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The community services sector includes services provided by a broad range of national, state and territory governments and non-government agencies. These services are provided for a diverse range of needs (e.g. child care, aged care, disability support services).

Over recent years, an information infrastructure has been developed to support the collection of nationally consistent and comparable data on population needs and the assistance provided. This infrastructure includes:

* A [national agreement](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/182419) to collect data consistent with national data standards
* A nationally agreed [approval process](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/182421) for data standards based on review by national committees
* Regular publication of nationally endorsed data standards

For further information on the data standards for the community services sector, please contact datadevelopment@aihw.gov.au