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# Quarterly Performance Report

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### Introduction

The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (NDIS Commission) is committed to measuring outcomes for NDIS participants and assessing regulatory impact.

This report provides an overview of the NDIS Commission's performance and regulatory operations from 1 October 2024 – 31 December 2024.

Key statistics from this report include:

- 50% of complaints were closed within 90 days, an increase compared with 42% last quarter.
- More than 74% of complaints were made by a person with disability or their support person.
- The total number of registered providers increased by 7% to 21,387 this quarter compared with 19,985 last quarter.
- The median calendar days from an audit recommendation submission to registration decision
  has decreased this quarter across all application and audit types. Most significant is a 76%
  decrease in median calendar days for renewal application verification audit timeframes
  compared with last quarter.
- A 5% increase in behaviour support practitioners considered suitable to deliver behaviour support services.
- There were 2,059 compliance and enforcement activity outcomes including 1,218 refusal of registration and 597 education activities.





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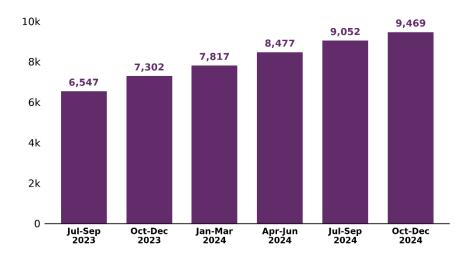
# **Behaviour support**

The NDIS Commission provides best practice advice to practitioners, providers and participants on positive behaviour support strategies.

Note: Suitable behaviour support practitioners data by state and territory located in Appendix A.

Figure 1: Suitable behaviour support practitioners

Count of behaviour support practitioners considered suitable to deliver behaviour support services per quarter (cumulative)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> NDIS behaviour support practitioner is someone who has been assessed and is considered suitable by the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commissioner. NDIS providers who deliver behaviour support must use NDIS behaviour support practitioners.





### **Complaints**

The NDIS Commission manages complaints in connection with supports and services delivered by NDIS providers and their workers. Anyone can make a complaint to the NDIS Commission about an NDIS support or service.

Figure 2: Complaints received

Count of complaints received per quarter

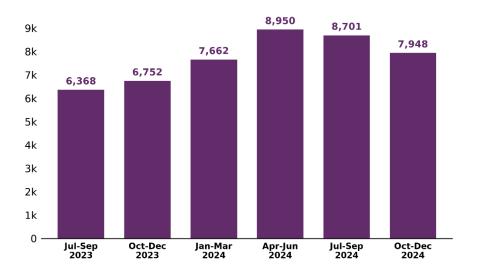


Figure 3: Complaints received by primary complainant

Percentage of Complaints received per quarter, grouped by known primary complainant

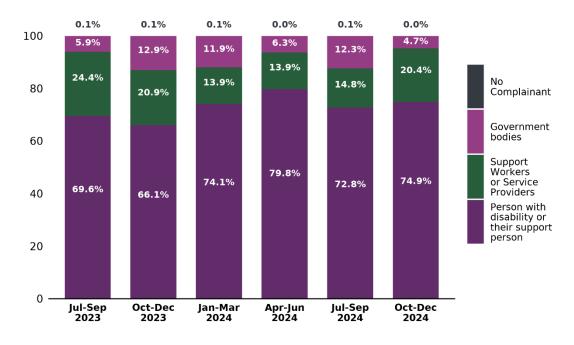
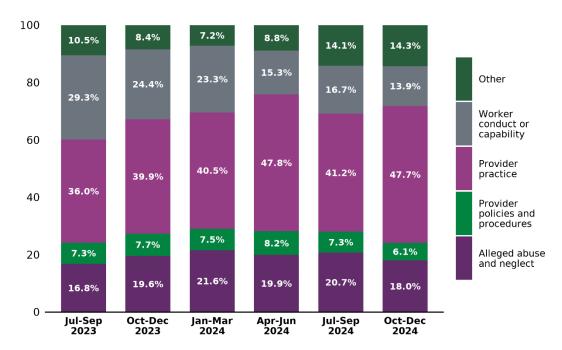




Figure 4: Complaints themes

Percentage of complaints received per quarter, grouped by known issue theme1



#### 1 Known issue theme:

Alleged abuse or neglect: Abuse can be financial; physical; sexual violence; psychological or emotional harm and abuse; constraints; forced treatments and interventions; humiliation and harassments; violation of privacy; systemic abuse; physical and emotional neglect; passive neglect and wilful deprivation. An example of neglect is failing to act when there are potential or actual risks to a participant or causing detrimental harm by not providing appropriate services.

Provider policies or procedures: NDIS Providers are required to have adequate policies and procedures, which support participants' right to choice and control and foster an environment in which people feel safe to raise concerns or provide feedback. They should operate effective complaints, resolution and incident management, investigation and disciplinary processes and meet relevant NDIS Commission reporting requirements. Common examples of this category are: not having or utilising an appropriate complaints management system and the lack of a robust medication management policy or procedure.

Provider practice: This is a broad category but providers need to ensure they have adequate operational procedures, resourcing and appropriate supervision for workers to ensure supports are delivered in a safe and competent manner. This category includes any allegations of unethical or sharp practices; concerns relating to oversight and risk management of serious incidents; failing to implement behaviour support plan and strategies and inadequate management of conflict of interest, which does not support choice and control.

Worker conduct or capability: NDIS Providers are required to ensure their workers have the necessary training with the required competence to deliver the supports and services to meet the needs of people with disability. All workers and providers are required to act with honesty, integrity and transparency and adhere to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Code of Conduct) Rules 2018 (Code of Conduct). Issues in this category include concerns staff do not having appropriate skills, lack of an induction process and training in place for staff. Worker conduct includes staff not behaving respectfully or engaging in coercive, misleading, deceptive or exploitative conduct.

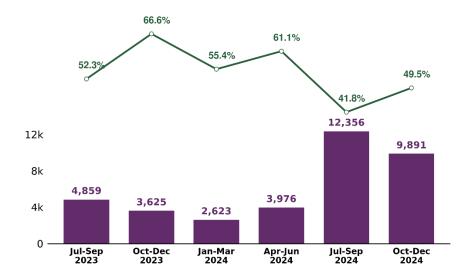
Other: Does not fit into any of the prescribed categories.





#### Figure 5: Complaints closed

Count of complaints closed and percentage of complaints closed within 90 business days per quarter<sup>2</sup>



The increase in the number of complaints closed during the most recent quarters is the result of the trial of a new prioritisation model. The trial commenced on 1 July 2024 and ensures that the relative priority and resourcing applied to a matter, is proportionate to the risk of harm to participants. This more streamlined approach for lower priority matters led to a significant increase in the number of complaints closed. The NDIS Commission continues to action all matters; however actions differ based on priority and may include redirecting matters to the correct authority, providing advice and guidance, requesting or requiring specific changes be made by providers or individuals, or recorded for regulatory intelligence purposes. The conduct of detailed inquires and or compliance action is reserved for matters with the greatest risk of harm to a participant. The timeliness of finalisations was negatively impacted during the most recent quarter as a result of the finalisation of high numbers of aged matters, resulting in an increase in the median timeframe to closure.





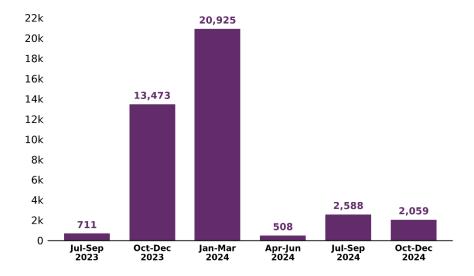
# **Compliance and enforcement**

The NDIS Commission uses a range of compliance and enforcement tools to prevent and address breaches of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (the Act). The NDIS Commission can impose penalties including, in the most serious cases, banning workers or providers, de-registering providers and seeking civil penalties.

Note: Compliance data by outcome type and provider/individual located in Appendix B

Figure 6: Compliance activity

Count of compliance activity per quarter<sup>1</sup>







<sup>1</sup> Inclusive of individuals, providers and unregistered providers

### **Contact centre**

Figure 7: Contact centre calls handled

Percentage of calls handled by NDIS Commission contact centre per quarter, grouped by known enquiry type

Enquiry type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
General/unknown	21.8%	24.7%	25.3%	15.9%	14.4%	17.2%
Worker screening	21.1%	18.8%	18.1%	16.3%	15.1%	12.1%
Registration	18.1%	16.3%	16.5%	11.3%	15.4%	8.7%
Complaints	15.4%	15.4%	16.8%	25.6%	20.9%	22.6%
Out of scope	10.3%	10.8%	10.3%	13.2%	15.8%	14.9%
Portal	6.0%	5.7%	5.9%	5.4%	4.2%	3.4%
Practice quality	3.2%	3.6%	2.7%	5.4%	5.4%	5.9%
Worker orientation module	2.1%	2.0%	2.2%	2.8%	2.7%	2.3%
Reportable incidents	1.8%	2.4%	2.2%	4.2%	4.4%	4.1%
COVID-19	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%





# **NDIS Worker Screening Check**

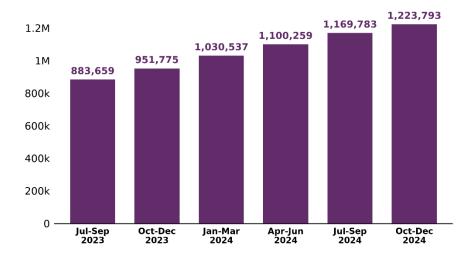
The NDIS Worker Screening Check is an assessment of whether a person who works, or seeks to work, with people with disability poses a risk to them. The assessment determines whether a person is cleared or excluded from working in certain roles with people with disability.

The NDIS Worker Screening Check is conducted by the state or territory government worker screening unit in the state or territory where a person applies for it. The worker screening unit also decides whether a person is cleared or excluded. Registered NDIS providers are required to ensure that they only engage workers who have been cleared in certain roles, called risk assessed roles.

Note: NDIS Worker Screening Check data by state and territory located in Appendix C

Figure 8: NDIS Worker Screening Check applications submitted

Count of individuals who have submitted a NDIS Worker Screening Check application to a state or territory worker screening unit as at end quarter (cumulative since 1 February 2021)





#### Figure 9: NDIS Worker Screening Check pending applications

Count of individuals awaiting decision on their NDIS Worker Screening Check application as at end quarter<sup>1</sup>

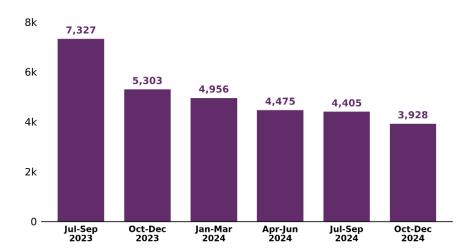
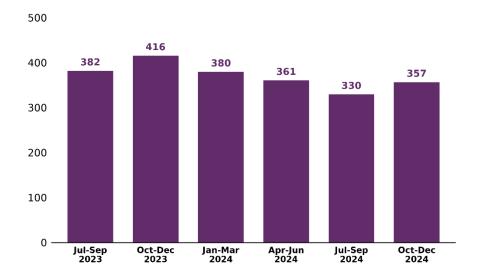


Figure 10: NDIS Worker Screening Check interim bar

Count of individuals who have interim bar placed on National Worker Screening Check application as at end quarter<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> NDIS Worker Screening Check application interim bar: A worker screening unit is assessing an individual's application for an NDIS Worker Screening Check and has made an interim decision to bar the individual from working with people with disability in a risk assessed role while the application is being determined.





<sup>1</sup> NDIS Worker Screening Check pending application: An individual has applied for a decision has not been made on that application by a state or territory government worker screening unit.

**Figure 11: NDIS Worker Screening Check clearances** 

Count of individuals who hold NDIS Worker Screening Check clearance as at end quarter<sup>3</sup>

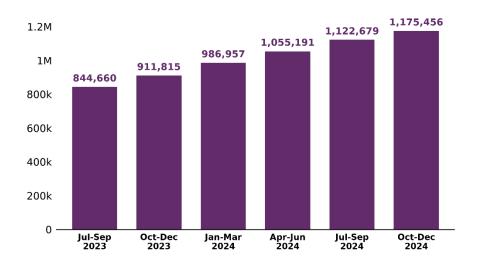
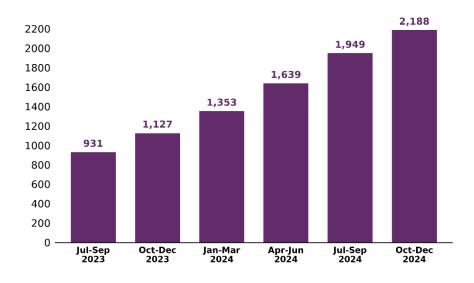


Figure 12: NDIS Worker Screening Check exclusions

Count of individuals with NDIS Worker Screening Check exclusion as at end quarter<sup>4</sup>



<sup>4</sup> NDIS Worker Screening Check exclusion: A decision made by a worker screening unit that does not clear a person who applied for an NDIS Worker Screening Check to work with people with disability in a risk assessed role.

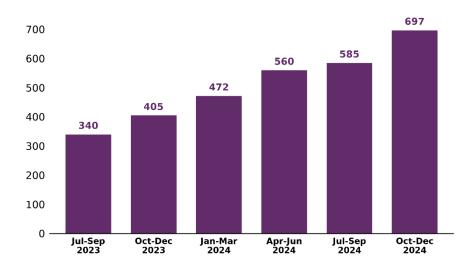




<sup>3</sup> NDIS Worker Screening Check clearance: A decision made by a worker screening unit that clears an individual who has applied for an NDIS Worker Screening Check to work with people with disability in a risk assessed role.

#### Figure 13: NDIS Worker Screening Check suspensions

Count of individuals with suspended NDIS Worker Screening Check clearance as at end quarter<sup>5</sup>



<sup>5</sup> NDIS Worker Screening suspension: A worker screening unit is re-assessing an individual's NDIS Worker Screening Check clearance. The clearance is suspended until the worker screening unit reaches a decision and means a person cannot work with people with disability in a risk assessed role whilst their clearance is suspended.

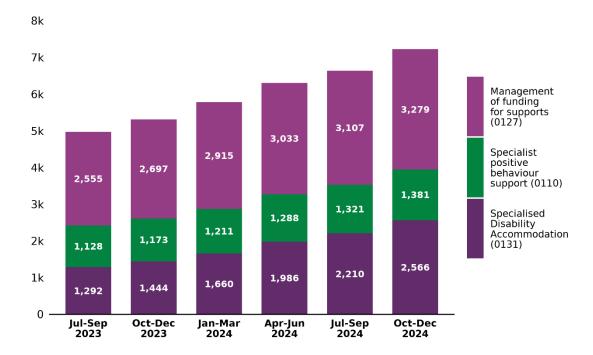




# **Provider registration**

Figure 14: Mandatory registration groups

Count of registered providers approved to deliver mandatory registration groups per quarter, grouped by registration group<sup>1</sup>



A registered provider may be represented in more than one registration group





<sup>1</sup> Providers must be registered with the NDIS Commission if they provide one or more of the following:

<sup>•</sup> Services and supports to NDIS participants who have their plan managed by the NDIA

Plan management

Specialist disability accommodation

Specialist positive behaviour support

<sup>•</sup> Implement regulated restrictive practices as part of the supports and services to NDIS participants

#### **Figure 15: Registration conditions**

Count of registered providers with registration condition(s) placed on registration record per quarter, grouped by condition type<sup>2</sup>

Jurisdiction	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct - Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul - Sep 2024	Oct - Dec 2024
Delivery Requirement	6,640	7,297	8,587	10,034	10,803	12,009
Timing of Audit	3,552	4,321	5,648	7,200	8,063	9,111
Registration Duration	1,346	1,328	1,311	1,293	1,275	1,257
Type of Audit	53	83	87	105	109	110
Restricted Registration Groups	4	5	5	5	6	6
Restricted Supports	1	1	2	2	2	1

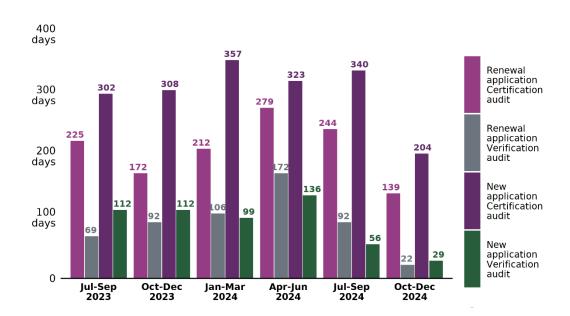
<sup>2</sup> Conditions of registration apply to all registered NDIS providers under the NDIS Act. These conditions are included on a registered NDIS provider's certificate of registration. Additional conditions of registration imposed under section 73G of the NDIS Act are displayed on the NDIS Provider Register.





#### Figure 16: Registration decision timeframe

Median calendar days from audit recommendation submission to registration decision per quarter, grouped by application type and audit type<sup>3,4</sup>



Certification audit: providers requiring a certification audit provide more complex or higher risk supports and services.





<sup>3</sup> New application: Count excludes registration renewal applications.

Renewal application: existing registered providers can begin the process of applying to renew their registration with the NDIS Commission if it

is six months or less until the renewal date listed on their Certificate of Registration.

Count excludes provider applications where audit recommendation not submitted to the NDIS Commission. It is the responsibility of each applicant to engage an Approved Quality Auditor to undertake an audit as part of application process.

Verification audit: providers requiring a verification audit usually deliver lower risk/lower complexity supports and services. Many providers requiring a verification audit are already subject to professional regulation as a requirement of doing business, for example through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and other professional bodies.

Figure 17: Registered provider entry/exit

Count of new registered providers and deregistered providers per quarter<sup>5,6</sup>

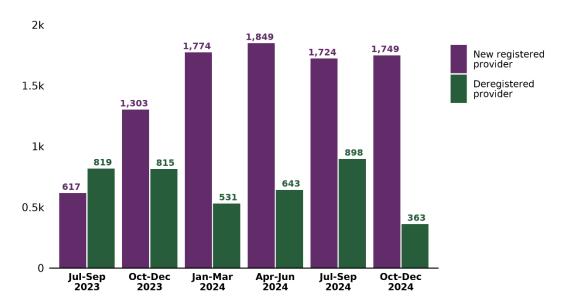
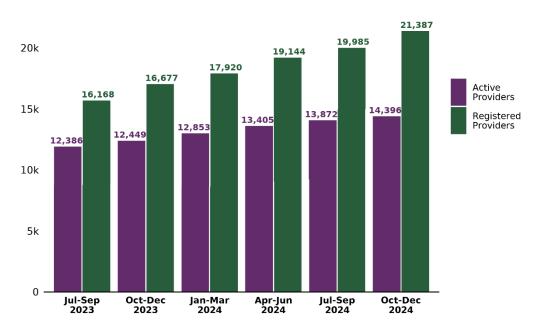


Figure 18: Registered provider count and payment claim

Count of registered providers (all) and count of registered providers who have claimed a payment from NDIA managed funding per quarter (active providers)<sup>7</sup>



<sup>5</sup> Count of new providers excludes registration renewals.

<sup>7</sup> Count of active provider includes providers have claimed a payment from NDIA managed funding in the period and payment is associated with plan and/or agency management type. It excludes providers who provided plan management type services under an agency agreement that only received plan management fees and no other agency managed fee. Active provider counts published prior to quarter 2 of 2024-25 financial year excluded provider who claimed for payment associated with plan management type only. For more information about the NDIA managed funding, visit: https://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/creating-your-plan/ways-manage-your-funding/ndia-managedfunding.

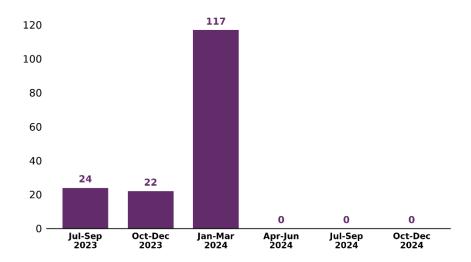




<sup>6</sup> A deregistered provider is a provider who was registered with the NDIS Commission but has chosen to discontinue their registration or the NDIS Commission has initiated action against the provider to ceases their registration.

Figure 19: Auditors

Count of individual auditors trained per quarter<sup>8</sup>





<sup>8</sup> Auditors are employed or contracted by an Approved Quality Auditor, an independent body approved by the NDIS Commissioner to undertake audits of NDIS providers. All providers seeking registration are required to undertake an audit and must engage an independent approved quality auditor to assess their organisation against the relevant components of the NDIS Practice Standards. Auditors trained defined as trainees who attend training course and pass exam during the reporting period. Approved Quality Auditor training is delivered in accordance with market demand. A record number of Auditors were trained in January to March 2023-24 which has resulted in diminished demand from April 2024 onwards

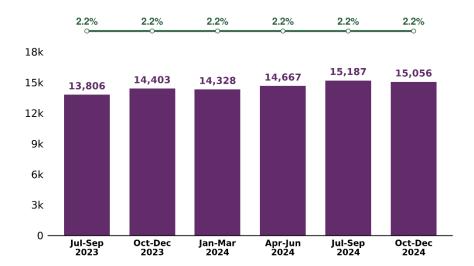
## Regulated restrictive practices

A restrictive practice is any practice or intervention that has the effect of restricting the rights or freedom of movement of a person with disability. The NDIS Commission regulates the use of regulated restrictive practices by NDIS providers in relation to NDIS participants <sup>1</sup>

Note: Regulated restrictive practices data by state and territory located in Appendix D.

#### Figure 20: NDIS participants subjected to restrictive practices

Count of NDIS participants associated with regulated restricted practice notifications per quarter, and as proportion (%) of total NDIS participant population<sup>2</sup>





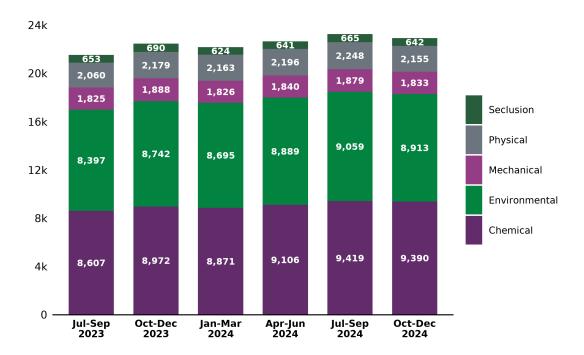


<sup>1</sup> The NDIS Commission Behaviour Support Rules define five types of regulated restrictive practices: seclusion, chemical restraint, mechanical restraint, physical restraint, environmental restraint.

<sup>2</sup> Total NDIS participant population count source: NDIA.

#### Figure 21: Regulated restrictive practice types

Count of NDIS participants associated with regulated restrictive practice notifications per quarter, grouped by restrictive practice type<sup>3,4</sup>



Physical restraint: the use or action of physical force to prevent, restrict or subdue movement of a person's body, or part of their body, for the primary purpose of influencing their behaviour. Physical restraint does not include the use of a hands-on technique in a reflexive way to guide or redirect a person away from potential harm/injury, consistent with what could reasonably be considered the exercise of care towards a person.

Environmental restraint: which restrict a person's free access to all parts of their environment, including items or activities.





NDIS participants counted where a behaviour support plan containing regulated restrictive practices is lodged with the NDIS Commission or a registered provider has made an unauthorised restrictive practice notification to the NDIS Commission. NDIS participants associated with >1 restrictive practice type notification counted once for each restrictive practice type. NDIS participants associated with >1 notification per restrictive practice type counted once only.

<sup>4</sup> There are five categories of regulated restrictive practices that are monitored by the NDIS Commission. These are:

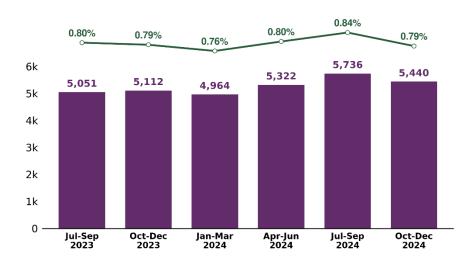
Seclusion: the sole confinement of a person with disability in a room or a physical space at any hour of the day or night where voluntary exit is prevented, or not facilitated, or it is implied that voluntary exit is not permitted.

Chemical restraint: the use of medication or chemical substance for the primary purpose of influencing a person's behaviour. It does not include the use of medication prescribed by a medical practitioner for the treatment of, or to enable treatment of, a diagnosed mental disorder, a physical illness or a physical condition.

Mechanical restraint: the use of a device to prevent, restrict, or subdue a person's movement for the primary purpose of influencing a person's behaviour but does not include the use of devices for the apeutic or non-behavioural purposes.

#### Figure 22: Unauthorised restrictive practices notifications

Count of NDIS participants associated with unauthorised restrictive practice notifications per quarter, and as proportion (%) of total NDIS participant population<sup>5,6</sup>







A regulated restrictive practice is any practice or intervention that has the effect of restricting the rights or freedom of movement of a person with disability. The NDIS Commission Behaviour Support Rules define five types of regulated restrictive practices: seclusion, chemical restraint, mechanical restraint, physical restraint, environmental restraint.

<sup>6</sup> Total NDIS participant population count source: NDIA

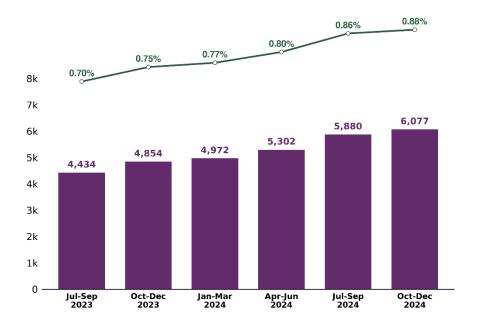
## Reportable incidents

Registered providers are required to notify the NDIS Commission of incidents (including allegations) that occur in connection with the provision of NDIS supports and services <sup>1</sup>

Note: Reportable incident data by state and territory located in Appendix E.

Figure 23: Reportable incident notifications

Count of NDIS participants associated with reportable incident notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) per quarter, and as proportion (%) of total NDIS participant population<sup>2</sup>







<sup>1</sup> Reportable incidents include the death of an NDIS participant; serious injury of an NDIS participant; abuse or neglect of an NDIS participant; unlawful sexual or physical contact with, or assault of, an NDIS participant; sexual misconduct committed against, or in the presence of, an NDIS participant, including grooming of the NDIS participant for sexual activity; the unauthorised use of a restrictive practice in relation to an NDIS participant. The number of notifications received does not correlate to the number of actual instances of harm to a NDIS participant. Reports may include multiple notifications of the same matter, allegations of incidents, and situations where incidents occurred, but harm to the NDIS participant was avoided.

<sup>2</sup> Total NDIS participant population count source: NDIA

#### Figure 24: Reportable incident types

Count of reportable incident notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) per quarter, grouped by reportable incident type

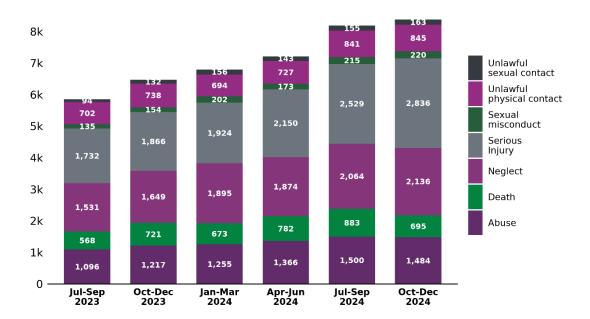


Figure 25: Reportable incidents by gender

Count of reportable incident notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) per quarter, grouped by NDIS participant's gender<sup>3</sup>



<sup>3</sup> NDIS participant gender source: NDIA. 'Unspecified' is comprised of reportable incidents where gender is unknown, non-binary, not defined, other or participant prefer not to answer





Figure 26: Reportable incidents by age band

Count of reportable incident notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) per quarter, grouped by NDIS participant age band<sup>4</sup>

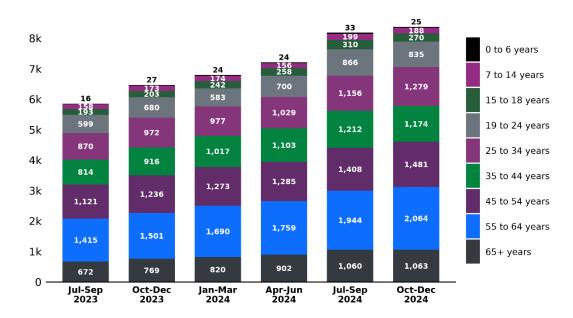
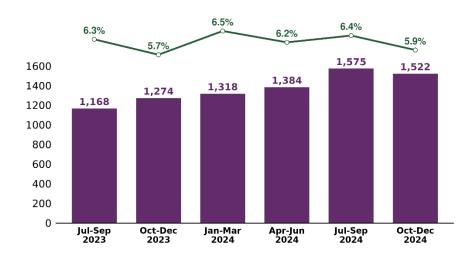


Figure 27: Reportable incidents reported to police

Count of reportable incidents reported to police by NDIS provider at the time of reportable incident notification to the NDIS Commission per quarter, and as proportion (%) of total reportable incident notifications per quarter<sup>5</sup>







<sup>4</sup> NDIS participant age band source: NDIA

<sup>5</sup> Including unauthorised restrictive practices

#### Figure 28: Reportable incidents notification timeframe – 24 hours

Count of reportable incident notifications to NDIS Commission (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) within 24 hours of NDIS provider becoming aware that incident occurred per quarter, and as proportion (%) of total reportable incident notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) per quarter<sup>6</sup>

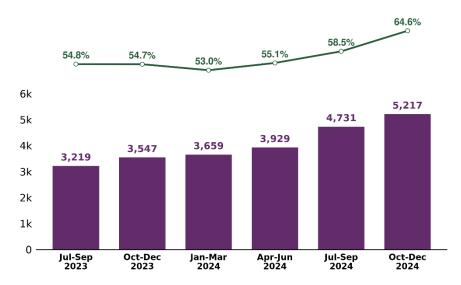
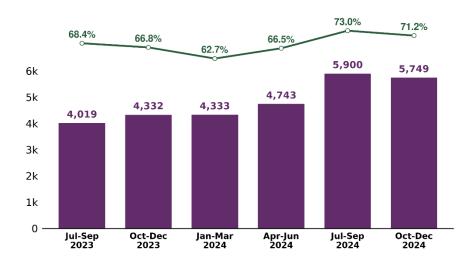


Figure 29: Reportable incidents notification timeframe – 5 day

Count of reportable incident notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) to NDIS Commission within 5 business days after NDIS provider became aware that incident occurred per quarter, and as a proportion (%) of all reportable incidents notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) per quarter<sup>6</sup>



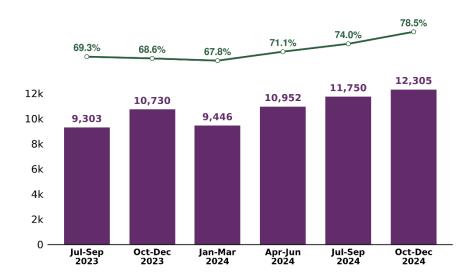
<sup>6</sup> Most reportable incidents must be notified to the NDIS Commission within 24 hours of the NDIS provider becoming aware of incident, and followed up with a detailed report about the incident and actions taken in response within 5 business days





#### Figure 30: Unauthorised restrictive practices notification timeframe - 5 day

Count of unauthorised restrictive practice notifications to NDIS Commission within five business days after NDIS provider became aware that use occurred per quarter, and as proportion (%) of all unauthorised restrictive practice notifications per quarter<sup>7</sup>



The use of unauthorised restrictive practices must be notified to the NDIS Commission within 5 business days (but reported within 24 hours if there is harm to a NDIS participant).





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### Appendix A – Behaviour support

#### Suitable behaviour support practitioners

Count of behaviour support practitioners considered suitable to deliver behaviour support services per quarter (cumulative) <sup>1</sup>

Jurisdiction	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
ACT	104	119	127	144	154	159
NSW	2,342	2,588	2,767	2,954	3,166	3,309
NT	81	89	93	110	118	122
QLD	999	1,162	1,245	1,362	1,458	1,533
SA	608	683	734	785	826	849
TAS	146	161	168	183	189	204
VIC	1,502	1,669	1,813	1,991	2,125	2,232
WA	765	831	869	947	1,016	1,061
Data not available	0	0	1	1	0	0

<sup>1</sup> An NDIS behaviour support practitioner is someone considered suitable by the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commissioner. NDIS providers who deliver behaviour support must use NDIS behaviour support practitioners.





### **Appendix B – Compliance and Enforcement**

#### **Compliance activity outcomes**

Count of compliance activity outcomes per quarter, grouped by outcome type and provider/individual

#### **Registered providers**

Compliance activity outcome	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
Banning order	1	3	1	2	3	1
Civil penalty proceedings	0	2	0	1	1	3
Compliance notice variation	1	0	0	0	0	2
Compliance notice	7	18	6	8	13	21
Conditions on registration	1	2	0	1	1	0
Corrective action request	120	97	4	15	3	5
Education	22	2,655	3,757	194	256	527
Enforceable undertaking	0	2	0	2	0	0
Infringement notice	15	115	4	9	9	31
Refusal of Registration	358	231	94	29	302	68
Revocation of Registration	36	42	75	34	248	44
Suspend registration	5	2	1	1	3	0
Vary registration	1	0	0	0	0	0
Warning letter	10	3,360	8	49	9	10
Total	577	6,529	3,950	345	848	712





#### **Unregistered providers**

Compliance activity outcome	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
Banning order	2	6	13	6	6	3
Banning order revocation	0	0	0	0	0	1
Banning order variation	0	0	0	0	0	2
Compliance notice	0	2	0	0	0	10
Corrective action request	0	15	0	0	0	0
Education	92	7	13	2	10	22
Enforceable undertaking	0	1	0	0	0	0
Infringement notice	0	0	0	0	0	2
Refusal of Registration	11	103	9,665	55	1,387	1,150
Other registration decision	1	0	0	0	0	0
Warning letter	1	2	2	3	8	6
Total	107	136	9,693	66	1,411	1,196

#### **Individuals**

Compliance activity outcome	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
Banning order	13	38	23	16	25	33
Banning order revocation	1	0	0	0	0	0
Banning order variation	1	4	0	1	2	5
Compliance notice	0	0	0	1	0	0
Education	2	6,746	7,232	10	117	48
Infringement notice	0	2	1	0	0	1
Warning letter	10	18	26	69	184	64
Withdrawal of suspension	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	27	6,808	7,282	97	329	151





### **Appendix C – NDIS Worker Screening Check**

#### **NDIS Worker Screening Check applications submitted**

Count of individuals who have submitted a NDIS Worker Screening Check application to a state or territory worker screening unit as at end quarter (cumulative since 1 February 2021) and percentage variance from previous quarter

Jurisdiction	Jul – 9 202	•	Oct – E 2023		Jan – I 202		Apr – 202		Jul – 9 202		Oct – I 2024	
ACT	10,200	9.1%	11,065	8.5%	12,319	11.3%	13,358	8.4%	14,500	8.5%	15,470	6.7%
NSW	244,033	10.4%	262,401	7.5%	283,356	8.0%	302,694	6.8%	321,909	6.3%	337,276	4.8%
NT	5,990	10.1%	6,370	6.3%	6,950	9.1%	7,927	14.1%	8,877	12.0%	9,426	6.2%
QLD	234,453	11.4%	251,871	7.4%	272,554	8.2%	289,137	6.1%	304,991	5.5%	317,126	4.0%
SA	75,311	11.7%	81,889	8.7%	89,913	9.8%	96,835	7.7%	103,065	6.4%	107,975	4.8%
TAS	19,273	10.3%	21,082	9.4%	22,595	7.2%	23,847	5.5%	25,055	5.1%	26,243	4.7%
VIC	208,216	9.9%	224,813	8.0%	243,755	8.4%	261,109	7.1%	279,720	7.1%	294,330	5.2%
WA	86,526	10.0%	92,711	7.1%	99,591	7.4%	105,917	6.4%	112,316	6.0%	116,665	3.9%
National	883,659	10.6%	951,775	7.7%	1,030,537	8.3%	1,100,259	6.8%	1,169,783	6.3%	1,223,793	4.6%

#### **NDIS Worker Screening Check pending applications**

Count of individuals awaiting decision on their NDIS Worker Screening Check application as at end quarter<sup>2</sup>

Jurisdiction	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	787	633	1,036	1,203	1,156	1,151
NT	83	90	66	76	92	74
QLD	4,403	3,164	2,759	2,163	2,111	1,938
SA	14	13	12	34	20	12
TAS	527	386	267	137	170	136
VIC	879	589	568	680	642	468
WA	634	428	248	182	214	149

<sup>2</sup> NDIS Worker Screening Check pending application: An individual has applied for a NDIS Worker Screening Check and a decision has not been made on that application by a worker screening unit. This may be as a result of a number of factors including a risk assessment being undertaken by a worker screening unit and/or delays in information being provided by individuals or other relevant sources.





#### **NDIS Worker Screening Check interim bar**

Count of individuals who have interim bar placed on National Worker Screening Check application as at end quarter<sup>3</sup>

Jurisdiction	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	24	41	33	28	32	60
NT	0	0	0	0	0	2
QLD	342	358	328	315	278	272
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	16	17	19	18	20	23
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **NDIS Worker Screening Check clearances**

Count of individuals who hold NDIS Worker Screening Check clearance as at end quarter<sup>4</sup>

Jurisdiction	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
ACT	7,515	8,196	9,169	10,220	11,217	12,242
NSW	236,040	254,122	273,602	292,201	310,826	325,945
NT	5,815	6,169	6,745	7,661	8,569	9,116
QLD	219,551	237,373	257,347	274,133	289,526	301,087
SA	73,628	80,091	87,926	94,577	101,052	106,154
TAS	17,308	19,057	20,608	21,952	23,058	24,227
VIC	199,819	215,577	233,461	249,961	267,619	281,504
WA	85,003	91,253	98,120	104,508	110,835	115,204

<sup>4</sup> NDIS Worker Screening Check clearance: A decision made by a Worker Screening Unit that clears a person who applied for an NDIS Worker Screening Check to work with people with disability in a risk assessed role.





<sup>3</sup> NDIS Worker Screening Check application interim bar: A worker screening unit is assessing an individual's application for an NDIS Worker Screening Check and has made an interim decision to bar the individual from working with people with disability while the application is being determined. Interim bars do not generally apply in states and territories whereby 'no clearance, no start' arrangements are in place.

#### **NDIS Worker Screening Check exclusions**

Count of individuals who hold NDIS Worker Screening Check exclusion as at end quarter<sup>5</sup>

Jurisdiction	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
ACT	1	1	1	1	1	1
NSW	358	431	507	616	704	780
NT	16	17	19	19	22	25
QLD	73	84	108	149	210	257
SA	126	164	202	231	265	302
TAS	5	5	6	6	8	11
VIC	249	304	375	454	546	595
WA	103	121	135	163	193	217

#### **NDIS Worker Screening Check suspensions**

Count of individuals with suspended NDIS Worker Screening Check clearance as at end quarter<sup>6</sup>

Jurisdiction	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
ACT	2	2	3	3	4	7
NSW	17	28	37	42	35	58
NT	2	2	2	2	2	2
QLD	203	246	279	343	384	448
SA	22	20	20	30	34	33
TAS	1	2	5	6	8	10
VIC	27	34	46	53	33	54
WA	66	71	80	81	85	85

<sup>6</sup> NDIS Worker Screening suspension: A worker screening unit is re-assessing an individual's NDIS Worker Screening Check clearance. The clearance is suspended until the worker screening unit reaches a decision and means a person cannot work with people with disability in a risk assessed role whilst their clearance is suspended.





<sup>5</sup> NDIS Worker Screening Check exclusion: A decision made by a Worker Screening Unit that does not clear a person who applied for an NDIS Worker Screening Check to work with people with disability in a risk assessed role.

### **Appendix D – Regulated restrictive practices**

#### NDIS participants subjected to regulated restrictive practices

Count of NDIS participants associated with regulated restricted practice notifications per quarter and as percentage of total NDIS participant population<sup>7</sup>

Jurisdiction	Jul – 20	•	Oct - 20		Jan – 20		Apr - 20		Jul – 20:	•	Oct - 20	
ACT	207	2.0%	205	1.9%	203	1.9%	208	1.9%	233	2.1%	232	2.1%
NSW	4,479	2.4%	4,640	2.4%	4,471	2.3%	4,592	2.3%	4,824	2.4%	4,848	2.4%
NT	189	3.2%	193	3.2%	205	3.5%	219	3.6%	220	3.6%	224	3.6%
QLD	1,647	1.2%	1,717	1.2%	1,823	1.3%	1,861	1.3%	1,971	1.3%	1,947	1.3%
SA	1,544	2.8%	1,623	2.9%	1,586	2.8%	1,598	2.8%	1,645	2.8%	1,597	2.7%
TAS	386	2.8%	391	2.8%	386	2.8%	385	2.7%	395	2.7%	380	2.6%
VIC	3,681	2.2%	3,863	2.2%	3,913	2.3%	4,075	2.3%	4,188	2.3%	4,133	2.2%
WA	1,673	3.1%	1,771	3.2%	1,741	3.1%	1,729	3.0%	1,711	2.9%	1,695	2.8%
National	13,806	2.2%	14,403	2.2%	14,328	2.2%	14,667	2.2%	15,187	2.2%	15,056	2.2%

#### **Regulated restrictive practice types**

Count of NDIS participants associated with regulated restrictive practice notifications per quarter, grouped by restrictive practice type<sup>8</sup>

Jurisdiction	Restrictive practice type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
ACT	Chemical	139	143	144	146	166	171
	Environmental	110	108	105	111	118	116
	Mechanical	13	17	13	16	19	20
	Physical	24	19	22	18	20	17
	Seclusion	4	6	4	3	3	2

<sup>8</sup> NDIS participants counted where a behaviour support plan containing restrictive practices is lodged with the NDIS Commission or a registered provider has made an unauthorised restrictive practice notification to the NDIS Commission. NDIS participants associated with >1 restrictive practice type notification counted once for each restrictive practice type. NDIS participants associated with >1 notification per restrictive practice type counted once only.





<sup>7</sup> Total NDIS participant population count source: NDIA.

Jurisdiction	Restrictive practice type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
NSW	Chemical	2,654	2,727	2,590	2,659	2,783	2,825
	Environmental	2,845	2,965	2,870	2,922	3,060	3,037
	Mechanical	669	691	655	670	711	708
	Physical	498	523	510	539	578	580
	Seclusion	182	182	157	157	181	187
	Unknown Type	0	3	0	0	0	0
NT	Chemical	104	111	108	112	112	116
	Environmental	139	136	150	162	163	167
	Mechanical	11	12	11	10	9	10
	Physical	12	17	15	12	17	11
	Seclusion	6	5	6	4	6	4
QLD	Chemical	791	819	863	891	941	944
	Environmental	874	928	1,010	1,056	1,090	1,059
	Mechanical	212	220	239	244	241	239
	Physical	635	663	715	710	735	706
	Seclusion	97	117	114	121	119	125
SA	Chemical	779	844	826	839	860	827
	Environmental	1,113	1,164	1,143	1,131	1,142	1,113
	Mechanical	216	229	211	211	214	198
	Physical	359	382	350	358	360	332
	Seclusion	101	105	87	97	95	91
	Unknown Type	1	0	1	0	0	0
TAS	Chemical	196	180	173	159	159	147
	Environmental	258	262	257	271	278	262
	Mechanical	56	64	63	61	62	58
	Physical	128	135	139	139	129	133
	Seclusion	47	42	39	40	45	38
VIC	Chemical	2,949	3,076	3,110	3,248	3,358	3,334
	Environmental	1,924	1,985	2,007	2,085	2,090	2,051
	Mechanical	427	425	422	424	416	401
	Physical	212	230	193	200	197	175
	Seclusion	109	115	101	100	104	91





Jurisdiction	Restrictive practice type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
WA	Chemical	995	1,072	1,057	1,052	1,040	1,026
	Environmental	1,134	1,194	1,153	1,151	1,118	1,108
	Mechanical	221	230	212	204	207	199
	Physical	192	210	219	220	212	201
	Seclusion	107	118	116	119	112	104
	Unknown type	0	1	0	0	0	0

#### **Unauthorised restrictive practices**

Count of NDIS participants associated with unauthorised restrictive practice notifications per quarter9

Jurisdiction	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
ACT	118	105	111	127	124	129
NSW	1,766	1,758	1,623	1,804	1,985	1,904
NT	78	75	78	94	107	102
QLD	750	833	865	883	927	869
SA	465	447	478	524	554	524
TAS	213	206	191	220	225	216
VIC	1,059	1,058	983	1,043	1,160	1,019
WA	602	630	635	627	654	677

<sup>9</sup> Unauthorised restrictive practice notification: unauthorised restrictive practice submitted as reportable incident notification to the NDIS Commission. A NDIS participant may be represented in one or more jurisdictions.





#### **Unauthorised restrictive practice types**

Count of NDIS participants associated with unauthorised restrictive practice notifications per quarter, grouped by restrictive practice type $^{10}$ 

Jurisdiction	Restrictive practice type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
ACT	Chemical	66	64	76	83	81	93
	Environmental	57	48	41	60	55	54
	Mechanical	4	9	6	7	11	12
	Physical	16	10	10	8	10	8
	Seclusion	1	2	1	1	1	1
NSW	Chemical	878	859	737	828	936	903
	Environmental	964	988	898	996	1,101	1,050
	Mechanical	164	153	159	183	182	179
	Physical	231	230	252	266	309	295
	Seclusion	48	51	39	45	67	70
	Unknown type	0	3	0	0	0	0
NT	Chemical	39	40	38	43	46	47
	Environmental	48	47	55	66	70	69
	Mechanical	1	3	3	2	3	2
	Physical	6	11	10	6	13	7
	Seclusion	2	2	4	1	3	3
QLD	Chemical	272	295	305	312	326	306
	Environmental	281	321	341	360	380	343
	Mechanical	45	62	70	77	73	77
	Physical	257	301	337	327	362	335
	Seclusion	44	58	47	48	50	63

<sup>10</sup> Unauthorised restrictive practice notification: unauthorised restrictive practice submitted as reportable incident notification to the NDIS Commission. A NDIS participant may be represented in one or more jurisdictions.





Jurisdiction	Restrictive practice type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
SA	Chemical	150	126	168	206	227	192
	Environmental	281	248	282	310	320	293
	Mechanical	48	47	47	53	50	52
	Physical	95	90	93	95	112	110
	Seclusion	21	17	19	22	26	22
	Unknown type	1	0	1	0	0	0
TAS	Chemical	70	47	36	38	36	30
	Environmental	126	123	108	125	133	131
	Mechanical	18	16	17	18	22	23
	Physical	70	78	81	85	78	80
	Seclusion	16	12	13	19	25	19
VIC	Chemical	718	700	661	657	762	660
	Environmental	429	409	369	418	462	375
	Mechanical	90	90	89	93	99	101
	Physical	85	102	99	113	119	117
	Seclusion	8	19	12	14	20	22
WA	Chemical	288	305	304	320	319	342
	Environmental	338	357	354	341	350	367
	Mechanical	65	64	62	55	50	54
	Physical	61	63	79	78	84	89
	Seclusion	22	25	28	26	26	33
	Unknown type	0	1	0	0	0	0
National	Chemical	2,481	2,436	2,325	2,487	2,733	2,573
	Environmental	2,524	2,541	2,448	2,676	2,871	2,682
	Mechanical	435	444	453	488	490	500
	Physical	821	885	961	978	1,087	1,041
	Seclusion	162	186	163	176	218	233
	Unknown type	1	4	1	0	0	0





### **Appendix E – Reportable incidents**

#### Reportable incident notifications by type

Count of reportable incident notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) per quarter, grouped by reportable incident type

Jurisdiction	Reportable incident type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
ACT	Abuse	10	9	9	3	2	8
	Death	1	18	9	16	22	7
	Neglect	6	9	17	22	29	15
	Serious Injury	15	17	24	40	39	46
	Sexual misconduct	1	2	1	1	1	1
	Unlawful physical contact	5	2	8	5	5	5
	Unlawful sexual contact	3	2	4	3	0	1
NSW	Abuse	435	456	469	467	519	530
	Death	209	267	240	256	343	207
	Neglect	475	547	768	654	662	811
	Serious Injury	658	663	630	633	723	836
	Sexual misconduct	41	43	71	52	64	62
	Unlawful physical contact	298	299	326	342	428	431
	Unlawful sexual contact	31	45	51	44	50	39
NT	Abuse	4	9	12	10	14	12
	Death	12	9	11	11	10	10
	Neglect	24	28	22	34	46	50
	Serious Injury	29	27	32	36	43	41
	Sexual misconduct	2	1	0	2	5	2
	Unlawful physical contact	5	18	11	9	11	9
	Unlawful sexual contact	0	0	0	0	4	2
QLD	Abuse	140	231	241	233	223	315
	Death	114	129	141	141	125	132
	Neglect	186	256	313	315	375	400
	Serious Injury	208	281	370	401	490	594
	Sexual misconduct	34	27	40	54	51	45
	Unlawful physical contact	44	96	84	79	96	117
	Unlawful sexual contact	14	28	34	32	36	38
	Unknown type	0	0	0	0	1	0





Jurisdiction	Reportable incident type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
SA	Abuse	186	189	212	256	244	210
	Death	50	74	72	79	90	72
	Neglect	230	256	241	253	327	277
	Serious Injury	165	202	198	207	309	349
	Sexual misconduct	22	34	25	14	35	26
	Unlawful physical contact	53	54	51	31	43	39
	Unlawful sexual contact	11	11	14	17	19	23
TAS	Abuse	27	27	44	51	58	39
	Death	14	14	12	7	29	20
	Neglect	65	64	52	99	88	98
	Serious Injury	89	76	67	82	131	104
	Sexual misconduct	4	8	11	4	6	15
	Unlawful physical contact	41	21	15	20	18	15
	Unlawful sexual contact	7	5	3	5	5	11
VIC	Abuse	237	211	188	275	327	256
	Death	115	143	127	201	207	175
	Neglect	420	367	378	390	380	338
	Serious Injury	336	370	348	475	505	565
	Sexual misconduct	23	19	38	34	45	54
	Unlawful physical contact	213	199	167	212	208	181
	Unlawful sexual contact	14	29	38	31	31	36
	Unknown type	0	0	1	0	0	0
WA	Abuse	57	85	80	71	113	114
	Death	53	67	61	71	57	72
	Neglect	125	122	104	107	157	147
	Serious Injury	232	230	255	276	289	301
	Sexual misconduct	8	20	16	12	8	15
	Unlawful physical contact	43	49	32	29	32	48
	Unlawful sexual contact	14	12	12	11	10	13
	Unknown type	0	0	0	1	0	0





#### Reportable incidents by age band and type

Count of reportable incident notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) per quarter, grouped by NDIS participant age band and reportable incident type<sup>11</sup>

Age band	Reportable incident type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
0 – 6 years	Abuse	2	9	7	7	10	5
	Death	2	2	1	4	1	2
	Neglect	7	8	7	5	10	11
	Serious Injury	1	7	7	5	7	3
	Sexual misconduct	1	0	0	3	0	1
	Unlawful physical contact	2	1	1	0	3	2
	Unlawful sexual contact	1	0	1	0	2	1
7 – 14 years	Abuse	39	47	42	41	46	53
	Death	1	2	1	5	11	4
	Neglect	54	70	55	48	71	54
	Serious Injury	16	26	32	30	32	35
	Sexual misconduct	12	8	14	13	12	17
	Unlawful physical contact	35	14	23	11	21	15
	Unlawful sexual contact	1	6	7	8	6	10
15 – 18	Abuse	36	33	49	45	56	63
	Death	4	4	1	7	3	4
	Neglect	37	49	79	69	77	75
	Serious Injury	70	70	51	76	109	78
	Sexual misconduct	7	12	17	10	19	11
	Unlawful physical contact	32	29	34	32	33	28
	Unlawful sexual contact	7	6	11	19	13	11
19 – 24	Abuse	108	134	106	140	187	161
	Death	9	15	8	10	10	9
	Neglect	169	169	152	163	207	209
	Serious Injury	199	205	175	219	267	278
	Sexual misconduct	15	26	28	38	36	31
	Unlawful physical contact	81	113	89	105	134	117
	Unlawful sexual contact	18	18	25	24	24	30
	Unknown type	0	0	0	1	1	0





<sup>11</sup> NDIS participant age band source: NDIA

Age band	Reportable incident type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
25 – 34	Abuse	183	231	213	236	239	256
	Death	23	23	26	22	42	29
	Neglect	209	231	230	287	255	327
	Serious Injury	271	269	311	289	412	432
	Sexual misconduct	37	40	46	37	33	41
	Unlawful physical contact	127	145	117	124	140	158
	Unlawful sexual contact	20	33	33	34	35	36
	Unknown	0	0	1	0	0	0
35 – 44	Abuse	151	194	213	220	237	209
	Death	45	62	50	55	78	49
	Neglect	217	237	296	295	344	333
	Serious Injury	276	262	259	353	320	362
	Sexual misconduct	18	26	30	23	35	41
	Unlawful physical contact	98	111	139	137	164	162
	Unlawful sexual contact	9	24	30	20	34	18
45 – 54	Abuse	233	214	248	259	280	261
	Death	101	148	117	142	152	117
	Neglect	315	313	390	338	377	388
	Serious Injury	300	361	351	400	416	525
	Sexual misconduct	19	22	27	18	36	31
	Unlawful physical contact	140	155	122	113	132	142
	Unlawful sexual contact	13	23	18	15	15	17
55 – 64	Abuse	253	260	252	293	278	332
	Death	239	268	284	327	331	283
	Neglect	367	402	477	445	492	486
	Serious Injury	401	439	510	519	649	746
	Sexual misconduct	20	12	28	23	33	40
	Unlawful physical contact	117	103	117	138	144	146
	Unlawful sexual contact	18	17	22	14	17	31
65+ years	Abuse	91	95	125	125	167	144
	Death	144	197	185	210	255	198
	Neglect	156	170	209	224	231	253
	Serious Injury	198	227	228	259	317	377
	Sexual misconduct	6	8	12	8	11	7
	Unlawful physical contact	70	67	52	67	70	75
	Unlawful sexual contact	7	5	9	9	9	9





# Reportable incident notifications by age band and as a proportion of total NDIS participants

Count of NDIS participants associated with reportable incident notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) per quarter, grouped by age band as a proportion of total NDIS participant count for each age band

Age band		- Sep )23		– Dec )23		- Mar )24	•	– Jun )24	Jul – 20	•		– Dec )24
0-6 years	16	0.0%	20	0.0%	23	0.0%	23	0.0%	30	0.0%	25	0.0%
7-14 years	92	0.1%	110	0.1%	125	0.1%	135	0.1%	159	0.1%	149	0.1%
15-18 years	111	0.2%	138	0.2%	164	0.3%	175	0.3%	198	0.3%	190	0.3%
19-24 years	397	0.8%	461	0.9%	427	0.8%	483	0.9%	560	1.0%	549	0.9%
25-34 years	646	1.2%	711	1.3%	745	1.3%	743	1.3%	786	1.3%	881	1.5%
35-44 years	612	1.3%	687	1.4%	706	1.5%	737	1.5%	843	1.7%	831	1.6%
45-54 years	875	1.6%	920	1.7%	885	1.6%	917	1.6%	1,031	1.8%	1,071	1.9%
55-64 years	1,135	1.7%	1,199	1.8%	1,278	1.9%	1,377	2.1%	1,448	2.2%	1,563	2.3%
65+ years	559	1.9%	614	2.0%	624	2.0%	716	2.1%	834	2.4%	826	2.3%





#### Reportable incidents by gender and type

Count of reportable incident notifications (excluding unauthorised restrictive practices) per quarter, grouped by NDIS participant gender and reportable incident type<sup>12</sup>

Gender	Reportable incident type	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024
Female	Abuse	461	537	584	663	705	646
	Death	255	303	266	300	369	288
	Neglect	614	704	697	720	816	866
	Serious Injury	815	923	898	1,072	1,211	1,333
	Sexual misconduct	66	87	109	92	137	120
	Unlawful physical contact	277	313	251	266	303	319
	Unlawful sexual contact	71	86	101	97	94	114
	Unknown type	0	0	1	0	0	0
Male	Abuse	626	671	665	687	783	823
	Death	308	417	392	467	500	402
	Neglect	905	926	1,186	1,139	1,228	1,260
	Serious Injury	894	918	991	1,054	1,273	1,463
	Sexual misconduct	69	66	90	79	76	92
	Unlawful physical contact	421	423	439	456	535	523
	Unlawful sexual contact	23	46	54	46	59	45
	Unknown type	0	0	0	1	1	0
Unknown	Abuse	9	9	6	16	12	15
	Death	5	1	15	15	14	5
	Neglect	12	19	12	15	20	10
	Serious Injury	23	25	35	24	45	40
	Sexual misconduct	0	1	3	2	2	8
	Unlawful physical contact	4	2	4	5	3	3
	Unlawful sexual contact	0	0	1	0	2	4





<sup>12</sup> Total NDIS participant population count source: NDIA.







