

FACS Annual Statistical Report 2017-18: Objective 1: Better outcomes for Aboriginal people, families & communities

This accessible text document provides a high-level view of the contribution of Family and Community Services (FACS) in supporting Aboriginal people, families and communities to provide them with the same social and economic opportunities as other Australians. It accompanies the [interactive dashboard](#), published on the FACS website.

Better outcomes for Aboriginal people, families & communities

Overview

Data reported in Objective 1 are grouped into two main themes each supported by a dashboard:

1. **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) transition – Aboriginal clients** - data on the transition of FACS disability services Aboriginal clients to the NDIS since 2013-14.
2. **Quality and culturally appropriate housing for Aboriginal people** - data reported for Aboriginal clients assisted with private rental assistance products and Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) assistance, and newly housed Aboriginal applicants from the NSW Housing Register in social housing who were previously homeless or at risk of homelessness.

1. **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) transition - Aboriginal clients**

- FACS has delivered services to hundreds of thousands of people with disability over the years in NSW. With the introduction of the NDIS, FACS focussed on ensuring people in NSW are making a seamless transition to the new Commonwealth system. The NDIS provides funding to people with disability that is based on their needs instead of pre-determined support packages. This scheme has replaced the NSW specialist disability service system by 30 June 2018.
- The map shows the NDIS rollout in NSW from when it was first trialed to three local government areas in Hunter New England District in 2013-14 until the full rollout to all Districts at the end of 2017-18.
- The percentage number shown in each District represents the proportion of FACS disability clients transitioned to the NDIS at the end of the year. For instance, there were 10.0 per cent of the total Aboriginal disability clients in Hunter New England District transitioned to the NDIS at the end of 2013-14 (year 1 trial). At the end of 2015-16 (year 3 of the trial), the proportion of disability clients transitioned to the NDIS in this District reached 70.0 per cent. As at 30 June 2018 all Aboriginal disability clients in Hunter New England District were fully transitioned to the NDIS.
- In 2017-18 there were 2,655 Aboriginal participants with an NDIS approved plan.

2. **Quality and culturally appropriate housing for Aboriginal people**

- As at 30 June 2018, 10.5 per cent of tenants in public housing and community housing were Aboriginal people.
- There has been an increase of 9.1 per cent in Aboriginal housing stock since 2012-13.
- There were 223 Aboriginal households exiting from public housing and Aboriginal Housing Office properties to join the private rental market or home ownership in 2017-18.
- In 2017-18, Aboriginal people accounted for 12.6 per cent of all clients accessing private rental subsidy assistance. Of all clients accessing

Bond loan/Advance rent/Tenancy assistance in 2017-18, 21.3 per cent were Aboriginal clients. 23.8 per cent of people accessing temporary accommodation were Aboriginal people in 2017-18.

- 78.0 per cent of Aboriginal clients received FACS Specialist Homelessness Services to sustain their housing tenancy in 2017-18.
- In 2017-18, nine out of ten Aboriginal households, who were previously homeless or at risk of homelessness, were still housed 12 months after their housing allocation.
- Aboriginal applicants accounted for 22.4 per cent of all newly housed applicants who were previously homeless or at risk of homelessness in 2017-18.

Endnotes

This document presents some key statistics about the NSW overall performance results 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.

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