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**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 30 June 2021<sup>1</sup>

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

	2018-19Q3	2018-19Q4	2019-20Q1	2019-20Q2	2019-20Q3	2019-20Q4	2020-21Q1	2020-21Q2	2020-21Q3	2020-21Q4
In residential care at the start of period	5,802	5,715	5,606	5,468	5,297	5,113	4,860	4,588	4,340	4,105
Admitted during the period	407	416	386	332	282	247	215	175	164	156
Discharged during the period <sup>2</sup>	275	318	322	313	282	291	306	252	222	219
<b>In residential care at the end of the period</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>	<b>4,105</b>	<b>3,900</b>

**Table 2: People aged under 65 in Residential Aged Care as at 30 June 2021, 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	–	–	<15
35 to 44	<30	<40	<15	<5	<10	<5	–	–	87
45 to 54	186	194	95	41	42	<20	–	<10	580
55 to 64	1,038	932	629	290	216	73	<15	<40	3,220
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>&lt;15</b>	<b>&lt;40</b>	<b>3,900</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 September 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.

<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 30 June 2021, by State/Territory**

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Access met decision made	2,139	1,742	1,178	423	372	134	29	63	6,082
Exits from the Scheme	759	610	425	133	147	42	<10	<20	2,146
Exits from Residential Aged Care	308	142	155	16	31	11	<10	<10	680
<b>Current participants</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,256</b>

**Table 4: Persons under age 65 years determined to be ineligible for the Scheme as at 30 June 2021, by State/Territory**

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Ineligible	63	41	31	<10	15	<5	-	-	<b>159</b>

**Table 5: Active Participants under age 65 years as at 30 June 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	<5	-	-	10
35 to 44	25	34	11	<5	<10	<5	-	-	79
<b>Subtotal (Under 45)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>&lt;10</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90</b>
45 to 54	178	186	81	35	34	<20	-	<10	538
55 to 64	867	766	504	237	154	58	12	30	2,628
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,256</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 30 June 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). 2.

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 during 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 30 June 2021, there are 1,811 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 30 June 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 as at 30 June 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	-	-	-	14
Developmental Delay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Down Syndrome	24	32	23	<10	<10	<5	-	-	97
Global Developmental Delay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intellectual Disability	102	145	74	17	30	13	-	-	381
<b><i>Physical</i></b>									
ABI	182	209	95	32	33	16	<5	<15	579
Cerebral Palsy	17	34	19	<5	<10	<5	-	<5	81
Multiple Sclerosis	48	69	15	<5	16	<5	-	-	153
Spinal Cord Injury	13	15	<10	<5	-	-	-	-	40
Stroke	141	84	73	34	10	<5	<5	<10	355
Other Neurological	323	213	181	89	49	25	<5	<15	894
Other Physical	52	40	25	<10	<10	<5	<5	<5	140
<b><i>Psychosocial Disability</i></b>	140	99	59	55	21	<10	<5	<5	384
<b><i>Sensory/Speech</i></b>									
Hearing Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<5	<5
Visual Impairment	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	-	<5	15
Other Sensory/Speech	-	<5	-	-	-	-	-	-	<5
<b><i>Other</i></b>	16	34	15	17	11	<5	-	<5	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,232</b>

**Table 7: Amounts included in plan for participant under age 65 years as at 30 June 2021**

<b>Annualised value of plan</b>	<b>Number of plans</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Up to \$100,000	68	2%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	1,291	40%
\$150,000 to \$200,000	1,544	48%
Greater than \$200,000	329	10%
<b>All plans</b>	<b>3,232</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 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 156 in the June 2021 quarter
- a **40 per cent reduction** in people under the age of 45 living in residential aged care, down from 167 in March 2019 to 100 in June 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 3,900 in June 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 released in March 2019.

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 the system to find age-appropriate accommodation, and supports to allow 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 to navigate Commonwealth and state and territory health, housing and disability systems to access age-appropriate accommodation and support services.

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.