

**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 2020<sup>1</sup>

**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 <sup>2</sup>	314	275	318	322	313	282	291	306	252
<b>In residential care at the end of the period</b>	<b>5,802</b>	<b>5,715</b>	<b>5,606</b>	<b>5,468</b>	<b>5,297</b>	<b>5,113</b>	<b>4,860</b>	<b>4,588</b>	<b>4,340</b>

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>	<b>&lt;50</b>	<b>4,340</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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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**Table 3: Cumulative Intake into and exit from the Scheme for population under age 65 years as at 31 March 2021, by State/Territory<sup>4</sup>**

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Access met decision made	2,185	1,745	1,183	420	371	133	29	62	6,128
Exits from the Scheme	750	595	413	129	141	36	<10	<20	2,090
Exits from Residential Aged Care	308	138	143	14	32	10	<10	<10	663
<b>Current participants</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>&lt;15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3,375</b>

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

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Ineligible	65	41	31	<10	<15	<5	<5	<5	<b>156</b>

**Table 5: Active Participants under age 65 years as at 31 March 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	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
25 to 34	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<15
35 to 44	25	33	<15	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	83
<b>Subtotal (Under 45)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>&lt;10</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>94</b>
45 to 54	182	201	88	39	34	21	<5	<10	571
55 to 64	918	774	523	235	157	62	<15	30	2,710
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>&lt;15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3,375</b>

<sup>3</sup> 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 March 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).

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 March 2021, there are 1,765 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 March 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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 March 2021, by State/Territory, by disability group**

<b>Disability group</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b><i>Intellectual/Learning</i></b>									
Autism	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<20
Developmental Delay	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Down Syndrome	28	33	23	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	101
Global Developmental Delay	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Intellectual Disability	104	151	85	<20	30	<20	<5	<5	403
<b><i>Physical</i></b>									
ABI	189	212	102	34	32	<20	<5	<15	597
Cerebral Palsy	<20	33	<20	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	80
Multiple Sclerosis	51	70	<20	<5	<20	<5	<5	<5	158
Spinal Cord Injury	<15	<20	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	44
Stroke	151	89	80	31	<15	<10	<5	<10	375
Other Neurological	341	221	185	90	52	27	<5	<15	931
Other Physical	56	41	30	<15	<10	<5	<5	<5	152
<b><i>Psychosocial Disability</i></b>	145	98	59	50	22	<10	<5	<5	384
<b><i>Sensory/Speech</i></b>									
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
<b><i>Other</i></b>	<20	27	<15	<15	<15	<5	<5	<5	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>&lt;15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3,341</b>

**Table 7: Amounts included in plan for participant under age 65 years as at 31 March 2021**

<b>Annualised value of plan</b>	<b>Number of plans</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Up to \$100,000	81	2%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	1,371	41%
\$150,000 to \$200,000	1,533	46%
Greater than \$200,000	356	11%
<b>All plans</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 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 [YPIRAC Strategy 2020-25](#), which 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 Agencies (NDIA, DSS and DoH) continue to progress the actions outlined in the Strategy, including improving data collection, publishing more specific SDA demand data and developing an SDA vacancy register database, and reviewing the entry pathways to aged care.

In 2020, the NDIA established a specialist team of 80 planners and 22 additional support staff to support younger people to find suitable accommodation and match participants' housing options. There is a commitment of \$10.6 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 the system to find age-appropriate accommodation, and supports to allow younger people to live independently in the community. DoH is currently finalising a competitive grant process for the YPIRAC system coordinators and is expected to be operational by July 2021.

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.