

Summary

- Total number of Authorised Carers has dropped slightly compared to same quarter **last year**
- DCJ authorised 46% of the total households, NGOs 54% (slight increase from previous quarter)
- 16% of authorised carers identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (no change)
- 62.6% of authorised carers are female, 37.34% are male, < 0.1% are gender X (slight increase)
- 49% of household members are 18 years old or over and require a WWCC

* Provisionally authorised carers provide emergency placements and are pending full authorisation

** Household members count does not include those in provisionally authorised households

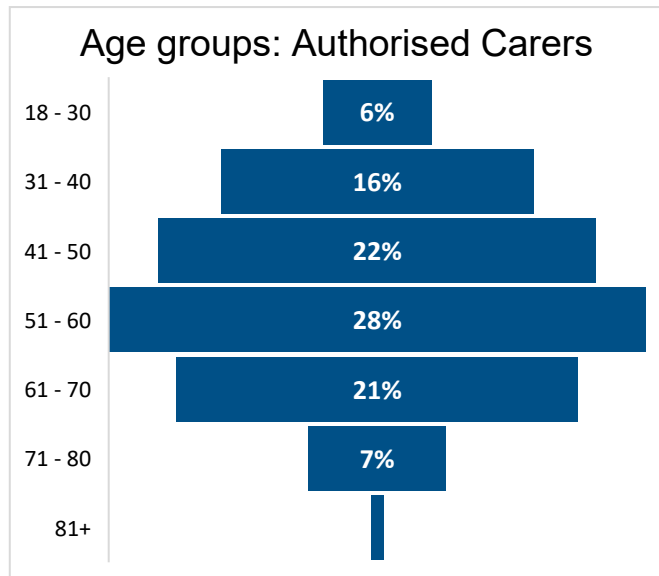
Carers Register Key Stats - 2025/26	Sep 2025	Dec 2025
Designated agencies		
Designated agencies	53	53
DCJ	1	1
NGO	52	52
Current authorisations		
Authorised Households	9929	9975
DCJ	4506	4614
NGO	5423	5361
Authorised carers (NB: Some carers may be authorised by multiple agencies)	15405	15443
DCJ	6838	7012
Statutory Foster Care	1029	1066
Other Care (Relative / kin / supported care)	5809	5946
NGO	8567	8431
Statutory Foster Care	7262	7148
Other Care (Relative / kin / supported care)	1305	1283
Provisional authorisations (in progress applications) *		
Provisionally authorised households (not counted above)	494	570
DCJ	419	477
NGO	75	93
Provisionally authorised carers	772	893
DCJ	660	755
NGO	112	138
Household demographics		
Individual counts - authorised carers & provisionally authorised carers	16054	16193
Individuals who identify as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander	2570	2637
Gender		
Female	10047	10137
Male	5997	6046
Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified	10	10
Individual counts - household members residing in authorised & provisional households	11294	11649
< 18 yo	5744	5895
18+ yo	5550	5754
Gender		
Female	5421	5598
Male	5860	6037
Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified	13	14
In Progress Applications		
Household applications (non-provisional authorisation)	1076	1003
DCJ	456	422
NGO	620	581
Carer applicants	1664	1538
DCJ	715	645
NGO	949	893
Household counts (within quarter)		

Households Authorised	225	213
DCJ	73	64
NGO	152	149
Households Provisionally Authorised	249	299
DCJ	217	248
NGO	32	51
Households Refused	301	290
DCJ	164	179
NGO	137	111
Households Cancelled	390	282
DCJ	146	67
NGO	244	215
Households Suspended	22	30
DCJ	2	4
NGO	20	26
Cancelled / Surrendered Carers (within quarter)		
Cancelled with concerns	45	25
DCJ	22	7
NGO	23	18
Cancelled without concerns	248	174
DCJ	144	62
NGO	104	112
Surrendered with concerns	19	7
DCJ	1	0
NGO	18	7
Surrendered without concerns	299	230
DCJ	64	28
NGO	235	202
Applicants refused / withdrawn (within quarter)		
Refused	59	56
DCJ	15	29
NGO	44	27
Withdrawn with concerns	46	49
DCJ	33	33
NGO	13	16
Withdrawn without concerns	346	341
DCJ	204	217
NGO	142	124
Reportable Allegation Counts (within quarter)		
Current	144	135
Finalised – contact agency	7	13
Finalised – no record	27	24

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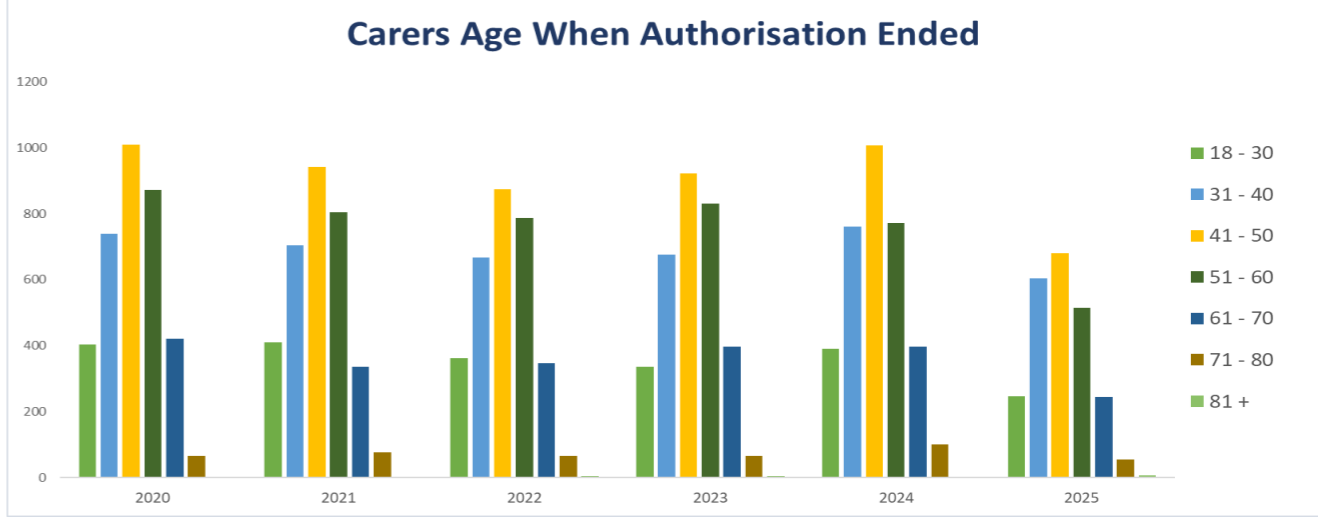
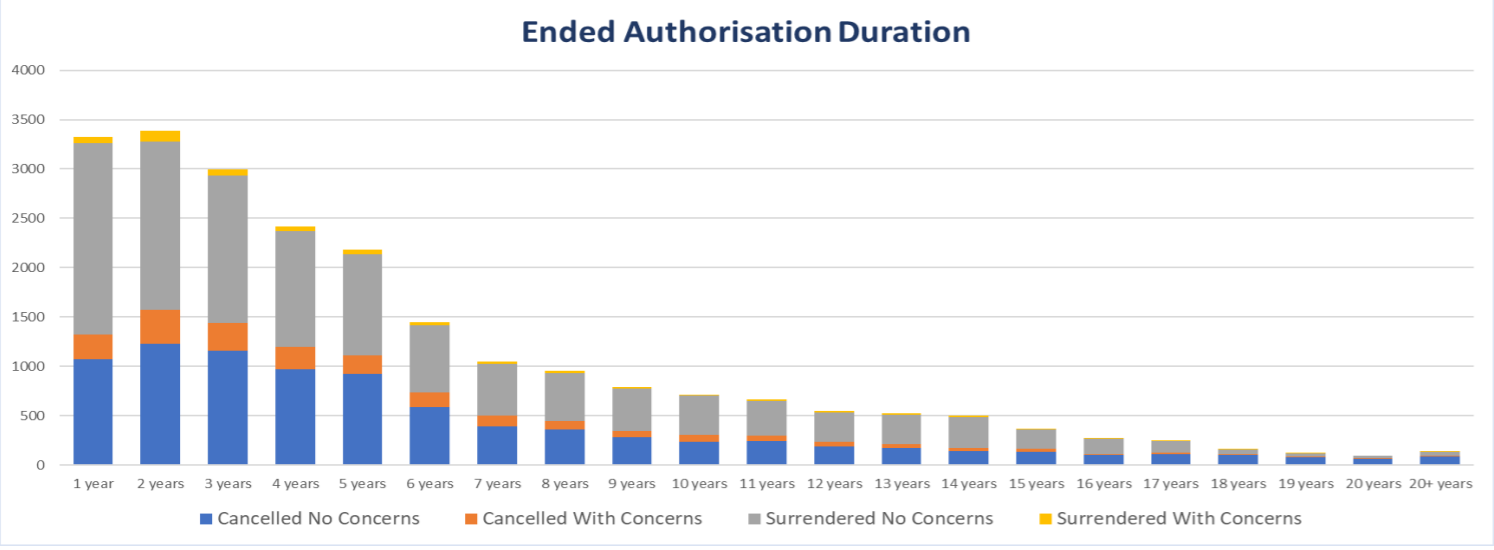
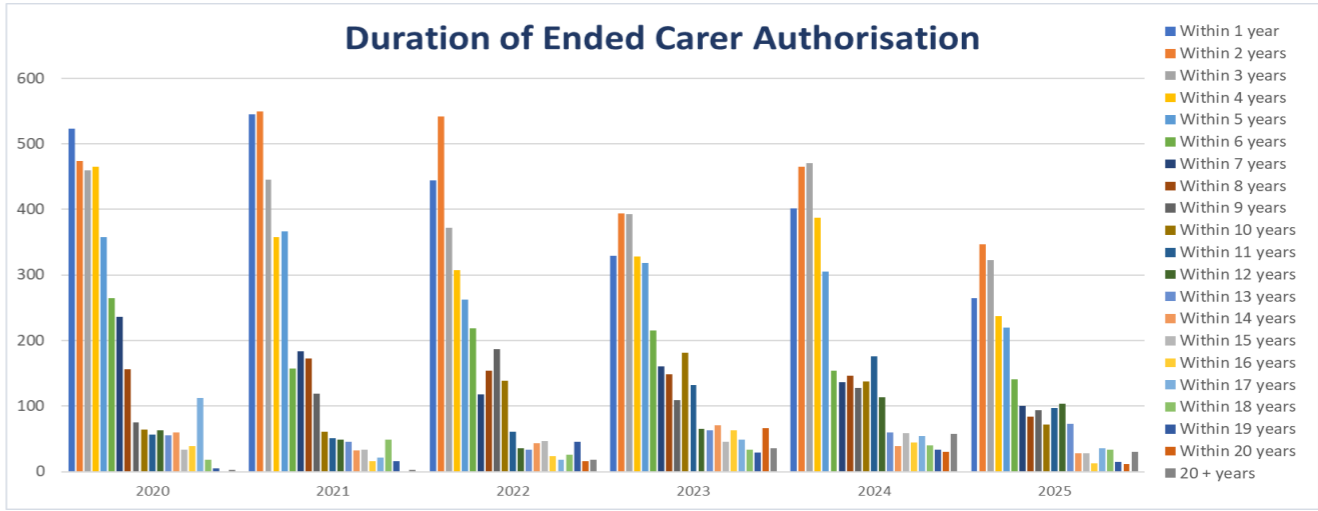
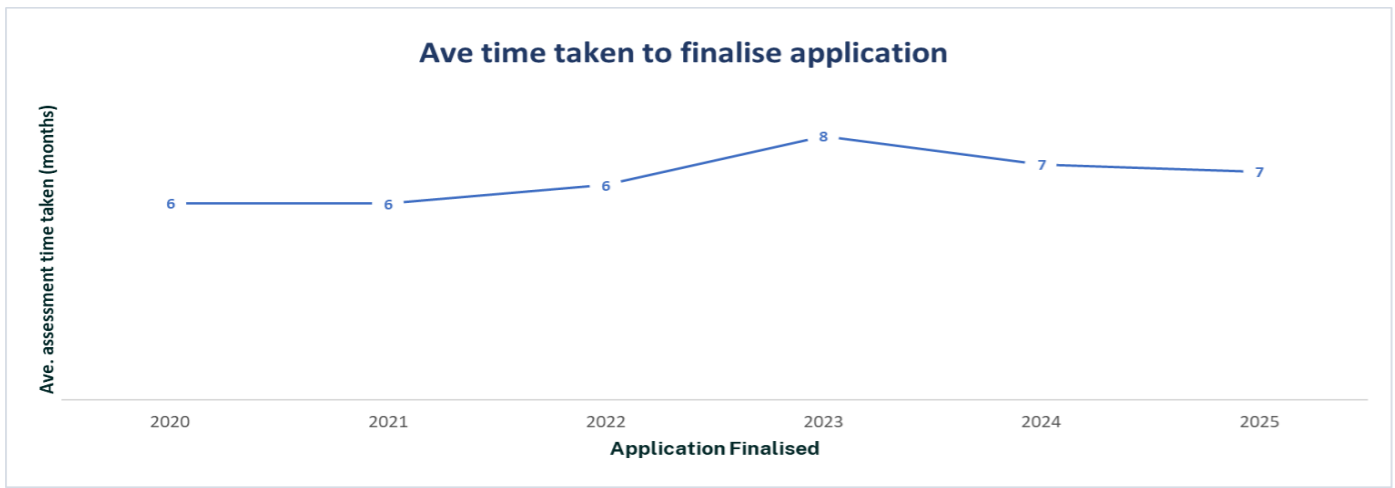
Additional Descriptive Data (Point in time at end of last quarter)

Authorised Carers per age group	
Age group	%
18 - 30	6%
31 - 40	16%
41 - 50	22%
51 - 60	28%
61 - 70	21%
71 - 80	7%
81+	1%



Data per District - Dec 2025					
District	Total Authorised carers*	# of HH members* under 18	Current Household	New Carers* in Quarter	New Applicants* in Quarter
Hunter	1985	706	1300	88	122
South Western Sydney	1925	641	1232	83	101
Nepean Blue Mountains	1297	480	830	45	55
Western Sydney	1178	384	759	39	67
Illawarra Shoalhaven	1087	338	693	30	60
Western NSW	988	440	663	52	38
Central Coast	883	265	594	40	40
Mid North Coast	968	365	648	45	53
New England	747	332	485	45	48
Northern NSW	763	292	502	27	44
Murrumbidgee	748	240	496	18	49
Outside NSW	676	302	437	23	40
South Eastern Sydney	659	154	423	14	26
Northern Sydney	532	140	328	23	15
Southern NSW	367	125	232	5	18
Sydney	432	79	295	14	25
Far West	80	26	58	4	8
Address not yet entered	0	0	0	0	2
Grand Total	15303	5303	9975	595	811

* Distinct Person: Can be in multiple households in different districts



Carers Register Key Stats - EOY		June 2025
Designated agencies		
Designated agencies		53
DCJ		1
NGO		52
Current authorisations		
Authorised Households		9922
DCJ		4435
NGO		5487
Authorised carers (NB: Some carers may be authorised by multiple agencies)		15396
DCJ		6730
Statutory Foster Care		1026
Other Care (Relative / kin / supported care)		5704
NGO		8666
Statutory Foster Care		7404
Other Care (Relative / kin / supported care)		1262
Provisional authorisations (in progress applications)		
Provisionally authorised households (not counted above)		523
DCJ		431
NGO		92
Provisionally authorised carers		828
DCJ		690
NGO		138
Household demographics		
Individual counts - authorised carers & provisionally authorised carers		16119
Individuals who identify as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander		2533
Gender		
Female		10080
Male		6028
Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified		11
Individual counts - household members residing in authorised & provisional households		11316
< 18 yo		5738
18+ yo		5578
Gender		
Female		5407
Male		5893
Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified		16
In Progress Applications		
Household applications (non-provisional authorisation)		1094
DCJ		418
NGO		676
Carer applicants		1694
DCJ		644
NGO		1050
Household counts (within year)		
Households Authorised		863
DCJ		254
NGO		609
Households Provisionally Authorised		889

DCJ	734
NGO	155
Households Refused	1224
DCJ	606
NGO	618
Households Cancelled	1933
DCJ	849
NGO	1084
Households Suspended	79
DCJ	19
NGO	60
Cancelled / Surrendered Carers (within year)	
Cancelled with concerns	219
DCJ	97
NGO	122
Cancelled without concerns	1545
DCJ	941
NGO	604
Surrendered with concerns	53
DCJ	13
NGO	40
Surrendered without concerns	1178
DCJ	258
NGO	920
Applicants refused / withdrawn (within year)	
Refused	277
DCJ	98
NGO	179
Withdrawn with concerns	179
DCJ	113
NGO	66
Withdrawn without concerns	1412
DCJ	727
NGO	685
Reportable Allegation Counts (within year)	
Current	386
Finalised – contact agency	79
Finalised – no record	235
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Key statistics - NSW Carers Register

Summary

- Total number of Authorised Carers has decreased slightly since the last quarter
- DCJ authorise 44% of the total carers, NGOs 56%
- 14.5% of authorised carers identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- 62% of authorised carers are female 38% of authorised carers are male 0.04% of authorised carers are Gender X
- 52% of household members are over 18 years and require a WWCC
- 46% of carer applicants are being managed by DCJ

Carers Register Data 2023	30 Sept 2023	31 Dec 2023	31 Mar 2024	30 June 2024
Designated agencies – Accredited to provide statutory out-of-home care	53	53	52	53
Authorised carers (Currently Authorised)				
Note: some carers may be authorised with one or more agencies	16,833	16,643	16,061	15,875
DCJ	7,487	7,401	7,010	6,879
NGO	9,516	9,396	9,188	9,077
Authorised carers who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	2,441	2,419	2,337	2,303
Households (current)	10,964	10,830	10,442	10,304
DCJ	4,923	4,872	4,603	4,529
NGOs	6,041	5,958	5,839	5,775
Household members (currently residing with an authorised carer)	12,022	11,976	11,604	11,522
< 18 years	5,828	5,765	5,578	5,545
> 18 years	6,194	6,211	6,026	5,977
Authorised carers – Female	10,475	10,361	10,001	9,890
Authorised carers – Male	6,353	6,278	6,056	5,976
Authorised carers – Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified	8	8	8	9
Household members – Female	5,818	5,819	5,594	5,563
Household members – Male	6,190	6,143	5,997	5,945
Household members – Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified	13	13	12	14
Total Carer applicants (includes provisionally authorised carers)	2,742	2,717	2,573	2,398
Households	1,771	1,763	1,674	1,560
DCJ (applicants)	1,184	1,256	1,196	1,114
Households (Applicant)	761	814	779	713
NGO (applicants)	1,585	1,486	1,400	1,305
Households (applicant)	1,010	949	895	847
Household counts (within quarter)				
Households Authorised	418	333	393	430
Households Refused	483	236	326	279
Households Cancelled	481	411	594	578
Households Suspended	94	66	62	49
Cancelled Carers /Applicant counts (within quarter)				
Cancelled – with concerns	41	57	38	62
Cancelled – without concerns	423	338	607	507
Surrendered – with concerns	23	9	5	6
Surrendered – without concerns	292	225	227	249
Applications- Refused/ Withdrawn (in specified period)	1,122	476	644	515
Refused	172	65	92	60
Withdrawn – with concerns	78	33	46	51
Withdrawn – without concerns	873	378	506	404
Reportable allegation counts (within quarter)				
Reportable allegations (lodged during past 3 months)				
Current	141	147	144	141
Finalised – contact agency	32	5	6	11
Finalised – no record	35	18	17	17
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NSW Carers Register	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-22	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-24
Designated Agencies – Accredited to provide statutory out of home care	49	53	53	53
Authorised Carers (Currently Authorised) Note: some carers may be authorised with one or more agencies	18,369	17,960	17,121	15,871
DCJ	8,649	8,186	7,659	6,878
NGOs	9,901	9,928	9,635	9,074
Authorised carers that identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	2,592	2,549	2,447	2,303
Households (current)	11,849	11,625	11,156	10,304
DCJ	5,626	5,342	5,040	4,529
NGOs	6,223	6,283	6,116	5,775
Household members (Currently residing with an authorised carer)	12,801	12,682	12,165	11,522
< 18 years	6,366	6,277	5,912	5,578
> 18 years	6,435	6,405	6,253	5,944
Gender of Authorised Carers				
Female	11,387	11,137	10,637	9,888
Male	6,981	6,819	6,477	5,974
Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified	1	4	7	9
Gender of Household Members				
Female	6,225	6,199	5,895	5,563
Male	6,569	6,475	6,256	5,945
Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified	7	8	14	14
Carer Applicants Note: includes provisionally authorised carers	2,895	2,971	3,057	2,398
o Number of Households	1,886	1,921	2,007	1,560
DCJ	1,040	1,018	1,251	1,112
o Number of Households	677	664	824	713
NGOs	2,040	1,953	1,837	1,298
o Number of Households	1,316	1,257	1,182	847
Authorisation- Cancelled/ Surrendered (In past reporting year)				
Cancelled - with concerns	251	203	161	223
Cancelled - without concerns	1266	1059	1210	2045
Surrendered - with concerns	65	41	58	44
Surrendered - without concerns	1,609	1,195	1,255	1,072
Applications- Refused/ Withdrawn (In past reporting year)				
Refused	293	247	343	371
Withdrawn - with concerns	217	178	169	215
Withdrawn - without concerns	1,528	1,385	1,843	2,120
Reportable Allegations (RA) (Status per reporting year)				
Current reportable allegations	445	400	408	409
Finalised RA – contact agency	113	78	106	98
Finalised RA – no record	286	125	200	195