# Average Payments - data rules

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## Average payments possible values and rules

The table below outlines the possible values and rules in the “Average payments data December 2023.csv” data file.

| **Variable** | **Description** | **Rules** | **Sample Possible Values** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| RprtDt | Reporting date | * The dates will align with quarter end dates.
* The data is valid as at this date
 | * 31 Dec 2023
 |
| StateCd | State or Territory the participant resides in | * One of the eight States/ Territories in which the NDIA operates.
* “ALL” denotes all States/ Territories in which the NDIA operates.
 | * ACT
* ALL
* NSW
* NT
* QLD
* SA
* TAS
* VIC
* WA
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| SrvcDstrctNm | Service district where the participant resides | * Each State/Territory is divided into service districts in which the NDIA operates.
* “ALL” denotes all service districts.
 | * TAS North
* TAS North West
* TAS South East
* TAS South West
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| DsbltyGrpNm | Disability group name of the participants primary reported disability  | * Disabilities are grouped as part of the process to protect participants privacy.
* Down syndrome is shown separately from Intellectual disability .
* “Missing” disability is reported separately from “Other”.
 | * Autism
* Developmental delay
* Intellectual Disability
* Psychosocial disability
* ALL
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| AgeBnd | Age band | * “ALL” denotes all ages.
 | * 0 to 6
* 7 to 14
* 15 to 18
* 19 to 24
* 25 to 34
* 35 to 44
* 45 to 54
* 55 to 64
* 65+
 |
| SuppClass | Support class | * NDIS plans have support classes under which a participant receives necessary and reasonable funding.
* “ALL” denotes all the support classes.
 | * ALL
* Capacity Building
* Capital
* Core
 |
| AvgAnlsdPymt | Average of the annualised payment amounts in the participants’ active plans | * Payments are made when participants access supports. Payments are annualised to compare like-for-like values.
* The amounts are rounded to the nearest hundred\* dollars so 0$ means that the amount is 49$ or less.
* Average payment is calculate using AvsE method (using a 12-month period).
* For rows with less than 11 participants, the average annualised payment has been removed, as the low participant count results in an average which is too volatile.
 | * Numerical values greater than or equal to zero, null values for cases with participants count less than 11.
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**Note:**

### AvsE Method using a 12-month period\*\*

* Annualise the incremental payments for each month in the calculation period (over a 12-month period up to the Reporting date) by dividing the monthly payments by the number of days in each month and then multiplying by 365.25.
* Calculate the average annualised payments per participant for each month (over a 12-month period up to the Reporting date) by dividing the previous number by the number of participants mid-month for each incremental period. The number of participants mid-month is calculated by taking the average of participant count for the end of each month and the previous month.
* The average payment over the year is then calculated by taking each of the incremental averages, and weighting this by the number of participants mid-month.

**\*** - rounding to nearest hundred dollars has been introduced since September 2023 output, earlier outputs used rounding to nearest thousand dollars.

**\*\*** - AvsE method before September 2023 was using the average participant counts at the start and the end of the calculation period (a 12-month period up to the Reporting date) and the total payment amount during the calculation period.

## How to use the data

Below are two examples of how to use the data.

### Example 1: Average payments of participants aged 25-34 in each State/Territory as at 30 June 2023

To get the number and average payments of participants in each State/Territory, regardless of support and entity type, apply the following filters to the data:

RprtDt=“30JUN2023”, StateCd≠(unselect)“ALL”, SrvcDstrctNm=”ALL”, DsbltyGrpNm=”ALL”, NDIAAgeBnd=”25-34”, SuppClass=“ALL”

### Example 2: Participants aged 25-34 with Sensory/Speech Impairment in NSW as at 30 June 2023

To get the number and average payments of all the participants with sensory/speech impairment in Australia, apply the following filters to the data:

RprtDt=“30JUN2023”, StateCd=“NSW”, SrvcDstrctNm=”ALL”, DsbltyGrpNm=” Sensory/Speech”, NDIAAgeBnd=”25-34”, SuppClass=“ALL”

## About this document

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