

# FACS Annual Statistical Report 2017-18: Objective 5: Assisting people to participate in social and economic life

This accessible text document provides a high-level view of the contribution of Family and Community Services (FACS) in assisting people to participate in social and economic life in NSW. It accompanies the [interactive dashboard](#), published on the FACS website.

## Assisting people to participate in social and economic life

### Overview

Data reported in Objective 5 is grouped into one theme supported by a dashboard:

1. **Healthy and active seniors** - data reported on number of training places provided in the Tech Savvy Seniors program, Senior Card holders and households, where the household heads are 55 years and over, assisted with private rental assistance products.

### 1. Healthy and active seniors

- There were 1.58 million Senior Card holders in NSW in 2017-18, which is an increase of 3.9 per cent from the previous year.
- During 2017-18 there were 16,373 training places provided in the *Tech Savvy Seniors* program, teaching seniors how to use technology such as computers, tablets and smartphones.
- In 2017-18, 2,549 households, where the household heads were 55 years and over, were assisted with private rental assistance products. This equals a decrease of 1.7 per cent, or 45 households, from the previous year.
- As at 30 June 2018, 16,026 social housing applicants, where the household heads were aged 55 years and over, were on the NSW Housing Register. Compared to 30 June 2017, this is an increase of 121 applicants.

- There were 1,172 newly housed applicants, where the household heads were aged 55 years and over, in social housing who were previously homeless or at risk of homelessness in 2017-18. Compared to the same period last year, this equals an increase of 3.1 per cent.

## Endnotes

This document presents some key statistics about the NSW overall performance result for this objective in 2017-18. If you are unable to use the interactive dashboards and need more granular information or other statistics, please contact us on [FACSIAR@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:FACSIAR@facs.nsw.gov.au).

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