

500 Workers Initiative   
Jurisdictional high-level status as of 31 October 2024

Note:

* + Data is as of 31 October 2024 and is subject to regular changes.
  + Not all state and territory data is updated monthly as this is dependent on individual jurisdictional contractual arrangements with service providers already in place.
  + States and territories have requirements to receive Commonwealth funding including annual reporting obligations to the Commonwealth under the [National Partnership on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-27](https://federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/agreements/family-domestic-and-sexual-violence-responses-2021-27).
  + Use of the word ‘commenced’ in the below table means workers who have started in their role and are working with victim-survivors.
  + The 500 Workers Initiative has a phased approach, with 352.43 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers committed to by 30 June 2024, 462.61 FTE workers by 30 June 2025 and 500 FTE workers by 30 June 2026.

| **Jurisdiction** | **Commenced Workers** | **Commenced FTE** | **Next Steps** |
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| **New South Wales (NSW)** | 119 | 106.6 | The recruitment of new workers is progressing in line with NSW’s plan:   * 119 workers (106.2 FTE) are now delivering domestic, family and sexual violence services (DFSV) across NSW. * The remainder of the 2023-24 quota all have recruitment activity underway, with 11.8 FTE in the final stages of recruitment. * NSW has awarded contracts to 78 service providers to deliver 142.4 FTE. * The contracts for the remaining 6 FTE are in an active procurement process. |
| **Victoria** | 51 | 46 | * The recruitment of new workers is progressing in line with Victoria’s plan:   + 46 roles (FTE) have been filled by 51 people, who have commenced as of 30 October 2024. A further position (1 FTE) will be filled by a worker who will start on 11 November 2024. * The commenced roles include:   + 16 case managers working with people from CALD communities. Collectively, they speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Tamil, Hindi, Urdu, Arabic, Ukrainian and Russian, as well as all speaking English.   + 2 workers employed at an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation. * An additional 3 positions are in the final stages of the recruitment process. * Offers have been made for 2 positions with anticipated commencement dates in December 2024 and January 2025 respectively. * Five positions are currently being advertised. * Two positions are in the planning process. * Victoria is working with peak bodies on the next stage of this important project. |
| **Queensland** | 102 | 88.7 | * Queensland has now allocated all funding and FTE and has over-delivered on its target of 111.6 workers with funding allocated for a total of 113 FTE workers. * This includes funding allocated to LGBTIQA+ community health organisations to employ 3 FTE. Service delivery is expected to commence in December 2024. * Queensland will continue to monitor the rollout and support organisations with their recruitment and service delivery. |
| **Western Australia** | 30 | 30 | * As at mid-May 2024, service contracts with organisations have been awarded for all workers. * Recruitment is progressing, with organisation progress ranging from positions advertised, to organisations having offered employment contracts (workers not yet commenced). * Commenced FTE is as at 20 October 2024 |
| **South Australia** | 39 | 28.1 | * All service agreements now executed. * Organisations are now recruiting and working towards having full FTE as soon as possible noting that workforce availability remains an ongoing challenge, particularly for regional service providers. |
| **Tasmania** | 28 | 22 | * Recruitment continues, with Tasmania on track to deliver 24.6 FTE workers by the end of 2024-25. * The number of FTE workers commenced has increased by 6.4 in 2024-25 including 1 FTE in October, with recruitment action underway for the remaining FTE workers. |
| **Australian Capital Territory (ACT)** | 8 | 7.6 | * The ACT has delivered its total 500 Workers Initiative FTE target of 7.6 FTE. * 4 workers (4.0 FTE) have commenced with Canberra Rape Crisis Centre. * 2 workers (2.0 FTE) have commenced with YWCA. * 1 worker (1.0 FTE) has commenced with Multicultural Hub. * 1 worker (0.6 FTE) has commenced with DVCS. |
| **Northern Territory** | 8 | 7.6 | * Service providers are currently recruiting for the 18 allocated positions for 2023-24 with 8 positions (7.6 FTE) already commenced in 2024, including 1 in October 2024. * Commenced of workers include:   + 1 (1 FTE) worker with Wadeye Safe House   + 1 (1 FTE) worker with Galiwinku Women’s Space   + 1 (1 FTE) worker with Tennant Creek Women’s Refuge   + 1 (0.6 FTE) worker with Salvation Army   + 1 (1 FTE) worker with CatholicCare NT   + 1 (1 FTE) worker with Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit Aboriginal Corporation   + 2 (2 FTE) workers with YWCA. * Funding agreements have been executed and active recruitment is underway for a further 10 roles including:   + 5 (5.4 FTE) children’s DFSV workers   + 2 (2 FTE) non-legal court support workers   + 2 (2 FTE) co-responder pilot victim-survivor case managers   + 1 (1 FTE) Men’s Behaviour Change Program partner contact worker * The 0.2 FTE worker allocation for 2023-24 is still under negotiation. * The Department has been working with service providers to provide support and navigate recruitment challenges. * A further 2 positions will be allocated to meet the 20 workers allocation from  2024-25 with the worker allocation to be determined based on identified need. |
| **TOTAL** | **385** | **336.6** |  |