# 2022 Australian Financial Advice Landscape







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Chapter 13

# Survey Report Methodology





#### Overview

The 2022 Financial Advice Landscape report is the most comprehensive snapshot of the Australian financial advice industry. The report incorporates Adviser Ratings proprietary data, survey information 3rd party Adviser Ratings partner data, Government and Regulator data and publicly available data.

The report gathered data from six primary Adviser Ratings sources.

This was supported by secondary sources or commentary, as referenced in the "References" section of the report. Key secondary sources included, but not limited to, included Australian Bureau of Statistics September 2020 Issue released in March 2021 (estimation over 2016 Census), ASIC Financial Advisers Register (February 2022 release), APRA December 2021 Superannation and Life Insurance Statistical data, AFCA 2021 complaints data, Equifax December 2021 commercial practice data and Morningstar data.

### Summary statistics

Primary source 1 – Adviser Ratings Nightingale database

The Nightingale database is our master source of intelligence on the adviser channel. All the information captured through surveys described in Primary Sources 2-6 (and other information captured routinely through alternative means including third parties) is stored in our database.

Further information on the Nightingale service is contained in the About Us section.

#### Primary source 2 – Financial Advice Landscape 2021 survey





#### Primary source 3 - Top 300 licensee business survey





#### Primary source 6 – Consumer survey

Audience Consumers sourced from the original 2020 Together Australia campaign. Objective

To determine financial health and attitudes towards investing, advice, technology, and receiving professional help with their finances.

Survey period JAN 2022 Surveys issued

19,267

Valid responses **2,020** 

Response rate

#### Data preparation

#### Main report

Where required, data cleansing or removal of data was applied to get a true representative set of data. For the sentiment analysis of vendors, only vendors with a sufficient volume of responses and adequate diversity across licensees were presented.

Different statistical methods and techniques are used to improve accuracy and validity, including but not limited to techniques such as winsorisation and Bayesian statistical analysis.



#### **Regional report**

The regional reports covered SA4 regions as provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Adviser Ratings' current database aligns with the SA4 regions.

There are currently 106 SA4 regions in Australia, covering the whole of Australia without overlaps or gaps. A minimum of 100,000 persons has been set for the SA4s, although there are some exceptions to this. In regional areas, SA4s tend to have populations closer to the minimum (100,000 - 300,000). In metropolitan areas, the SA4s tend to have larger populations (300,000 - 500,000).

Adviser Ratings was able to gather meaningful survey responses and data from the adviser base from 83 regions. We combined several SA4 regions, where the data sampling error was higher to help reduce these sampling errors. We provide a regional snapshot on 56 regions (some combined), which covers 96% of the Australian population.

Market Opportunity Data – this data variable covers various factors, including population per adviser (weighted for labour mobility in the major metropolitan regions), historical population growth rates (future forecasts vary widely by local and state governments and many growth forecasts are outdated) and income levels of the region.

Chapter 17

# About Adviser Ratings





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## **About Adviser Ratings**

Adviser Ratings launched in October 2014, in the wake of the Future of Financial Advice reforms (FOFA), the Financial System Inquiry (FSI) and financial planning scandals of the time. Adviser Ratings' vision is to improve the penetration of advice amongst Australian consumers. There are more than 17,000 financial advisers on its independent platform, enabling consumers to browse and search for an advice solution suited to their needs, rated and reviewed by other consumers.

ARdata is a data and insights company built on Australia's first financial adviser ratings platform. We help our clients make data-driven business decisions in engaging their ideal audience by supplying leading industry insights, data services and research. Our clients are key players in the wealth management industry including advice licensees, super funds, life insurers, fund managers, investment platforms and software providers.

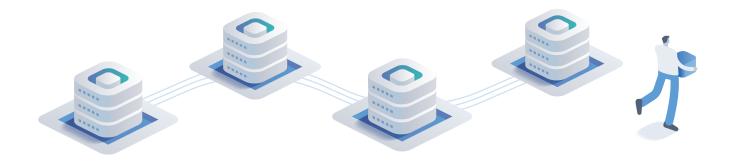




#### Data is our core value proposition

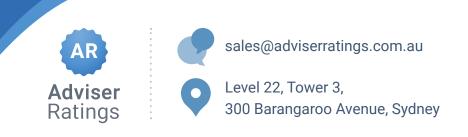
Volume of data	Adviser Ratings collects millions of data sets on the full universe of 17,000+ advisers, 7,000+ practices and 2,000+ licensees. We synthesise this data into usable information for a variety of purposes.
Velocity of data	There is a high rate of change in the data sets due to adviser movements and turnover. ARdata updates its data sets to reflect these changes, on a daily basis. We update our datasets through a combination of data collectors, automated interfaces with partners, surveys and directly from the market participants. Apart from having the greatest volume of data in the market on advice participants, our investment in the data repository is focused on keeping up-to-date, with clear parameters of when certain datasets are to be updated. Each data point is time-stamped to help complement existing databases.
Variety of data	ARdata has unique datasets not previously available to the wealth industry. Along with our partners, we have a stable of datasets and analytical capabilities that will assist customers in various capacities, including but not limited to, risk and compliance, growth, competitor benchmarking and product manufacturing.
Veracity of data	Due to adviser movements and turnover, there is a rapid rate of change in the data sets. ARdata offers the most up-to-date data in market, updated on a daily basis and verified against a variety of external sources.
Value of data	ARdata ensures the data we collect and analyse is useful for businesses in the wealth sector. This is the strongest part of the ARdata proposition in an environment awash with meaningless datasets.





# Our products and services

Nightingale	Nightingale is our CRM solution that provides a rich data source for the latest information on advisers, practices and licensees in the Australian market. Data can be served to clients in various forms, including flat file, SFTP or API secured and hosted by Amazon Web Services. The solution can be customised to any client requirements although typically segmented into two modules comprising Contacts and Insights.
Data Audit	Data Audit is our data intelligence and cleansing solution. Our technology allows us to dedupe and cleanse multiple files and update against our time-stamped master list. This service draws on our proprietary databases to perform audits and analytics on client databases and information systems for growth or compliance purposes.
Fund flow reporting	An outsourced solution for fund managers for preparation of monthly reporting on financial adviser applications and redemptions through the fund manager's products held on platform or through direct investment off-platform.
CRM management	Provision of expert Salesforce & MS Dynamics support to install, configure, add fields, build dashboards, and upload / download data including monthly fund flow reporting and Nightingale data. Can be provided as a full outsourced solution or to complement / support existing internal resources.
Insights consulting	A partnered solution to empower our clients to make data driven decisions based on data, trends and statistical analysis. We augment existing adviser profiles with scoring mechanisms to address flight risks and future-proof distribution models.
Find an Adviser	Find an Adviser is Adviser Ratings' white label "Find an Adviser" platform – the design, hosting and data can be served in various forms depending on client's needs.
Research	Market research services comprise the annual Financial Advice Landscape report (available by subscription) and the complimentary quarterly Musical Chairs report (available for sponsorship). Other data-driven monthly reports on the adviser channel are available on request.
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