



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 30 June 2020¹

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

	2017-18Q3	2017-18Q4	2018-19Q1	2018-19Q2	2018-19Q3	2018-19Q4	2019-20Q1	2019-20Q2	2019-20Q3	2019-20Q4
In residential care at the start of period	6,135	6,123	6,043	5,905	5,802	5,715	5,606	5,468	5,297	5,113
Admitted during the period	495	457	441	442	407	416	386	332	282	247
Discharged during the period ²	319	342	349	314	275	318	322	313	282	291
In residential care at the end of the period	6,123	6,043	5,905	5,802	5,715	5,606	5,468	5,297	5,113	4,860

Table 2: People aged under 65 in Residential Aged Care as at 30 June 2020, by Age

Age Group	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
0 to 24	<5								<5
25 to 34	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5			<20
35 to 44	<40	<40	<30	<5	<10	<5			110
45 to 54	239	264	128	55	<40	<30		<5	752
55 to 64	1361	1106	788	309	271	88	<20	<40	3978
Total	1645	1414	940	368	319	115	<20	<50	4860

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 September 2020. 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 confidentialised to protect potentially identifying information.

² Note that the numbers of recipients 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.

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME STATISTICAL INFORMATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020³

Table 3: Cumulative Intake into and exit from the Scheme for population under age 65 years as at 30 June 2020, and living in Residential Aged Care, by State/Territory⁴

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Access met decision made	2,263	1,689	1,186	331	366	114	35	57	6,043
Exits from the Scheme	712	539	375	111	126	31	14	15	1,925
Exits from Residential Aged Care	189	74	81	<10	14	<10	<10	<5	377
Current participants	1,362	1,076	730	215	226	77	15	40	3,741

Table 4: Active Participants under age 65 years with an approved plan as at 30 June 2020, and living in Residential Aged Care, by State/Territory, by age group

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	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<20
35 to 44	37	38	19	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	109
Subtotal (Under 45)	42	45	22	<5	<10	<10	<5	<5	127
45 to 54	222	228	114	42	36	22	<5	<10	670
55 to 64	1,087	795	584	156	174	49	15	33	2,893
Total	1,351	1,068	720	202	219	76	15	39	3,690

Table 5: Persons under age 65 years determined to be ineligible for the Scheme as at 30 June 2020, and living in Residential Aged Care by State/Territory

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Ineligible	69	41	29	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	149

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 all these sections are based on data extracted from the NDIS Data Warehouse on 30 June 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.

Housing information is not currently available for the cohort of participants aged over 65, who are counted on a 'have ever been in residential aged care' basis. As at 30 June 2020 there are 1,447 participants aged over 65 who have ever been in residential aged care.

There may have been younger people with disabilities in permanent residential aged care on 30 June 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.

⁴Data in this section was provided by the National Disability Insurance Agency. The statistics in this section are based on data extracted from the NDIS Data Warehouse on 30 June 2020. Future extracts of these data are subject to change.

The Department of Health periodically provides the National Disability Insurance Agency with information on people aged under 65 who are in receipt of Permanent Residential Aged Care. The most recent data exchange happened on 19 December 2019 but has not been loaded yet. The statistics in this section are concerned with potential participants and participants who were identified through that data exchange, or who have been identified by NDIA planners as being in permanent residential aged care. There may have been younger people with disabilities receiving permanent residential aged care on 30 June 2020 who were not part of the most recent data match. These people have been included in the statistics reported in this paper, where their residential care status was identified independently in the planning process.

Some of the younger people included in the most recent data match may no longer have been in permanent residential aged care on 30 June 2020. These people are included in the statistics reported in this paper where they have had their eligibility for the NDIS assessed.

The exits in this table are summarised by State and Territory. There are 2 exits without location information that are excluded from the table

Table 6: Active Participants under age 65 years with an approved plan as at 30 June 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	19
Developmental Delay	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Down Syndrome	35	34	27	<5	10	<5	<5	<5	112
Global Developmental Delay	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Intellectual Disability	132	162	104	16	43	11	<5	<5	468
<i>Physical</i>									
ABI	241	235	113	29	32	12	<10	<10	676
Cerebral Palsy	20	35	23	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	90
Multiple Sclerosis	55	77	17	<10	17	<5	<5	<5	177
Spinal Cord Injury	19	16	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	49
Stroke	175	96	97	31	11	<5	<5	<10	422
Other Neurological	418	246	207	60	60	28	<10	12	1,036
Other Physical	68	54	40	<10	13	<5	<5	<5	190
<i>Psychosocial Disability</i>	168	95	70	39	21	<10	<5	<5	404
<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	24
Other Sensory/Speech	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
<i>Other</i>	<10	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	19
Total	1,351	1,068	720	202	219	76	15	39	3,690

Table 7: Amounts included in plan for participant under age 65 years as at 30 June 2020

Annualised value of plan	Number of plans	Percent
Up to \$100,000	146	4%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	1,637	44%
\$150,000 to \$200,000	1,511	41%
Greater than \$200,000	396	11%
All plans	3,690	100%

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

The National Disability Insurance Agency, the Department of Social Services and the Department of Health are committed to achieving the Australian Government's targets that, apart from exceptional circumstances, no younger people 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 39% reduction in younger people entering residential aged care each quarter, down from 407 in the March 2019 quarter to 247 in the June 2020 quarter,
- A 22% reduction in people under the age of 45 living in residential aged care, down from 167 in March 2019 to 130 in June 2020, and
- A 15% reduction in people under the age of 65 living in residential aged care, down from 5,715 in March 2019 to 4,860 in June 2020.

In November 2019, in response to the Aged Care Royal Commission Interim Report, the Government announced strengthened targets that seek to ensure, apart from exceptional circumstances, there are:

- No people under the age of 65 entering residential aged care by 2022;
- No people under the age of 45 living in residential aged care by 2022; and
- No people under the age of 65 living in residential aged care by 2025.

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.

The Australian Government is investing \$10.6 million in new funding to establish a network of up to 40 system coordinators who will support younger people and their families to access the disability services, health services, housing and social supports they need.