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Industry overview

Total superannuation industry assets were \$3.3 trillion as at 30 June 2021. Of this total, \$2.3 trillion was held by APRA-regulated superannuation entities and \$0.8 trillion was held by self-managed superannuation funds (SMSFs), which are regulated by the ATO. The remaining \$218 billion comprised exempt public sector superannuation schemes (\$164 billion) and the balance of life office statutory funds (\$54 billion).

At 30 June 2021, small funds which include SMSFs, small APRA funds and single-member approved deposit funds accounted for 24.9 per cent of total assets. Public offer funds held 59.6 per cent of total assets and non-public offer funds held 8.9 per cent. The remainder of total assets are held by eligible rollover funds, exempt public sector superannuation schemes and balance of life office statutory funds.

Over the five years from June 2016 to June 2021, total superannuation industry assets increased by 59.6 per cent from \$2.1 trillion to \$3.3 trillion. Over this period, APRA-regulated assets increased by 75.4 per cent from \$1.3 trillion to \$2.3 trillion and SMSF assets increased by 38.7 per cent from \$593 billion to \$822 billion. (Chart 1)

Over the five years from June 2016 to June 2021, the number of SMSFs grew by 8.7 per cent from 550 thousand to 598 thousand, whilst the number of APRA-regulated funds decreased by 28.5 per cent from 2,317 to 1,656. The decrease of 661 APRA-regulated funds over this period comprised 69 entities with more than four members, 23 pooled superannuation trusts (PSTs) and 569 small APRA funds. (Chart 2)

Chart 1: Assets of superannuation entities

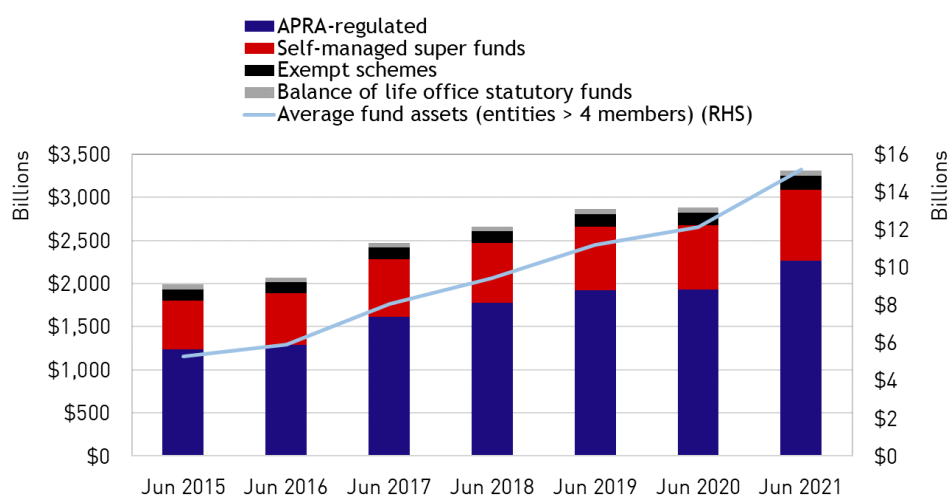
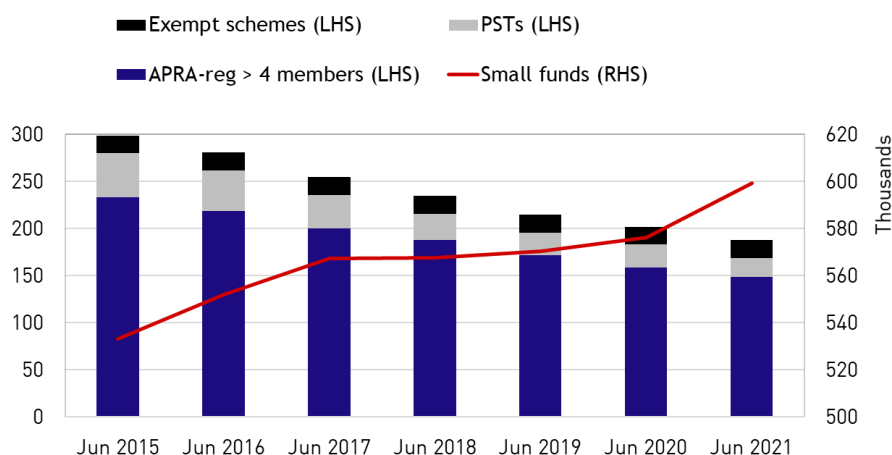


Chart 2: Number of superannuation entities



At 30 June 2021 there were 95 APRA-regulated RSE licensees responsible for managing 149 funds with more than four members. These funds had 21.3 million member accounts.

There were 734 directorships on boards of APRA-regulated trustees at 30 June 2021, with females accounting for 38.3 per cent and males accounting for 61.7 per cent of directorships. The average board size was 8 directors at 30 June 2021, with average director remuneration of \$67,711 per annum.

Entities with more than four members

The comments and charts below refer to APRA-regulated entities with more than four members including exempt public sector superannuation schemes.

Performance

The annual rate of return for the year ended June 2021 was 16.8 per cent. The five year average annualised rate of return to June 2021 was 8.0 per cent and the ten year average annualised rate of return to June 2021 was 7.7 per cent.

Contributions and benefit payments

There was \$127.2 billion of contributions and \$94.9 billion of total benefit payments for the year ended June 2021. Lump sum benefit payments were 59.4 per cent of total benefit payments (\$56.4 billion) and pension benefit payments were 40.6 per cent of total benefit payments (\$38.5 billion) for the year ended 30 June 2021. Lump sum benefit payments continued to exceed pension benefit payments for the year ending June 2021 due to payments made under the Early Release Scheme (ERS), which came into effect on 20 April 2020 and closed to new applications after 31 December 2020.

Net contribution flows for the year ended 30 June 2021 were \$35.0 billion, an \$11.2 billion increase from last year. This is likely due to a range of member reactions following COVID-19 and its related initiatives, which has resulted in a strong growth in member contributions (a \$4 billion increase) and a decrease in benefit payments (\$5 billion) over the year.

Fees

Fees paid totalled \$9.1 billion for the year ended 30 June 2021, with 90 per cent of fees paid by members and the remaining balance largely paid by employer sponsors or from reserves.

Administration fees in the year ended 30 June 2021 totalled \$4.1 billion, insurance fees totalled \$0.1 billion, investment fees totalled \$2.9 billion, advice fees totalled \$0.9 billion and activity fees totalled \$0.8 billion.

Service provider expenses

Expenses paid to service providers totalled \$7.8 billion for the year ended 30 June 2021, with 77 per cent (\$6.0 billion) paid to external service providers and 23 per cent (\$1.8 billion) paid to internal service providers.

Membership

Members' benefits increased by 16.6 per cent over the year to 30 June 2021, from \$2,023.9 billion to \$2,359.2 billion. The number of member accounts decreased by 4.7 per cent over the year ended 30 June 2021, from 23.3 million to 22.2 million. This was driven largely due to continued sweeps of low-balance accounts to the ATO¹ (eligible rollover fund accounts decreased by 725

¹ Following the PYSP reforms and Treasury Laws Amendment (Reuniting More Superannuation) Bill 2020 facilitating closure of eligible rollover funds.

thousand over the year). Account closures following ERS withdrawals (100 thousand over the first half of the year) also contributed to the reduction.

The average account balance at 30 June 2021 was \$106,162. The average account balance was \$93,809 for females and \$117,429 for males.

Chart 3: Members' benefits and number of accounts

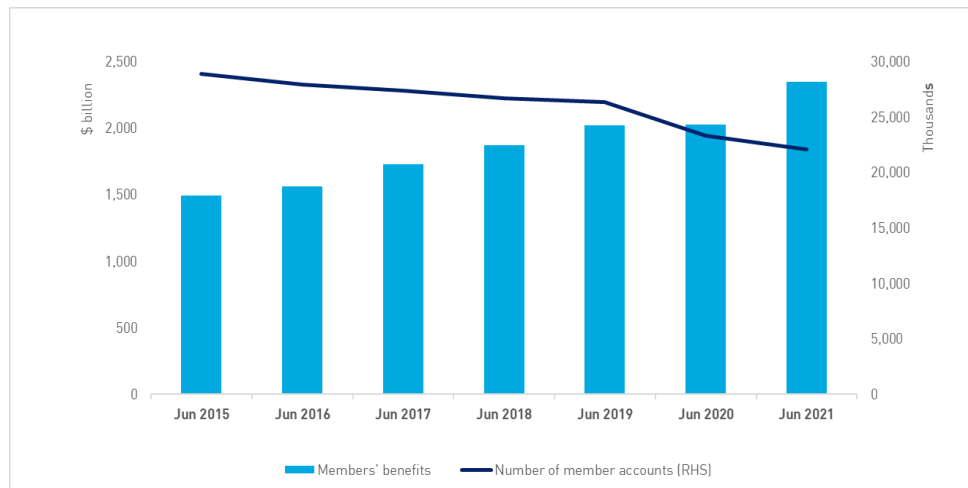
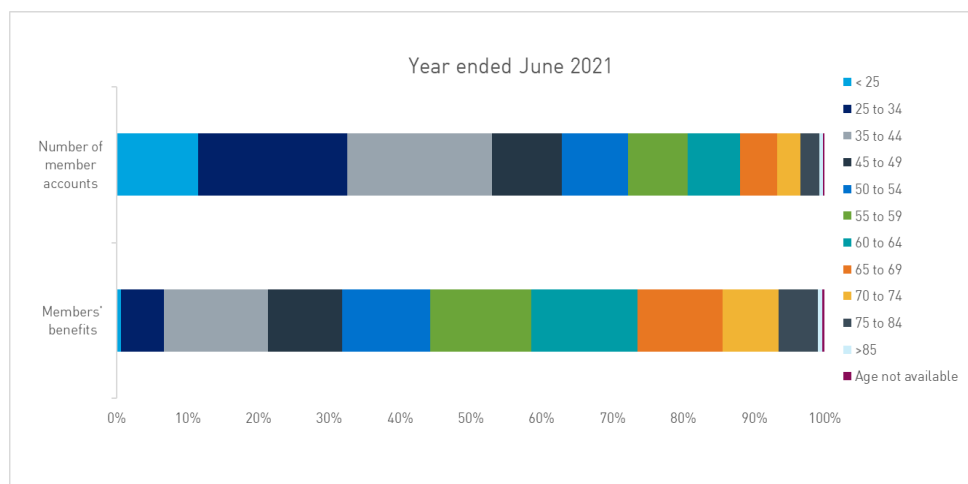


Chart 4: Membership age profile



Over the five years from June 2016 to June 2021, the number of member accounts decreased by 20.8 per cent, from 27.9 million to 22.2 million. Over the five years from June 2016 to June 2021, members' benefits increased by 51.2 per cent from \$1,559.8 billion to \$2,359.2 billion. (Chart 3)

At June 2021, members aged 50 years and over held 67.8 per cent of members' benefits (\$1,591.6 billion) and 36.9 per cent of member accounts (8.2 million). Members aged under 50 years held

31.8 per cent of members' benefits (\$747.3 billion) and 62.9 per cent of member accounts (13.9 million)². (Chart 4)

The number of member accounts covered by life insurance decreased by 4.4 per cent over the year to June 2021 from 10.1 million accounts to 9.6 million accounts. The number of member accounts covered by total and permanent disability insurance decreased by 4.5 per cent over the year to June 2021 from 8.9 million accounts to 8.5 million accounts. These reductions correspond with the decline in number of member accounts overall throughout the year to June 2021.

² Remaining member accounts and benefits held by members whose age information is not available to APRA.

MySuper products

Overview

There were 81 MySuper products offered by 67 RSEs and with total assets of \$901 billion at 30 June 2021, representing 41.44 per cent of assets held by APRA-regulated superannuation entities. Over the year to 30 June 2021 there was a 22.2% per cent increase in total assets in MySuper products.

There were 67 Generic MySuper products with total assets of \$862.9 billion and 11 Large Employer MySuper products with total assets of \$21.1 billion at 30 June 2021.

Contributions and benefit payments

Total members' benefits flows into MySuper products for the year ended 30 June 2021 were \$95.8 billion, including \$53.0 billion from employer contributions and \$9.0 billion from member contributions.

Total members' benefits flows out of MySuper products for the year ended 30 June 2021 were \$60.5 billion, including benefit payments of \$24.5 billion. Net member benefit flows for the year ended 30 June 2021 were \$35.3 billion.

Fees

Fees paid from MySuper products totalled \$2.9 billion for the year ended 30 June 2021, with 85.3 per cent of fees paid by members and the remaining balance largely paid from reserves.

Insurance fees in the year ended 30 June 2021 totalled \$62 million, administration fees totalled \$1.8 billion and investment fees totalled \$1.0 billion. The remaining fees paid comprised activity fees, advice fees, and other fees.

Membership

Members' benefits in MySuper products increased by 20.6 per cent over the year to 30 June 2021, from \$705.3 billion to \$850.4 billion. Members' benefits in MySuper products were 36 per cent of total fund members' benefits at 30 June 2021 (for entities with more than four members).

The number of MySuper member accounts decreased by 2.2 per cent over the year to 30 June 2021, from 14.6 million to 14.2 million. MySuper member accounts were 64.3 per cent of total fund member accounts at 30 June 2021 (among entities with more than four members).

The average MySuper account balance increased by 23.3 per cent over the year to 30 June 2021, from \$48,457 to \$59,768. At 30 June 2021 the average MySuper account balance was \$54,595 for females and \$64,904 for males.



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