# Average Support Category Payments - data rules

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## Average support category payments possible values and rules

The table below outlines the possible values and rules in the “Average support category payments March 2024.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 Mar 2024
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| 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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| 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
 |
| SuppCatSAPName | Support category | * NDIS plans have support categories under which a participant receives necessary and reasonable funding.
* There are 15 categories in total.
* Categories with a “CB\_” prefix relate to capacity building.
* “ALL” denotes all the support classes.
 | * ALL
* CB\_CHOICE\_AND\_CONTROL
* CB\_DAILY\_ACTIVITY
* DAILY\_ACTIVITIES
 |
| 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.
* Average payment is calculate using AvsE method (using a 12-month period).
* The amounts are rounded to the nearest hundred\* dollars so 0$ means that the amount is 49$ or less.
* 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 working days in each month and then multiplying by the total number of working days within the reporting period.
* 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 March 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. The AvsE method prior to March 2024 was considering the number of calendar days in each month and over the reporting period, whereas from March 2024 onwards it will consider the number of working days per month and within the reporting period.

## How to use the data

Below are two examples of how to use the data.

### Example 1: Average payments relating to Daily Activities for participants aged 25-34 in each State/Territory as at 31 March 2024

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=“31MAR2024”, StateCd≠(unselect)“ALL”, DsbltyGrpNm=”ALL”, NDIAAgeBnd=”25-34”, SuppCatName=“ DAILY\_ACTIVITIES”

### Example 2: Average payments relating to Daily Activities for participants aged 25-34 with Sensory/Speech Impairment in NSW as at 31 March 2024

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=“31MAR2024”, StateCd=“NSW”, DsbltyGrpNm=” Sensory/Speech”, NDIAAgeBnd=”25-34”, SuppCatName=“ DAILY\_ACTIVITIES”

## About this document

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