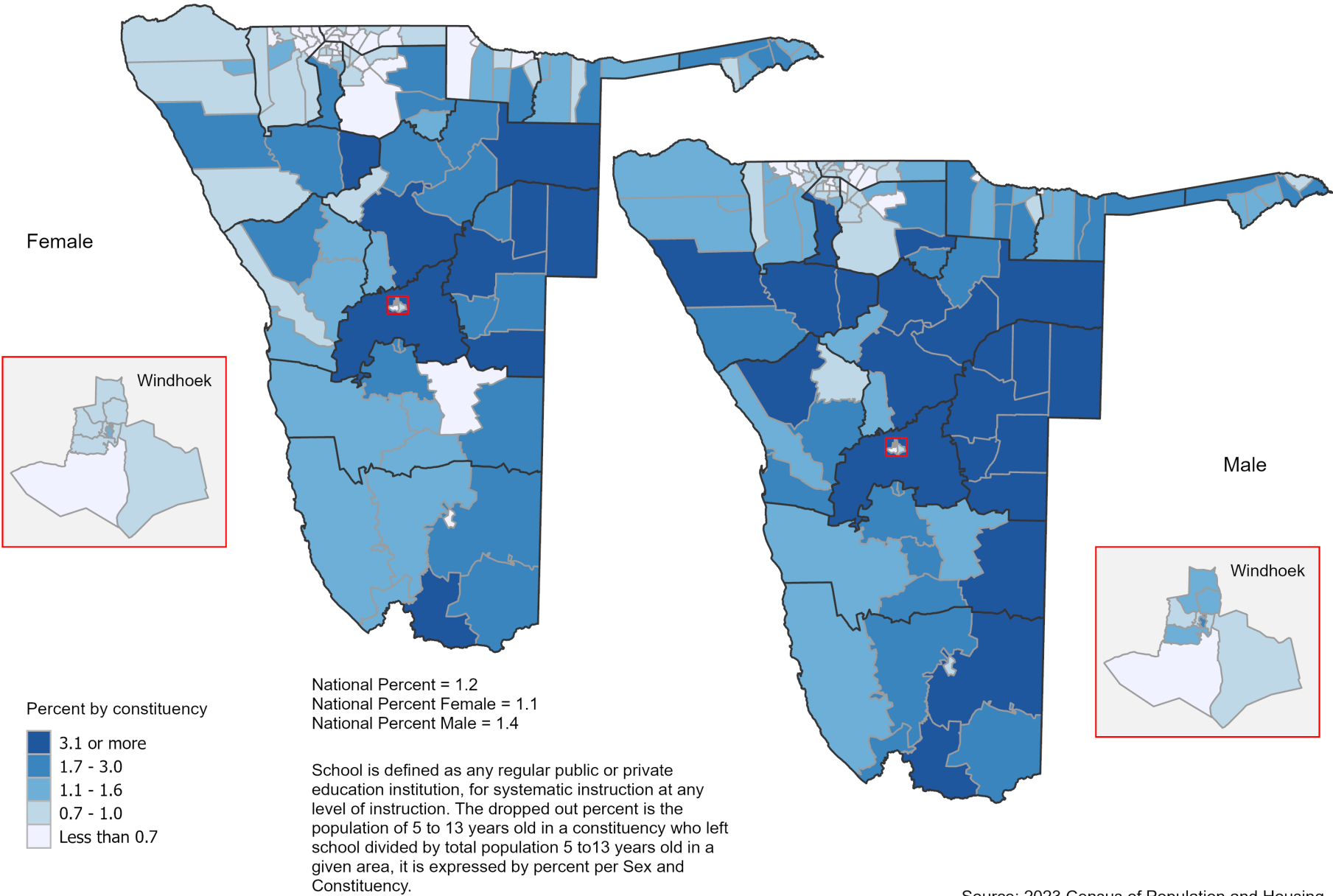
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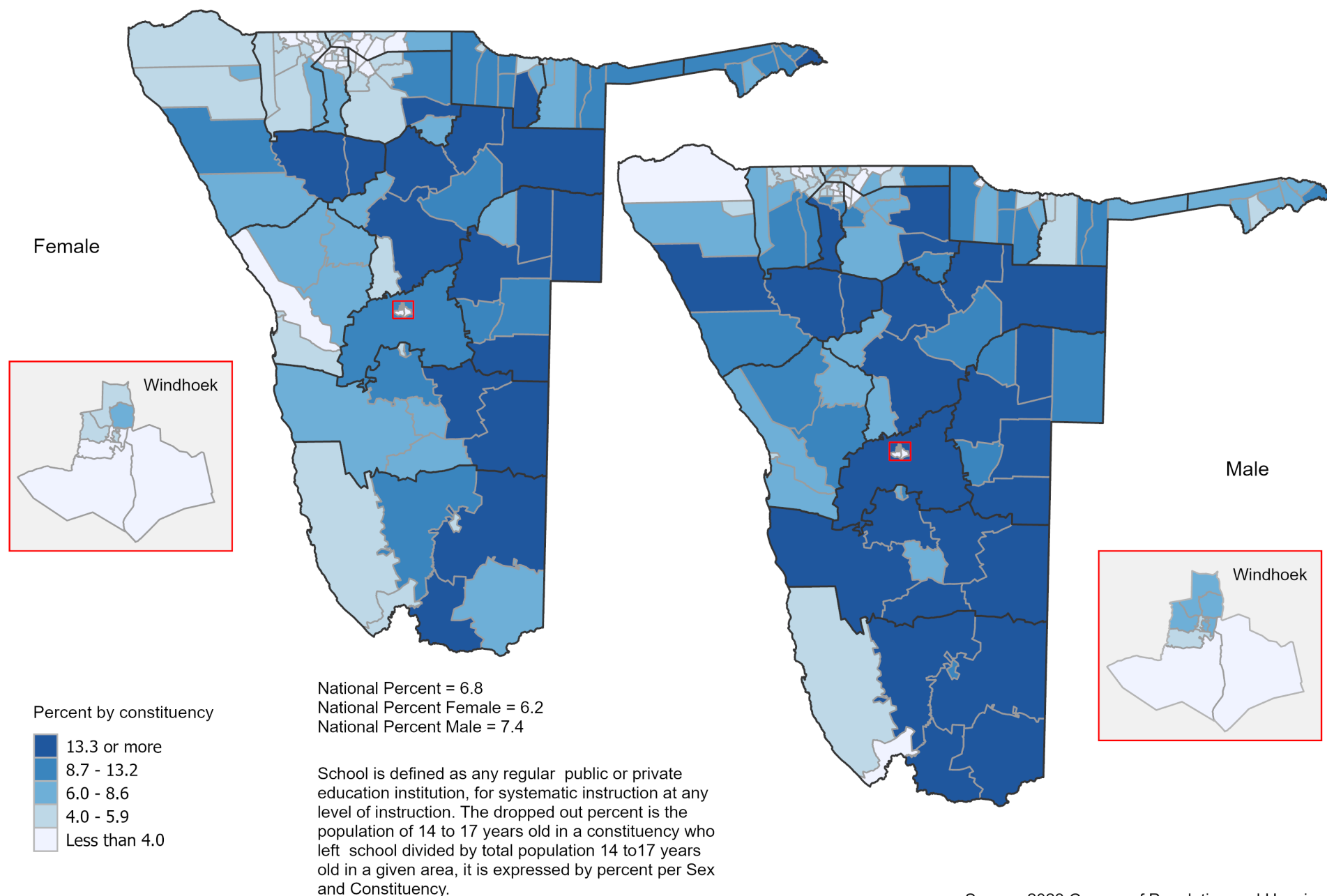
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Figure 7.15 Percent of Population who Left School Aged 5 -13 by Sex and Constituency: 2023



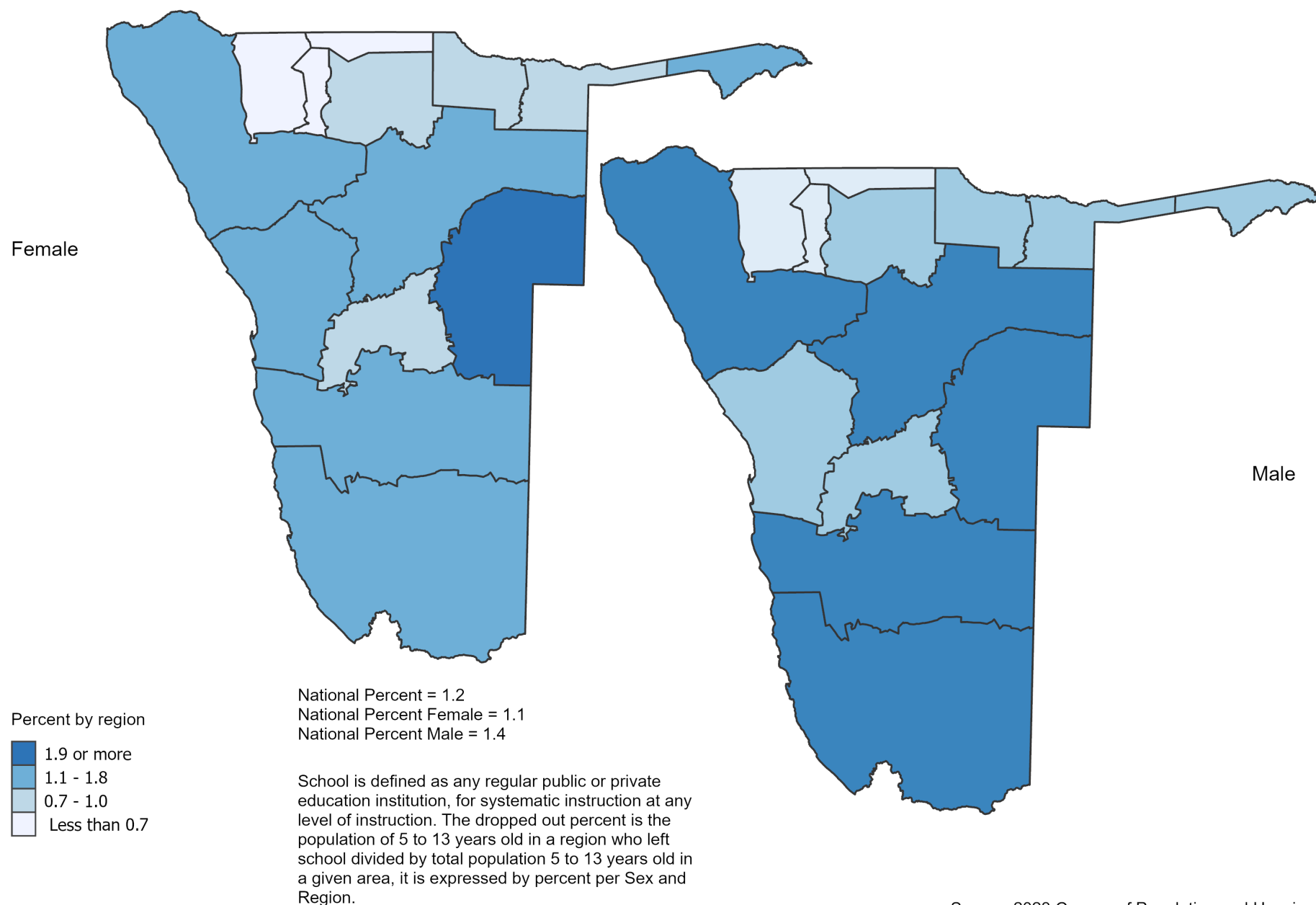
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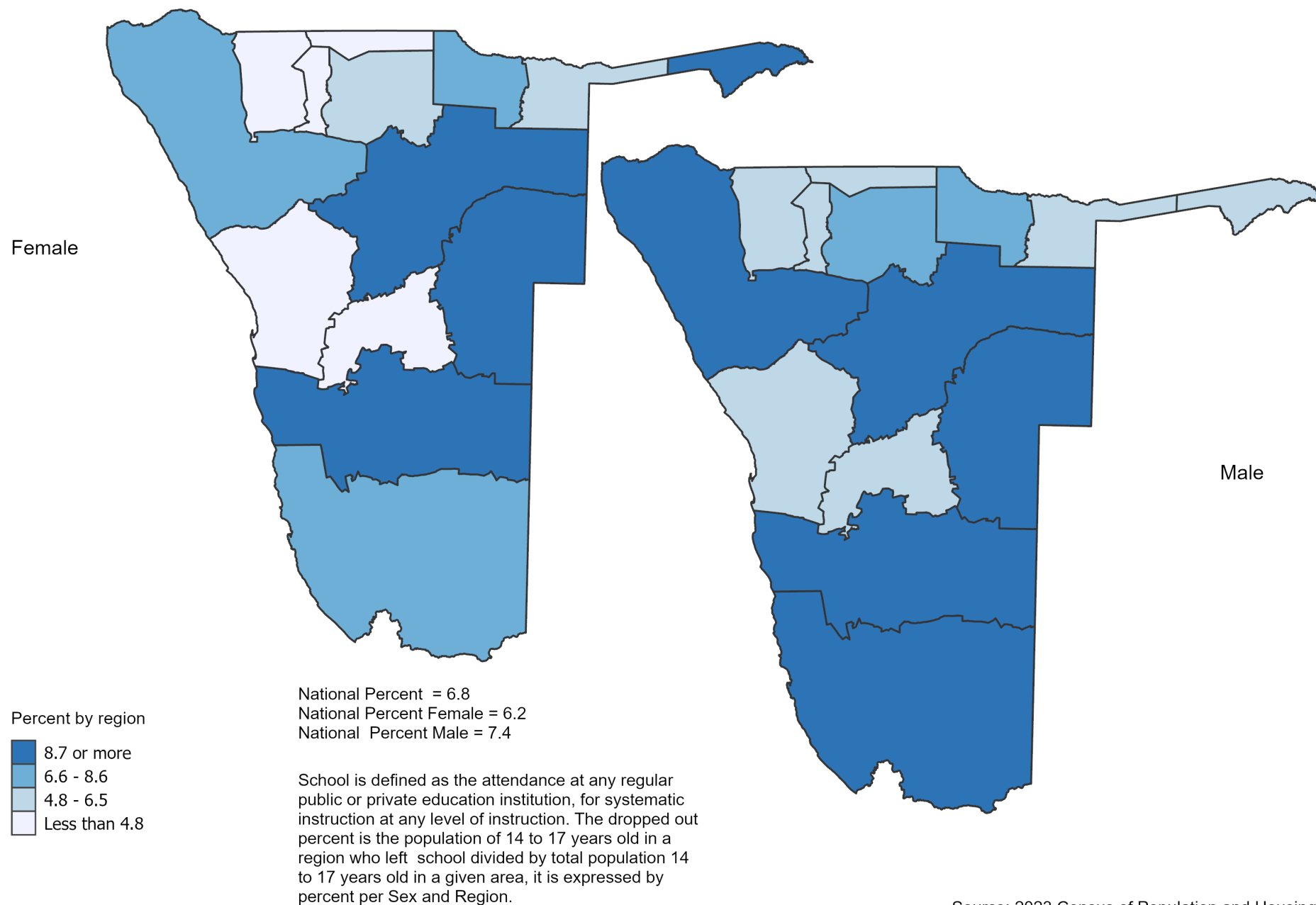
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Figure 7.17 Percent of Population who Left School Aged 5 -13 by Sex and Region: 2023



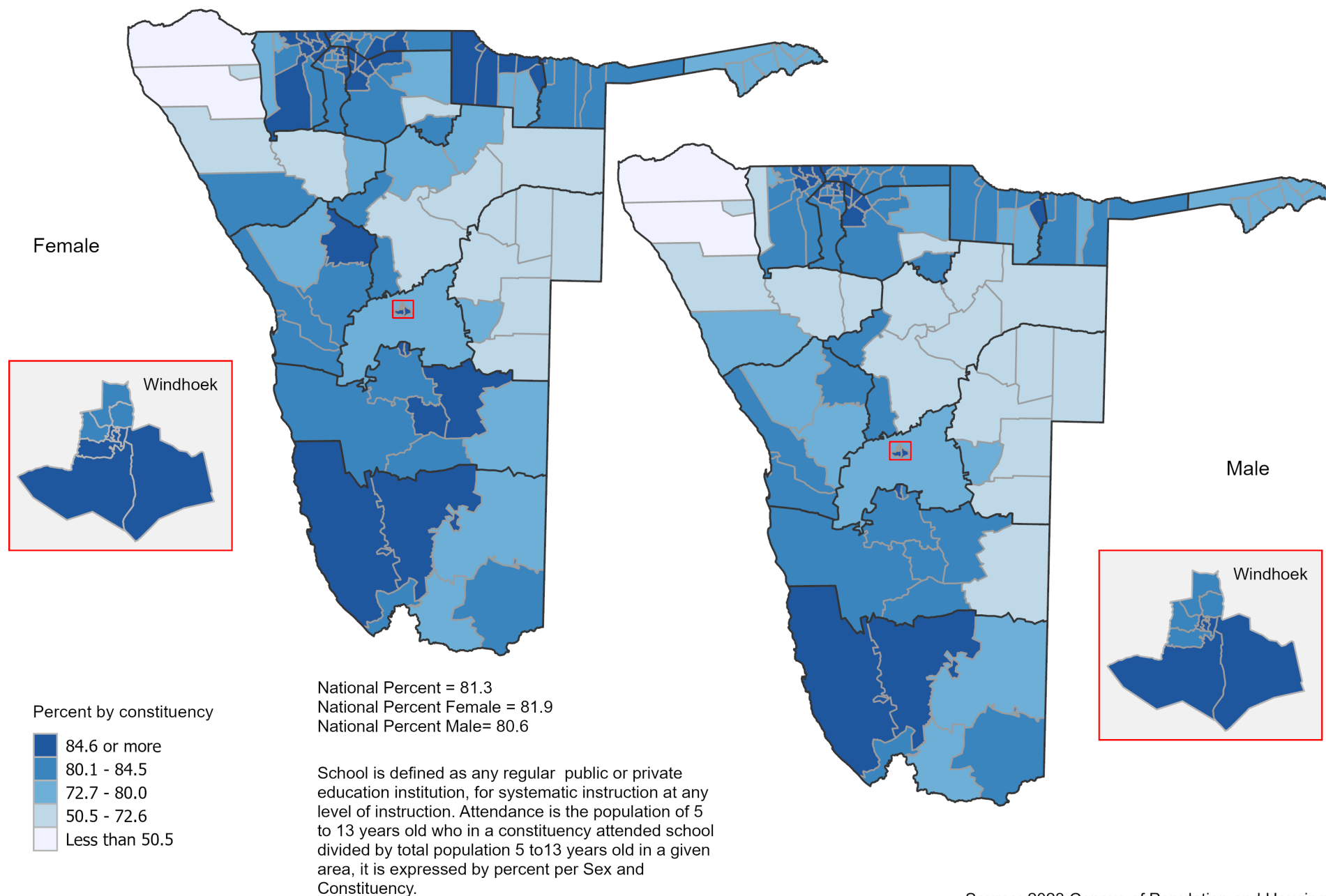
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Figure 7.18 Percent of Population who Left School Aged 14 -17 by Sex and Region: 2023



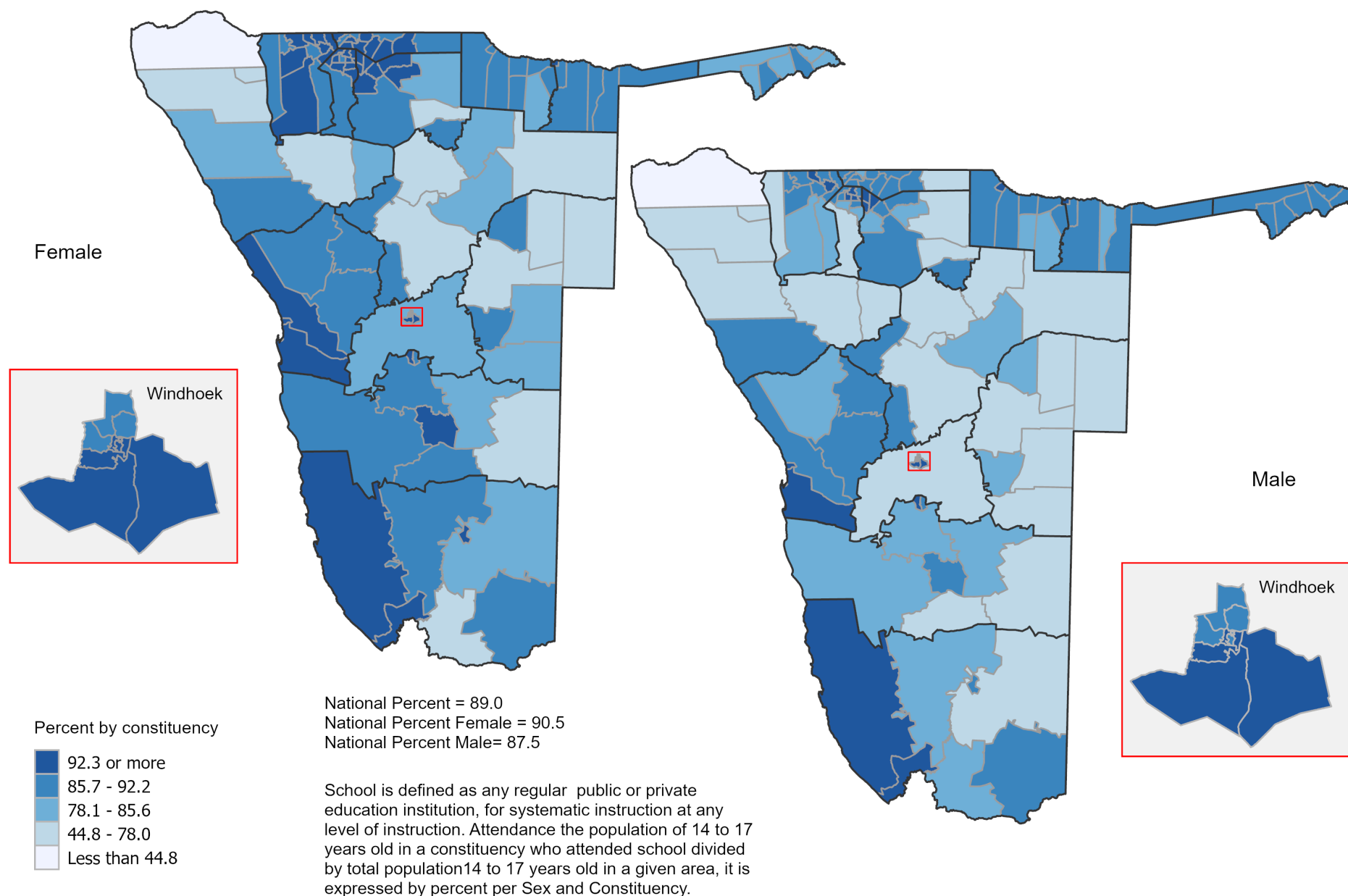
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Figure 7.19 Percent of Population Attending School Aged 5 -13 by Sex and Constituency: 2023



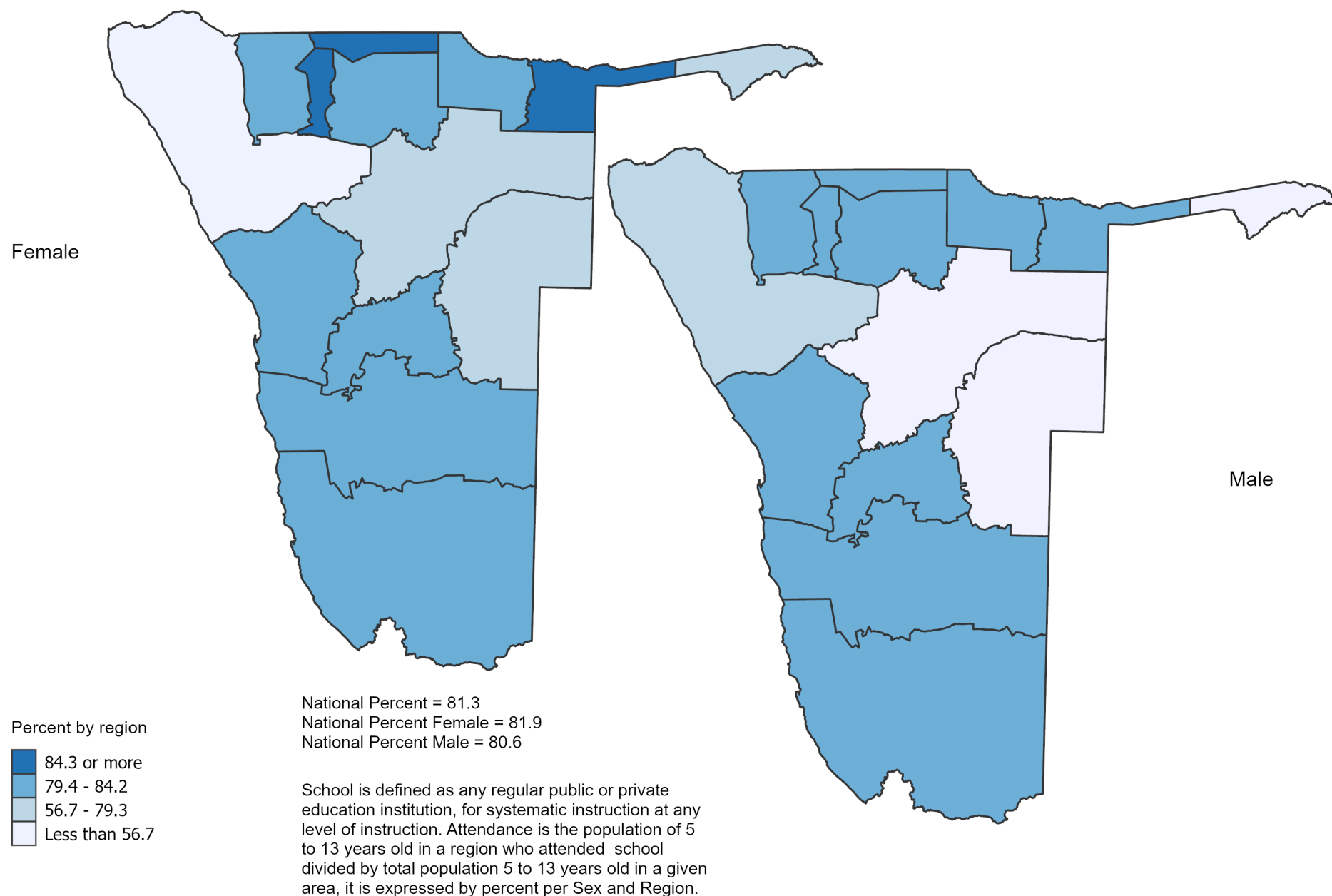
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Figure 7.20 Percent of Population Attending School Aged 14 -17 by Sex and Constituency: 2023



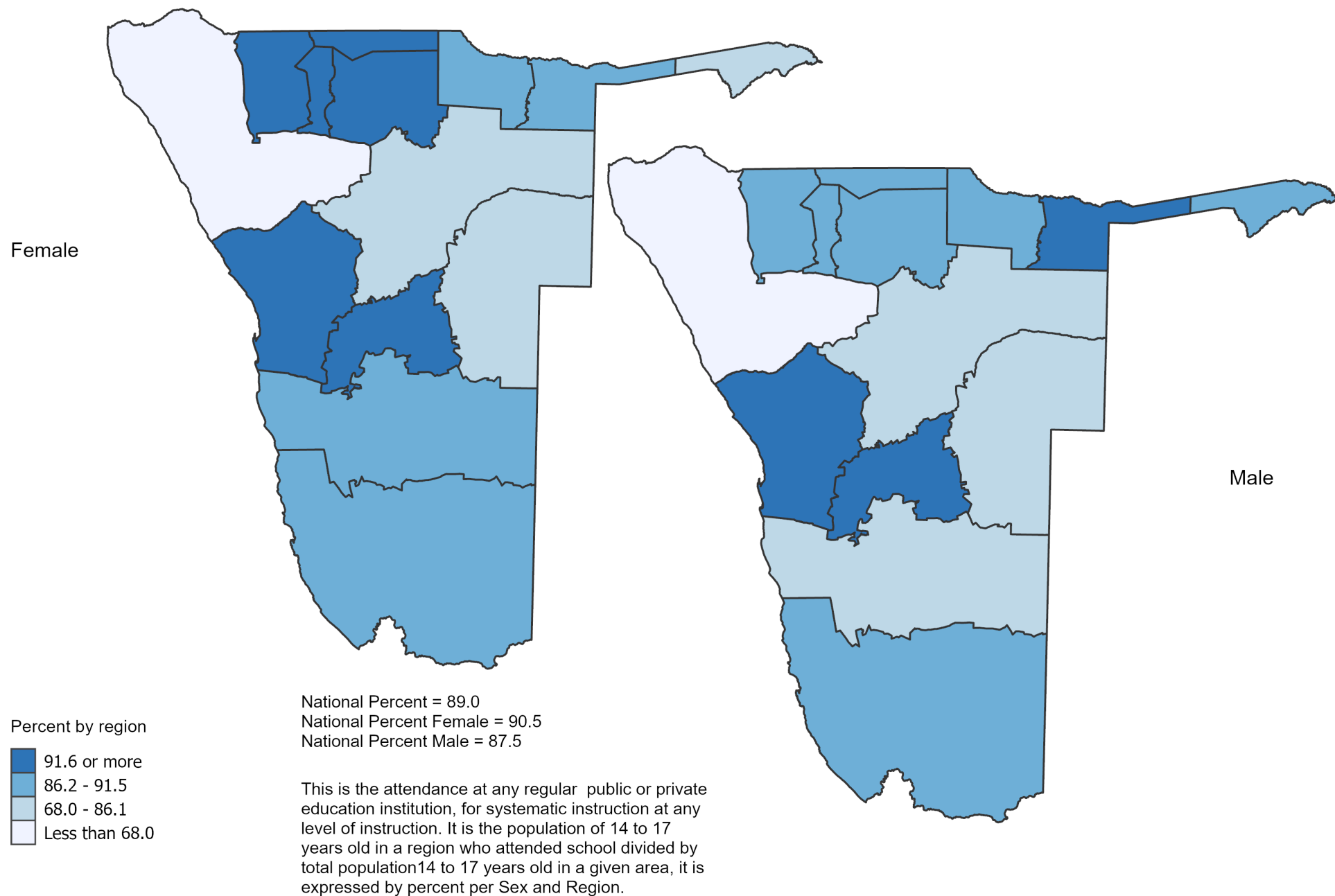
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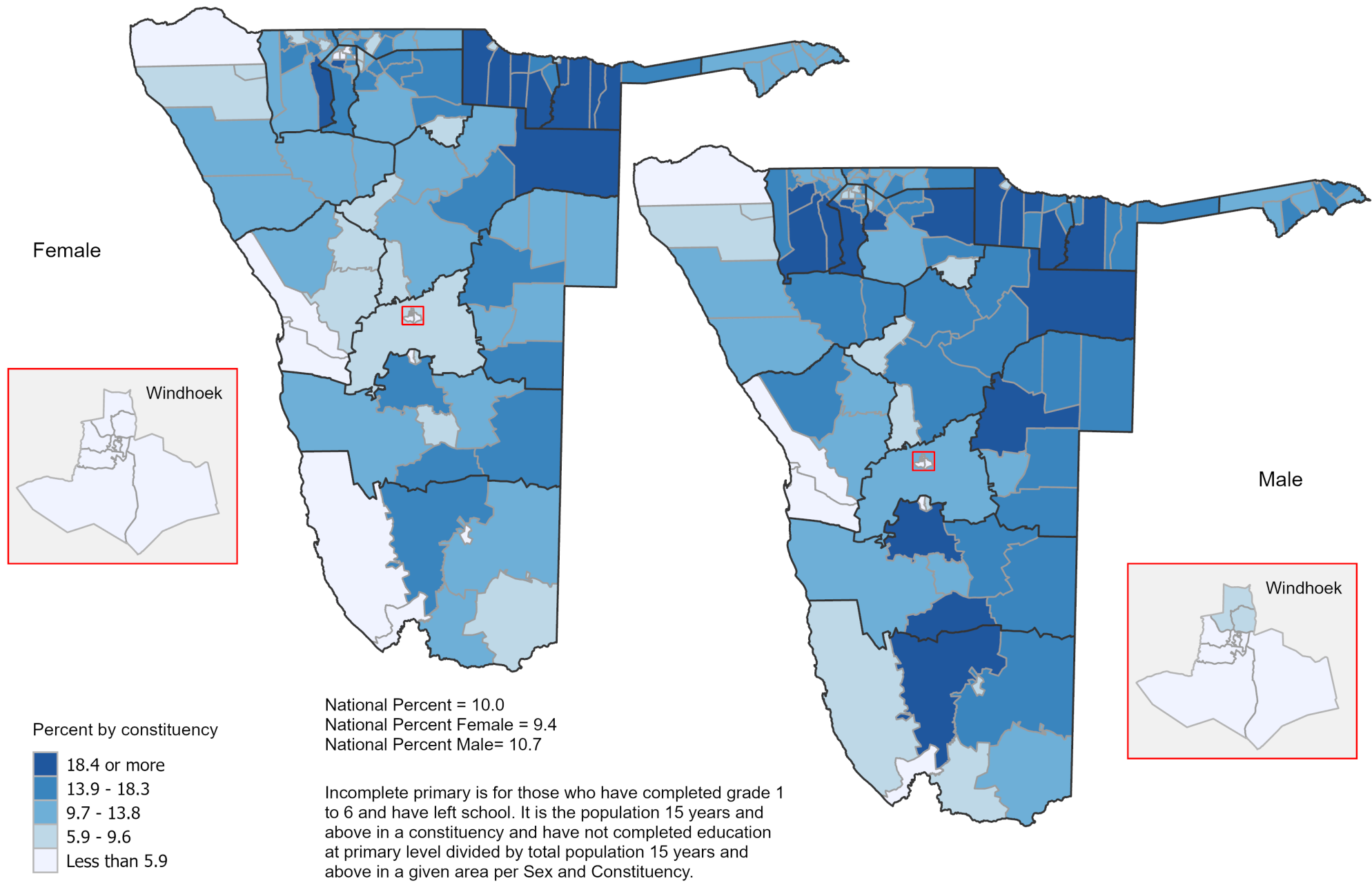
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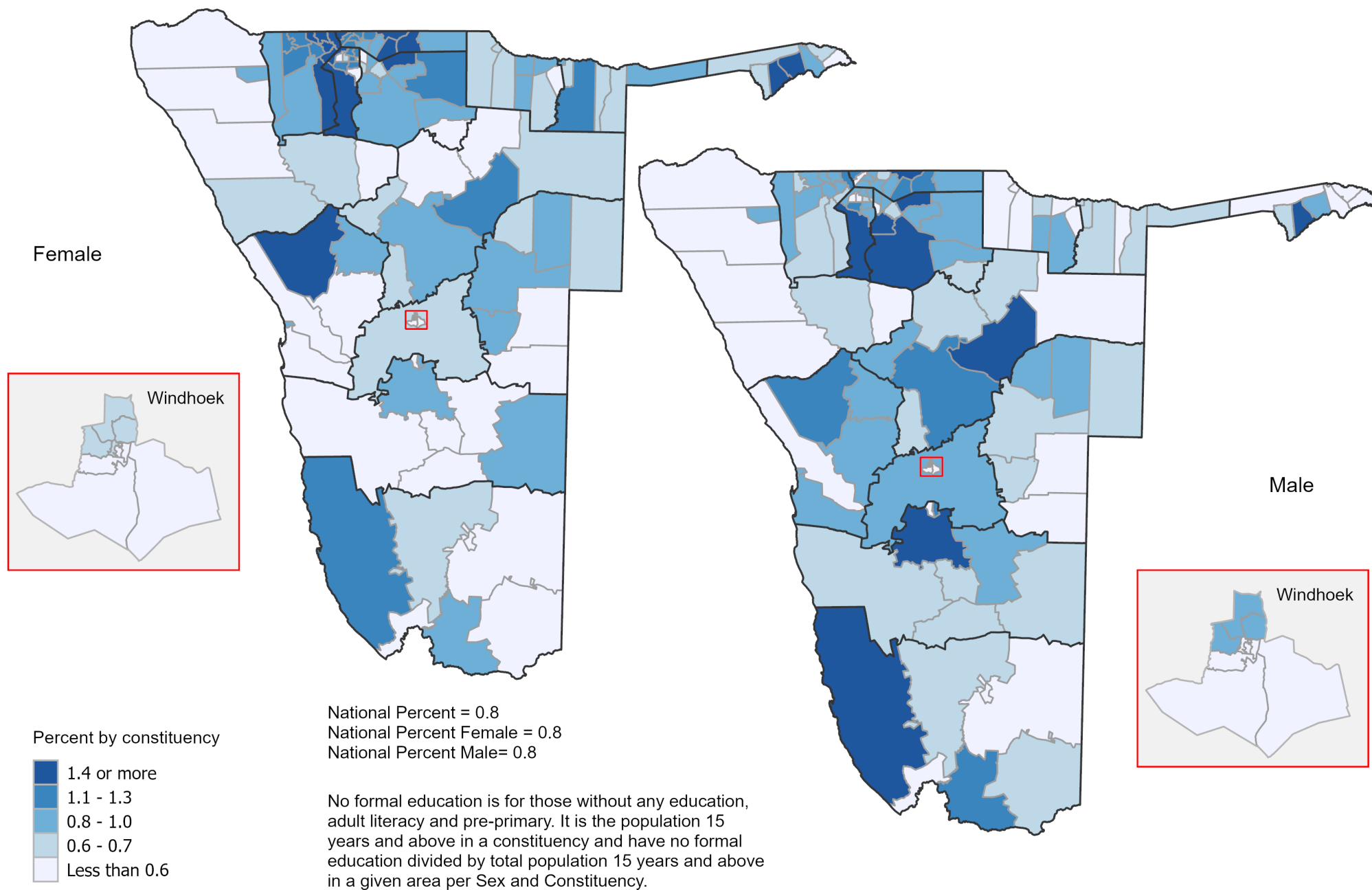
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Figure 7.23 Percent of Educational Attainment for Incomplete Primary Aged 15 and Above by Sex and Constituency: 2023



Source: Namibia 2023 Population and Housing Census

Figure 7.24 Percent of Population with No Formal Educational Attainment Aged 15 and Above by Sex and Constituency: 2023



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CHAPTER 8

LABOUR FORCE AND PERSONS WITH DIFFICULTIES

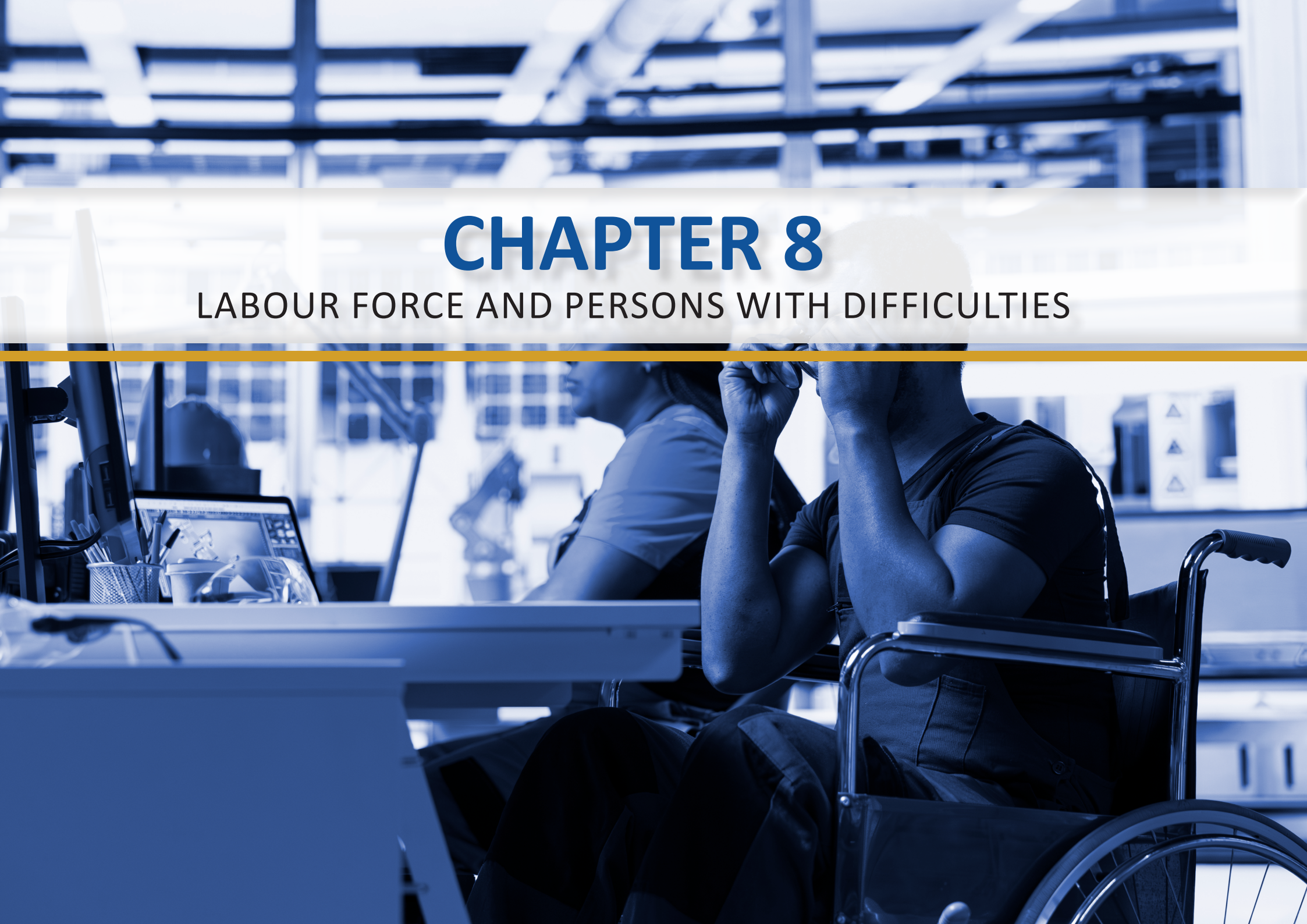
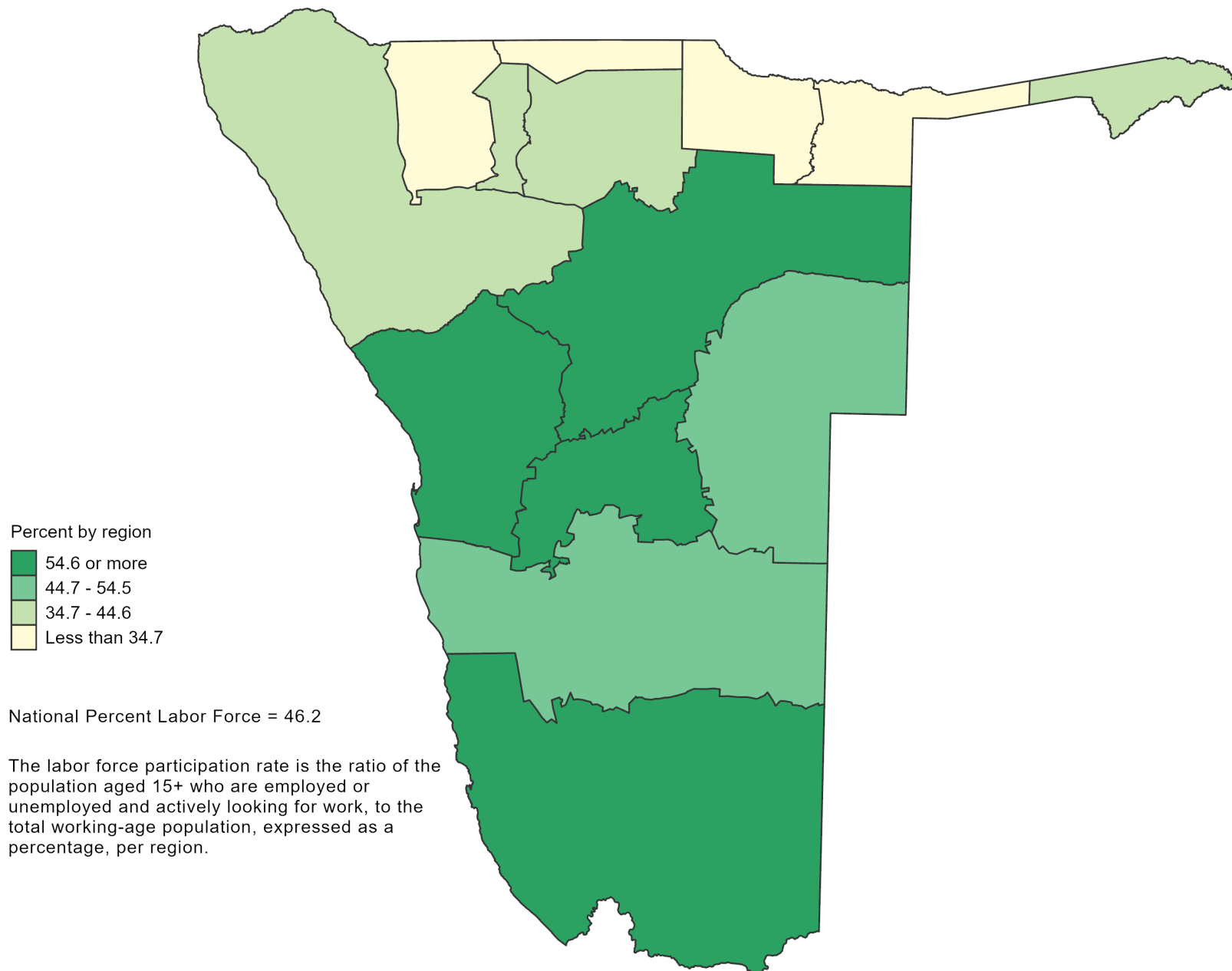
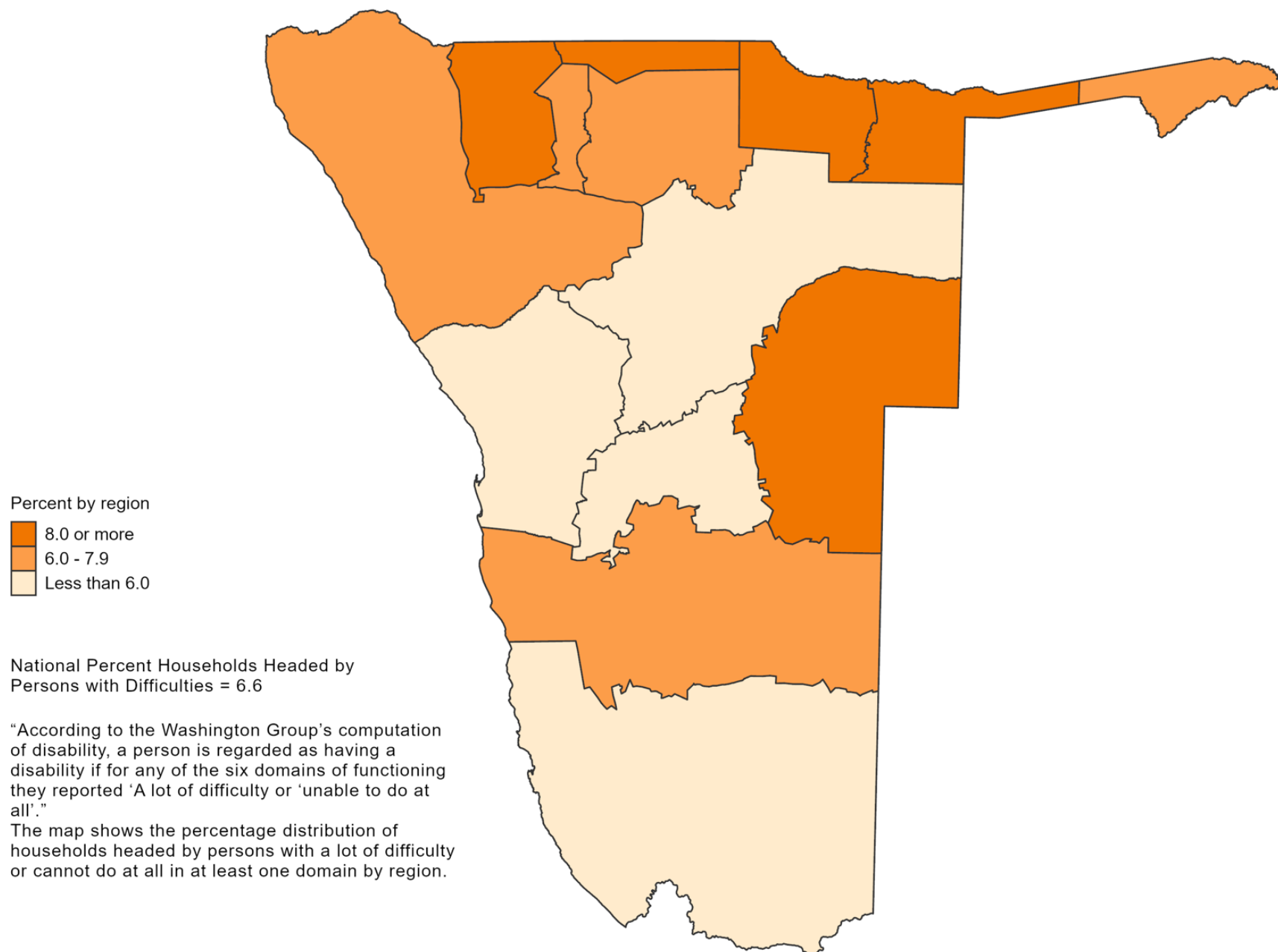


Figure 8.1 Labour Force Participation by Region: 2023



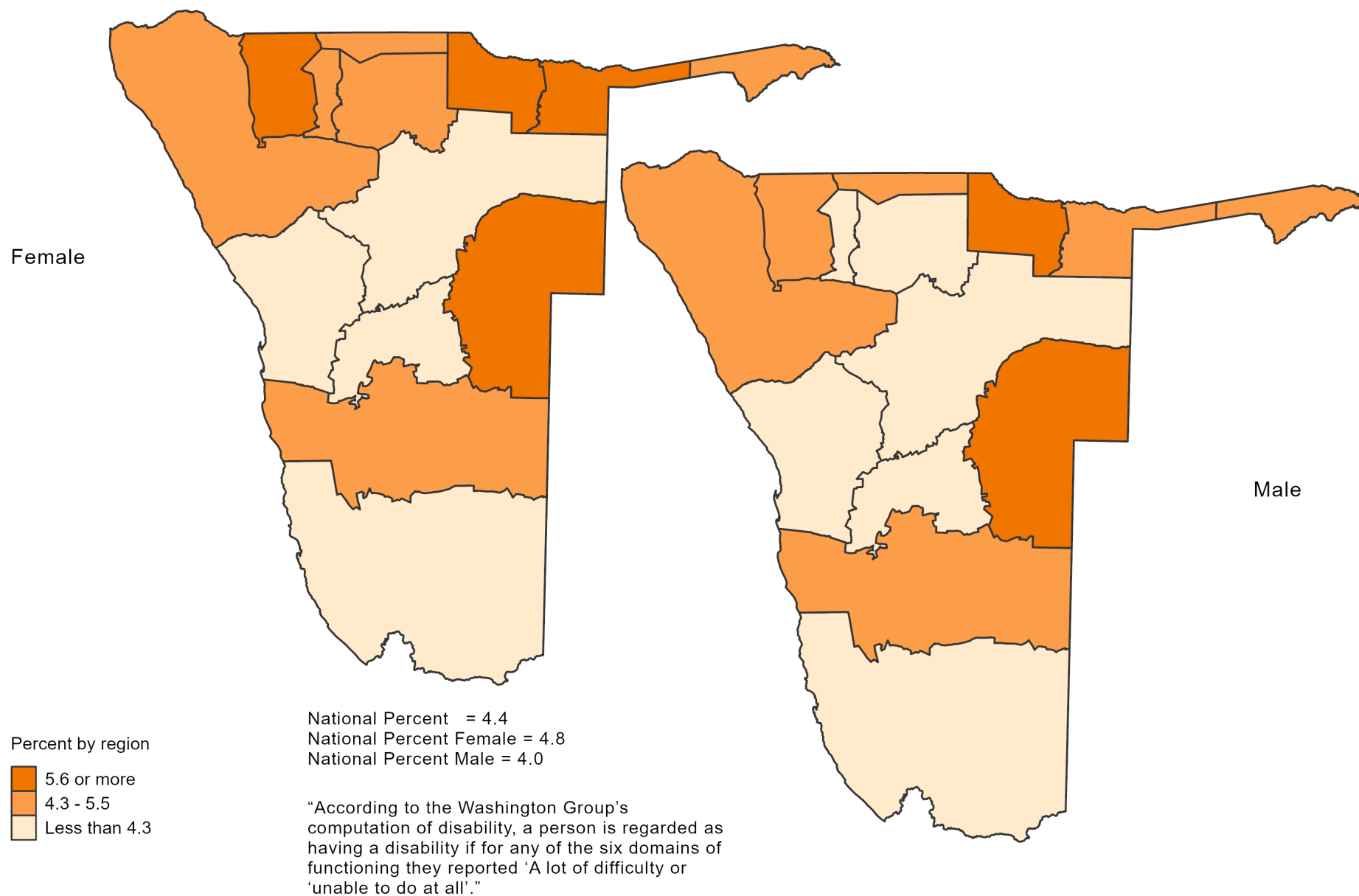
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Figure 8.2 Households Headed by Persons with Difficulty by Region: 2023



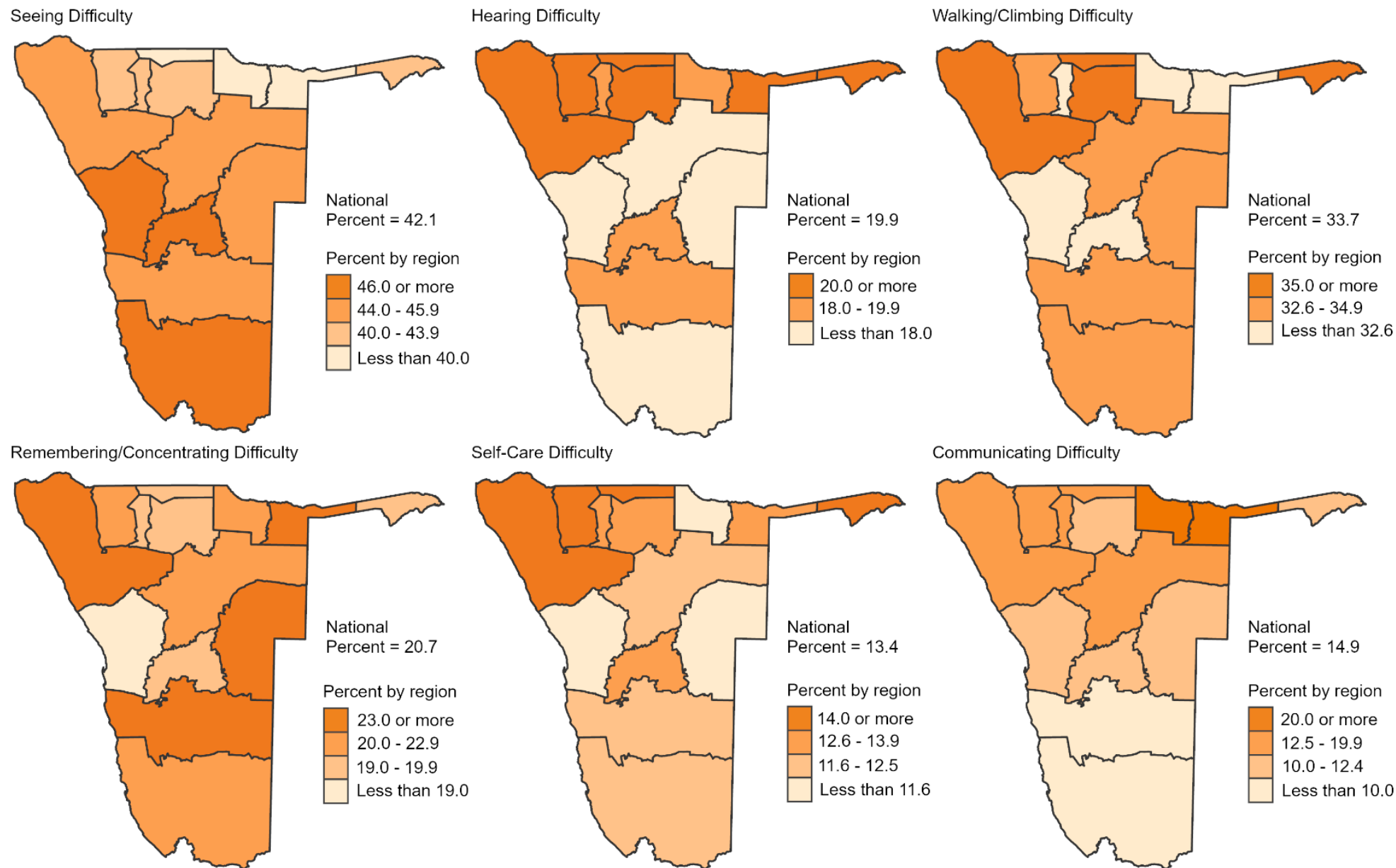
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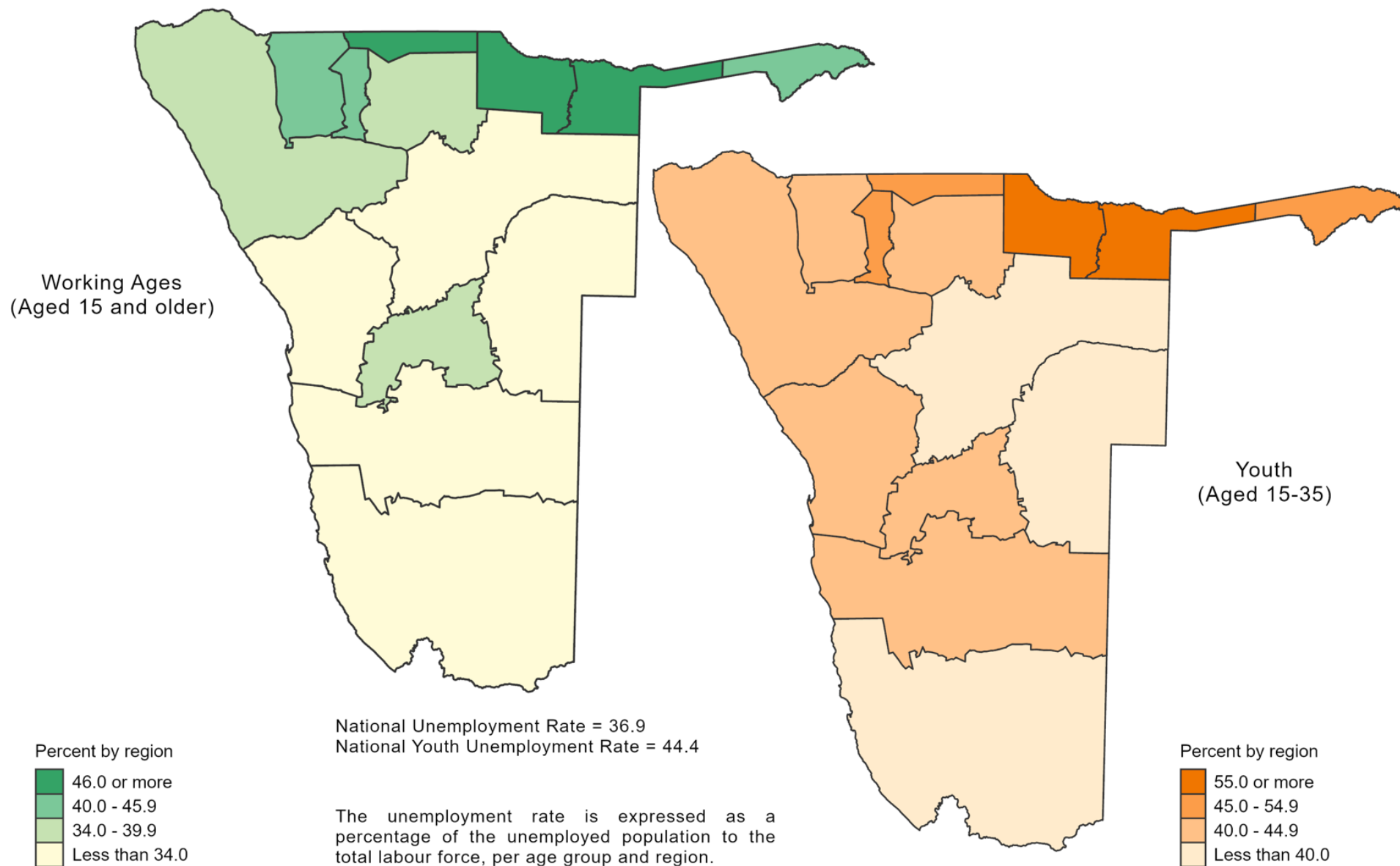
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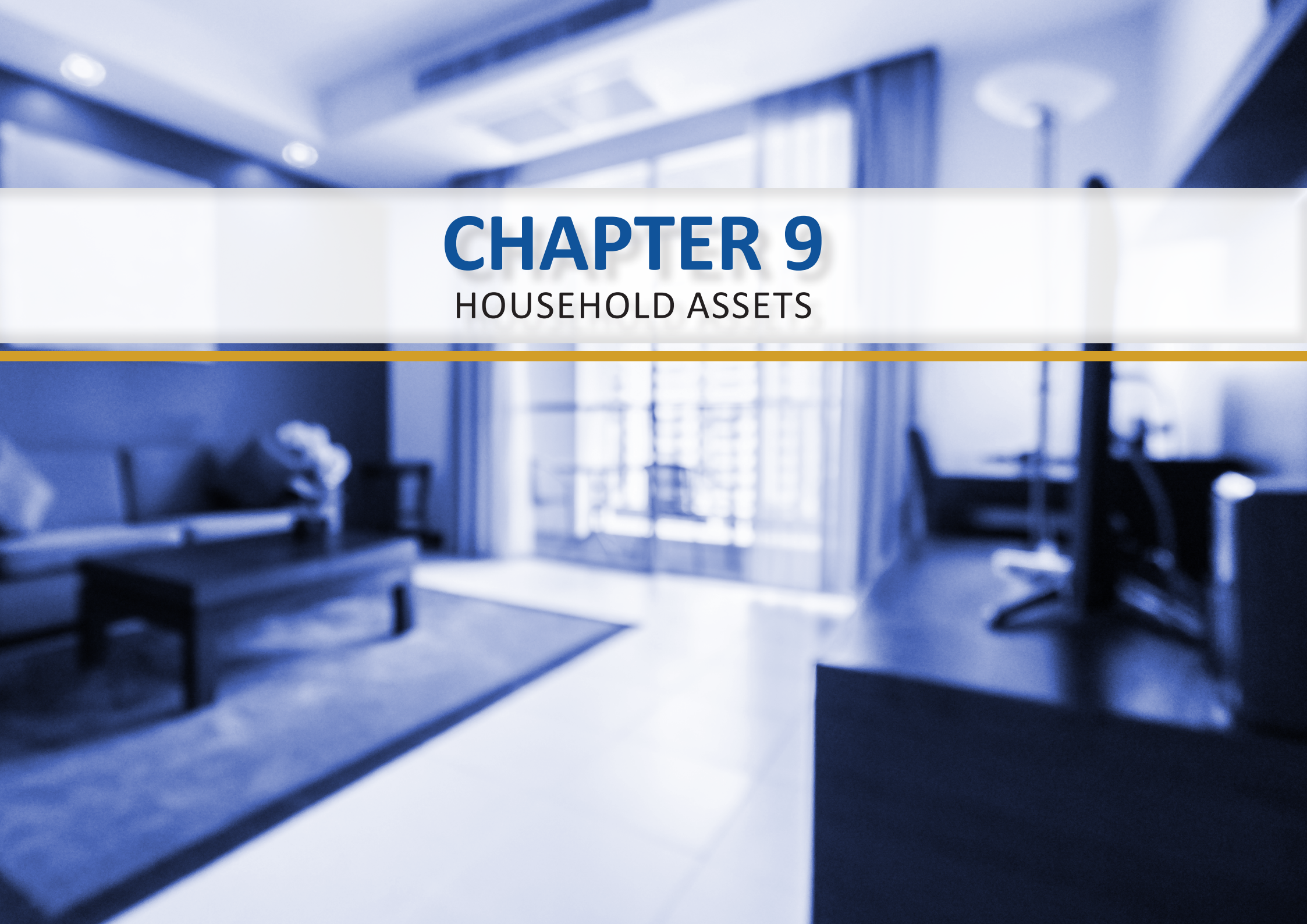


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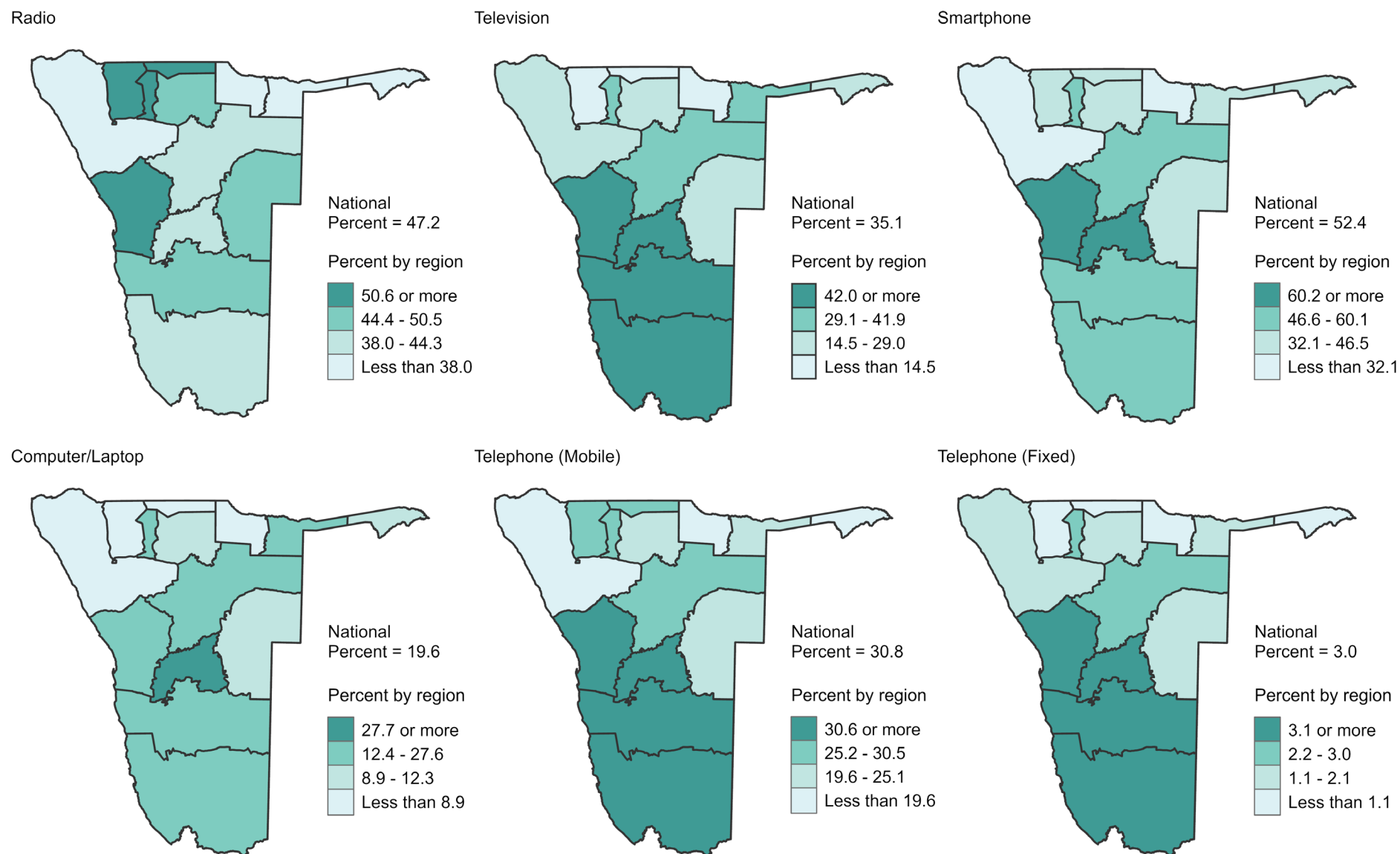
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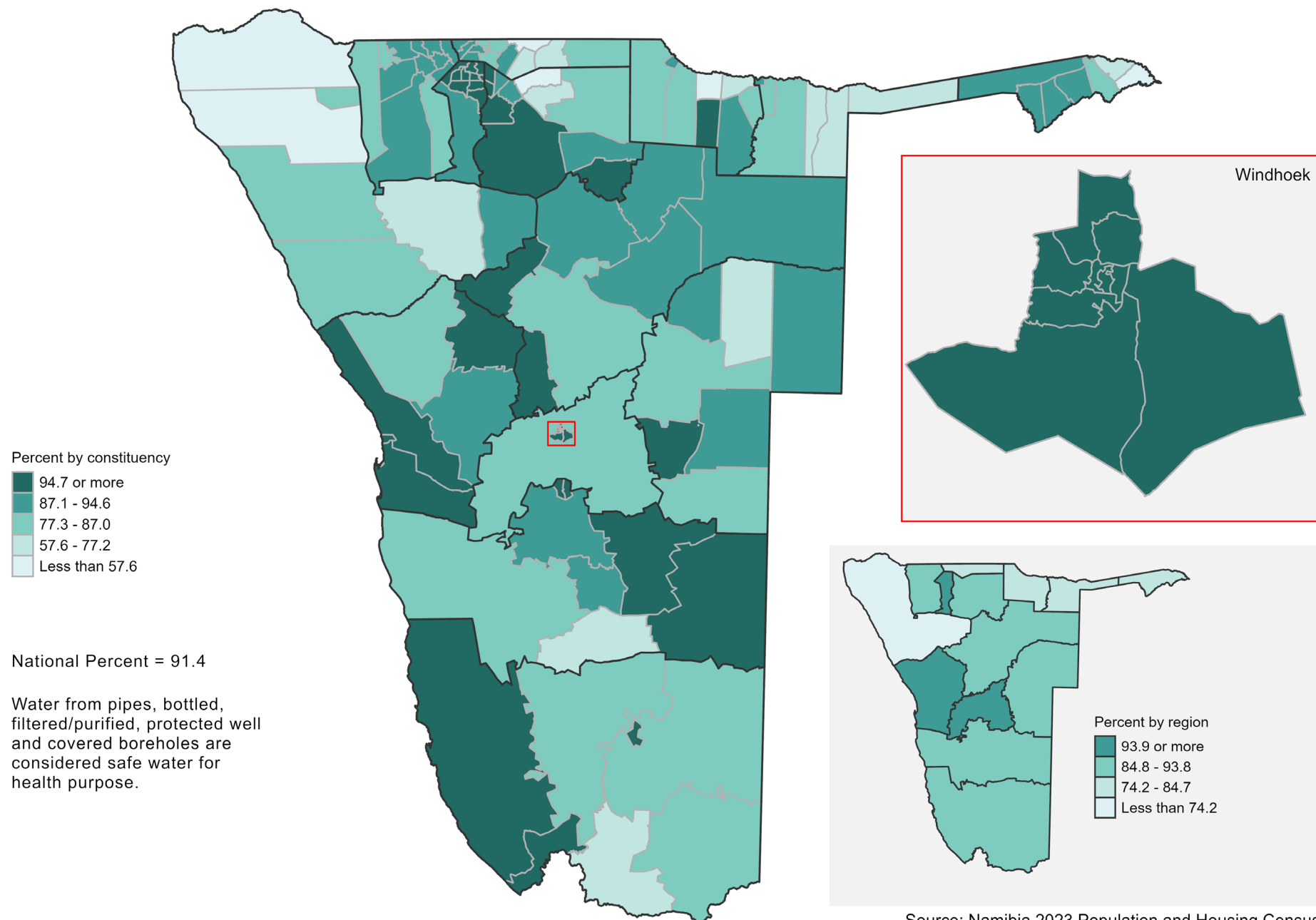
HOUSEHOLD ASSETS

Figure 9.1 Percent distribution of households owning selected Communications Assets by Region: 2023



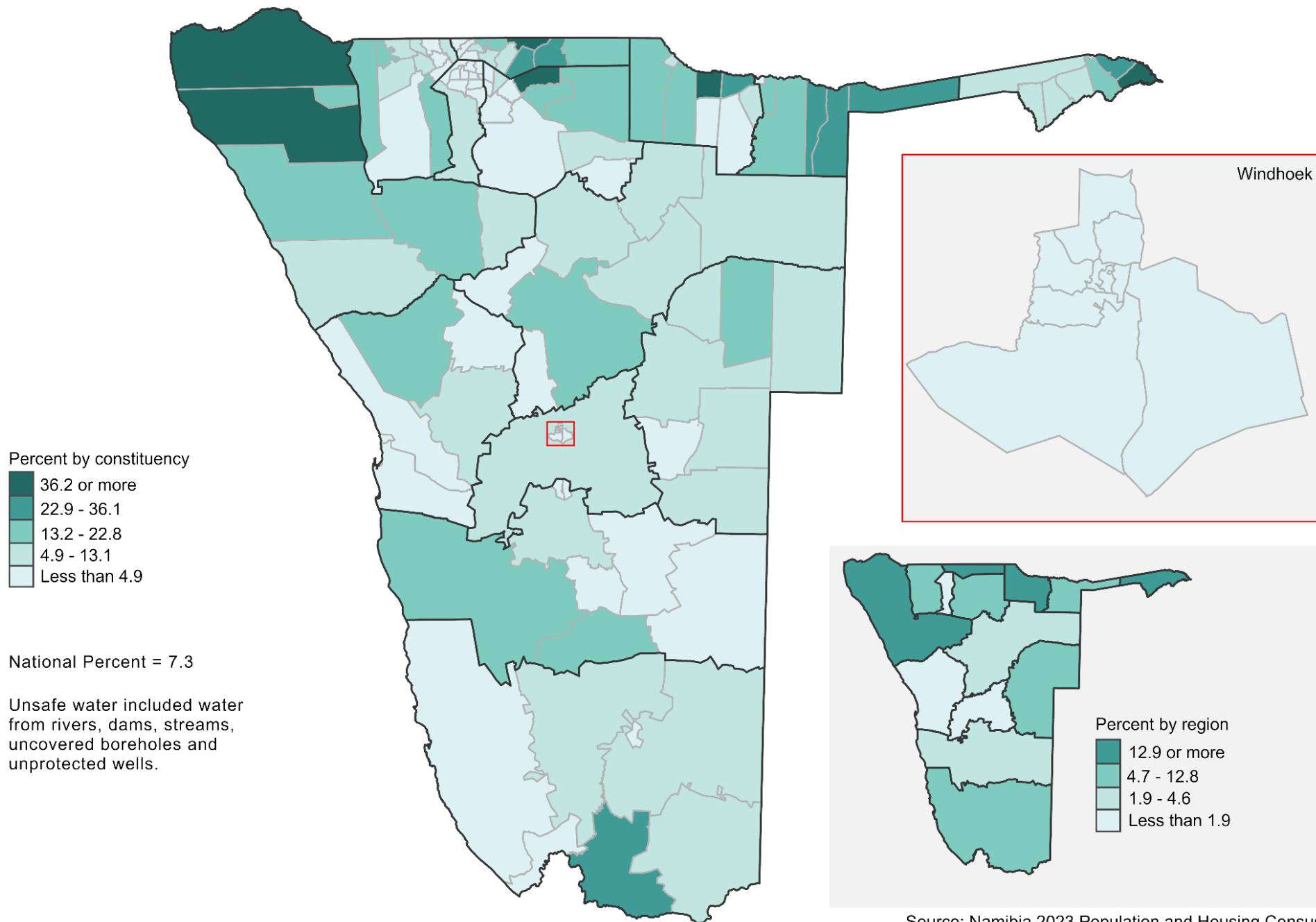
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Figure 9.2 Percent Distribution of Households with Access to Safe Drinking Water: 2023



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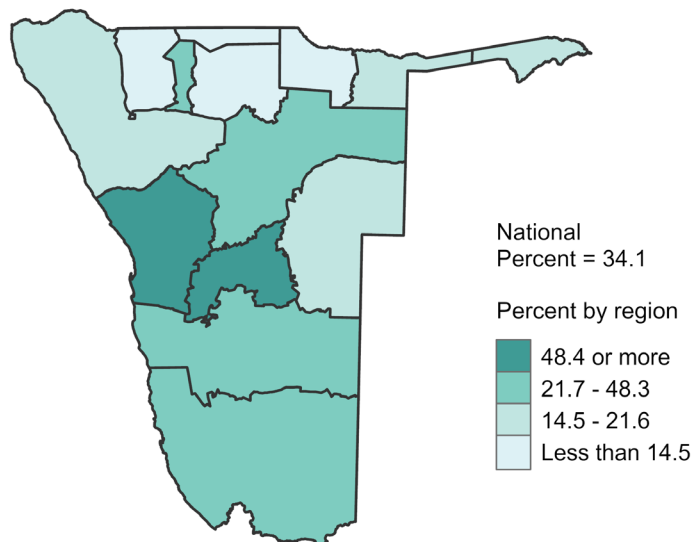
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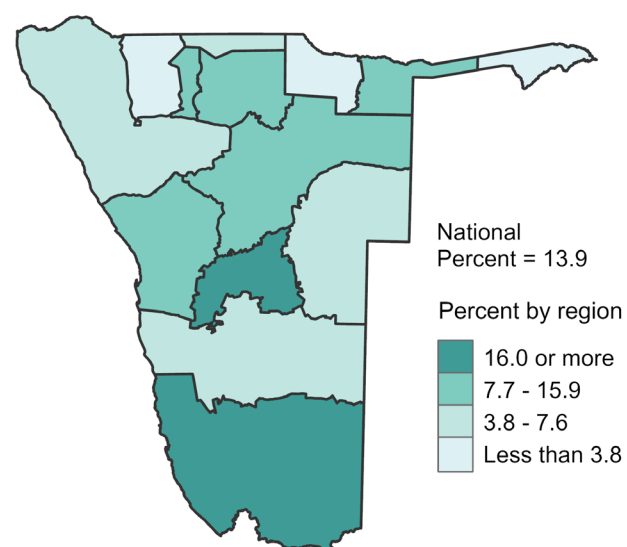
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Figure 9.4 Percent Distribution of Households by Main Source of Energy for Cooking: 2023

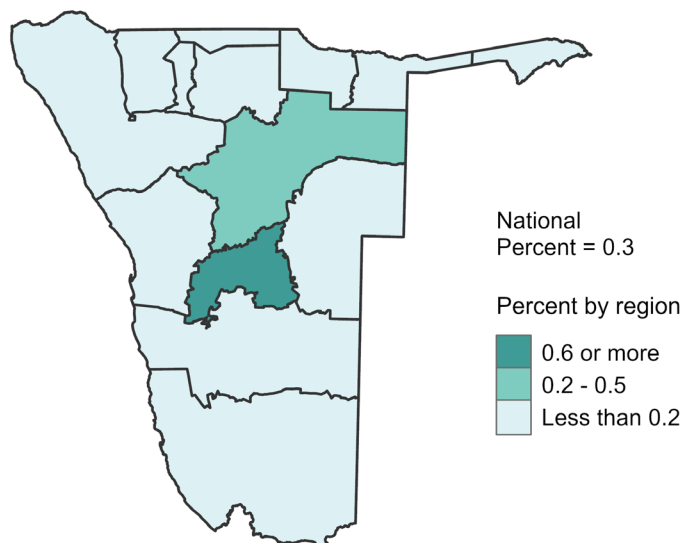
Electricity From Mains



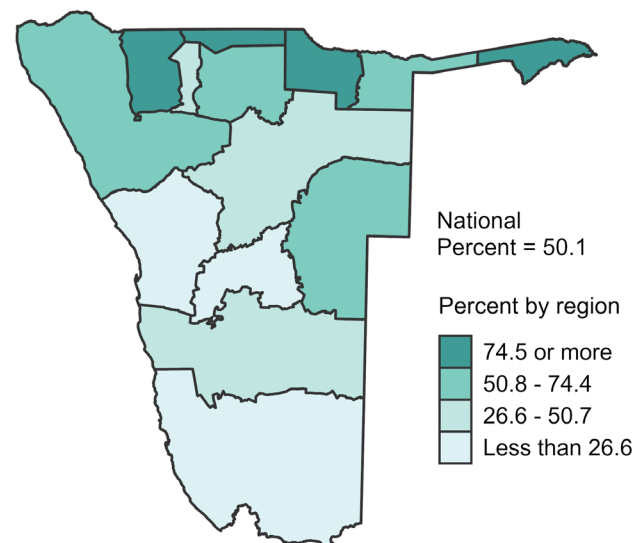
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Paraffin/Kerosene

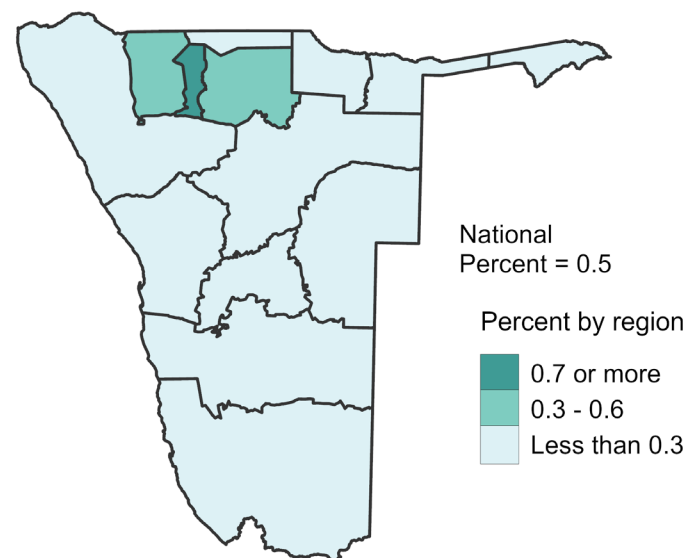
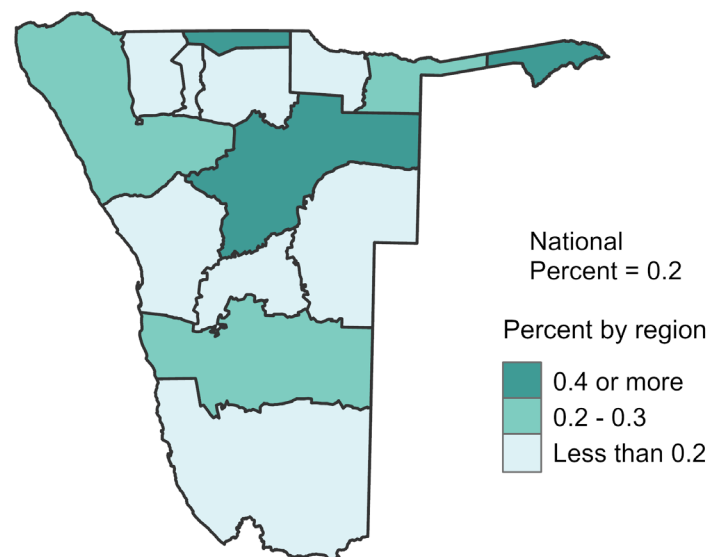


Wood/Firewood

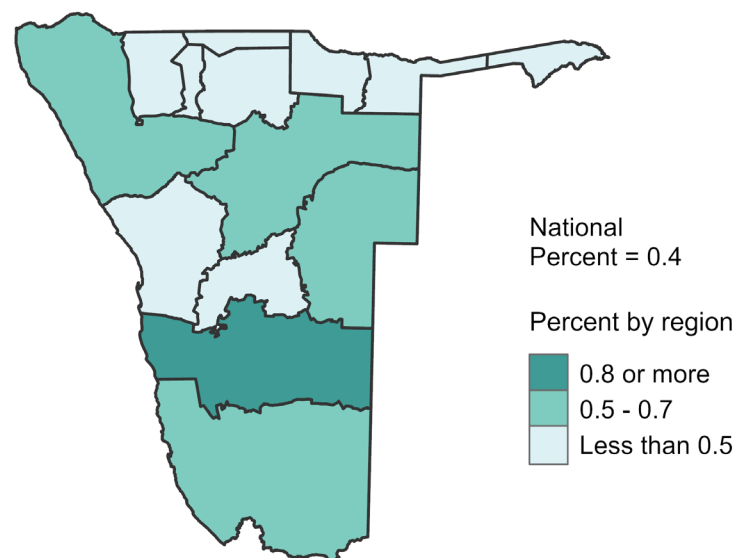


Source: Namibia 2023 Population and Housing Census

Figure 9.4 Percent Distribution of Households by Main Source of Energy for Cooking: 2023 (continued)



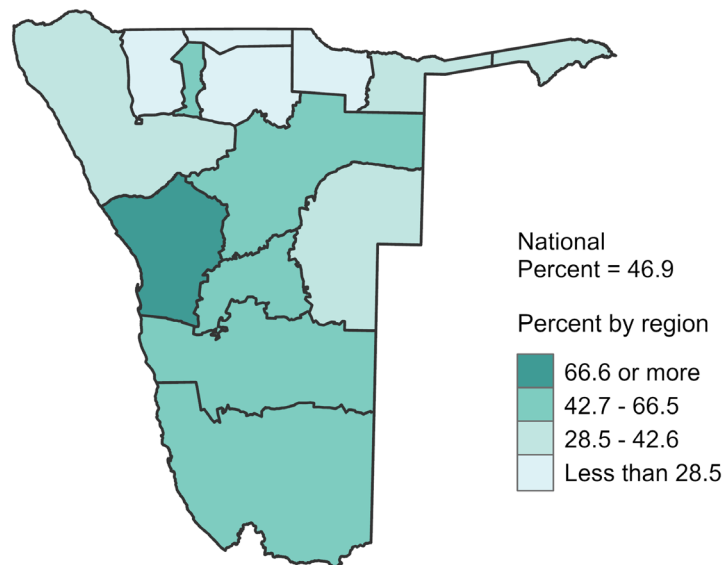
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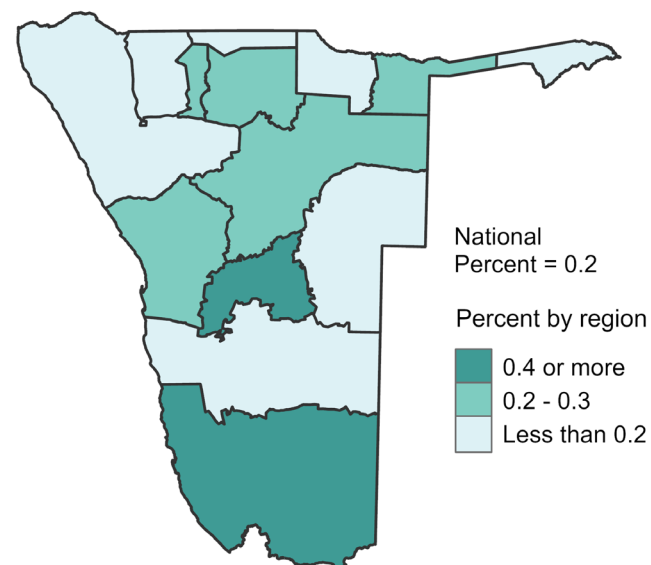
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Figure 9.5 Percent Distribution of Households by Main Source of Energy for Lighting: 2023

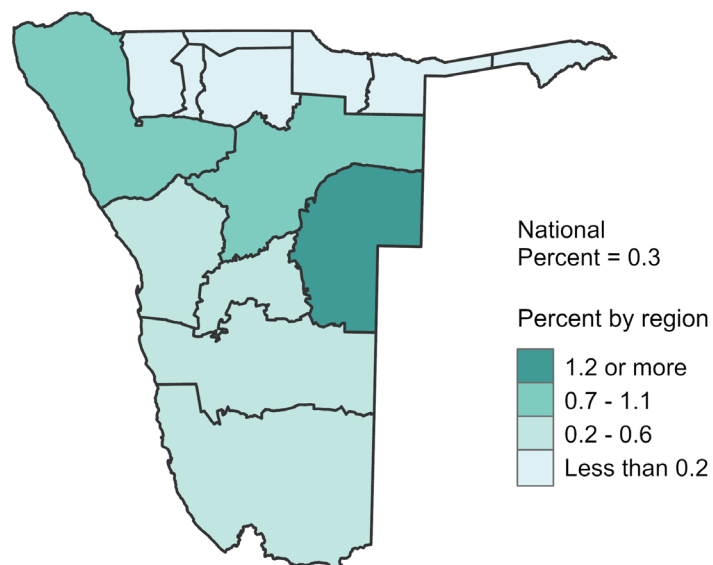
Electricity from mains



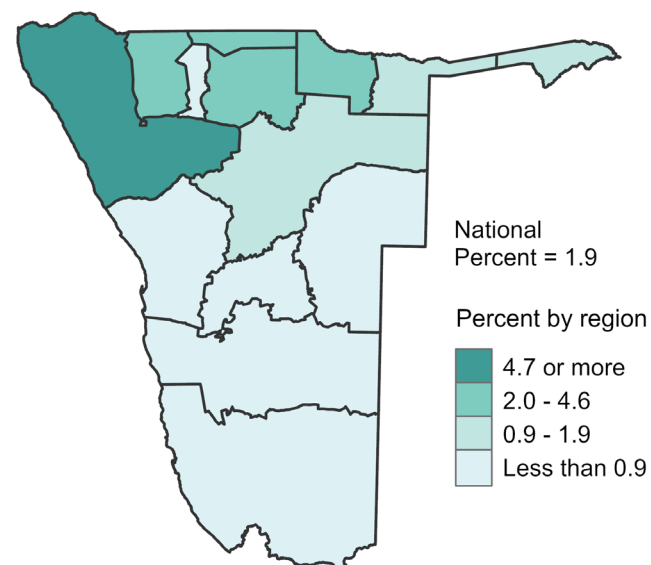
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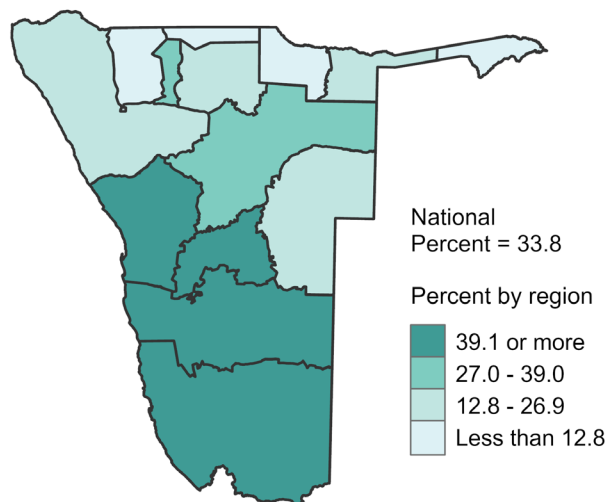
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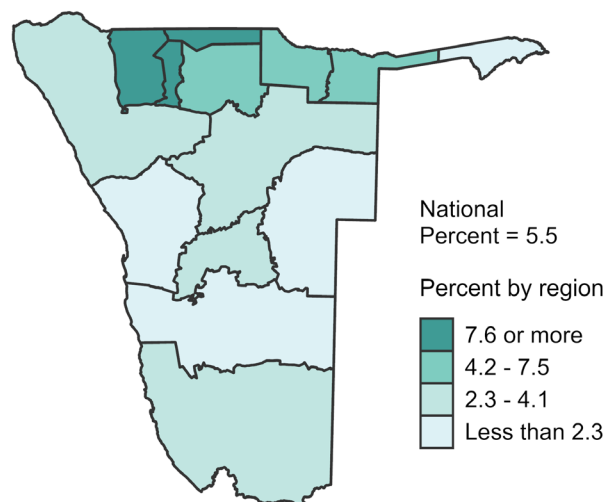
Source: Namibia 2023 Population and Housing Census

Figure 9.6 Percent Distribution of Households by Main Toilet Facility: 2023

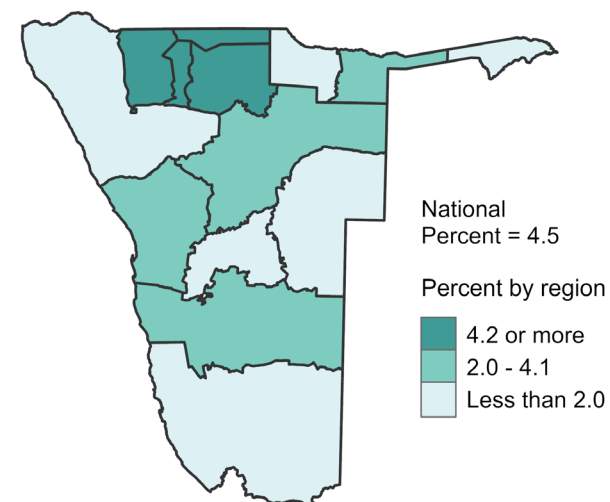
Private Flush connected to main sewer



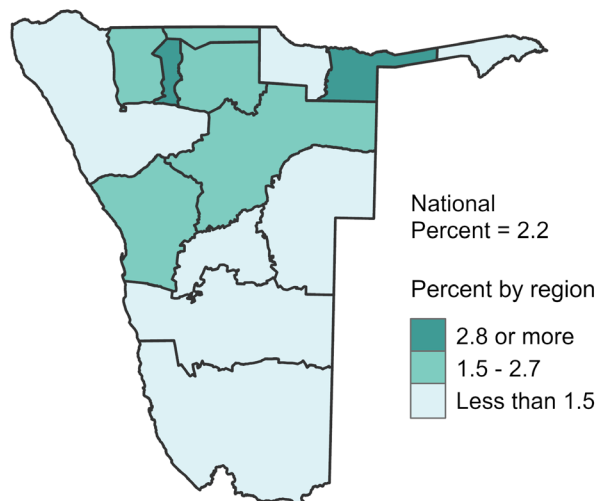
Pit Latrine with ventilation pipe



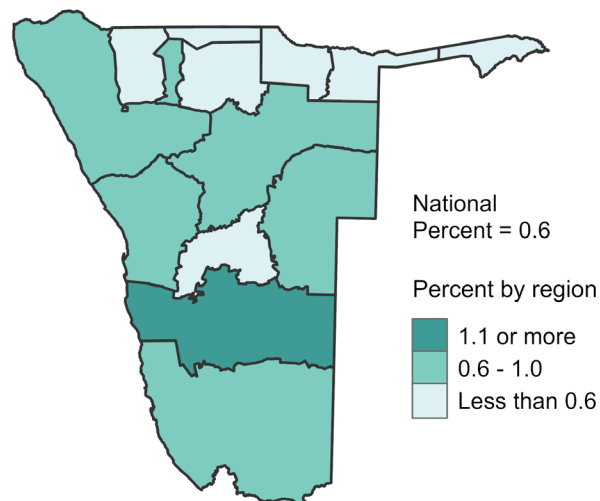
Covered pit latrine without a ventilation pipe



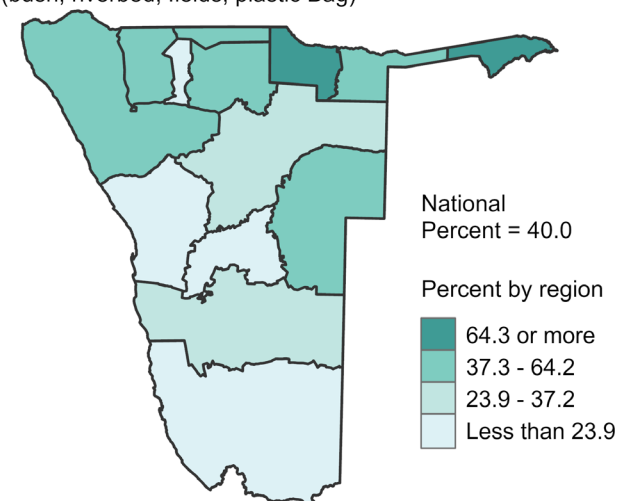
Uncovered pit latrine without ventilation pipe



Bucket toilet (Manually removed)

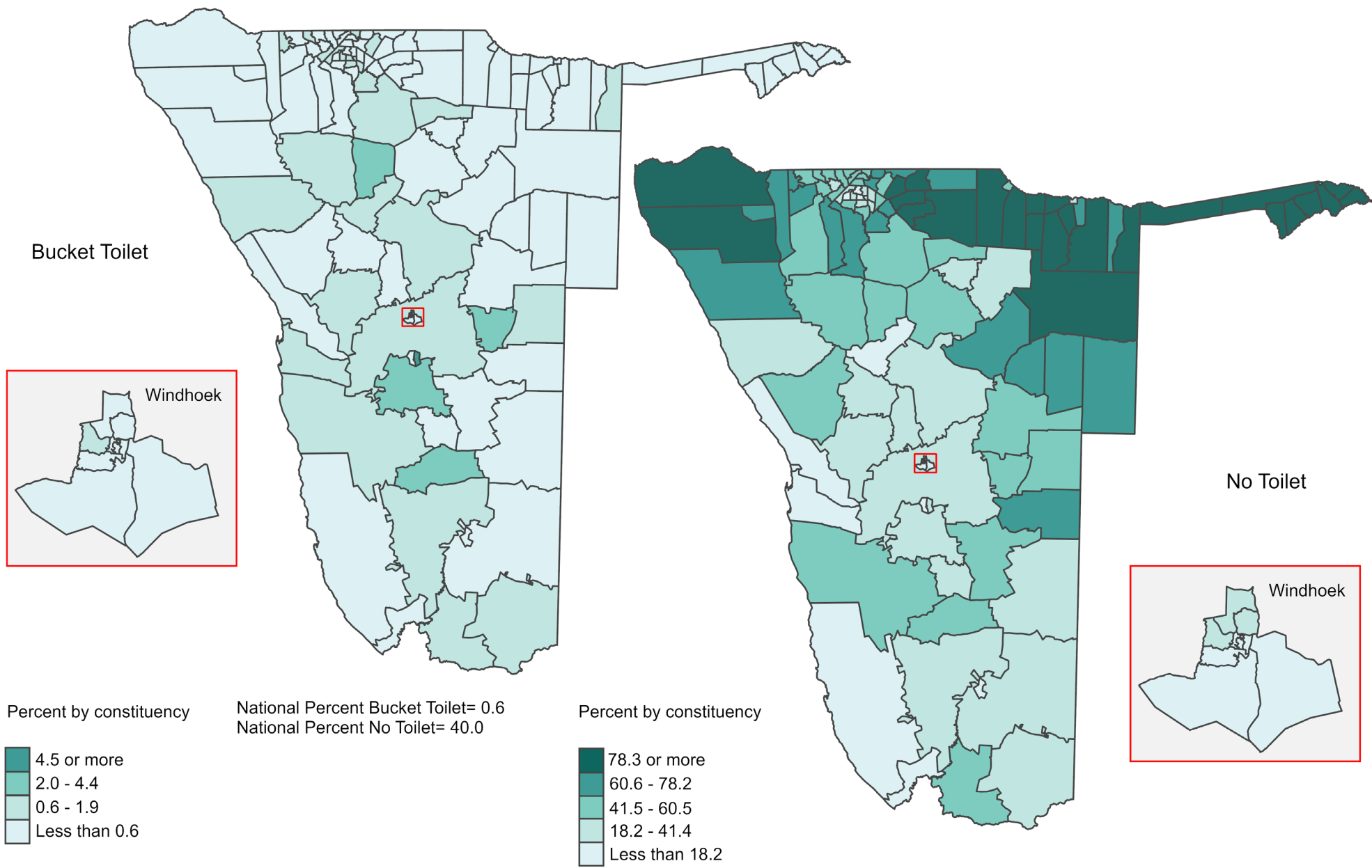


No toilet facility/ open defecation
(bush, riverbed, fields, plastic Bag)



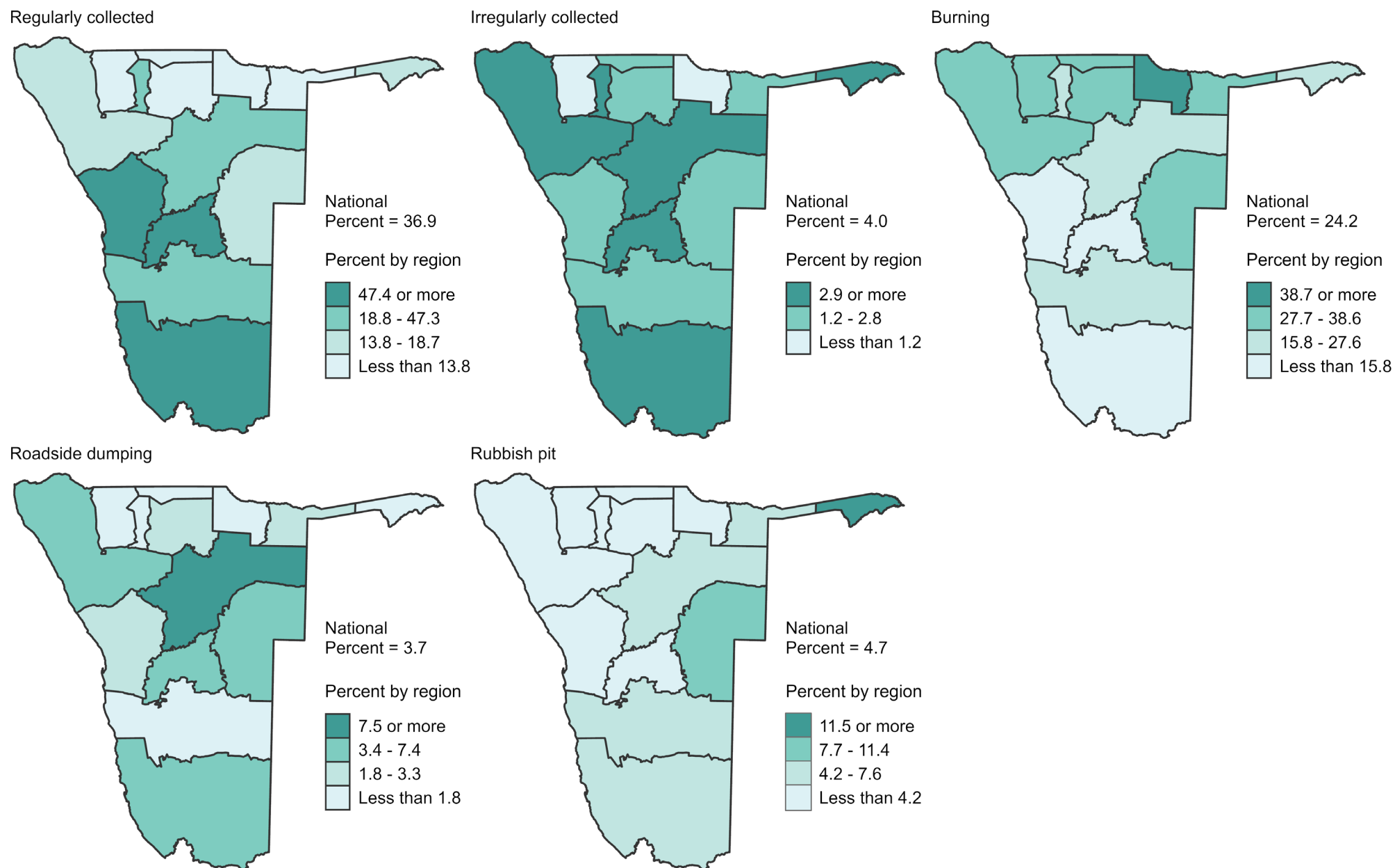
Source: Namibia 2023 Population and Housing Census

Figure 9.7 Percent Distribution of Households by Main Toilet (Bucket and No Toilet) and Constituency: 2023



Source: 2023 Census of Population and Housing

Figure 9.8 Percent Distribution of Households by Means of Waste/Garbage Disposal: 2023



Source: Namibia 2023 Population and Housing Census



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