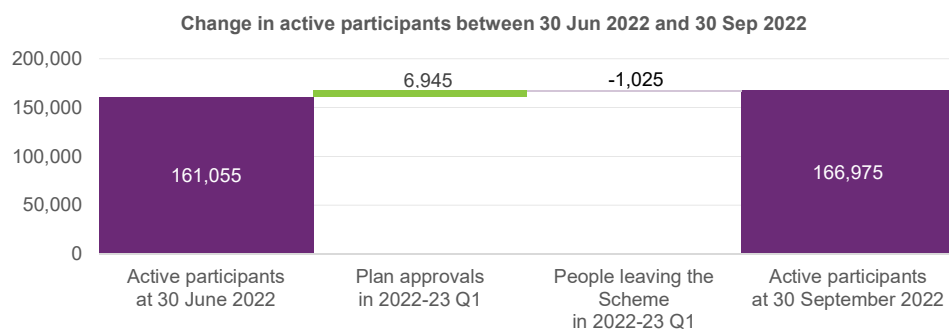


Participants and planning

Participant experience	As at 30 Sep	As at 30 Jun
Active participants with approved plans	166,975	161,055
Children accessing early connections	4,926	4,756
Children waiting for early connections	33	61
Percentage of participants fully or partially self managing their plan	28%	28%
Percentage of plans activated within 90 days <sup>1</sup>	87%	87%
Number of participant plan reassessments completed in quarter <sup>2 3</sup>	20,953	31,873



**Performance summary:**

- 178,548 participants (excluding children accessing early connections) have had an approved plan since July 2013. 166,975 of these continue to be active.
- 102,202 active participants have not previously received disability support via State and Commonwealth government programs in the past.
- In the current quarter, 6,945 participants have entered the Scheme and there are 4,926 children accessing early connections at the end of September 2022.
- 20,953 plans have had reassessments this quarter.
- 8,306 access decisions have been made in the quarter, of which 6,423 met access and are still active.
- 770 (11.1%) of the new active participants this quarter identified as First Nations Australians, taking the total number of First Nations participants in NSW to 13,657 (8.2%).
- 770 (11.1%) of the new active participants this quarter are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) <sup>4</sup>, taking the total number of CALD participants in NSW to 18,213 (10.9%).

Participant outcomes and satisfaction

Participant outcomes and satisfaction	Reassessment	Baseline
<b>Participant and Scheme Outcome metrics from the Corporate Plan as at 30 September 2022 <sup>5</sup></b>		
• Participant employment rate	24%	23%
• Participant social and community engagement rate	46%	34%
• Parent and carer employment rate	53%	48%
	<b>Latest reassessment</b>	<b>First reassessment</b>
• Participant perception of choice and control	76%	65%
<b>% of participants rating their overall experience as very good or good by pathway stage – current vs previous quarter</b>	<b>2022-23 Q1</b>	<b>2021-22 Q4</b>
• Access	77%	80%
• Pre-planning	79%	81%
• Planning	89%	87%
• Plan reassessment	71%	74%

<sup>1</sup> Participants who joined the Scheme prior to 1 July 2016 and those with initial plans approved after the end of 2021-22 Q3 have been excluded.

<sup>2</sup> Plans less than 31 days in duration have been excluded.

<sup>3</sup> The new definition is included under s49 of the NDIS Act (2013) and replaces the previous definition of plan review.

<sup>4</sup> The number of CALD participants excludes First Nations participants.

<sup>5</sup> The Outcome results include participants who have been in the Scheme for at least two years. Trial participants are excluded. Except for the parent and carer employment rate, only participants aged 15 and over are included. The Baseline results are at Scheme entry.

Participant Service Guarantee

Percentage meeting the Service Guarantee in quarter <sup>1</sup>		Service Guarantee	30 Sep	30 Jun
<b>General</b>	1. Explanation of a previous decision, after a request for explanation is received	28 days	100%	100%
<b>Access</b>	2. Make an access decision, or request for more information, after an access request has been received	21 days	100%	100%
	3. Allow sufficient time for prospective participants to provide information, after NDIA has requested further information	90 days	100%	98%
	4. Make an access decision, after the final information has been provided	14 days	99%	99%
	<b>Planning</b>	5. Commence facilitating the preparation of a plan, after an access decision has been made	21 days	97%
	6. Approve a participant's plan, after an access decision has been made	56 days	94%	92%
	7. Approve a plan for ECEI <sup>2</sup> participants, after an access decision has been made	90 days	99%	99%
<b>Implementation</b>	9. If the participant accepts the offer, hold a plan implementation meeting	28 days	100%	100%
<b>Reassessments</b>	11. Commence facilitating a scheduled plan reassessment, prior to the scheduled reassessment date <sup>3</sup>	56 days	87%	68%
	12. Decide whether to undertake a Participant Requested Plan Reassessment, after the request is received <sup>4</sup>	21 days	93%	100%
	13. Complete a Participant Reassessment Request, after the decision to accept the request was made	28 days	62%	57%
<b>Amendments</b>	14. Vary a plan, after the receipt of information that triggers the plan amendment process	28 days	92%	89%
	15. Vary a plan, after the receipt of information relating to a complex quote that triggers a plan amendment process	50 days	100%	100%
<b>Reviewable Decisions</b>	17. Complete an internal Review of a Reviewable Decision, after a request is received	60 days	94%	96%
	18. Implement an AAT decision to amend a plan, after receiving notification of the AAT decision	28 days	98%	97%
<b>Nominee</b>	19. Cancel participant requested nominee	14 days	100%	100%
	20. Cancel CEO initiated nominee	14 days	100%	100%

• The NDIA commenced measuring performance against the PSG metrics prior to the legislation of the Participant Service Charter and Guarantee. On 30 March 2022, the NDIS Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2021 passed in both houses of Parliament, and received Royal Assent on 1 April 2022.

<sup>1</sup> PSG results in the previous quarter may be restated due to ongoing logic refinement and changes in data quality.

<sup>2</sup> ECEI was previously known as Early Childhood Early Intervention. It is now known as Early Childhood Approach (ECA).

<sup>3</sup> The NDIA's new participant check-in process ensures that every plan reassessment begins with a contact from the planner or partner to discuss review options well before any plan reassessment date. Plans are extended automatically if they have not been reassessed before the reassessment date so participants have continuity of support.

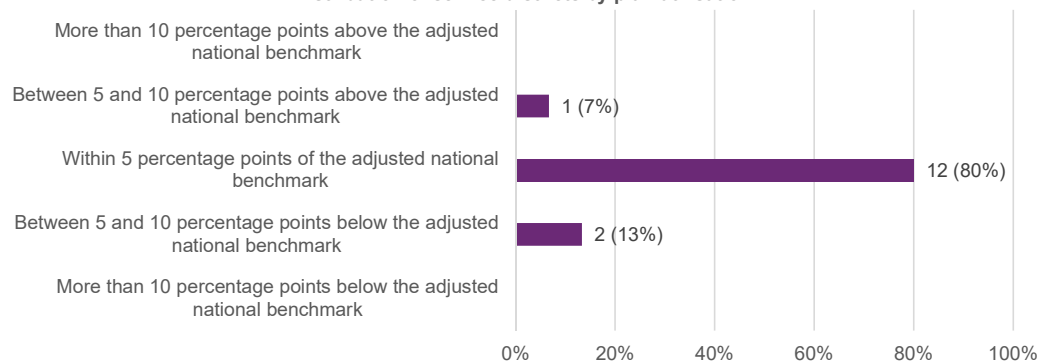
<sup>4</sup> The definition of Participant Reassessment Request is included under s48 of the NDIS Act (2013) and replaces the previous definition of plan review request.

Provider and market metrics

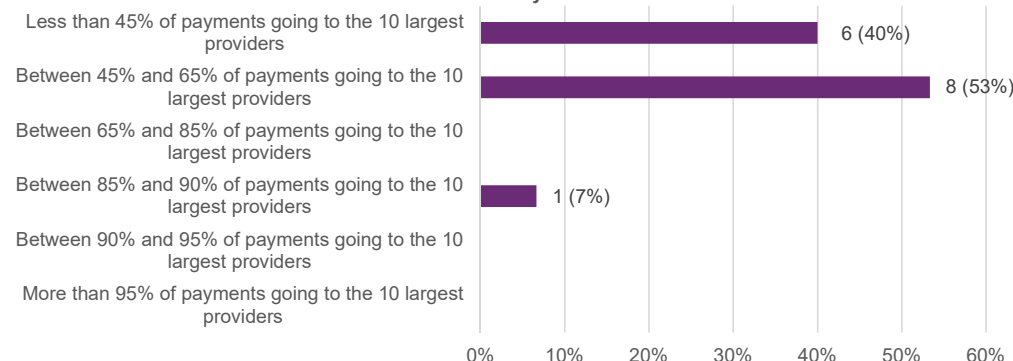
Market supply and participant costs	As at 30 Sep	As at 30 Jun
Total number of active providers (with at least one claim ever) <sup>1</sup>	9,713	9,392
Total number of active providers in last quarter <sup>1</sup>	4,420	4,329
Utilisation (6 month rolling average with 3 month lag) (%)	77%	76%
Plan utilisation by service district (% of service districts that are more than 10 percentage points below the benchmark) <sup>2</sup>	0%	0%
Market concentration (% of service districts where more than 85% of payments for supports go to the top 10 providers)	7%	0%
Payments paid within 5 days (portal) (%)	99.8%	99.8%
Total payments from 1 July 2022 (\$m)	\$2,518m	\$8,710m
Total annualised plan budgets (\$m)	\$12,351m	\$11,303m
Plan inflation (current quarter % per annum) <sup>3 4</sup>	20.1%	12.1%
Inflation at plan reassessment (current quarter % per annum)	9.4%	4.7%
Inflation within a plan, between reassessments (current quarter % per annum)	10.7%	7.4%
Socioeconomic equity (%) <sup>5</sup>	99%	100%

- Total annualised plan budgets at 30 September 2022 were \$12,351m and payments from 1 July 2022 were \$2,518m.
- The number of active providers at the end of September is 9,713, growing by 3% in the quarter.
- Utilisation was 77% from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022, with no service district in New South Wales more than 10 percentage points from the adjusted national benchmark.
- In 7% (1 out of 15) of service districts, the top 10 providers provide more than 85% of payments.

Distribution of service districts by plan utilisation <sup>2</sup>



Distribution of service districts by market concentration



**Service districts between 5% and 10% below plan utilisation benchmark:**

- Far West: 65% vs 73% benchmark
- Western NSW: 69% vs 76% benchmark

**Service districts closest to market concentration benchmark:**

- Far West: 85% vs 85% benchmark

<sup>1</sup> Active providers refer to those who have received payment for supporting Agency-managed participants.

<sup>2</sup> The 'benchmark' in this analysis is the national average after adjusting for the proportion of participants in supported independent living in each service district and the length of time participants have been in the Scheme.

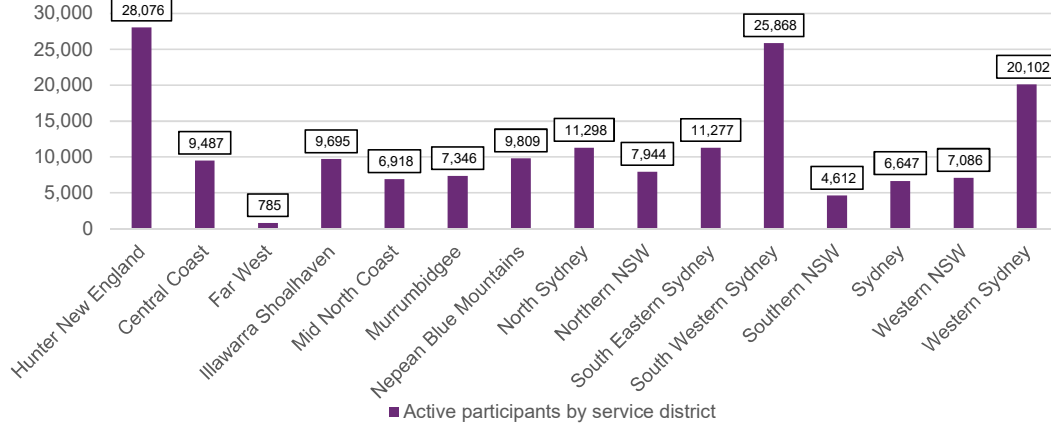
<sup>3</sup> Total plan inflation consists of plan budget changes occurring at plan reassessment date, as well as changes occurring within a plan, between reassessments. Previously the NDIA has not included the additional percentage changes in plan budgets that occur within a plan and before the plan reassessment date, when reporting this metric, and this has underestimated the extent to which plans have increased.

<sup>4</sup> The annualisation calculation of inflation excludes the impact of plan indexation in July following the Annual Pricing Review. The impact of this indexation is then explicitly added to the annualised calculation being a one-off increase.

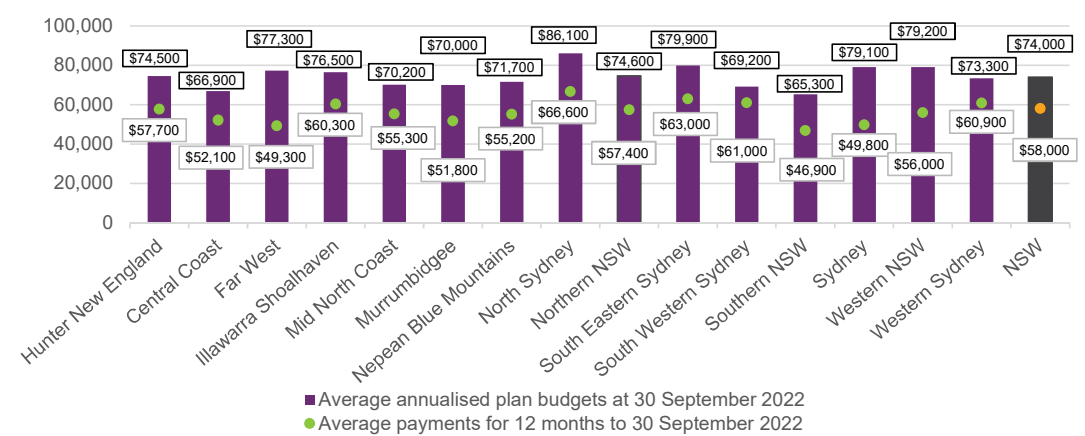
<sup>5</sup> Socioeconomic status uses deciles from the ABS Index of Education and Occupation (IEO). A higher decile indicates that people residing in that area have a higher level of skills and qualifications on average. The socioeconomic equity metric is equal to the average annualised plan budget of participants residing in the top two IEO deciles divided by the average annualised plan budget of participants residing in the bottom two IEO deciles (participants not in SIL and aged 0 to 64).

Summaries by service district

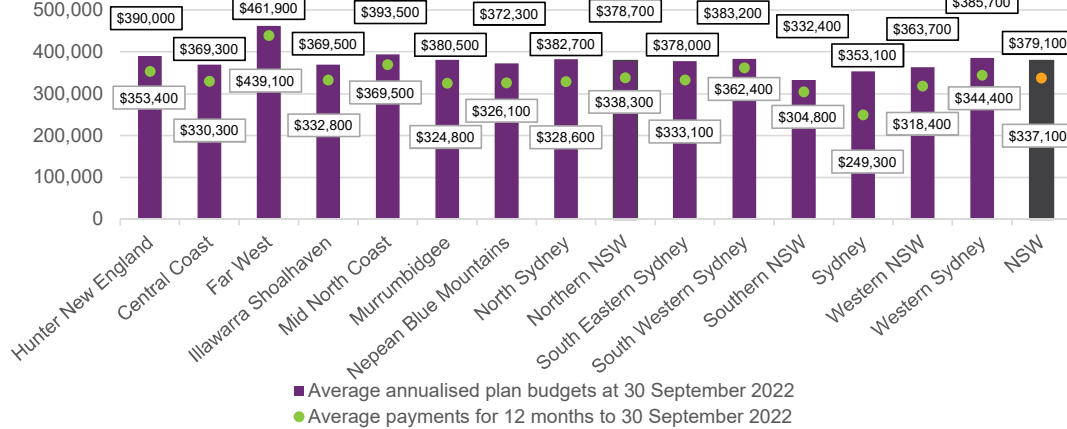
Active participants by service district <sup>1</sup>



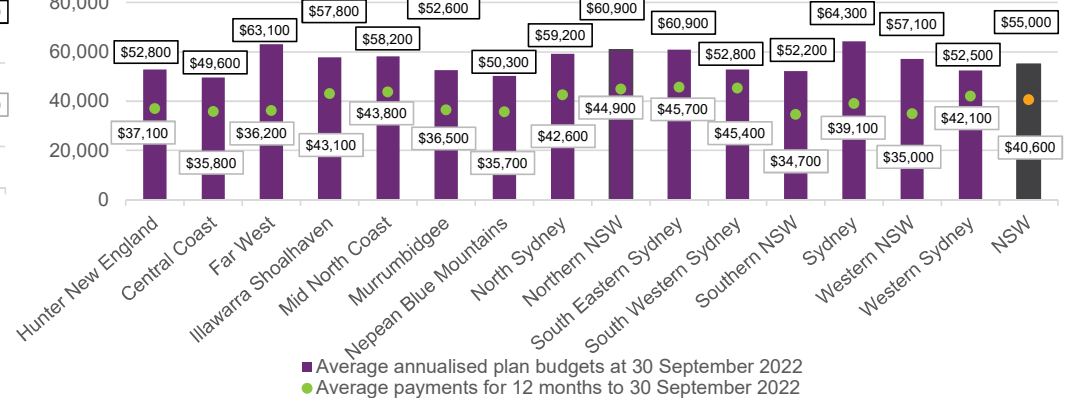
Average annualised plan budgets and average payments (\$) <sup>1 2</sup>



Average annualised plan budgets and average payments - Participants in Supported Independent Living (SIL) (\$) <sup>1 2</sup>



Average annualised plan budgets and average payments - Participants not in SIL (\$) <sup>1 2</sup>



- Hunter New England has the highest number (28,076) of active participants, while Far West has the lowest (785).
- The average annualised plan budget at the end of September for active participants is \$74,000 (\$55,000 for participants not in SIL and \$379,100 for participants in SIL).
- The average payment for the 12 months ending 30 September 2022 is \$58,000 (\$40,600 for participants not in SIL and \$337,100 for participants in SIL).
- North Sydney has the highest average annualised plan budgets and payments across all participants.

<sup>1</sup> There are 25 active participants at 30 September 2022 residing in 'Other' service districts. 'Other' includes participants with service district information missing. The average annualised plan budgets and average payments for this group are not shown.

<sup>2</sup> Figures are not shown if there is insufficient data in the service district.