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



PRE-ESTIMATES PAPER 2021-22

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 30 September 2021¹

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

	2019-20Q1	2019-20Q2	2019-20Q3	2019-20Q4	2020-21Q1	2020-21Q2	2020-21Q3	2020-21Q4	2021-22Q1
In residential care at the start of period	5,606	5,468	5,297	5,113	4,860	4,588	4,340	4,105	3,900
Admitted during the period	386	332	282	247	215	175	164	156	153
Discharged during the period ²	322	313	282	291	306	252	222	219	208
In residential care at the end of the period	5,468	5,297	5,113	4,860	4,588	4,340	4,105	3,900	3,677

Table 2: People aged under 65 in Residential Aged Care as at 30 September 2021, by Age

Age Group	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
0 to 24	<5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	<5
25 to 34	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	–	–	<15
35 to 44	<30	<35	<15	<5	<5	<5	–	–	79
45 to 54	178	180	90	<40	<40	<15	–	<5	541
55 to 64	980	887	576	287	202	76	<15	<30	3,045
Total	1,187	1,105	678	329	244	93	<15	<35	3,677

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 December 2021. Future extracts of these data are subject to change.

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 AT 31 December 2021³

Table 3: Cumulative Intake into and exit from the Scheme for population under age 65 years in Residential Aged Care as at 31 December 2021, by State/Territory

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Access met decision made	2,044	1,699	1,143	432	360	128	27	63	5,896
Exits from the Scheme	744	618	451	153	155	47	10	24	2,202
Exits from Residential Aged Care	341	148	167	20	33	16	<10	11	743
Current participants	959	933	525	259	172	65	10	28	2,951

Table 4: Persons under age 65 years determined to be ineligible for the Scheme as at 31 December 2021, by State/Territory

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Ineligible	52	36	30	10	14	-	-	-	167

Table 5: Active Participants under age 65 years in Residential Aged Care as at 31 December 2021, 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
25 to 34	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	-	-	-	<10
35 to 44	22	33	<10	<5	<5	<5	-	-	72
Subtotal (Under 45)	24	37	11	<5	<10	<5	-	-	82
45 to 54	154	166	68	30	25	14	-	<5	461
55 to 64	781	730	446	227	142	48	10	24	2,408
Total	959	933	525	259	172	65	10	28	2,951

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 2021. 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).

Access Met figure includes anyone who has been access met during transition (including access decisions and anyone continuing in the scheme as already eligible from trial), and the exits include exits from the Scheme and Residential Aged Care since transition.

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 2021, there are 1,930 participants aged over 65 who are currently in residential aged care (with or without an approved plan).

There may have been younger people with disabilities in permanent residential aged care on 31 December 2021 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.

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Table 6: Active Participants under age 65 years with an approved plan in Residential Aged Care as at 31 December 2021, 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	-	-	-	15
Developmental Delay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Down Syndrome	24	25	19	<10	<10	<5	<5	-	87
Global Developmental Delay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intellectual Disability	82	137	68	12	24	<10	<5	-	333
<i>Physical</i>									
ABI	172	299	78	32	30	12	<5	10	534
Cerebral Palsy	17	34	18	<5	<5	<5	-	<5	79
Multiple Sclerosis	36	61	14	<5	16	<5	-	-	131
Spinal Cord Injury	12	14	<10	<10	-	-	-	-	38
Stroke	125	76	62	28	11	<10	<5	<10	314
Other Neurological	285	201	155	89	42	20	<5	<10	799
Other Physical	49	36	22	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	125
<i>Psychosocial Disability</i>	123	98	58	53	17	<10	<5	<5	357
<i>Sensory/Speech</i>									
Hearing Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<5	<5
Visual Impairment	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	-	<5	14
Other Sensory/Speech	-	<5	-	-	-	-	-	-	<5
<i>Other</i>	20	38	18	20	11	<5	-	<5	110
Total	954	929	524	257	171	65	10	28	2,938

Table 7: Amounts included in plan for participant under age 65 years in Residential Aged Care as at 31 December 2021

Annualised value of plan	Number of plans	Percent
Up to \$100,000	54	2%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	1,041	35%
\$150,000 to \$200,000	1,461	50%
Greater than \$200,000	382	13%
All plans	2,938	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 the end of 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 **62 per cent reduction** in younger people entering residential aged care down from 407 in the March 2019 quarter to 153 in the September 2021 quarter
- a **46 per cent reduction** in people under the age of 45 living in residential aged care, down from 167 in March 2019 to 91 in September 2021
- a **32 per cent reduction** in people under the age of 65 living in residential aged care, down from 5,715 in March 2019 to 3,677 in September 2021.

On 30 September 2020, the Australian Government announced the [YPIRAC Strategy 2020-25](#), which guides concrete actions to meet the strengthened targets set by the Government in late 2019 and builds upon the YPIRAC Action Plan.

The Agencies (NDIA, DSS and DoH) continue to progress the actions outlined in the Strategy, including improving data collection, enhancing linkages between younger people and accommodation solutions, and reviewing the entry pathways to aged care. The NDIA recently launched the [SDA Finder](#) for participants and their supporters to locate SDA vacancies, and the [SDA Demand Data](#) tool to support the development of new SDA dwellings.

In 2020, the NDIA established a specialist team of around 80 planners and 22 additional support staff to support younger people to find suitable accommodation and match participants' housing options.

The Government has invested \$10.1 million (2020-21 to 2022-23) to fund a national network of up to 40 YPIRAC system coordinators to provide younger people and their families with targeted support to navigate Commonwealth and state and territory health, housing and disability systems to access age-appropriate accommodation and support services to enable younger people to live independently in the community. Ability First Australia was selected through a tender process to deliver this program and the priority focus will be to assist younger people who are not NDIS participants.

On 11 May 2021, the Government released a comprehensive response to the final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. The Government accepted Recommendation 74 related to younger people in residential aged care.

On 16 December 2021, the Government announced an investment of an additional \$35 million to continue delivering on its commitment to reduce the number of younger people entering, and living in, residential aged care. This funding includes:

- \$16 million to extend funding for the Department of Health's YPIRAC System Coordinator Program to 2025, and
- a further \$18.9 million to invest in additional NDIA staff to help younger NDIS participants, their families, carers and support coordinators to explore reasonable and necessary supports to meet their home and living goals. The new team will complement the NDIA's existing team of specialist YPIRAC Planners who work with NDIS participants to explore appropriate home and living options with a goal to reduce the number of young people entering and residing in aged care settings.

On 22 December 2021, the Government released the first [2020/21 YPIRAC Annual Report](#). The Annual Report highlights the activities being progressed by Government, in collaboration with state and territory governments, sector stakeholders and younger people themselves, that are contributing towards the achievement of the YPIRAC targets.