

Disability Services NMDS 2017–18

Identifying and definitional attributes

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- [Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019

DSS type: National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

Scope: The Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS) is an annual collation of nationally comparable data about disability support services provided under the National Disability Agreement (NDA). 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. If funding was not received for the provision of NDA services during the reporting year (i.e. its NDA funding dollars for the financial year are zero), then details should not be included in the data collection.

[Funded agencies](#) that deliver NDA services collect data against each [service type outlet](#) they are funded for. Most funded agencies are asked to provide detailed information, over a specified reporting period, about:

- each of the service type outlets they are funded for
- each [service user](#) who received support
- the service type(s) each service user received.

However, the level of information a funded agency is asked to provide varies according to the particular service type classification (see Table 1 for more information).

Table 1: Information requested according to DS NMDS service type

Service type classification	Service type outlet—details required ^(a)	Service user—details required ^(a)	Services received by each service user in the reporting period—details required ^(a)
Accommodation support			
1.01 Large residential/institution (>20 people)—24 hour care	All	All	All (except for data elements on hours received—17e–f)
1.02 Small residential/institution (7–20 people)—24 hour care	All	All	All (except for data elements on hours received—17e–f)
1.03 Hostels—generally not 24 hour care	All	All	All (except for data elements on hours received—17e–f)

1.04 Group homes (< 7 people)	All	All	All (except for data elements on hours received—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 elements on hours received—17e–f)
Community support			
2.01 Therapy support for individuals	All	All	All (except for data elements on hours received—17e–f)
2.02 Early childhood intervention	All	All	All (except for data elements on hours received—17e–f)
2.03 Behaviour/specialist intervention	All	All	All (except for data elements on hours received—17e–f)
2.04 Counselling (individual/family/group)	All	All	All (except for data elements on hours received—17e–f)
2.05 Regional resource and support teams	All	All	All (except for data elements on hours received—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 elements on hours received—17e–f)
Community access			
3.01 Learning and life skills development	All	All	All
3.02 Recreation/holiday programs	All	Linkage key elements only (2a–2e)	Data elements 17a–17b (service start date and date service last received)
3.03 Other community access	All	All	All

Respite			
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
Employment			
5.01 Open employment	All	All (except for carer – primary status, residency status, age group—data elements 12b,c,e)	All (except for data elements on hours received— 17e–f)
5.02 Supported employment	All	All (except for carer – primary status, residency status, age group—data elements 12b,c,e)	All (except for data elements on hours received— 17e–f)
Advocacy, information and alternative forms of communication			
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
Other support			
7.01 Research and evaluation	All (except number of service users —data element 7)	None	None
7.02 Training and development	All (except number of service users —data element 7)	None	None
7.03 Peak bodies	All (except number of service users —data element 7)	None	None

7.04 Other support services	All (except number of service users —data element 7)	None	None
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(a) Refer to the [DS NMDS data guide](#) for additional information.

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.

Where services are provided to groups or families (for example, service types 2.02, 2.04, or 2.05), details are only requested about the service users who are eligible for services, not their family or other group members.

Statistical units:

[Service user](#), [service type outlet](#), [funded agency](#).

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.

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 the financial year. At the end of the financial year, each jurisdiction is required to provide collated data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Reference week:

Some data elements are only collected during the 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: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Disability Data Network (NDDN)

Origin: Disability Research and Data Working Group (RDWG)

Reference documents: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2016. Disability Services National Minimum Data Set: data guide, July 2016. Cat. no. DAT 4. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Disability Services NMDS 2016–17](#)

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

Has been superseded by [Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](#)

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

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Activity and participation need for assistance cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Agency sector cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Funding jurisdiction cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Statistical linkage key 581 cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN	Mandatory	2
-	Client—amount of assistance, total hours NNN	Mandatory	2
-	Informal carer—age range, NDA code N	Conditional	1
-	Informal carer—co-residency indicator, code N	Conditional	1
-	Informal carer—primary carer indicator, code N	Conditional	1
-	Informal carer—relationship to care recipient, interpersonal code N[N]	Conditional	1
-	Parent/guardian—receipt of Carer Allowance (Child) indicator, yes/no/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—co-existing disability group, code N(N)	Conditional	12
-	Person—communication method, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Person—effective communication indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—funding indicator, yes/no/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—informal carer existence indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—interpreter service required indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—labour force status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—living arrangement, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—main source of income, NDA code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—primary disability group, code N[N]	Mandatory	1
-	Person—residential setting, accommodation type (NDA) code N[N]	Mandatory	1
-	Person—type of interpreter service required, spoken language/non-spoken communication code N	Conditional	1
-	Record—National Disability Agreement service user identifier, NNNNN[NNN]	Mandatory	1
-	Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
-	Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Service episode—service cessation reason, NDA code N[N]	Conditional	1

- Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
- Service provider organisation—organisation identifier, X[X(7)]	Mandatory	1
- Service type outlet—full financial year funding indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
- Service type outlet—funding allocated, total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
- Service type outlet—geographic location, code (ASGC 2011) NNNNN	Optional	1
- Service type outlet—number of clients, total people N[NNNN]	Mandatory	1
- Service type outlet—number of service operation days, total N[N]	Mandatory	1
- Service type outlet—number of service operation hours, total N[N]	Mandatory	1
- Service type outlet—number of service operation weeks, total N[N]	Mandatory	1
- Service type outlet—outlet identifier, XX[X(26)]	Mandatory	1
- Service type outlet—paid staff hours worked, total hours NNNNN	Mandatory	2
- Service type outlet—service activity type, NDA service type code N.NN	Mandatory	1
- Service type outlet—unpaid staff hours worked, total hours NNNNN	Mandatory	2