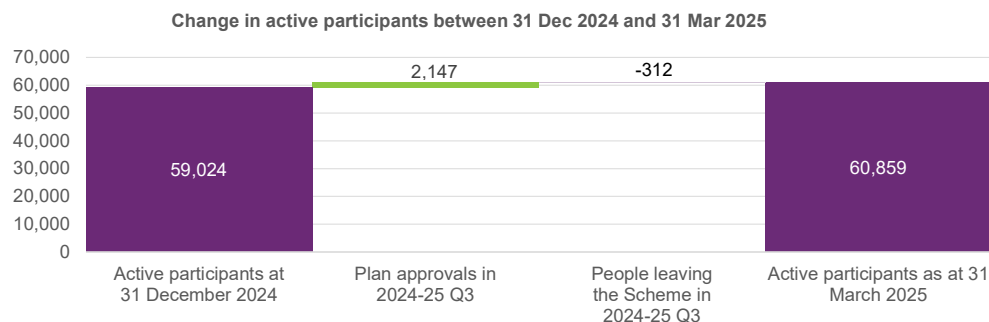


Participants and Planning

Participant experience	As at 31 Mar	As at 31 Dec
Active participants with approved plans (excluding children accessing early connections) <sup>1</sup>	60,859	59,024
Children accessing early connections throughout the quarter <sup>2</sup>	1,216	1,542
Percentage of participants fully or partially self managing their plan	21%	21%
Percentage of plans activated within 90 days <sup>3</sup>	87%	87%
Number of participant plan reassessments completed in the quarter <sup>4</sup>	4,984	5,584



Performance summary:

- 66,868 participants (excluding children accessing early connections) have had an approved plan since July 2013. 60,859 of these continue to be active.
- 45,842 active participants have not previously received disability support via State and Commonwealth government programs in the past.
- 2,147 participants have entered the Scheme in the March 2025 quarter and net participants leaving the Scheme are 312, reflecting active participant movements in and out of the Scheme and South Australia.
- 4,984 plans have had reassessments this quarter.
- 2,995 access decisions have been made in the quarter, of which 2,393 met access and are still active.
- 189 (8.8%) of the new active participants this quarter identified as First Nations participants, taking the total number of First Nations participants in South Australia to 4,121 (6.8%).
- 145 (6.8%) of the new active participants this quarter are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) <sup>5</sup>, taking the total number of CALD participants in South Australia to 4,161 (6.8%).

Participant outcomes and satisfaction

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<b>Participant and Scheme Outcome metrics from the Corporate Plan as at 31 March 2025 <sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Latest Reassessment</b>	<b>Baseline</b>
• Participant employment rate - Aged 15 - 64 years	26%	26%
• Participant social and community engagement rate - Aged 15+ years	41%	37%
• Parent and carer employment rate - All ages	50%	46%
• Participant perception of choice and control - Aged 15+ years	<b>Latest Reassessment</b> 77%	<b>First Reassessment</b> 65%
<b>% of participants rating their overall experience as very good or good by pathway stage – current vs previous quarter <sup>7</sup></b>	<b>2024-25 Q3</b>	<b>2024-25 Q2</b>
• Early Supports Process	n/a	n/a
• Community Connections Process	75%	69%
• Apply for NDIS Process (access met)	55%	61%
• Apply for NDIS Process (access not met)	29%	23%
• Plan Approval Process	52%	52%
• Plan Implementation Process	54%	55%
• Plan Reassessment Process	66%	61%

<sup>1</sup> Data for participants and committed supports are as at 2 April 2025 in line with the Quarterly Report to the Disability Minister for 2024-25 Q3. Other data items, including payments (scheme expense), are for the precise period to 31 March 2025.

<sup>2</sup> From the September 2024 quarter, the number of children accessing early connections is being reported as a 'throughout the quarter' figure rather than an 'end of quarter' figure to better reflect the number of children supported by the Early Childhood Approach.

<sup>3</sup> Trial participants (participants with initial plans approved prior to 1 July 2016) and those with initial plans approved after the end of 2024-25 Q1 have been excluded.

<sup>4</sup> From the December 2024 quarter, Plan Reassessments uses all reassessments including those from plans less than 31 days in duration (previously excluded). Logic for PACE plan reassessments is still being refined, hence the previous quarter's figures are subject to change.

<sup>5</sup> The number of CALD participants excludes First Nations participants.

<sup>6</sup> The Outcome results include participants who have been in the Scheme for at least two years. Trial participants (participants with initial plans approved prior to 1 July 2016) are excluded.

<sup>7</sup> "n/a" means that results cannot be measured.

Participant Service Guarantee (PSG)

Percentage meeting the Service Guarantee in the quarter <sup>1</sup>		Service Guarantee	31 Mar	31 Dec
<b>General</b>	1. Explain a previous decision, after a request for explanation is received	28 days	n/a	n/a
<b>Access</b>	2. Make an access decision, or request for more information, after an access request has been received	21 days	9%	16%
	3. Allow sufficient time for prospective participants to provide information, after NDIA has requested further information	90 days	n/a	n/a
	4. Make an access decision, after more information has been provided	14 days	15%	22%
<b>Planning</b>	5. Commence facilitating the preparation of a plan, after an access decision has been made	21 days	n/a	n/a
	6. Approve a participant's plan, after an access decision has been made (excludes those ECA <sup>2</sup> that have received initial supports)	56 days	85%	81%
	7. Approve a plan for ECA <sup>2</sup> participants, after an access decision has been made <sup>3</sup>	56 days	100%	100%
<b>Implementation</b>	8. Offer to hold a plan implementation meeting, after the plan is approved	7 days	83%	84%
	9. If the participant accepts the offer, hold a plan implementation meeting	28 days	n/a	n/a
<b>Plan Reassessments</b>	11. Commence facilitating a scheduled plan reassessment, prior to the scheduled reassessment date	56 days	67%	53%
	12. Decide whether to undertake a Participant Requested Plan Reassessment, after the request is received	21 days	20%	20%
	13. Complete a reassessment, after the decision to accept the request was made	28 days	85%	90%
<b>Plan Amendments</b>	14. Amend a plan, after the receipt of information that triggers the plan amendment process	28 days	40%	44%
	15. Amend a plan, after the receipt of information relating to a complex quote that triggers a plan amendment process	50 days	n/a	n/a
<b>Reviewable Decisions</b>	17. Complete an Internal Review of a Reviewable Decision, after a request is received	60 days	51%	64%
	18. Implement an ART decision to amend a plan, after the ART decision is made <sup>4</sup>	28 days	n/a	n/a
<b>Nominee</b>	19. Cancel participant requested nominee	14 days	n/a	n/a
	20. Cancel CEO initiated nominee	14 days	n/a	n/a

• The PSG metrics are based on the recommendations of the 2019 Tune Review. 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. It introduces changes that provide greater flexibility for participants and the NDIA to amend plans.

<sup>1</sup> From the March 2024 quarter, performance is being measured using the available data on processes and dates. Milestones are being built into the new computer system to improve the capture of performance data. Where the performance remains unavailable for this quarter, "n/a" has been substituted.

<sup>2</sup> ECA stands for early childhood approach.

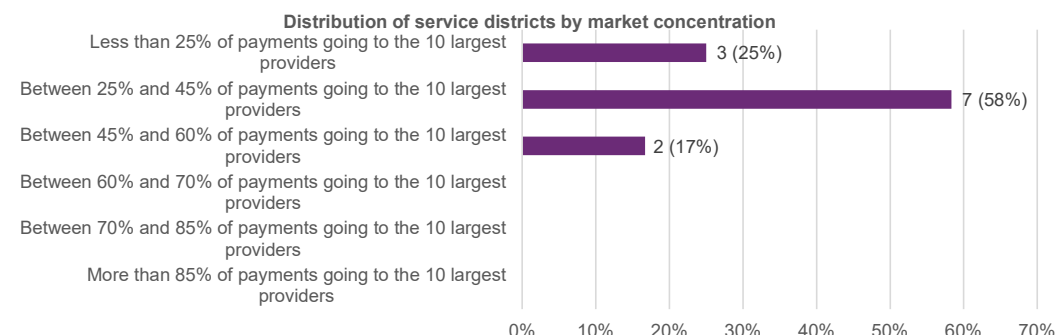
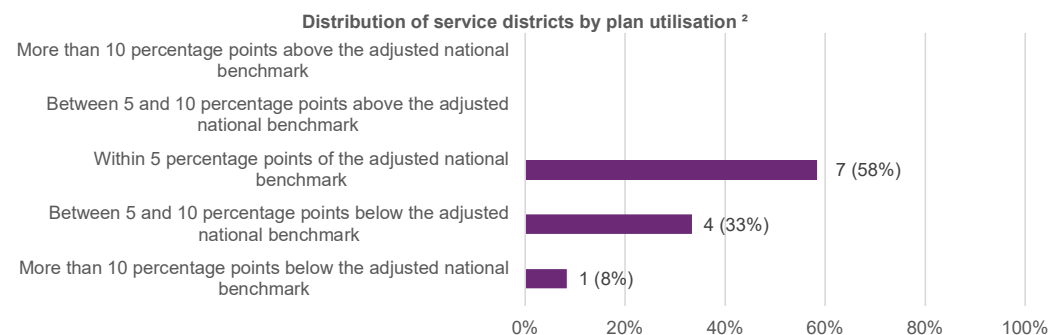
<sup>3</sup> From the September 2024 quarter, the PSG timeframe (Service Agreement) to approve a plan for ECA participants after an access decision has been made was altered to 56 days (previously 90 days).

<sup>4</sup> Following the passage of legislation in May 2024, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) was replaced with the Administrative Review Tribunal (ART). All prior cases transitioned from 14 Oct 2024.

Provider and market metrics

Market supply and participant costs	As at 31 Mar	As at 31 Dec
Total number of active providers <sup>1</sup> in the last quarter	22,404	22,463
Utilisation (6 month rolling average with 3 month lag) (%)	76%	78%
Plan utilisation by service district (% of service districts that are more than 10 percentage points below the benchmark) <sup>2</sup>	8%	8%
Market concentration (% of service districts where more than 70% of payments for supports go to the top 10 providers)	0%	0%
Payments paid within 3 days (%) <sup>3</sup>	99.5%	99.8%
Total payments from 1 July 2024 (\$m)	\$2,859m	\$1,917m
Total annualised plan budgets at the end of quarter (\$m) <sup>4</sup>	\$5,070m	\$4,876m
Total plan inflation (current quarter % per annum) <sup>5</sup>	13.1%	13.9%
Inflation at plan reassessment (current quarter % per annum)	6.4%	5.7%
Inflation within a plan, between reassessments (current quarter % per annum)	6.7%	8.2%

- Total annualised plan budgets at 31 March 2025 were \$5,070m and payments from 1 July 2024 were \$2,859m.
- Out of 22,404 active providers in the March 2025 quarter, 865 providers provided support to Agency-managed participants, 16,865 providers provided support to plan-managed participants and 10,631 providers provided support to self-managed participants.<sup>1</sup>
- Utilisation has been 76% from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024, with 8% (1 out of 12) of service districts in South Australia more than 10 percentage points below the adjusted national benchmark.
- There were no service districts where the top 10 providers provide more than 70% of payments.



- Service districts more than 10% below plan utilisation benchmark:**
- Far North (SA): 65% vs 76% benchmark

- Service districts having between 45% and 70% of payments going to the 10 largest providers:**
- Far North (SA): 52% vs 70% benchmark
  - Limestone Coast: 50% vs 70% benchmark

<sup>1</sup> From the March 2024 quarter, the active provider number includes both registered and unregistered providers. A participant may have a combination of plan management types over time. From the December 2024 quarter, all providers were required to supply their ABN's to ensure inclusion in this metric (particularly for self-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 (SIL) in each service district and the length of time participants have been in the Scheme.

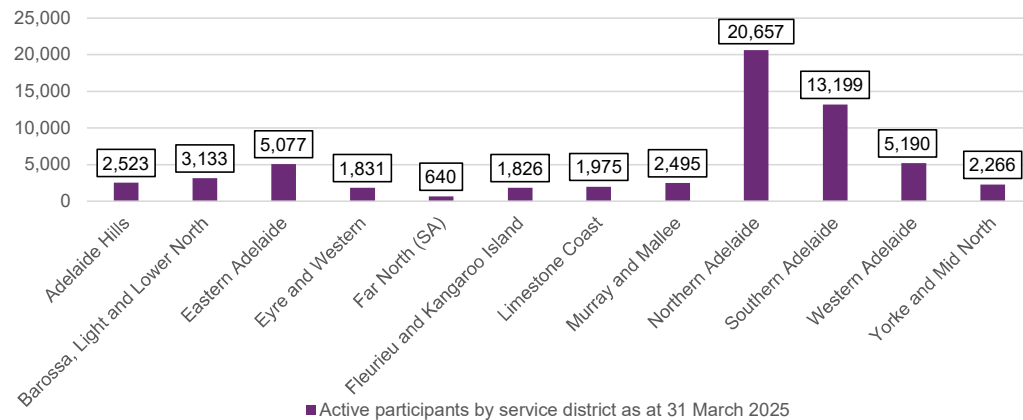
<sup>3</sup> The payment enquiries come from the Provider Portal, Participant Portal and NDIS App. From November 24, the Agreed Timeframe measure for payments was updated to be 3-days in line with Performance Measure 2.2 within the Corporate Plan for 2024-25. This was previously 5 days.

<sup>4</sup> Total annualised plan budgets refer to those in the current plans of active participants at the end of quarter.

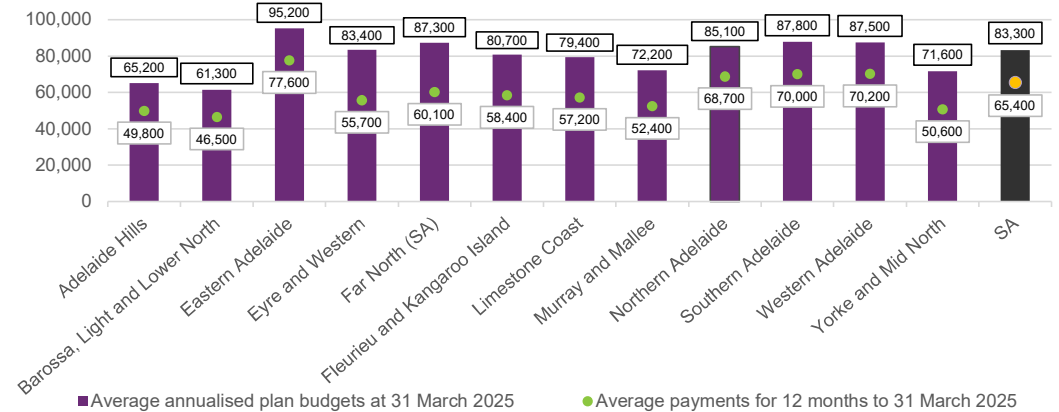
<sup>5</sup> Total plan inflation consists of plan budget changes occurring at plan reassessment as well as changes occurring within a plan between reassessments.

## Summaries by Service Districts

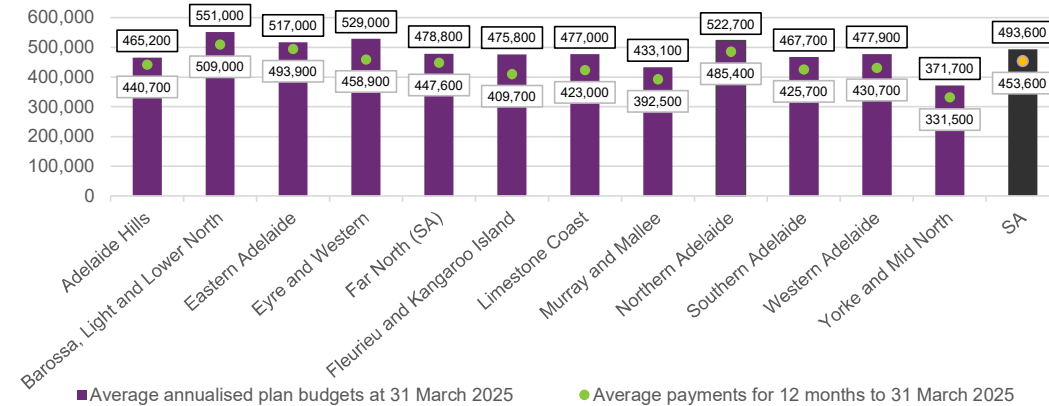
Active participants by service district <sup>1</sup>



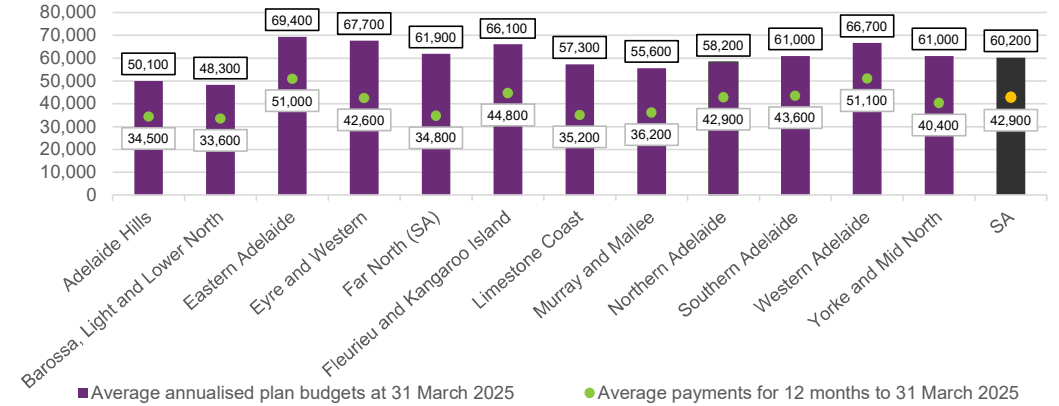
Average annualised plan budgets and average payments (\$) <sup>2 3</sup>



Average annualised plan budgets and average payments - Participants in Supported Independent Living (SIL) (\$) <sup>2 3</sup>



Average annualised plan budgets and average payments - Participants not in SIL (\$) <sup>2 3</sup>



- Northern Adelaide has the highest number (20,657) of active participants, while Far North (SA) has the lowest (640).
- The average annualised plan budget at the end of March for active participants is \$83,300 (\$60,200 for participants not in SIL and \$493,600 for participants in SIL).
- The average payments for the 12 months ending 31 March 2025 are \$65,400 (\$42,900 for participants not in SIL and \$453,600 for participants in SIL).
- Eastern Adelaide has the highest average annualised plan budgets and payments across all participants.

Users of this dashboard can find these statistics and many more available via the NDIS Data Explorer at: <https://dataresearch.ndis.gov.au/explore-data>

<sup>1</sup> There are 47 active participants as at 31 March 2025 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> Average annualised plan budgets are derived from total annualised plan budgets in the current plans of active participants as at 31 March 2025. Average payments are calculated as the average of the annualised monthly payments in the same 12 month period, weighted by the participants that are active in each month.

<sup>3</sup> Figures are not shown if there is insufficient data in the service district.