

# Annual Financial Sustainability Report 2020–21

Making sure the NDIS lasts a long time

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Easy Read version



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## How to use this report



The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) wrote this report. When you see the word 'we', it means the NDIA.



This report is written in an easy to read way. We use pictures to explain some ideas.

**Bold**

We have written some words in **bold**.

Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 23.



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## What is this report about?



We want to make sure the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) lasts a long time.



Each year we write a report.

It's called the Annual Financial Sustainability Report (AFSR).



When we talk about **data**, we mean:

- facts
- information
- records.



The AFSR uses data from the past 8 years.

This is when the NDIS started.



We use that data to work out how much the NDIS will cost in the future.

## Who writes the AFSR?



An expert who works for the NDIA wrote the AFSR.



She uses maths to deal with risk in business.

She looks at:



- different types of **participants**



- how much **funding** they use.



Participants are people with disability who take part in the NDIS.



Funding is the money from your plan that pays for the supports and services you need.

She also looks at how many participants:



- join the NDIS each year



- leave the NDIS each year.



She uses this information to work out how much the NDIS should cost in the future.

## Making sure the NDIS lasts a long time



The AFSR helps us manage our money.

This means we can:



- support participants to get the services they need



- make sure participants have enough funding to pay for their services

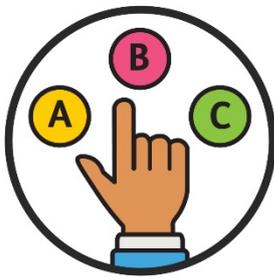


- give participants **quality** services now and in the future.

Quality is about receiving good services that:



- meet the needs of people with disability



- give people with disability choice and control.

## What information do we look at?

To make sure the NDIS lasts a long time, we must look at:



- how many participants take part in the NDIS each year



- how much funding we give participants.

We look at how many participants:

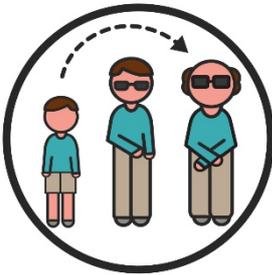


- join the NDIS



- leave the NDIS.

We also look at data we have about participants, such as:



- their age



- their disability



- how much funding they get



- if they get funding for **Supported Independent Living (SIL)**.

SIL is help with day-to-day tasks around your home so you can:



- do things for yourself
- learn new skills.



Most participants who get SIL funding live with housemates who also have SIL funding.

## How do we use this information?



We use the data about the NDIS to help us work out how much the NDIS will cost in the future.



We looked at data about the NDIS over the past 8 years.



We use this data to work out how much the NDIS will cost each year.



But there are lots of things we don't know about the future.

So we need to work out what we think will happen.

This includes:



- how many participants will join the NDIS



- how much funding we will need for new participants



- how many participants will leave the NDIS



- how much the cost of services participants get will go up



- how many participants will use SIL.

# The NDIS in 2020–2021



We focused on 3 areas.

## Participants



More participants join the NDIS each year.



At the end of June 2021, the NDIS had 466,619 participants.

We expect the NDIS to have:



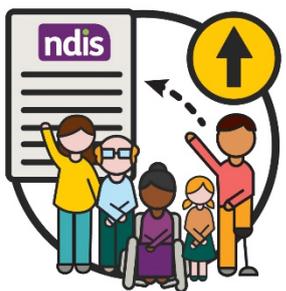
- more than 670,000 participants by 2025



- more than 859,000 participants by 2030.



We found 2 reasons why the number of participants changes so much.



Each year more participants join the NDIS than we expect.



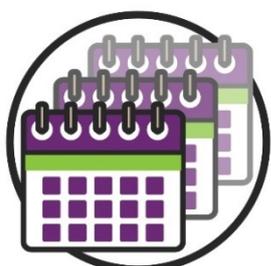
And each year less participants leave the NDIS than we expect.

## Funding

We must make sure we manage our money for the NDIS well:



- now



- in the future.



Funding for participants has gone up by nearly 12% each year over the past 4 years.



Funding for participants over 25 years old has gone up faster because they get more support with day to day activities.



But we don't expect funding for participants to keep going up this much.

## Total amount of funding

To work out the total amount of funding for all participants, we look at:



- how many participants take part in the NDIS



- how much funding participants get.

We expect the total amount of funding for all participants to be:



- about \$29 billion in 2021-22



- about \$41 billion in 2024-25



- about \$59 billion in 2029-30.



This is higher than we expected.

## How do we manage risks?



When we work out how much the NDIS will cost in the future, we also need to work out if there are any risks.



We have 5 ideas about how we can manage the risks that we found.



1. We want to focus on making sure participants can use the supports and services they need.



2. We want to see new ideas that give participants more choices of services that suit their needs.



3. We want to find a way to work out what funding each participant really needs.

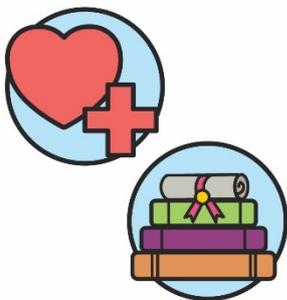


4. We want to make NDIS planning better for participants.



This includes helping participants use community services outside the NDIS.

5. We want to make sure the NDIS works well with other types of supports, including:



- health care
- education.

## More information

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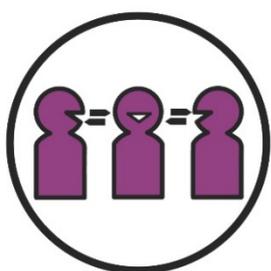
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