

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

This report is the second annual report on outcomes for NDIS participants, including baseline and longitudinal change up to 30 June 2019 for participants entering the Scheme since 1 July 2016. The previous report summarised experience to 30 June 2018.⁸

The purpose of the report is to provide a picture of how participants are progressing under the NDIS, based on information provided by them in interviews conducted using the NDIS outcomes framework questionnaires. The results are intended to provide insight into how the Scheme is making a difference, and point to any areas where improvements may be required.

The present report focusses on results. Readers requiring further background should refer to the previous report, which contains additional information regarding the broader scope of outcomes measurement within the NDIA, and the development and implementation of the outcomes framework questionnaires.

1.2 Overview

The remaining sections of the report present results from analysing the outcomes framework data available as at 30 June 2019. Results are organised with separate sections for each questionnaire version, synthesising analyses from all data sources (SF and LF, baseline and longitudinal).

High level summaries of results for all questions are included in separate volumes of Appendices.

The remainder of the report is organised as follows:

- Sections 2 and 3 contain results for participants from birth to before start school.
- Sections 4 and 5 contain results for participants from starting school to age 14.
- Sections 6 and 7 contain results for young adult participants aged 15 to 24.
- Sections 8 and 9 contain results for adult participants aged 25 and over.

More detailed results contained in the Appendices include:

- Appendix A: Numbers of questionnaires
- Appendix B: LF participation and representativeness analysis
- Appendix C: Age adjustment methodology
- Appendix D: Participants from birth to before starting school
- Appendix E: Participants from starting school to age 14
- Appendix F: Participants aged 15 to 24
- Appendix G: Participants aged 25 and over

Appendices D to G contain the following information:

1. Baseline indicators – aggregate
2. Baseline indicators – by participant characteristics

⁸ <https://data.ndis.gov.au/reports-and-analyses/participant-outcomes-report>


3. Longitudinal change in indicators over one year for participants entering the Scheme in 2017-18 – aggregate
4. Longitudinal change in indicators over one year for participants entering the Scheme in 2017-18 – by participant characteristics
5. Longitudinal change in indicators over one and two years for participants entering the Scheme in 2016-17 – aggregate
6. Longitudinal change in indicators over two years for participants entering the Scheme in 2016-17 – by participant characteristics
7. Perceptions of whether the NDIS has helped after one year in the Scheme – aggregate
8. Perceptions of whether the NDIS has helped after one year in the Scheme – by participant characteristics
9. Perceptions of whether the NDIS has helped after two years in the Scheme – aggregate
10. Perceptions of whether the NDIS has helped after two years in the Scheme – by participant characteristics.

1.3 Questionnaires and domains

Table 1.1 sets out the questionnaire versions, and domains, including letter codes used in the report.

Table 1.1 Participant outcomes framework questionnaire versions and domains

Domain	Children: 0 to before starting school	Children: starting school to age 14	Young adults: 15 to 24	Adults: 25 and over
Daily living (DL)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Choice and control (CC)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Relationships (REL)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social, community and civic participation (S/CP)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lifelong learning (LL)		✓	✓	✓
Health and wellbeing (HW)			✓	✓
Home (HM)			✓	✓
Work (WK)			✓	✓

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Specialist services assist children to be included in families and community (SPL)				

1.4 Cohorts used in the longitudinal analysis

Longitudinal results for outcome indicators are considered separately for two cohorts of participants:

- Participants entering the Scheme in the first year of transition (1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017), for whom a record of outcomes is available at Scheme entry (baseline), and approximately two years after Scheme entry (second review). The large majority of these participants also responded at one year after Scheme entry (first review). This cohort is referred to as the “B,R1,R2” cohort.
- Participants entering the Scheme in the second year of transition (1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018), for whom a record of outcomes is available at Scheme entry (baseline), and approximately one year after Scheme entry (first review). This cohort is referred to as the “B,R1” cohort.

These two cohorts are distinct (that is, a participant contributing to the longitudinal analysis belongs to one cohort only).