

# Disability Services NMDS 2012-14

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 461640

**Registration status:**

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013

**DSS type:** National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

**Scope:** The Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS) and is a national collection that has:

- a set of nationally significant data items or pieces of information that are collected in all Australian jurisdictions; and
- an agreed method of collection and transmission.

The purpose of the DS NMDS collection is to facilitate the annual collation of nationally comparable data about National Disability Agreement (NDA)-funded disability services, and to obtain reliable, consistent data with minimal load on the disability services field. Under the NDA, the Disability Administrators in all Australian jurisdictions are responsible for ensuring 'that DS NMDS information will be comparable across all jurisdictions and years'.

Services within the scope of the collection are those for which funding has been provided, during the specified period, by a government organisation operating under the NDA. Therefore, if a [service type outlet](#) did not receive NDA funding for the reporting year (i.e. its NDA funding dollars for the financial year are zero), then details of this outlet should not be included in the data collection.

A [funded agency](#) may receive funding from multiple sources. Where a funded agency is unable to differentiate [service users](#) and/or staff according to funding source (i.e. NDA or other), they are asked to provide details of all service users and staff (for each service type).

Most agencies funded under the NDA are asked to provide information about:

- each of the service types they are funded to provide (i.e. service type outlets they operate);
- all service users who received support over a specified reporting period; and
- the DS NMDS service type(s) the service user received.

The level of information a funded agency is asked to provide varies according to the particular service type (i.e. for each service type outlet).

Where services are provided to groups or families (e.g. 2.02, 2.04, or 2.05), details are only requested about the service user who is eligible for services, not their family or other group members. If a family member/carer receives respite services, limited information about the carer is required, such as the carer's relationship to the service user and the carer's age group.

**Table 1: Information requested according to DS NMDS service type**

Service type classification	Service type outlet—details required	Service user—details required	Services received by each service user in the reporting period—details required
Accommodation support			

1.01 Large residential/institution (>20 people)—24 hour care	All	All	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
1.02 Small residential/institution (7–20 people)—24 hour care	All	All	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
1.03 Hostels—generally not 24 hour care	All	All	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
1.04 Group homes (< 7 people)	All	All	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
1.05 Attendant care/personal care	All	All	All
1.06 In-home accommodation support	All	All	All
1.07 Alternative family placement	All	All	All
1.08 Other accommodation support	All	All	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
<b>Community support</b>			
2.01 Therapy support for individuals	All	All	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
2.02 Early childhood intervention	All	All	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
2.03 Behaviour/specialist intervention	All	All	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
2.04 Counselling (individual/family/group)	All	All	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
2.05 Regional resource and support teams	All	All	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
2.06 Case management, local coordination and development	All	All (except for community development activity within this service type)	All (except for community development activity within this service type)

2.07 Other community support	All	All (except for community development activity within this service type)	All (except for data items on hours received— items 17e–f)
<b>Community access</b>			
3.01 Learning and life skills development	All	All	All
3.02 Recreation/holiday programs	All	Linkage key elements only (items 2a–2e)	Items 17a–17b (service start date and date service last received)
3.03 Other community access	All	All	All
<b>Respite</b>			
4.01 Own home respite	All	All	All
4.02 Centre-based respite/respite homes	All	All	All
4.03 Host family respite/peer support respite	All	All	All
4.04 Flexible respite	All	All	All
4.05 Other respite	All	All	All
<b>Employment</b>			
5.01 Open employment	All	All (except for carer – primary status, residency status, age group – items 12b,c,e)	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
5.02 Supported employment	All	All (except for carer – primary status, residency status, age group – items 12b,c,e)	All (except for data items on hours received—items 17e–f)
<b>Advocacy, information and alternative forms of communication</b>			
6.01 Advocacy	All	None	None
6.02 Information/referral	All	None	None
6.03 Combined information/advocacy	All	None	None
6.04 Mutual support/self-help groups	All	None	None
6.05 Alternative formats of communication	All	None	None
<b>Other support</b>			

7.01 Research and evaluation	All (except number of service users – item 7)	None	None
7.02 Training and development	All (except number of service users – item 7)	None	None
7.03 Peak bodies	All (except number of service users – item 7)	None	None
7.04 Other support services	All (except number of service users – item 7)	None	None

The data collection is based around the concept of a 'service type outlet', each of which provides only one service type from a discrete location. A funded agency may be funded to provide one or more service types through one or more service type outlets. For example, an agency may be provided under the NDA to provide residential accommodation and respite services from one location or funded to provide group homes in three separate locations. A separate service type outlet form is completed for each service type the agency is funded to provide. If a service user receives more than one service type in the reporting period, a separate service user form is completed for each service type received.

**Statistical units:**

[Service users, service type outlets, agencies.](#)

Data are collected, usually by agencies, for each service type outlet they operate. These data are turned into estimated counts of service users by using a statistical linkage key.

**Reporting period:**

For the DS NMDS, the reporting period is the financial year e.g. 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.

NDA-funded agencies are asked to record key information about service users on an ongoing basis, so that they can transmit the required information to their jurisdiction. Most jurisdictions require information to be transmitted at the end of each financial year quarter. Some only require information to be transmitted at the end of a financial year. At the end of the financial year, each jurisdiction is required to provide collated data to the AIHW.

**Reference week:**

For most jurisdictions, the annual reference week is the 7-day week preceding the end of the financial year (i.e. 24 June to 30 June).

For Victoria, the annual reference week is the 7-day week preceding the end of May (i.e. 25 May to 31 May).

For Western Australia, the annual reference week is the 7-day week beginning 21 May (i.e. 21 May to 27 May).

**Privacy:**

DS NMDS collections conducted in each jurisdiction must comply with Commonwealth privacy legislation, relevant state and territory privacy legislation, and established privacy and data principles.

## Collection and usage attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Disability Data Network (NDDN)

Steward: [Disability Policy and Research Working Group \(DPRWG\)](#)

Origin: Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS): data guide 2012–13

## Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Disability Services NMDS 2011-12](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/03/2013

Has been superseded by [Disability Services NMDS 2014-15](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Incomplete 23/04/2014
- [Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification [Show more detail](#)

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Activity and participation need for assistance cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Agency sector cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Funding jurisdiction cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Statistical linkage key 581 cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}</a>	Mandatory	2
-	<a href="#">Client—amount of assistance, total hours NNN</a>	Mandatory	2
-	<a href="#">Informal carer—age range, NDA code N</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Informal carer—co-residency status, code N</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Informal carer—primary status, code N</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Informal carer—relationship to care recipient, code N[N]</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Parent/guardian—receipt of Carer Allowance (Child) indicator, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—communication method, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2011) NNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—effective communication indicator, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—funding indicator, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—informal carer existence indicator, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—interpreter service required, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—labour force status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—living arrangement, code N</a>	Mandatory	1

-	<a href="#">Person—other significant disability group, NDA code N[N]</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Person—primary disability group, NDA code N[N]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—residential setting, NDA code N[N]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—source of cash income (principal), NDA code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—type of interpreter service required, code N</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Record—identifier (NDA), N[N(7)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service episode—service cessation reason, NDA code N[N]</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—full financial year funding indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—funding allocated, total Australian currency N[N(8)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—geographic location (SLA), code (ASGC 2011) NNNNN</a>	Optional	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—hours worked (paid staff), total NNNNN</a>	Mandatory	2
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—hours worked (volunteer/unpaid staff), total NNNNN</a>	Mandatory	2
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—number of clients, total people N[NNNN]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—number of service operation days (7 day period), total N[N]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—number of service operation hours (24 hour period), total NN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—number of service operation weeks (calendar year), total NN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—organisation identifier (NDA funded agency), X[X(7)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—organisation identifier (NDA service type outlet), XX[X(12)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—service activity type, NDA code N.NN</a>	Mandatory	1