



COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 3 November 2022 there are 1,101 active COVID-19 cases in 213 active outbreaks in residential aged care facilities across Australia. There have been 84 new outbreaks, 17 new resident deaths and 990 combined new resident and staff cases reported since 27 October 2022.

Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 3 November 2022¹

Category	Active ²	Previous 7 days	Cumulative Total	Previous 7 days
Outbreaks ³	213	-3	8,608	84
Residential Aged Care Facilities affected	213	-3	2,739	2
Resident Cases ⁴	778	-55	96,498	710
Resident Deaths ⁵	N/A	N/A	4,099	17
Staff Cases	323	-47	61,518	280

Residential aged care homes with active outbreaks are included in Appendix 1.

Table 2: Overview of Active Outbreaks in Australia

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Total Facilities with outbreaks	2	49	1	21	29	4	65	42	213
Total number of active resident cases	2	170	1	67	73	24	191	250	778
Total number of active staff cases	0	83	2	41	32	2	74	89	323
Total Outbreaks Opened since last Report	1	23	1	9	7	2	27	14	84
Total Outbreaks Closed Since last Report	2	18	0	17	11	3	22	14	87

¹ Outbreak opening and closure includes changes in the status of exposure sites to outbreaks (and vice versa), which are applied retrospectively to facility records. New case information can also change the status of a recovered site back to an active outbreak site. As a result, changes in active outbreak status may not align with day on day variations to active totals. These adjustments will also affect the number of cases in staff and residents reported each week.

² Active residents and staff cases are the total currently positive cases in active outbreaks

³ An outbreak is considered to be active pending advice from the relevant Public Health Unit. An outbreak is defined as at least 1 positive case in a resident or 2+ cases in staff.

⁴ Case numbers and numbers of deaths are dependent upon reporting from facilities and validation of deaths from state and territory governments. This is subject to change as further information is provided.

Figure 1: National Outbreak Trends in Aged Care

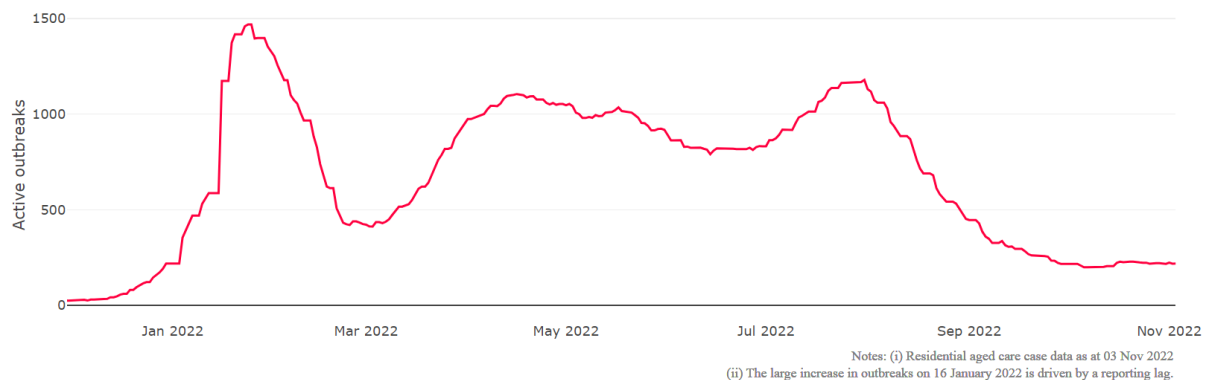


Figure 2: Trends in Aged Care Cases – November 2021 to Present



Mortality

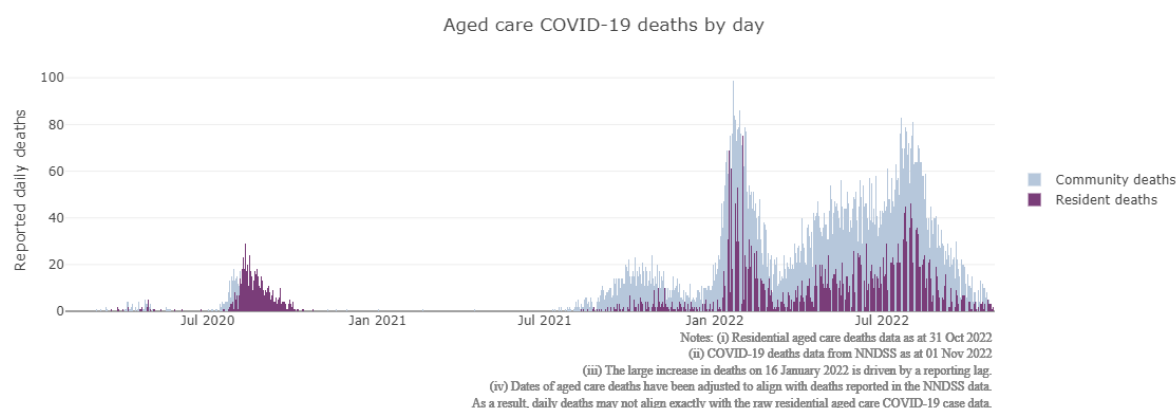
For the period of 1 January to 3 November 2022, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 6.1 per cent of all deaths in permanent residents in aged care facilities.

Since the beginning of the Omicron outbreak in late November 2021, there have been 57,116 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 29 November 2021 to 3 November 2022)⁵. COVID-19 deaths account for 5.7 per cent of this figure.

Over the course of the pandemic, all-cause excess mortality in Residential Aged Care was below expected numbers in 2020, and within expected range in 2021.

⁵ The Department is now accessing aged care deaths data from the SIEBEL dataset. Figures are live and subject to change. Source: Department of Health and Aged Care unpublished data / SIEBEL dataset.

Figure 3 -COVID-19 Deaths in Residential Aged Care Facilities overlaid with Community deaths



Workforce in active residential aged care outbreaks

As at 4 November 2022, workforce surge staff have filled a total of 143,537 shifts in aged care services impacted by COVID-19, including 1,041 in the past 7 days. In the past 7 days (to 3 November) surge workforce providers have assisted 41 residential aged care homes. These shifts include roles for GPs, nurses, care workers, allied health workers, executive and ancillary staff.

This includes:

Table 3: Workforce resources supplied to residential aged care facilities

Workforce provider	Total Shifts	Previous 7 days
Recruitment, Consulting and Staffing Association	89,703	495
Healthcare Australia (Workforce Surge)	12,356	17
Healthcare Australia (NACER)	2,295	N/A
Mable	2,711	N/A
Aspen Medical	19,817	245
HealthX	12,600	284
Torrens	4,055	N/A

As at 30 September 2022 the Australian Defence Force had provided support to a total of 542 residential aged care homes since February 2022. The ADF deployment ceased on 30 September 2022.

Oral antiviral treatments

Distribution of the oral anti-viral Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) commenced on 6 February 2022 to all RACFs with outbreak sites prioritised for delivery. The National Medical Stockpile has deployed 48,269 treatment courses of Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) to aged care facilities.

30,206 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in residential aged care facilities, with a further 773 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 30 October 2022.

Vaccination in Residential Aged Care Facilities

The Australian Government's COVID-19 vaccination program is delivering in-reach vaccine services for aged care residents and workers across Australia, through Commonwealth vaccine providers, primary care and self-vaccination services by aged care providers.

The Government continues to provide all residential aged care facilities with access to COVID vaccination clinics to ensure residents have every opportunity to get their fourth dose. As at 4 November 2022, there are currently 148,364 residents eligible for fourth doses. In total 123,430 residents (83.2% of eligible residents) have received a fourth dose, noting more residents have become eligible following recent infection.

As at 3 November 2022, a total of 596,285 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to residents in residential aged care facilities. Information is now received from the Australian Immunisation Register, meaning reported numbers may differ from previous reports. Information from the Australian Immunisation Register provides a more accurate representation of residents currently in residential aged care.

Residential aged care fourth dose vaccination summary									
	National	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT
Total residents who have received a fourth dose	123,430	39,258	34,031	23,703	10,587	10,799	3,056	298	1,698
Percentage against total residents*	(69.1%)	(68.5%)	(73.7%)	(65.8%)	(68.7%)	(65.3%)	(69.5%)	(63.8%)	(75.2%)
Percentage against eligible residents (interval only)**	(81.6%)	(79.5%)	(85.6%)	(79.8%)	(81.7%)	(80.0%)	(83.0%)	(78.2%)	(86.9%)
Percentage against eligible residents (interval and case overlay)***	(83.2%)	(81.3%)	(86.9%)	(81.0%)	(83.5%)	(82.7%)	(84.4%)	(80.5%)	(87.8%)

Sources: Aged care AIR data as at 3 November 2022, AIR mapping file for residents in permanent residential RACFs as at 2 September 2022, AUS-CAIRS aged care resident case data as at 2 November 2022.

* Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents) total residents in Commonwealth funded positions in residential aged care facilities

** Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents) over total residents who have had a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine over 3 months ago (this may include the third primary course dose for severely immunocompromised residents)

*** Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents) over total residents who have had a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine over 3 months ago with case overlay applied (this may include the third primary course dose for severely immunocompromised residents). Eligible residents have been reduced by an estimate of the number of COVID cases in the facility. The number of cases is calculated by the number of cases self-reported through AUS-CAIRS over the last 90 days adjusted by the fourth dose vaccination rate in a facility (percentage by eligible residents).

Infection control and audits

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (Commission) conducts a range of site and non-site activities to monitor and assess residential aged care services, including site audits and assessment contacts (site and non-site) (see Table 5 below). In August 2020, the Commission commenced an infection control monitoring (ICM) spot check program in all Australian jurisdictions.

The ICM spot check program involves on-site visits to residential aged care services, without an outbreak, to check compliance with personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection control arrangements. The purpose of the ICM spot check is to observe infection control

practices, to ensure that staff, management and visitors were adhering to safe personal protective equipment protocols and to safe infection control arrangements as required under the quality standards.

As at 3 November 2022, the Commission had conducted 4,047 ICM spot checks to observe infection control practices and PPE protocols in residential aged care facilities.

Table 5: Total Quality Assessment and Monitoring Activities with residential services (including IPC), by type and month 1 March 2020 to 3 November 2022

Regulatory Activities	2019-20 (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (to 3 November 2022)	Total
Site visits	318	3,452	1,733	1,014	6,517
Non-site activities	3,709	8,391	6,668	786	19,554
Total activities	4,027	11,843	8,401	1,800	26,071

Appendix 1: National residential aged care services with Active outbreaks COVID-19

Please note, information reported in this table has been directly reported to the Department of Health and Aged Care by residential aged care facilities. Total cases refers to all staff and resident cases associated with the active outbreak and may not reflect the count of currently active cases. Where numbers have been incorrectly reported, facilities are able to correct these in the COVID-19 Support Portal through My Aged Care. Where a facility is reporting less than six resident or staff cases or less than six deaths, data has been suppressed to protect the privacy of affected individuals (note that “n/p” indicates data is not provided to protect privacy).

Service Name	State	Resident Deaths	Resident Cases	Staff Cases	Total Incidents
St Andrews Village Hostel	Australian Capital Territory	0	<6	0	<6
Uniting Amala Gordon ACT	Australian Capital Territory	0	<6	0	<6
Advantaged Care at Edensor Gardens	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Arcare Kanwal	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Banyula Lodge	New South Wales	0	8	<6	n/p
Bathurst Riverview Care Community	New South Wales	0	11	<6	n/p
Beresford Hall	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Bolton Clarke Darlington	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Borella House	New South Wales	<6	<6	0	<6
Catholic Healthcare Blakeney Lodge	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Catholic Healthcare Jemalong Residential Village	New South Wales	0	23	7	30
Catholic Healthcare Maranatha Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Dudley Foord House	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Eileen Armstrong House	New South Wales	0	6	6	12
Estia Health Epping - The Poplars	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Estia Health Kogarah	New South Wales	0	15	<6	n/p
Estia Health Merrylands	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
Fairfield Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	16	<6	n/p
Grasmere Terrace	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Grenfell Multi-Purpose Service	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
Heritage Botany	New South Wales	0	21	<6	n/p
Hunters Hill Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
IRT Crown Gardens	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Japara The Brelsford	New South Wales	0	14	10	24

Service Name	State	Resident Deaths	Resident Cases	Staff Cases	Total Incidents
Lansdowne Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	25	12	37
Maroba Nursing Home	New South Wales	<6	14	6	20
Mary Andrews Retirement Village Hostel	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Mater Christi Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	<6	13	8	21
Mercy Place Mount St Joseph's	New South Wales	<6	24	13	37
Montrose Aged Care Plus Centre	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Moran Engadine	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Murray House	New South Wales	0	<6	7	n/p
Randwick Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Regis Port Stephens	New South Wales	<6	9	8	17
Regis Rose Bay	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Riverwood Hostel	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Scalabrini Village Griffith	New South Wales	0	22	<6	n/p
Scalabrini Village Nursing Home (Austral)	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Scalabrini Village Nursing Home (Bexley)	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Southern Cross Care Cootamundra Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Southern Cross Care Marsfield Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Southern Cross Care St Francis Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	8
St Josephs Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	6	0	6
Stella Maris Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
The Orchards Aged Care	New South Wales	0	11	<6	n/p
The Whiddon Group - River Gum Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Turramurra House Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Uniting Northaven Turramurra	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Uniting Tumut	New South Wales	0	13	<6	n/p
Wahroonga House	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
Yallambee Village	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Regis Tiwi	Northern Territory	0	<6	<6	<6

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Anam Cara	Queensland	<6	11	6	17
Anglicare SQ Symes Grove Home for the Aged	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Bupa Runaway Bay	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Dovetree	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Infinite Care Mount Lofty	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Maryborough Community Aged Care	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Mercy Community Services - Emmaus	Queensland	0	14	<6	n/p
Murroona Gardens	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Palm Lake Aged Care Deception Bay	Queensland	0	15	7	22
Regis Kuluin	Queensland	0	17	6	23
Regis Sandgate - Lucinda	Queensland	0	9	<6	n/p
Regis The Gap	Queensland	0	15	<6	n/p
Southern Cross Care Allora	Queensland	0	9	6	15
St Nicholas Aged Care	Queensland	0	15	6	21
St Paul de Chartres Residential Aged Care	Queensland	0	6	<6	n/p
The Good Shepherd Nursing Home	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
TriCare Mermaid Beach Aged Care Residence	Queensland	0	10	<6	n/p
Wheller Gardens - Emmaus Village	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
Whiddon Beaudesert Star	Queensland	0	8	8	16
Woombye Care	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Yaralla Place	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
ACH Group Residential Care - VITA	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Aldinga Beach Court	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Alwyndor Aged Care	South Australia	<6	12	<6	n/p
Ardrossan Community Hostel	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Bethsalem Care	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Charla Lodge	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Coorong Health Service - Tailem Bend MPS	South Australia	0	12	<6	n/p

Service Name	State	Resident Deaths	Resident Cases	Staff Cases	Total Incidents
Edenfield Family Care - Nerrilda	South Australia	0	31	10	41
Eldercare Allambi	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Estia Health Burton	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Gaynes Park Manor	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Helping Hand Aged Care - Carinya	South Australia	0	14	9	23
Japara Trevu House	South Australia	<6	27	11	38
Klemzig Residential Care Services	South Australia	0	27	<6	n/p
LHI Glynde	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
LHI Hope Valley	South Australia	0	13	<6	n/p
Murray Mudge	South Australia	0	<6	<6	6
Oaklands Park Lodge Residential Care	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Orroroo Community Home	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Parkview Aged Care	South Australia	<6	18	13	31
Regis Burnside	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Resthaven Bellevue Heights	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
St Basil's Aegean Village	South Australia	0	7	<6	n/p
St Joseph's House	South Australia	0	27	6	33
Star Of The Sea Home For The Aged	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
The Pines Lodge Residential Care	South Australia	0	6	0	6
Torrens Valley Aged Care	South Australia	0	<6	<6	7
War Veterans Home Myrtle Bank	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Yeltana Nursing Home	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Freemasons Nursing Home	Tasmania	0	<6	0	<6
Japara Sandhill	Tasmania	0	6	0	6
Regis Tasmania - Norwood	Tasmania	0	<6	0	<6
Umina Park Home For The Aged	Tasmania	0	14	<6	n/p
AdventCare Whitehorse	Victoria	0	<6	<6	9
Arcare Castlemaine	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6

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Arcare Parkview Malvern East	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Arcare Portarlington	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Arpad Aged Care	Victoria	0	10	<6	n/p
Ashleigh House Hostel	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Assisi Centre Aged Care	Victoria	0	18	8	26
Baptcare Abbey Gardens Community	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Baptcare The Orchards Community	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Benetas Dalkeith Gardens	Victoria	0	20	<6	n/p
Benetas St George's	Victoria	0	38	18	56
BSL Aged Care - Clifton Hill	Victoria	0	10	<6	n/p
Bupa Berwick	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Bupa Portland	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Carrum Downs Aged Care	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Carrum Downs Private Nursing Home	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Charles Brownlow Retirement Village	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Cheltenham Manor	Victoria	0	10	<6	n/p
Corryong MPS	Victoria	0	13	9	22
Doutta Galla Lynch's Bridge Aged Care Facility	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Emerald Hill Residence	Victoria	0	34	<6	n/p
Estia Health Knoxfield	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Estia Health Melton South	Victoria	0	<6	<6	6
Estia Health Ringwood	Victoria	0	10	<6	n/p
Estia Health South Morang	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Estia Health Wattle Glen	Victoria	0	16	<6	n/p
Gibson Street Complex	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Glendale Aged Care	Victoria	0	15	<6	n/p
Holloway Aged Care Services	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Japara George Vowell	Victoria	<6	16	11	27

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Japara Mirridong	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Japara Rye Sands	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6
Japara Springvale	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Jessie Bowe House	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Kellock Lodge	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Lakes Entrance Care Community	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Liferview Willow Wood	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Lyrebird Village for the Aged	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
mecwacare Park Hill	Victoria	0	13	<6	n/p
Mekong Cairnlea Vietnamese Aged Care	Victoria	0	6	<6	n/p
Mekong Vietnamese Aged Care	Victoria	0	<6	<6	6
Melville Grange Hostel	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Mercy Place East Melbourne	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
MiCare Avondrust Lodge	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
MiCare Margriet Manor	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Nazareth House Camberwell	Victoria	0	15	<6	n/p
Nellie Melba Retirement Village	Victoria	<6	92	7	99
Northside Aged Persons Mental Health Residential Care Facility	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Percy Baxter Lodges	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Prague House	Victoria	0	7	<6	n/p
Regis Rosebud	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Royal Freemasons Bacchus Marsh	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Royal Freemasons Bendigo	Victoria	0	6	0	6
St John's	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
St Vincent's Care Services Kew	Victoria	0	10	10	20
Sutton Park Assisted Aged Care	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Villa Maria Catholic Homes Berwick Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	10	<6	n/p
Villa Maria Catholic Homes Corpus Christi Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p

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Villa Maria Catholic Homes Providence Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Villa Maria Catholic Homes Wantirna Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Villa Maria Catholic Homes Willowbrooke Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Wattle Rise	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Waverley Valley Care Community	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6
Westgate Aged Care Facility	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Wintringham Eunice Seddon Home	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Aegis Amberley	Western Australia	0	16	9	25
Aegis Balmoral	Western Australia	0	13	<6	n/p
Aegis Carrington	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Aegis Greenfields	Western Australia	0	12	<6	n/p
Aegis The Pines	Western Australia	0	8	<6	n/p
Alfred Cove Care Community	Western Australia	0	25	<6	n/p
Alice Ross-King Care Centre	Western Australia	0	28	10	38
Amaroo Village Buckley Caring Centre	Western Australia	0	26	16	42
Amaroo Village McMahon Caring Centre	Western Australia	0	19	<6	n/p
Applecross Shore Care Community	Western Australia	0	7	<6	n/p
Baptistcare David Buttfield Centre	Western Australia	0	13	<6	n/p
Baptistcare Graceford	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Bedingfeld Lodge	Western Australia	0	7	12	19
Bethanie Fields	Western Australia	<6	8	<6	n/p
Bethanie Illawong	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Bethanie Kingsley	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Brightwater Birralee	Western Australia	0	12	<6	n/p
Brightwater Onslow Gardens	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Canning Lodge	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Capecare	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Carramar Hostel	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6

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Castledare Retirement Village	Western Australia	0	17	11	28
Coolibah Care	Western Australia	<6	33	8	41
Craigcare Ascot Waters	Western Australia	0	<6	8	n/p
Gordon Lodge	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	7
Juniper Sarah Hardey	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Karingal Green	Western Australia	<6	13	<6	n/p
Karri and Tuart Lodge	Western Australia	0	28	<6	n/p
Kungkarrangkalpa Aged Care Service	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	6
Midland Nursing Home	Western Australia	0	22	<6	n/p
Murdoch Gardens Care Community	Western Australia	<6	17	<6	n/p
Nazareth House Geraldton	Western Australia	0	10	<6	n/p
Osboine Contemporary Aged Care	Western Australia	0	8	<6	n/p
Pam Corker House	Western Australia	0	6	0	6
Regis Nedlands	Western Australia	0	6	0	6
Regis North Fremantle	Western Australia	<6	9	<6	n/p
Residency by Dillons Narrogin	Western Australia	0	30	7	37
Southern Plus East Fremantle	Western Australia	0	7	<6	n/p
St George's Care Centre	Western Australia	0	29	6	35
Thomas Scott Hostel	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Villa Dalmacia Aged Care Facility	Western Australia	0	12	<6	n/p
Villa Terenzio	Western Australia	0	7	<6	n/p