# First Nations participants - data rules

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## First Nations participants data possible values and rules

This dataset includes information about First Nations participant numbers broken down by State/Territory, remoteness and average annualised committed support. Participants are considered active by the NDIA when they have current plans at the date of reporting. The table below outlines the possible values and rules.

| **Variable** | **Description** | **Rules** | **Sample Possible Values** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Rprt Date | Reporting date | * The dates will align with quarter end dates.
* The data set contains multiple dates.
 | * 31-Mar-25
* 31-Dec-24
* 30-Sep-24
* 30-Jun-24
* 31-Mar-24
* Etc.
 |
| StateCd | State/Territory where the participant resides | * “ALL” denotes all the States/Territories in which the NDIA operates.
* The State/Territory code OT (i.e. other) includes States/Territories from the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Digital Boundaries, Australia 2011 standard and also includes participants from Norfolk Island.
 | * ACT
* ALL
* MIS
* NSW
* NT
* OT
* QLD
* SA
* TAS
* VIC
* WA
 |
| MMMCd\_2015 | Modified Monash Model 2019 code for remoteness* MMM1: Major Cities
* MMM2: Population > 50,000
* MMM3: Population between 15,000 and 50,000
* MMM4: Population between 5,000 and 15,000
* MMM5: Population less than 5,000
* MMM6 & 7: Remote and Very Remote

Note: Before March 2024 quarter, the Modified Monash Model 2015 code for remoteness was being used. | * MM6 and MM7 are merged due to privacy concerns reporting small number of participants.
* Participants with missing remoteness information are only reported under "ALL" category (MMMCd\_2015 = ALL)
* MM category contains missing remoteness information
 | * MMM
* MMM1
* MMM2
* MMM3
* MMM4
* MMM5
* MMM6 & 7
* ALL
 |
| PrtcpntCnt | Participant count | * Count of participants in each combination of categories.
* Low participant counts have been modified along with any related data to protect the privacy of the participants. The aggregated totals have not been modified.
 | * Numerical values greater than zero
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| AvgAnlsdCmtdSuppBdgt | Average annualised committed support | * Participants have committed support in their plans. The committed support in plans is annualised to compare like-for-like values.
* The value represents the average of the annualised amounts in the participants’ active plans (Total Annualised Budget divided by Participant Count).
* The amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.
* Low participant counts have been modified along with any related data to protect the privacy of the participants. Therefore, you cannot multiply the average annualised support budget total with the participant count to arrive at the total annualised committed support budget.
* For rows with less than 11 participants, the average budget has been removed, as the low participant count results in an average which is too volatile.
 | * Numerical values greater than zero
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## How to use the data

Below are two examples of how to use the data.

### Example 1: First Nations participants in each State/Territory as at the end of a quarter

To get the number and average budget of First Nations participants in each State/Territory, regardless of remoteness, apply the following filters to the data:

RprtDt=“30JUN2023”, StateCd≠(unselect)“ALL”, MMMCd\_2015=”ALL”

### Example 2: First Nations participants in NSW as at the end of a quarter

To get the count of all the First Nations participants residing in NSW at 30 June 2023, apply the following filters to the data:

RprtDt=“30JUN2023”, StateCd=“NSW”

## About this document

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