

Service type outlet—number of clients, total people N[NNNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of clients
Synonymous names:	Number of service users
METEOR identifier:	497579
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 10/04/2013 [Non Dictionary] Disability , Standard 13/08/2015
Definition:	The total number of clients receiving services or care from a service type outlet.

Data element concept attributes

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Definition:	The number of clients receiving services or care from a service type outlet.
Object class:	Service type outlet
Property:	Number of clients

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Total people N[NNNN]
METEOR identifier:	321269
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 27/04/2007 Indigenous , Standard 16/09/2014 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014
Definition:	Total number of people.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNNN]
Maximum character length:	5
Unit of measure:	Person

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Each client receiving a service during the reporting period should be counted only once, regardless of the number of times they accessed the service in that time period.

This data item refers to the number of clients receiving services, not those 'on the books', 'on waiting lists', number of 'beds' or 'places'.

Comments: The information is needed to provide a basic count of people accessing services, and will relate to population data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to help in assessing met and unmet need.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Disability Services NMDS 2015–16](#)
[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2015
Implementation end date: 30/06/2016
DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is collected for each [service type outlet](#), except those of service type activity types 7.01–7.04 (other support).

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The total number of people receiving this service type indicated in response to this data item will usually be equal to the number of Service User Forms completed by the service type outlet. In some cases 'number of service users' may be greater than the number of Service User Forms. This may be because of service users who have not consented for their information to be transmitted as part of the DS NMDS; they should still be included in the 'number of service users'.

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- 6.01 (Advocacy)—number of people who have received advocacy services in the reporting period.
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- 6.04 (Mutual support/self-help groups)—number of people attending sessions (i.e. if an individual attends a group session every Wednesday in the reporting period, please count each person only once over the reporting period).
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at a conference), estimate the number of people that are benefiting from the service (e.g. how many people actually need the interpreter). If this is not possible, all people present should be counted as service users.

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[Disability Services NMDS 2016–17](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

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[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

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[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](#)

[Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019

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[Disability services provider details cluster](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013

[Disability](#), Superseded 13/08/2015

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[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015