

**TRANSITION OF YOUNGER PEOPLE IN AGED CARE
INTO THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME**



PRE-ESTIMATES PAPER 2020-21

Update: Younger People in Residential Aged Care

1. The number of younger people in residential aged care

AGED CARE STATISTICAL INFORMATION – PEOPLE AGED UNDER 65 IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE – AS AT 31 December 2020¹

Table 1: Intake into and exit from Residential Care of people aged under 65, by Quarter

	2018-19Q2	2018-19Q3	2018-19Q4	2019-20Q1	2019-20Q2	2019-20Q3	2019-20Q4	2020-21Q1	2020-21Q2
In residential care at the start of period	5,905	5,802	5,715	5,606	5,468	5,297	5,113	4,860	4,588
Admitted during the period	442	407	416	386	332	282	247	215	175
Discharged during the period ²	314	275	318	322	313	282	291	306	252
In residential care at the end of the period	5,802	5,715	5,606	5,468	5,297	5,113	4,860	4,588	4,340

Table 2: People aged under 65 in Residential Aged Care as at 31 December 2020, by Age

Age Group	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
0 to 24	<5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	<5
25 to 34	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	–	–	<20
35 to 44	<30	<40	<20	<5	<10	<5	–	–	93
45 to 54	215	215	107	<50	<50	<30	–	<10	653
55 to 64	1,192	1,021	701	303	229	83	<20	<40	3,578
Total	1,438	1,227	828	354	281	107	<20	<50	4,340

¹ Data in this section was provided by the Department of Health. The tables report counts of residents at the end of the relevant periods and all first ever admissions and last reported discharges during the relevant periods. This report uses live recipients data extracted in February 2021. Future extracts of these data are subject to change. Table 2 includes people aged <65 years who cannot be reported separately as the numbers are too small.

Nil or rounded to zero. “<n” data represents figures that are anonymised to protect potentially identifying information.

² Note the number of residents who were under 65 years of age at the start of the period, and remained in care during the period, but ‘aged out’ of the cohort by becoming 65 years of age or over at the end of the period do not count as discharges from aged care.

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NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME STATISTICAL INFORMATION AS 31 DECEMBER 2020³

Table 3: Cumulative Intake into and exit from the Scheme for population under age 65 years as at 31 December 2020, by State/Territory⁴

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Access met decision made	2,209	1,759	1,183	411	377	132	29	60	6,162
Exits from the Scheme	742	586	395	120	139	35	11	17	2,047
Exits from Residential Aged Care	252	127	117	<10	18	<10	<10	<10	545
Current participants	1,215	1,046	671	282	220	88	10	38	3,570

Table 4: Persons under age 65 years determined to be ineligible for the Scheme as at 31 December 2020, by State/Territory

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Ineligible	63	42	29	<5	10	<5	<5	<5	148

Table 5: Active Participants under age 65 years as at 31 December 2020, by State/Territory, by Age Group (with or without an approved plan)

Age group	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
19 to 24	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
25 to 34	<5	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	13
35 to 44	26	32	17	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	87
Subtotal (Under 45)	29	35	22	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	101
45 to 54	208	204	91	45	36	21	<5	<10	610
55 to 64	978	807	558	234	176	63	10	33	2,859
Total	1,215	1,046	671	282	220	88	10	38	3,570

³ Data in this section and corresponding sections for population under 45 years and under 65 years was provided by the National Disability Insurance Agency. The statistics in these sections are based on data extracted from the NDIS Data Warehouse on 31 December 2020. Future extracts of these data are subject to change.

Data for persons aged under 65 (including aged under 45) is based on an assessment of whether that person is currently residing in Residential Aged Care (based on housing information provided by the Department of Health or collected by the NDIA).

Count also includes participants for whom the NDIA does not hold current housing information, but have been identified as having ever been in residential aged care, based on either Department of Health records or the existence of residential aged care funding in NDIS plans.

As at 31 December 2020 there are 1,675 participants aged over 65 who are currently in residential aged care.

There may have been younger people with disabilities in permanent residential aged care on 31 December 2020 who have not yet been identified through either the data matching to Department of Health records or collection of housing data. These may lead to some restatement when data is extracted at a later date.

⁴ The exits in this table are summarised by State and Territory. There are two exits without location information that are excluded from the table body.

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Table 6: Active Participants under age 65 years with an approved plan as at 31 December 2020, by State/Territory, by disability group

Disability group	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
<i>Intellectual/Learning</i>									
Autism	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	15
Developmental Delay	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Down Syndrome	33	34	25	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	110
Global Developmental Delay	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Intellectual Disability	111	162	91	19	41	14	<5	<5	438
<i>Physical</i>									
ABI	207	225	112	31	33	16	<5	<10	635
Cerebral Palsy	18	33	21	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	87
Multiple Sclerosis	53	71	15	<10	17	<5	<5	<5	164
Spinal Cord Injury	14	15	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	41
Stroke	157	89	85	36	12	<5	<5	<10	390
Other Neurological	365	222	195	89	57	30	<5	11	972
Other Physical	68	40	31	12	12	<5	<5	<5	168
<i>Psychosocial Disability</i>	159	94	64	52	20	<10	<5	<5	399
<i>Sensory/Speech</i>									
Hearing Impairment	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Visual Impairment	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	20
Other Sensory/Speech	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
<i>Other</i>	13	12	<10	10	<10	<5	<5	<5	55
Total	1,209	1,010	662	265	219	86	10	36	3,497

Table 7: Amounts included in plan for participant under age 65 years as at 31 December 2020

Annualised value of plan	Number of plans	Percent
Up to \$100,000	87	2%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	1,451	41%
\$150,000 to \$200,000	1,560	45%
Greater than \$200,000	399	11%
All plans	3,497	100%

2. Government targets to reduce the number of younger people living in residential aged care

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Department of Health (DoH) are committed to achieving the Australian Government's targets that, apart from exceptional circumstances, no younger person will live in aged care by 2025.

Since the launch of the Government's Younger People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) Action Plan in March quarter 2019, there has been:

- a **57 per cent reduction** in younger people entering residential aged care down from 407 in the March 2019 quarter to 175 in the December 2020 quarter
- a **35 per cent reduction** in people under the age of 45 living in residential aged care, down from 167 in March 2019 to 109 in December 2020
- a **24 per cent reduction** in people under the age of 65 living in residential aged care, down from 5,715 in March 2019 to 4,340 in December 2020.

On 30 September 2020, the Australian Government announced the new [YPIRAC Strategy 2020-25](#). The YPIRAC Strategy charts the course to meet the strengthened targets set by the Government in late 2019 and builds upon the YPIRAC Action Plan released in March 2019.

To support the strategy, Agencies are now implementing the:

- *YPIRAC Strategy 2020-2025 Multi-agency Communication Strategy*, which outlines a coordinated communication approach to support younger people transition from aged care (finalised December 2020)
- *YPIRAC Strategy Implementation Plan 2020-2025*, which details how the YPIRAC Strategy will be implemented (finalised October 2020).

The Agencies (NDIA, DSS and DoH) have completed several actions outlined in the Implementation Plan, including publishing links to SDA vacancy platforms on the NDIS website, releasing more detailed SDA demand data to signal to SDA providers and developers where there is demand for SDA, and analysing data on the characteristics and entry pathways of younger people in residential aged care.