

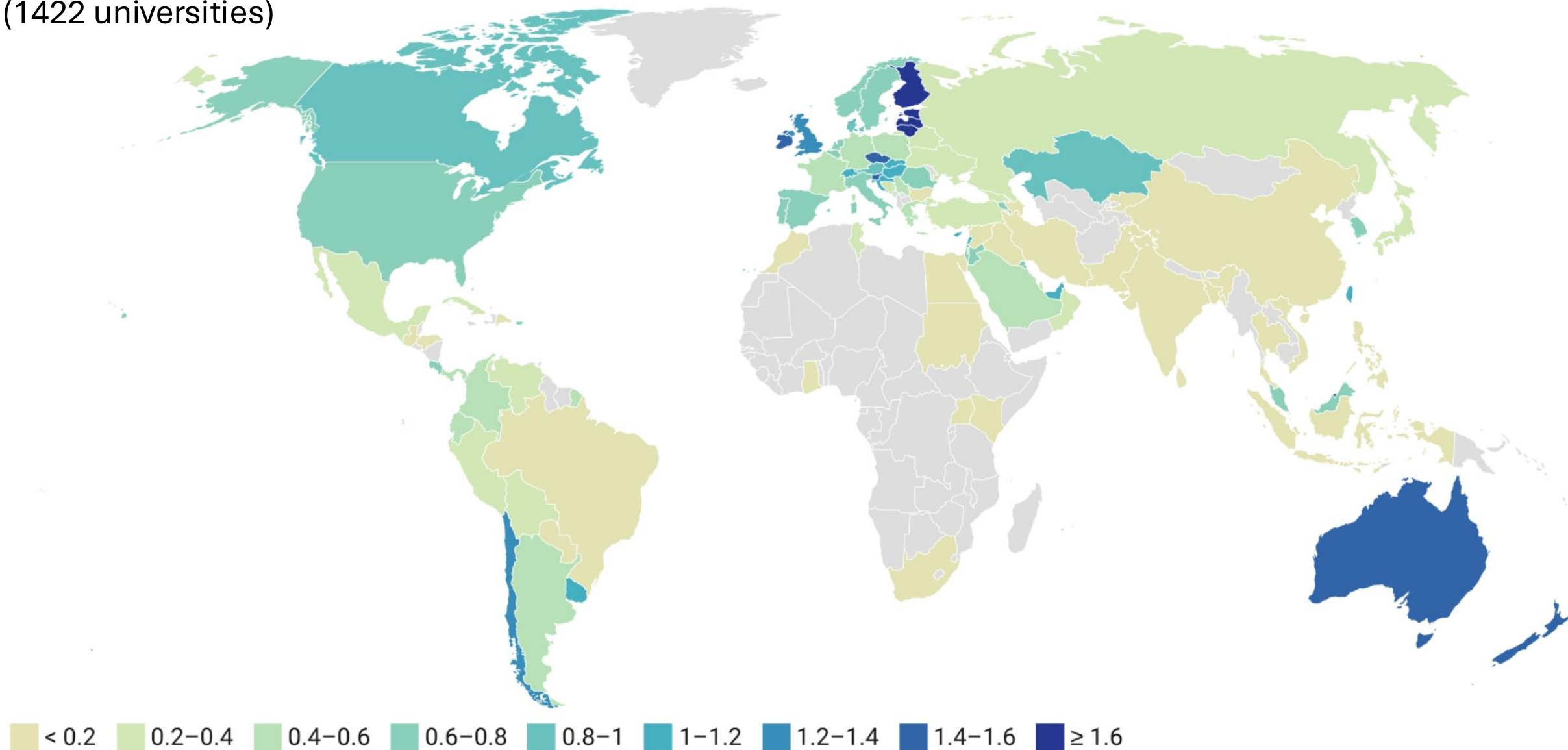
New Zealand

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Number of universities per 1M population in 2023 QS rankings

(1422 universities)



AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES MAP



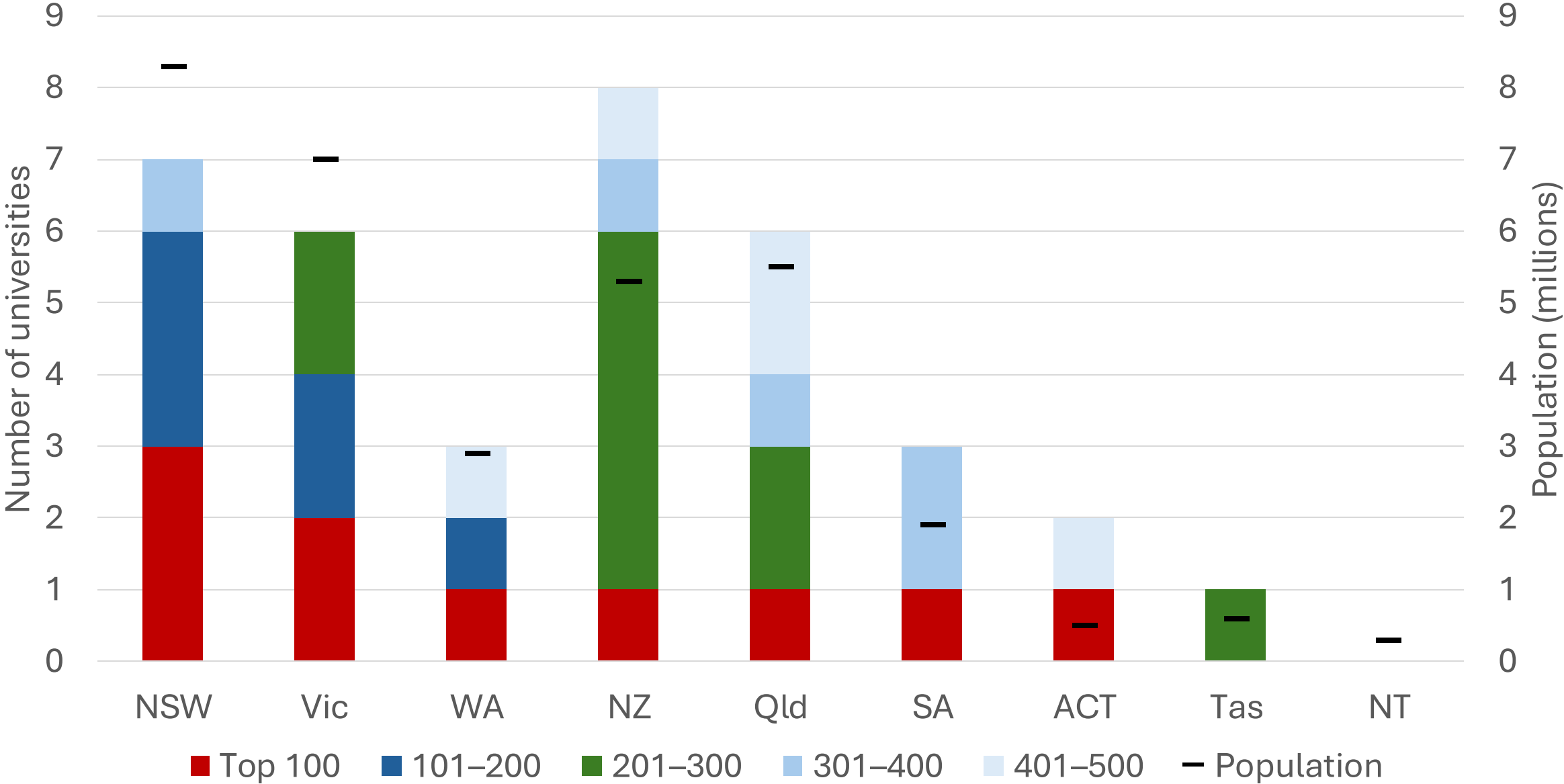
44 universities
26.7 million people
ratio: 1.64



8 universities
5.3 million people
ratio: 1.51

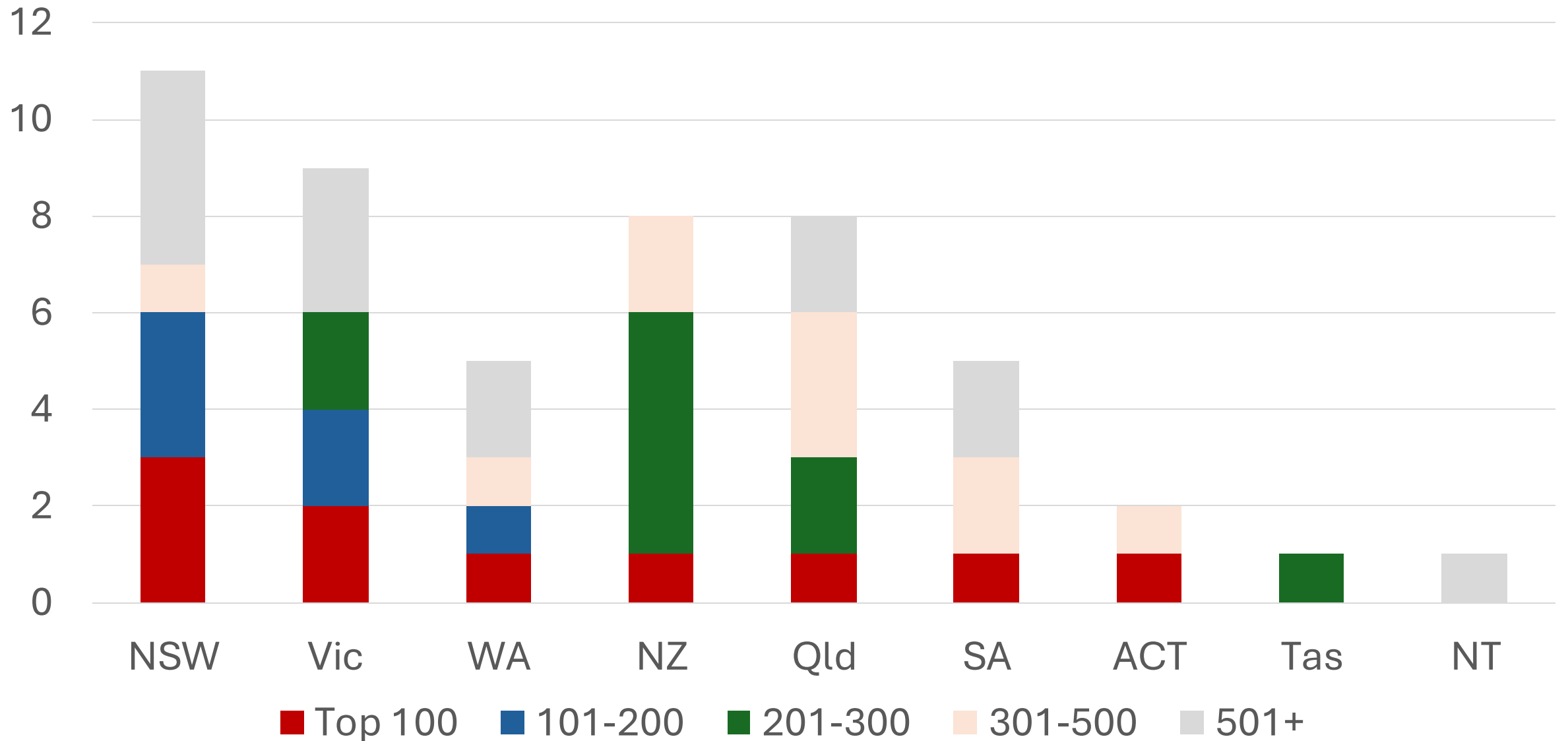
compare: UK 1.28 — Norway 1.08 — Denmark 0.83 — Sweden 0.75 — Netherlands 0.71
comparison is with QS-ranked universities — ratios will be higher if you include non-QS rankings

Number of universities in QS top 500 (2025) and population of each state/territory –



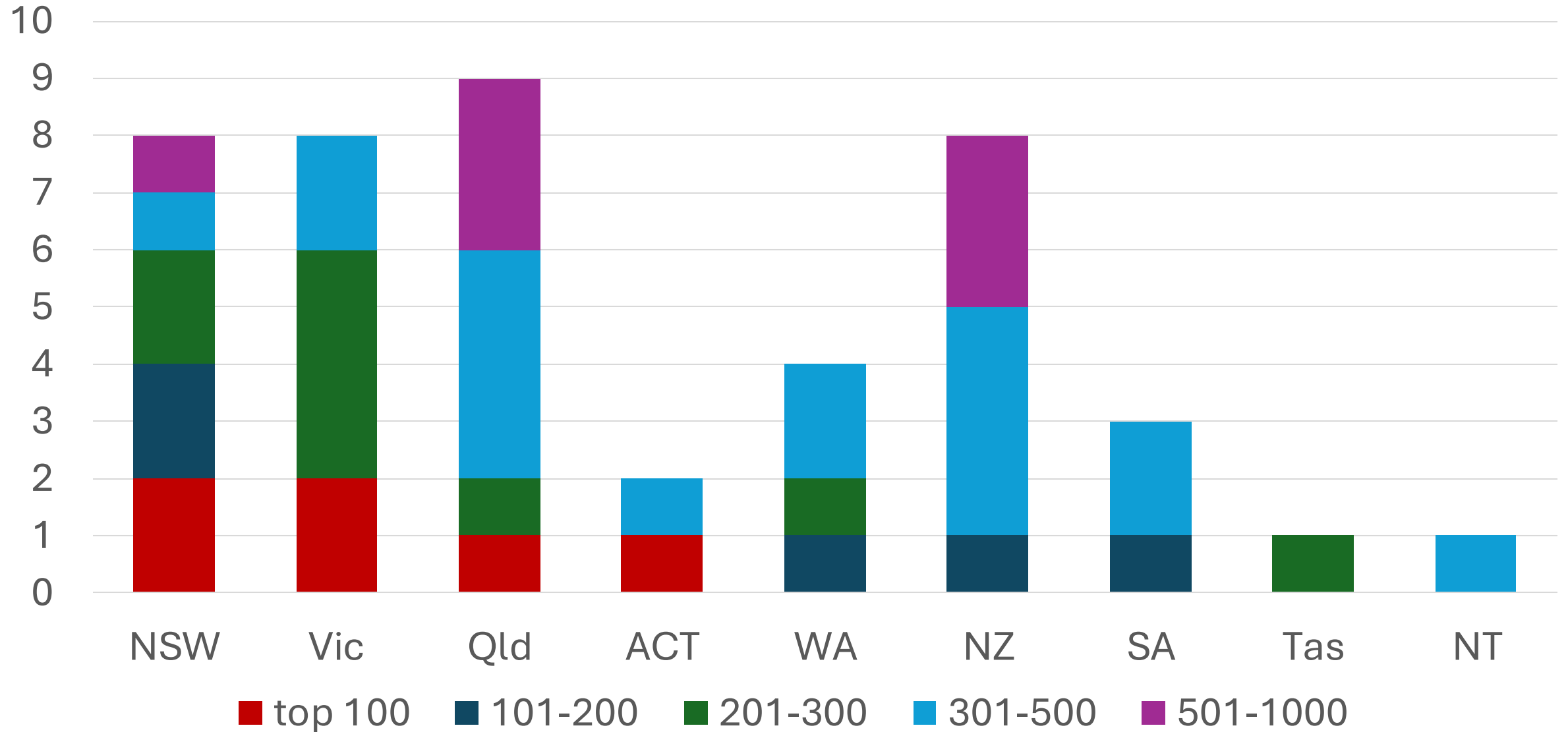
Number of universities total in each state/territory

(with QS rankings — 2025)



Number of universities with THES ranking in top 1000

— 2025 —



Positive settings in New Zealand

- Government treats international PhD students as domestic
- Fees considerably lower than Australia
 - Australia: UQ \$44k–\$55k RMIT \$33k–38k
 - New Zealand: UoA \$8k VUW \$8k–10k
- International PhD students attract government funding
 - An extra \$21k–\$51k per year per student

all values in
AUD per year



Challenges in New Zealand



Insufficient government
research grant funding
& reducing year-on-year



Restriction of grant funding for
social sciences
& humanities



New applied doctorates scheme

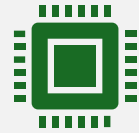


Debate on work rights for
international doctoral students

Proposed policy changes in New Zealand



Complete restructure of
Crown Research Institutes



IP: University of Waterloo model
– inventor owns IP



Proposed to bring all government grant
funding into a single agency



New “Ministry for Universities”