

National Disability Agreement: h-Proportion of carers of people with disability accessing support services to assist in their caring role (h-interim), 2012

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Proportion of carers of people with disability accessing support services to assist in their caring role (h-interim), 2012
METEOR identifier:	467950
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 23/05/2013
Description:	Support services for carers.
Indicator set:	National Disability Agreement (2012) Community Services (retired) , Superseded 23/05/2013
Outcome area:	Families and carers are well supported Community Services (retired) , Standard 23/07/2010 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015
Data quality statement:	National Disability Agreement: (h) interim-Proportion of carers of people with disability accessing support services to assist in their caring role, 2012 QS Community Services (retired) , Standard 05/03/2012

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	0
Population group age to:	64 years.
Computation description:	(Interim) Number of disability support service users aged 0-64 years with an informal carer, where the service user accessed services to assist the carer in their caring role, in the reporting period divided by number of disability support service users aged 0-64 years with an informal carer in the reporting period.
Computation:	$R/N \times 100$ (Interim) where R = number of DS NMDS service users aged 0–64 years with an informal carer, where the service user accessed services to assist the carer in their caring role in the reporting period and N = number of DS NMDS service users aged 0–64 years with an informal carer in the reporting period.
Numerator:	(Interim) Number of disability support service users aged 0–64 years with an informal carer, where the service user accessed services to assist the carer in their caring role, in the reporting period.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data item 'Specialist psychiatric disability service user' to be created.

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—informal carer existence indicator, code N](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Service provider organisation—service activity type, NDA support service type code N.NN](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Denominator:

(Interim) Number of disability support service users aged 0–64 years with an informal carer in the reporting period.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data element 'Specialist psychiatric disability service user' to be created.

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Service provider organisation—service activity type, NDA support service type code N.NN](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Disaggregation:

Disaggregation's will be presented for each of the following categories of services:

- In-home accommodation support (service types 1.05 and 1.06)
- Community access (service types 3.01, 3.02 and 3.03)
- Respite (service types 4.01, 4.02, 4.03, 4.04 and 4.05).

Each category of services will be presented for the following disaggregation's.

State/territory by

- Carer sex (male, female, total) by carer age group (under 45 years, 45–64, 65 years and above, total)
- Carer relationship to care recipient/service user (wife/husband/partner, mother, father, son/son-in-law/daughter/daughter-in-law, other, total)
- Age of care recipient/service user (0-4, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64 years, total)
- Carer primary status (primary carer, non-primary carer, total)
- Carer residency status (co-resident, non-resident, total)

Disaggregation's will be presented for each of the following categories of services:

Where possible, respite services will be further disaggregated as follows:

State/territory by:

- Own home respite (service type 4.01)
- Centre-based respite/respice homes (service type 4.02)
- Host family respite/peer support respite (service type 4.03)
- Flexible respite (service type 4.04)
- Other respite (service type 4.05)
- Total

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data element 'Informal carer - age group' to be created.

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Data Element / Data Set

[Informal carer—co-residency status, code N](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Data Element / Data Set

[Informal carer—primary status, code N](#)

NMDS / DSS

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Data Element / Data Set

[Informal carer—relationship to care recipient, code N\[N\]](#)

NMDS / DSS

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Data Element / Data Set

[Service provider organisation—service activity type, NDA support service type code N.NN](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN.N]

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Health](#)

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: Data Sources for Numerator:

DS NMDS 2009-10

CSTDA NMDS 2008-09

Data Source for Denominator:

DS NMDS 2009-10

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Benchmark: Not applicable

Further data development / collection required: The DPRWG has committed to further work to develop a more broadly based (population) measure of support services for carers. Data development may involve data linkage across administrative data sets.

(Interim) The AIHW will conduct an investigation into the feasibility and data quality of attaching SEIFA to the DS NMDS.

(Interim) Classifications proposed above are appropriate for the current CSTDA/DS NMDS. Classifications will need to be reviewed in line with any future changes to the NMDS.

Note that the existing DS NMDS counts people with informal carers; it does not count carers. The National Disability Data Network has identified improved carer data as a priority area for NMDS redevelopment. Use of DS NMDS data in the interim only provides a proxy measure for this indicator.

Other issues caveats: Available disaggregation depends on sampling errors, confidentiality and other caveats. Cells with numerator counts less than 5 will be suppressed. Numerator and denominator cells will be suppressed, where disaggregated by state/territory (excluding totals).

Information about the Indigenous status of the carer, the country of birth of the carer and the remoteness of the carer is not available from the DS NMDS.

Service users with age in the range 0 to 64 years and service users with 'not stated' age are included in calculations for this indicator. Service users with age reported to be 65 years or older are not included.

Treatment of 'not stated' values within disaggregation's:

- Carer age group (years): Total includes carers with 'not stated' age.
- Carer sex: Total includes carers for whom sex could not be derived (from carer relationship to service user).
- Carer relationship to care recipient/service user: Total includes carers with 'not stated' relationship to care recipient/service user.
- Age of care recipient/service user: Total includes care recipient/service user with 'not stated' age.
- Carer primary status: Total includes carers with 'not stated' carer primary status.
- Carer residency status: Total includes carers with 'not stated' carer residency status.

Caution is recommended in the use or interpretation of performance at service type level. There is a risk when the service type level data is interpreted in isolation as various service types are complementary and the emphasis on different services reflects jurisdictional policy directions. Potential population estimates in these tables are not necessarily specific to the individual service type.

Source and reference attributes

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [National Disability Agreement: h-Proportion of carers of people with disability accessing support services to assist in their caring role \(h-interim\), 2011 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012