

Report on Government Services (ROGS) Summary

Community Services: Disability

This summary of the most recent ROGS covers services for people with disability.

Expenditure

- NDIS and specialist disability support services comprised the largest component of community services expenditure (\$37.4 billion compared with \$31.3 billion in 2021-22).

Funding

- In 2022-23, the NDIS committed \$44.8 billion in support to participants, an increase of \$6.3 billion (or 16.3 per cent) compared to the previous financial year.
- At 30 June 2023, \$33.3 billion of the support committed to participants during the 2022-23 financial year had been paid.

Profile

- The ABS estimates that 4.4 million Australians or 17.7 per cent of the population had a disability in 2018. Of these Australians, and consistent with previous years, around 5.7 per cent are estimated to have a profound or severe disability.
- ABS data also shows that in 2018, an estimated 861,600 informal primary carers provided the majority of assistance with self-care, mobility and communication for people with disability.
- Nationally, at 30 June 2023, autism was the most common form of disability for NDIS participants (35.2 per cent), followed by intellectual disability (16.5 per cent).
- During 2022-23, the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission received 10,687 complaints and was notified of 1,629,541 reportable incidents by NDIS providers. This is a significant increase from 2021-22 when the Commission received 4521 complaints and was notified of 1,439,485 reportable incidents by NDIS providers. The NDIA also receives complaints relating to the Scheme.

- Nationally, at 30 June 2023, there were 610,502 active NDIS participants with approved plans, 46,694 of whom identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (around 7.6 per cent of NDIS participants).
- Nationally at 30 June 2023, the proportion of the potential population who were participants in the NDIS was:
 - lower in remote and very remote areas than in major cities and inner and outer regional areas.
 - higher for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people than non-Indigenous people.
 - lower for people from a CALD background than people from a non-CALD background.
- Nationally at 30 June 2023, the number of people with disability accessing the NDIS as a proportion of the potential population was 84.8 per cent – representing an increase of 75,847 participants from 30 June 2022.

Disability Support Workforce

- According to the 2023 National Disability Services Workforce Census, nationally at June 2023, the disability workforce was predominantly female (two-thirds) and aged 25 to 44 years (51 per cent).
- Around 59 per cent of the disability support workforce was permanent, with 20% of permanent workers employed full time and a steady increase in casual workers (39 per cent of the disability support workforce).
- The indicator relating to 'workforce sustainability' is currently under development.

Data set link: <https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2024/community-services/services-for-people-with-disability>