1 October 2021

We have released two new reports that analyse participant plan budgets and how these are used:

- Plan budgets and socio-economic status
- Analysis of average committed supports, payments and utilisation trends .

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Data releases provide detailed insights and reports into specific areas, including participant outcomes, market data, and deep dives into particular groups of participants (for example, disability type or age group).

Plan budgets and socio-economic status report

The 30 June 2021 Quarterly Report to Disability Ministers included a chart that analysed plan budgets by socio-economic status.

The analysis indicated that on average, participants in the highest socio-economic decile received plan budgets that were 9% higher than participants in the lowest socio-economic decile ($55,700 compared with $51,300).

In response to sector and community feedback, this new report takes that analysis further by looking at the distribution of plan budgets within each decile – specifically, looking the 5th, 10th, 25th, 50th (median), 75th, 90th and 95th percentiles.

The report found that the same relationship between socio-economic status and plan budgets exists irrespective of whether means or medians are used for comparison.

It shows that standardised plan budgets are higher for participants in the higher socio-economic areas compared with participants in the lower socio-economic areas across all percentiles considered, not just the median (50th percentile).

The same effect is also present using any of the four ABS geographical measures of socio-economic status (Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas).

Analysis of average committed supports, payments and utilisation trends report

The 30 June 2021 NDIS Quarterly Report to Disability Ministers included an analysis of 12-month average payments for the years ending 30 June 2017 to 30 June 2021 by Supported Independent Living (SIL) status and age group.

The analysis indicated a consistent increase in average payments over the last four years by SIL status and age group (non-SIL only).

This report provides additional analysis of trends in plan budgets, payments and utilisation, across age groups and plan number.

It includes information broken down by SIL status, by disability type (non-SIL) and by state or territory.

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