

Monthly summary

July 2021

In July 2021,



The NDIS provided
\$2.15 bn
of paid supports
to participants

18%↑
than
July 2020

3%↑
than the forecast provided
in the interim update to
the 2020 Annual Financial
Sustainability Report (AFSR
Update) released in July 2021



A net increase of
6,020
participants taking
the total to
472,639
participants at month-end

Compared to
6,961
in July 2020,
and a total of
398,960
at the end of July 2020

472,639
participants at the
end of July is **slightly
lower** than the **474,602**
estimated in the
AFSR Update forecast



Participants
received on average
\$53,400
in paid supports
(annualised figure)

3%↑
than the
corresponding
figure in July 2020

3%↑
than the
figure in the AFSR
Update forecast

In interpreting monthly results, it is important to understand:

- 1. Seasonality** – monthly payments vary due to seasonality. For example, payments are lower in months where there are school holidays (such as July), and the number of days in the month also impacts monthly payments. Comparisons should therefore only be made between the same corresponding period or periods.
- 2. Changing mix of participants** – that is, the profile of participants changes over time. While the overall number of participants in the Scheme continues to increase, there is a greater proportion of children in the Scheme, and a lower proportion of participants in Supported Independent Living (SIL) than there was a year ago. All else equal, this means that the average participant payment decreases over time just because of this changing mix. Hence, when comparing payments at two points in time this needs to be considered.
- 3. Average payments** have increased by 3% from July 2020 to July 2021 (from \$51,750 to \$53,400), despite the change in mix of participants that has a downward impact on overall average spend per participant.

As part of its ongoing commitment to transparency, the Agency will be releasing the above information each month including the year-to-date figures.