

DISABILITY, AGEING AND CARERS: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication presents a summary of results from the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) throughout Australia, from June to November 2003. The primary objective of the survey was to collect information about three population groups:

- people with a disability
- older people (i.e. those aged 60 years and over)
- people who provide assistance to older people and people with disabilities.

The SDAC was also conducted in 1998 and this publication presents some comparisons with this survey. The 2003 SDAC was largely a repeat of the 1998 survey, with some additions to content in the areas of cognitive and emotional support, and computer and Internet use. Comparisons with previous disability surveys are also possible. For further information, see paragraph 53 of the Explanatory notes.

Preliminary results relating to disability were released in May 2004 in *Disability, Australia: Preliminary, 2003* (cat. no. 4446.0). Since the release of the preliminary publication further processing of the data has been undertaken. This publication presents final data. Further tables from the 2003 SDAC will be released via the ABS web site.

ROUNDING

As estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.



ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ABSCQ	Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications
ASCED	Australian Standard Classification of Education
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
RSE	relative standard error
SDAC	Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers
SE	standard error
SLA	statistical local area
TAFE	Technical and Further Education

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

OVERVIEW

Disability

In the 2003 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) one in five people in Australia (3,958,300 or 20.0%) had a reported disability. This rate was much the same for males (19.8%) and females (20.1%). Disability was defined as any limitation, restriction or impairment, which has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least six months and restricts everyday activities. Examples range from hearing loss which requires the use of a hearing aid, to difficulty dressing due to arthritis, to advanced dementia requiring constant help and supervision.

After removing the effects of different age structures there was little change in the disability rate between 1998 (20.1%) and 2003 (20.0%). The rate of profound or severe core-activity limitation also showed little change between 1998 (6.4%) and 2003 (6.3%).

Of persons aged 15–64 years with a reported disability living in households, 30% had completed year 12 and 13% had completed a bachelor degree or higher. Of those with no disability the respective proportions were 49% and 20%. The labour force participation rate of persons with a disability was 53% and the unemployment rate was 8.6%. Corresponding rates for those without a disability were 81% and 5.0%. The median gross personal income per week of persons aged 15–64 years with a reported disability living in households was \$255, compared to \$501 for those without a disability. Median gross personal income per week decreased with increasing severity of disability. It was lowest (\$200 per week) for those with a profound core-activity limitation.

Older people

In 2003, there were 3.35 million people aged 60 years and over (17% of the population), which compares to 3.0 million people (16%) in 1998. In 2003, just over half had a reported disability (51%) and 19% had a profound or severe core-activity limitation.

Of all people aged 60 years and over, less than half (41%) reported needing assistance, because of disability or old age, to manage health conditions or cope with everyday activities. However, people aged 85 years and over reported a much higher need for assistance than those aged 60–69 years (84% compared with 26%).

Carers

In 2003, there were 2.6 million carers who provided some assistance to those who needed help because of disability or age. About one fifth of these (19%) were primary carers, that is people who provided the majority of the informal help needed by a person with a disability. Just over half (54%) of all carers were women. Women were also more likely (71%) to be primary carers. Of those providing care, 1.0 million (39%) were in the 35–54 year age range. This age group's caring responsibilities involved children, partners and/or ageing parents.

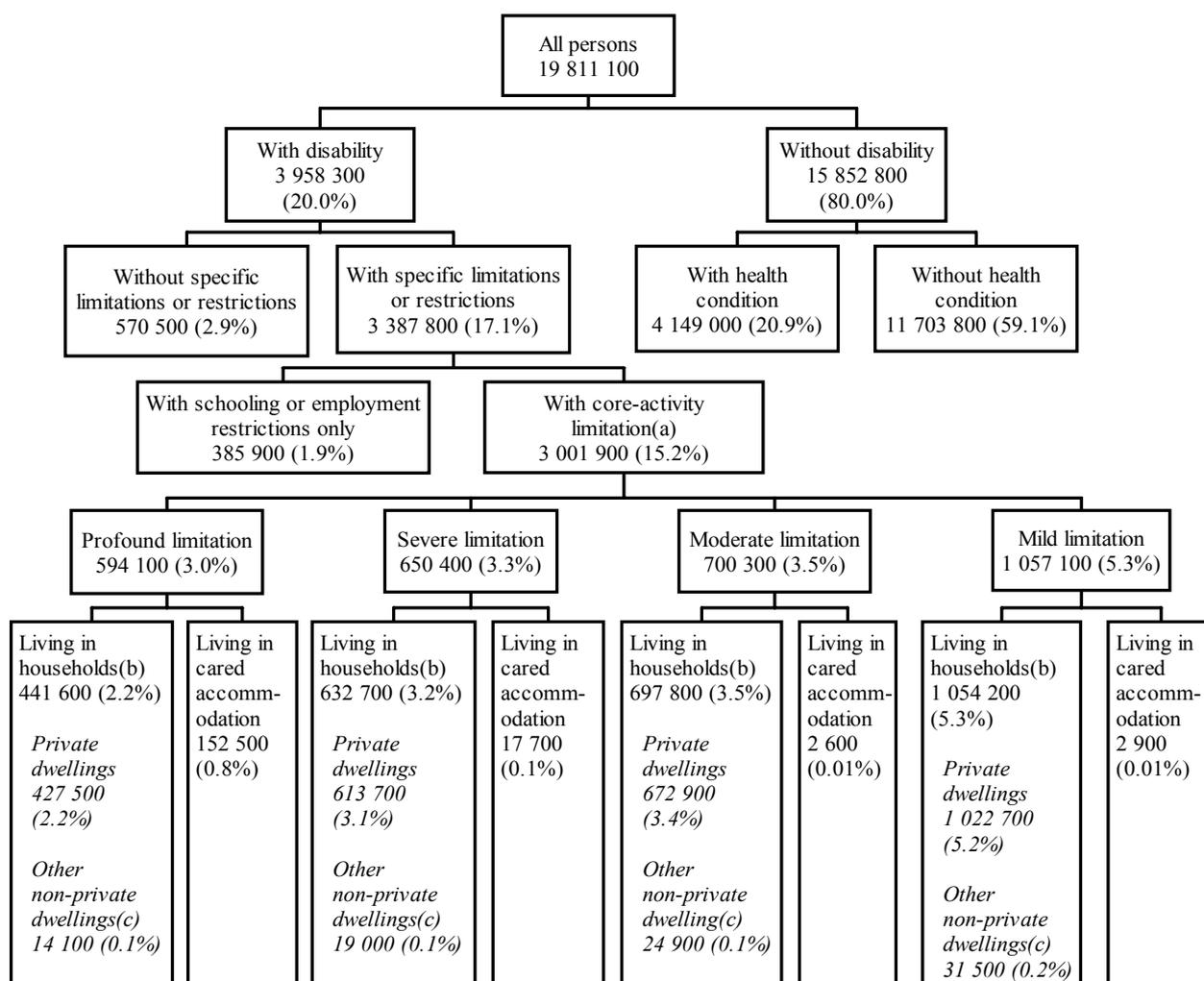
Those who provided care to people with a disability were more likely to be older and/or have a disability than those who did not provide care. Twenty-four per cent of primary carers were aged 65 years and over, compared to 13% of the total population. Of those living in households, the disability rates were 40% for primary carers, 35% for all carers and 20% for non-carers.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

DISABILITY

One in five people in Australia (3,958,300 or 20%) had a reported disability in 2003. A further 4,149,000 (21%) had a long-term health condition that did not restrict their everyday activities. The remaining 11,703,800 (59%) had neither a disability nor a long term health condition.

Of those with a reported disability, 86% (3,387,900) had a specific limitation or restriction, that is were limited in the core activities of self care, mobility or communication, or restricted in schooling or employment. Most people with a disability (76%) were limited in one or more of these core activities.



(a) Includes 1 373 500 persons with core-activity limitations and schooling or employment restrictions

(b) 'Living in households' comprises all private dwellings and non-private dwellings apart from cared-accommodation.

(c) Other non-private dwellings comprise non-private dwellings apart from cared-accommodation.

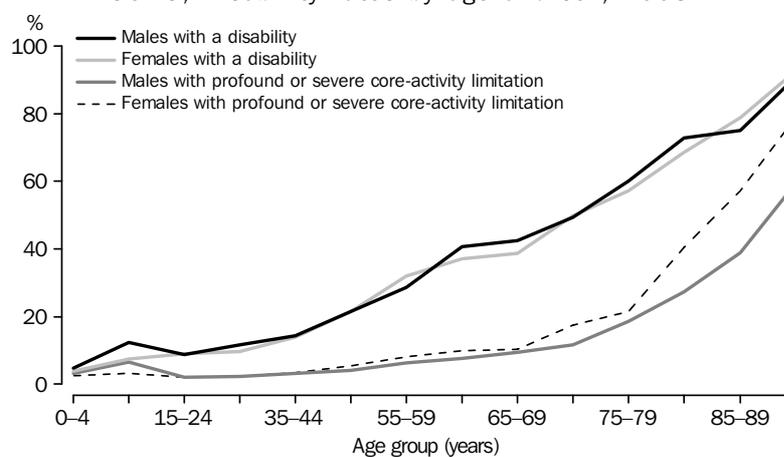
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Sex and age

The disability rate increased with age, reaching 92% for those aged 90 years and over. The pattern of prevalence of profound or severe core-activity limitation gradually increased from 3% for age groups 0–4 years through to 10% for 65–69 years but it then increased sharply to 74% for those aged 90 years and over. This contrasted with the overall disability rate which increased steadily from 4% of 0–4 year olds to 41% of 65–69 year olds and 92% of those aged 90 years and over.

Rates of disability and profound or severe core-activity limitation for 5–14 year old males (12.4% and 6.5% respectively) were almost double those for 5–14 year old females (7.5% and 3.3% respectively). In contrast, females aged 80 years and over had a much higher rate of profound or severe core-activity limitation (52%) than males of the same age (34%).

ALL PERSONS, Disability rates by age and sex, 2003



Education and employment

In 2003, one in four people (24%) aged 15–64 years with a profound or severe core-activity limitation, who were living in households, had completed Year 12. This compares to half (49%) of those without a disability. People with a profound or severe core-activity limitation were less likely to have completed a diploma or higher qualification (14%) than those without a disability (28%).

Employment-related findings, for people aged 15–64 years living in households, from the 2003 SDAC include:

- those with a profound level of core-activity limitation had a much lower labour force participation rate (15%) than people without a disability (81%)
- people with a disability who were employed were more likely to work part-time (37%) than those who were employed and did not have a disability (29%)
- people employed in Agriculture, forestry and fishing (16%) had a relatively high disability rate compared to the overall rate for those employed (11%).

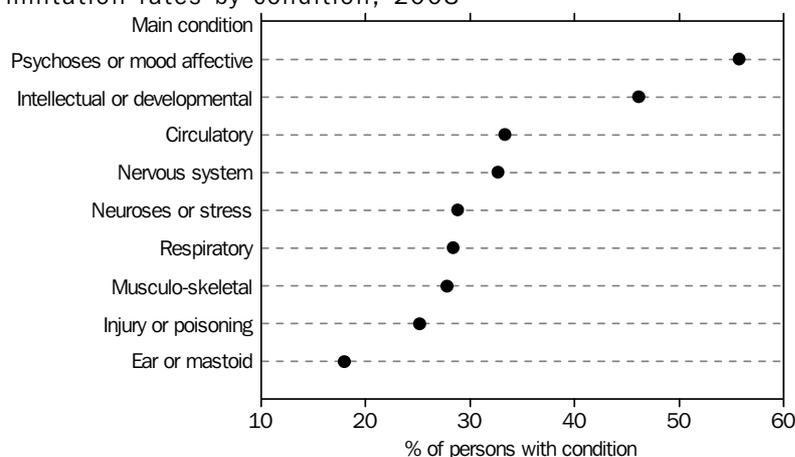
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Health conditions

Physical conditions were the most common main health conditions of persons with a disability (84%). The remaining 16% had a mental or behavioural disorder as their main condition. However, those whose main condition was a mental or behavioural disorder were more likely to have a profound or severe core-activity limitation than those with a physical condition (46% compared to 29%).

Over half (56%) of those with psychoses or mood affective disorders, such as dementia and depression, had a profound or severe core-activity limitation. This compares to 33% for those with circulatory conditions, such as stroke and heart disease, and 33% for those with diseases of the nervous system – the classes of physical conditions with the highest rates of profound or severe core-activity limitation.

PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY, Profound or severe core-activity limitation rates by condition, 2003



Assistance

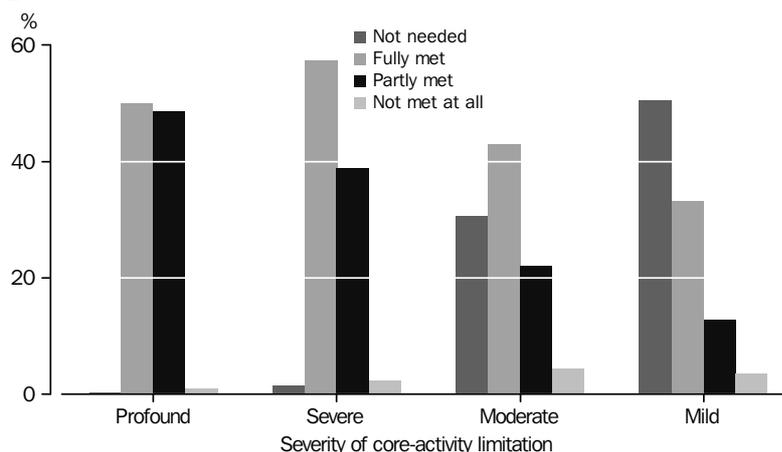
In 2003, 61% of the 3.8 million people with a disability living in households reported needing assistance to manage their health conditions or cope with the activities of everyday life. This proportion comprised 37% who reported that their needs were fully met, 22% partly met and 3% not met at all. The remainder (39%) had a disability but did not need assistance.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Assistance continued

Of those with a core-activity limitation, the more severe the limitation the higher the proportion with an unmet need for help. Of those with a profound limitation 50% reported that their needs were only partly met or not met at all. This contrasts with 41% for those with a severe limitation, 26% for those with a moderate limitation and 16% for those with a mild limitation who reported that their needs were partly met or not met at all.

PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY, Whether need for assistance met, 2003



Of people with a disability living in households who needed assistance, 79% received help from relatives and friends, mainly partners, parents or children. Formal providers of assistance, such as home-care workers and voluntary workers, were used by just over half of those with a disability (53%).

Other findings on disability

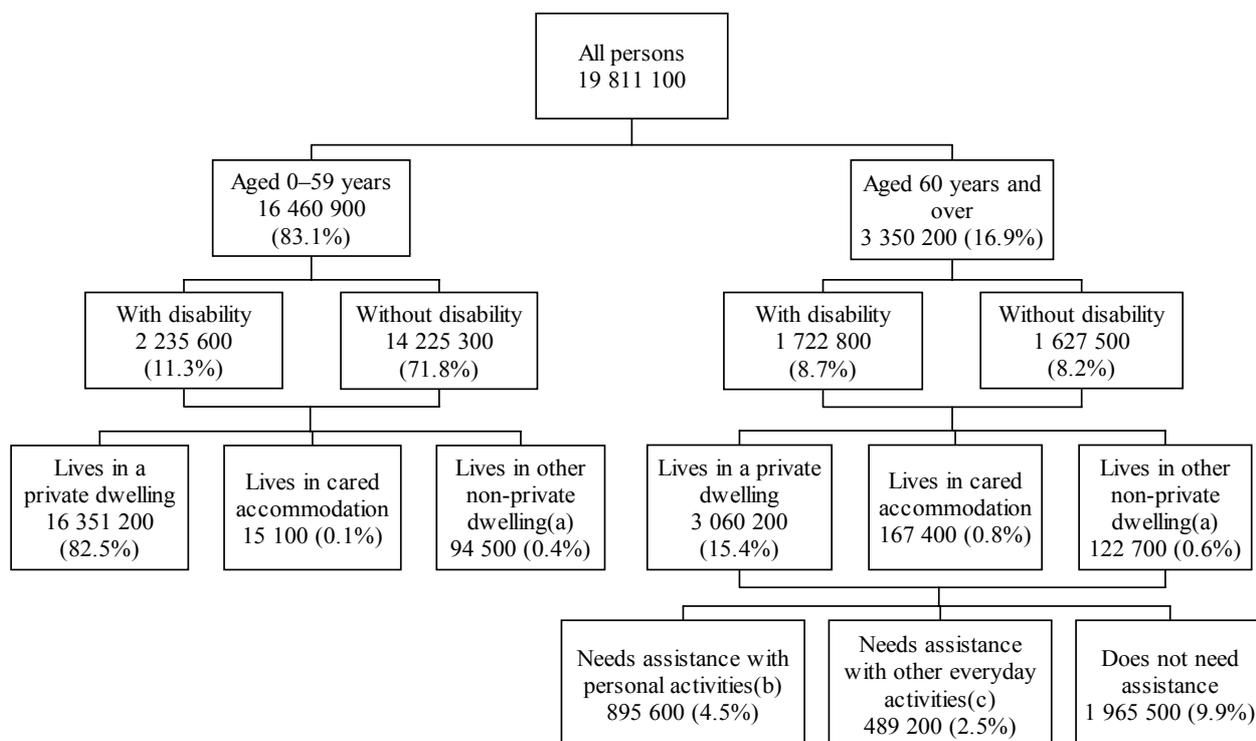
Among the other findings on disability from the SDAC are that:

- one in 10 people in Australia used equipment or an aid to help them cope with their condition or manage with their everyday life
- 15.2% (600,300) of people with a disability reported that the cause of their main health condition was accident or injury, 14% (557,300) that it was disease, illness or heredity, and 11% (423,500) that it was 'Working conditions, work or over-work'
- comparing the states and territories using data which have been adjusted to account for differences in age structures, South Australia, Tasmania and Queensland had the highest disability rates (23%), while the Australian Capital Territory had the lowest (16%).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

OLDER PEOPLE

There were 3.35 million people aged 60 years and over in 2003. The vast majority lived in private dwellings (91%) in both 1998 and 2003. However, of those living in non-private dwellings 55% lived in cared accommodation in 2003, while 78% lived in cared accommodation in 1998. The remaining 45% in 2003, and 22% in 1998, lived in 'other non-private dwellings', such as self-care units in retirement villages etc. (see Glossary).



- (a) Other non-private dwellings comprise non-private dwellings apart from cared-accommodation.
- (b) Personal activities comprise self care, mobility, communication, cognition or emotion and health care.
- (c) Other everyday activities comprise paperwork, transport, housework and property maintenance.

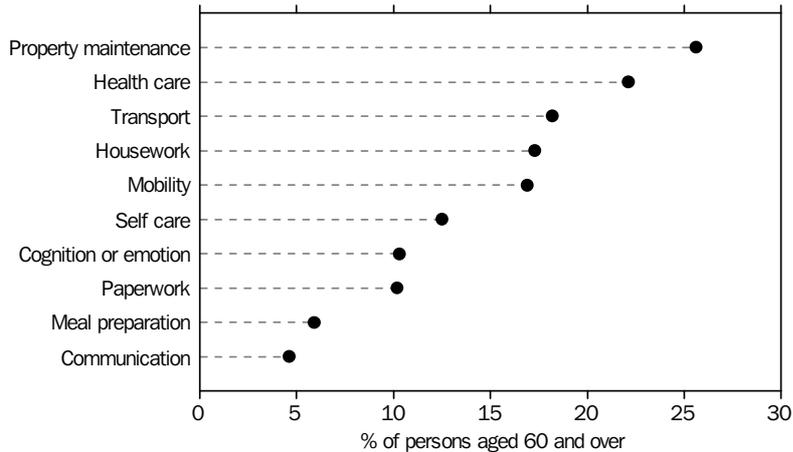
The number of people aged 60 years and over with a disability living in 'other non-private dwellings' more than doubled in 2003 compared to 1998. There were 122,700 people aged 60 years and over living in 'other non-private dwellings' in 2003, of which 82,900 (68%) had a disability. Corresponding results from the 1998 SDAC were 57,600 people living in 'other non-private dwellings', of which 31,680 (55%) had a disability.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Need for assistance

Older people living in households most commonly reported needing assistance with property maintenance and health care because of disability or age. Other common areas of need were transport, housework, mobility and self care. Family and friends were the main providers of assistance although 61% received formal help from providers such as doctors, nurses and gardeners. Partners, sons and daughters were the most common providers of help to older people. Of the 959,400 receiving informal assistance, 452,900 (47%) were assisted by partners, who were likely to be older themselves. Of those providing primary care for their partner, 48% were aged 65 years and older.

OLDER PEOPLE, Activities for which assistance needed, 2003



Income

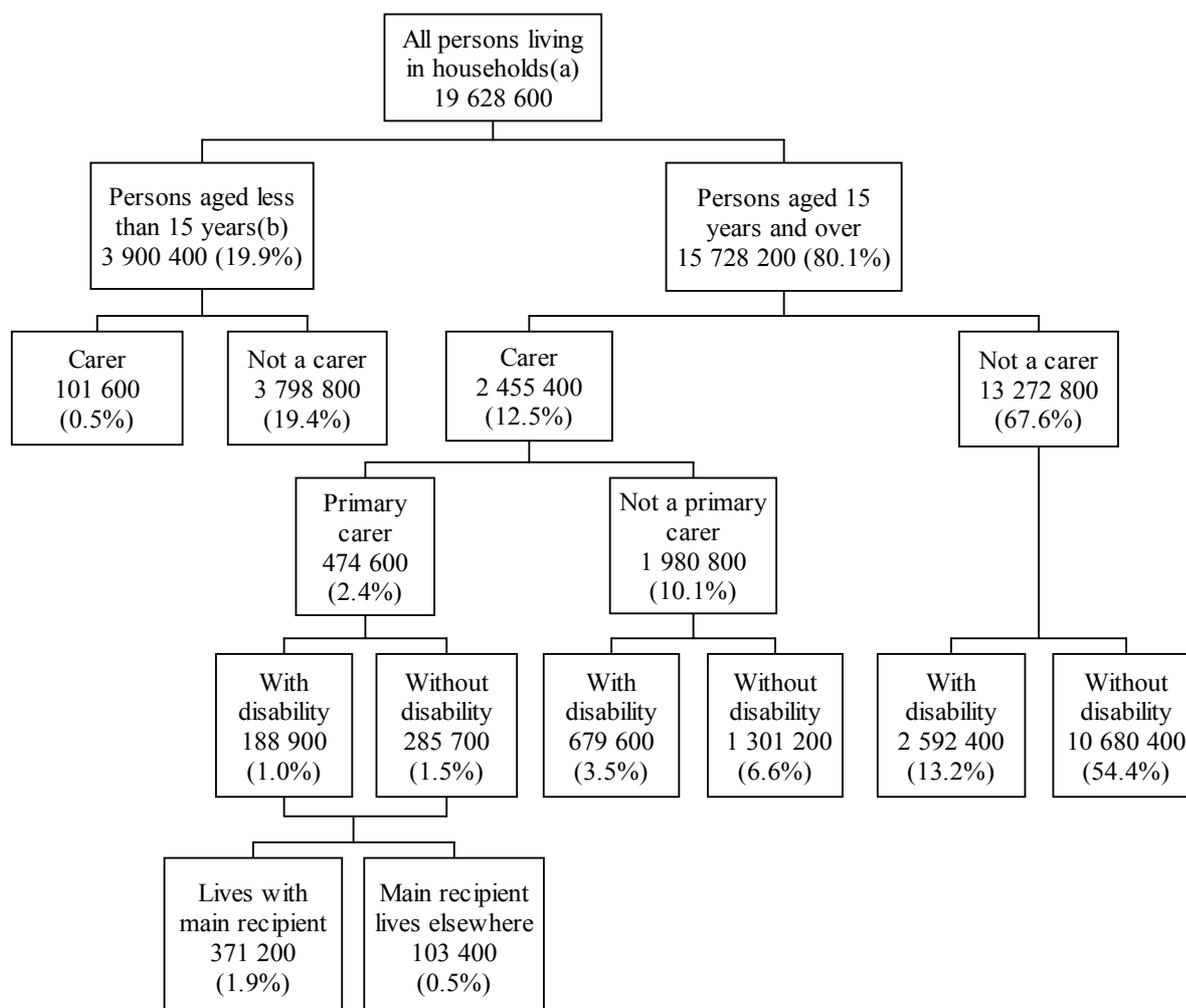
A 'Government pension or allowance' was the main source of personal income for about half (52%) of people aged 60 years and over living in households without a disability and three-quarters (74%) of those with a disability. This proportion was higher (87%) for those with a profound core-activity limitation. Corresponding proportions for 'Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income' were 20% (without a disability), 7% (with a disability) and 1% (with a profound core-activity limitation).

Median gross personal income per week from all sources was highest (\$650) for those where the main source was 'Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income'. For those where the main source was 'Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income' it was \$451, and for those where the main source was a 'Government pension or allowance' it was \$206. Among those whose main source was 'Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income', the median income from all sources for those with a disability (\$538), was lower than for those without (\$672).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

CARERS

In 2003, 2,557,000 people (13% of people living in households) were carers who provided some assistance to those who needed help because of disability or age. About one in five carers (474,600), were identified as primary carers who provided the majority of informal help to a person with a disability. Most primary carers (78%) cared for a person living in the same household.



(a) 'Living in households' comprises all private dwellings and non-private dwellings apart from cared accommodation.

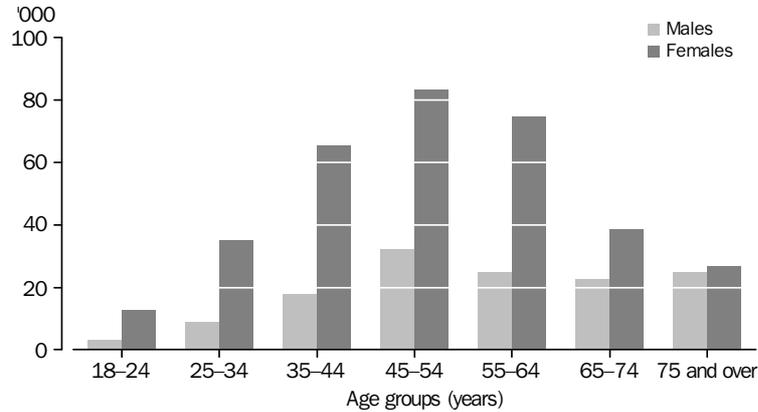
(b) In this survey persons aged less than 15 years could not be primary carers. Primary carers only include persons aged 15 years and over for whom a personal interview was conducted.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

CARERS *continued*

The majority of primary carers were female (71%), although the difference between the sexes was less pronounced for those aged 65 years and over (58% female). The 45–54 years age group contained the largest number of both male and female primary carers (32,200 and 83,400 respectively).

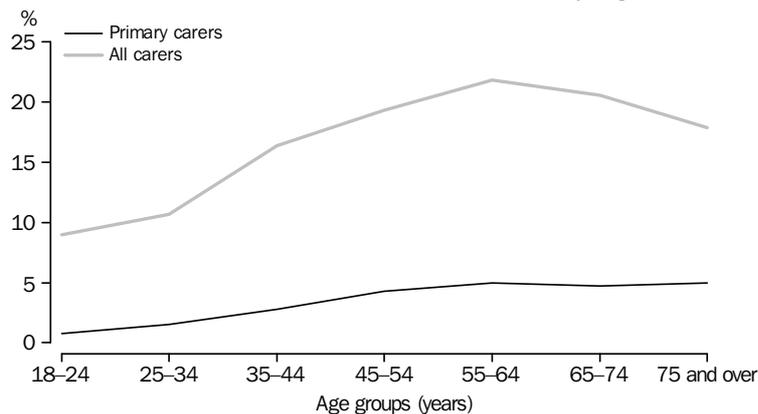
PERSONS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Primary carers by sex, 2003



In 2003, the percentage of people living in households that were identified as carers increased gradually with age from 9% of 18–24 year olds to 22% of 55–64 year olds, then declined to 18% of those aged 75 years and over, although this was 5 percentage points higher than the overall rate of 13%.

The proportion of people who were primary carers also increased gradually with age, from 1% of 18–24 year olds to 5% of 55–64 year olds. Unlike the overall carer rate though, it did not decrease for the older age groups, staying at 5%.

PERSONS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Carers by age, 2003



Other findings on carers included:

- the most common reasons given by primary carers for taking on the caring role were 'Family responsibility', 'Could provide better care' and 'Emotional obligation'
- primary carers had a lower labour force participation rate (39%) than people who were not carers (68%)
- 37% of primary carers spent on average 40 hours or more per week providing care and 18% spent 20 to 39 hours per week.

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ALL PERSONS, Disability status by Sex and Age

Age group (years)	DISABILITY					NO DISABILITY					Total
	Profound core-activity limitation(a)	Severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate core-activity limitation(a)	Mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	Without specific limitations or restrictions(c)	All with reported disability	Long-term health condition	No long-term health condition		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES											
0-4	14.5	*6.3	**0.4	—	..	*8.5	29.7	41.0	567.0	637.6	
5-14	38.3	49.8	*8.7	27.3	22.2	22.9	169.1	169.8	1 024.3	1 363.3	
15-24	13.4	17.8	*7.3	27.7	31.2	29.8	127.2	197.1	1 106.4	1 430.6	
25-34	11.2	23.0	19.0	34.0	44.1	42.9	174.1	263.6	1 047.4	1 485.1	
35-44	15.4	31.5	35.3	41.9	43.1	47.0	214.2	299.9	962.9	1 477.0	
45-54	15.3	41.7	60.7	82.2	45.9	45.4	291.2	352.3	705.8	1 349.3	
55-59	*7.9	29.2	41.7	50.3	18.9	18.8	166.9	187.0	227.2	581.0	
60-64	*9.0	23.5	39.4	59.0	17.8	25.4	174.1	141.5	112.8	428.4	
65-69	11.9	20.9	29.0	53.6	..	31.8	147.2	122.3	75.9	345.4	
70-74	15.0	19.3	33.2	56.7	..	21.7	145.9	110.6	38.4	295.0	
75-79	29.4	14.1	22.7	60.5	..	12.9	139.6	60.1	32.7	232.5	
80-84	24.4	15.8	23.6	35.8	..	*7.7	107.4	31.1	*8.9	147.3	
85-89	20.6	*5.4	*5.5	17.1	..	**1.6	50.3	11.1	*5.6	67.0	
90 and over	*9.8	*3.7	*3.2	*4.0	..	—	20.8	**1.0	**1.0	22.9	
Total	236.2	302.1	329.6	550.1	223.2	316.4	1 957.6	1 988.5	5 916.2	9 862.3	
FEMALES											
0-4	*7.7	*7.3	**1.0	**0.6	..	*7.2	23.8	32.7	549.4	605.9	
5-14	18.8	23.9	*2.8	14.3	20.8	16.7	97.3	131.2	1 065.4	1 293.9	
15-24	10.7	19.1	13.4	25.2	21.7	34.0	124.1	200.0	1 052.5	1 376.6	
25-34	*9.4	23.9	10.9	30.1	32.9	34.8	142.0	308.7	1 018.8	1 469.5	
35-44	*8.3	43.6	35.7	50.2	34.1	34.2	206.1	332.8	941.1	1 480.0	
45-54	24.3	50.1	73.4	78.7	29.4	34.4	290.3	369.4	688.2	1 347.9	
55-59	16.6	29.7	45.9	56.8	13.2	17.5	179.7	193.6	189.8	563.0	
60-64	13.6	28.1	42.1	48.5	10.6	14.2	157.1	154.0	112.1	423.1	
65-69	18.9	17.8	34.6	41.7	..	24.3	137.4	144.9	73.9	356.2	
70-74	25.4	31.4	41.9	47.1	..	17.1	162.9	120.7	43.5	327.1	
75-79	39.6	23.3	33.5	58.1	..	13.0	167.6	89.7	35.5	292.7	
80-84	60.4	28.3	20.2	36.1	..	*5.1	150.1	59.6	*9.2	218.9	
85-89	56.9	14.4	13.3	12.3	..	**1.4	98.3	19.1	*7.1	124.5	
90 and over	47.3	*7.4	**1.9	*7.3	..	**0.2	64.1	*4.1	**1.0	69.3	
Total	357.9	348.3	370.7	507.0	162.7	254.0	2 000.7	2 160.5	5 787.5	9 948.8	
PERSONS											
0-4	22.3	13.6	**1.3	**0.6	—	15.7	53.5	73.7	1 116.4	1 243.5	
5-14	57.1	73.7	11.5	41.6	42.9	39.6	266.4	301.0	2 089.8	2 657.2	
15-24	24.0	36.9	20.7	52.9	52.9	63.8	251.3	397.1	2 158.9	2 807.2	
25-34	20.6	46.8	30.0	64.0	77.0	77.6	316.1	572.4	2 066.2	2 954.7	
35-44	23.7	75.1	71.0	92.1	77.1	81.2	420.2	632.7	1 904.1	2 957.0	
45-54	39.6	91.8	134.1	160.9	75.4	79.8	581.5	721.7	1 394.0	2 697.2	
55-59	24.5	58.8	87.6	107.1	32.2	36.4	346.6	380.5	416.9	1 144.1	
60-64	22.6	51.7	81.5	107.5	28.4	39.6	331.2	295.5	224.8	851.5	
65-69	30.9	38.7	63.6	95.3	..	56.1	284.6	267.2	149.8	701.6	
70-74	40.4	50.7	75.1	103.9	..	38.7	308.8	231.3	81.9	622.0	
75-79	69.0	37.5	56.2	118.6	..	25.9	307.2	149.8	68.2	525.2	
80-84	84.8	44.1	43.8	71.9	..	12.8	257.5	90.7	18.1	366.3	
85-89	77.5	19.8	18.7	29.4	..	*3.1	148.5	30.2	12.7	191.5	
90 and over	57.1	11.2	*5.1	11.3	..	**0.2	84.9	*5.2	**2.1	92.1	
Total	594.1	650.4	700.3	1 057.1	385.9	570.5	3 958.3	4 149.0	11 703.8	19 811.1	

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

.. not applicable

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(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Includes persons who need assistance with health care, cognition and emotion, paperwork, transport, housework, property maintenance or meal preparation.

ALL PERSONS, Disability status rates by Sex and Age

Age group (years)	Profound core-activity limitation(a) %	Severe core-activity limitation(a) %	Moderate core-activity limitation(a) %	Mild core-activity limitation(a) %	Schooling or employment restriction %	All with specific limitations or restrictions(b) %	All with reported disability(c) %	No reported disability %	Total '000
MALES									
0-4	2.3	*1.0	**0.1	—	. .	3.3	4.7	95.3	637.6
5-14	2.8	3.7	*0.6	2.0	9.6	10.7	12.4	87.6	1 363.3
15-24	0.9	1.2	*0.5	1.9	6.2	6.8	8.9	91.1	1 430.6
25-34	0.8	1.5	1.3	2.3	8.2	8.8	11.7	88.3	1 485.1
35-44	1.0	2.1	2.4	2.8	9.7	11.3	14.5	85.5	1 477.0
45-54	1.1	3.1	4.5	6.1	15.8	18.2	21.6	78.4	1 349.3
55-59	*1.4	5.0	7.2	8.7	22.2	25.5	28.7	71.3	581.0
60-64	*2.1	5.5	9.2	13.8	27.8	34.7	40.6	59.4	428.4
65-69	3.5	6.0	8.4	15.5	. .	33.4	42.6	57.4	345.4
70-74	5.1	6.5	11.3	19.2	. .	42.1	49.5	50.5	295.0
75-79	12.6	6.1	9.8	26.0	. .	54.5	60.1	39.9	232.5
80-84	16.6	10.7	16.0	24.3	. .	67.6	72.9	27.1	147.3
85-89	30.8	*8.1	*8.2	25.6	. .	72.6	75.0	25.0	67.0
90 and over	*43.0	*16.4	*13.9	*17.5	. .	90.9	90.9	**9.1	22.9
Total	2.4	3.1	3.3	5.6	9.6	16.6	19.8	80.2	9 862.3
FEMALES									
0-4	*1.3	*1.2	**0.2	**0.1	. .	2.7	3.9	96.1	605.9
5-14	1.5	1.8	*0.2	1.1	5.4	6.2	7.5	92.5	1 293.9
15-24	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.8	5.5	6.5	9.0	91.0	1 376.6
25-34	*0.6	1.6	0.7	2.0	6.1	7.3	9.7	90.3	1 469.5
35-44	*0.6	2.9	2.4	3.4	9.6	11.6	13.9	86.1	1 480.0
45-54	1.8	3.7	5.4	5.8	15.6	19.0	21.5	78.5	1 347.9
55-59	3.0	5.3	8.1	10.1	23.0	28.8	31.9	68.1	563.0
60-64	3.2	6.6	10.0	11.5	23.7	33.8	37.1	62.9	423.1
65-69	5.3	5.0	9.7	11.7	. .	31.7	38.6	61.4	356.2
70-74	7.8	9.6	12.8	14.4	. .	44.6	49.8	50.2	327.1
75-79	13.5	8.0	11.4	19.9	. .	52.8	57.2	42.8	292.7
80-84	27.6	12.9	9.2	16.5	. .	66.2	68.6	31.4	218.9
85-89	45.7	11.6	10.6	9.8	. .	77.8	78.9	21.1	124.5
90 and over	68.3	*10.8	**2.8	*10.5	. .	92.3	92.6	*7.4	69.3
Total	3.6	3.5	3.7	5.1	8.2	17.6	20.1	79.9	9 948.8
PERSONS									
0-4	1.8	1.1	**0.1	—	. .	3.0	4.3	95.7	1 243.5
5-14	2.1	2.8	0.4	1.6	7.5	8.5	10.0	90.0	2 657.2
15-24	0.9	1.3	0.7	1.9	5.8	6.7	9.0	91.0	2 807.2
25-34	0.7	1.6	1.0	2.2	7.1	8.1	10.7	89.3	2 954.7
35-44	0.8	2.5	2.4	3.1	9.6	11.5	14.2	85.8	2 957.0
45-54	1.5	3.4	5.0	6.0	15.7	18.6	21.6	78.4	2 697.2
55-59	2.1	5.1	7.7	9.4	22.6	27.1	30.3	69.7	1 144.1
60-64	2.7	6.1	9.6	12.6	25.8	34.3	38.9	61.1	851.5
65-69	4.4	5.5	9.1	13.6	. .	32.6	40.6	59.4	701.6
70-74	6.5	8.1	12.1	16.7	. .	43.4	49.6	50.4	622.0
75-79	13.1	7.1	10.7	22.6	. .	53.5	58.5	41.5	525.2
80-84	23.2	12.0	12.0	19.6	. .	66.8	70.3	29.7	366.3
85-89	40.5	10.4	9.8	15.3	. .	76.0	77.6	22.4	191.5
90 and over	62.0	12.2	*5.6	12.3	. .	92.0	92.1	*7.9	92.1
Total	3.0	3.3	3.5	5.3	8.9	17.1	20.0	80.0	19 811.1

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** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core-activity limitation and a schooling or employment restriction.

(c) Includes those who do not have a specific limitation or restriction.

ALL PERSONS, Disability rates(a)—Sex by Age—1998 and 2003

Age group (years)	MALES		FEMALES		PERSONS	
	1998	2003	1998	2003	1998	2003
	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-4	(b)4.6	(b)4.7	(b)2.8	(b)3.9	(b)3.7	(b)4.3
5-14	(b)12.1	(b)12.4	(b)6.7	(b)7.5	(b)9.5	(b)10.0
15-24	(b)9.5	(b)8.9	(b)7.7	(b)9.0	(b)8.6	(b)9.0
25-34	(b)11.5	(b)11.7	(b)9.8	(b)9.7	(b)10.7	(b)10.7
35-44	(b)15.7	(b)14.5	(b)14.6	(b)13.9	(b)15.1	(b)14.2
45-54	(b)22.3	(b)21.6	(b)22.8	(b)21.5	(b)22.6	(b)21.6
55-64	(b)36.4	(b)33.8	(b)33.8	(b)34.2	(b)35.1	(b)34.0
65-69	(b)43.4	(b)42.6	(b)37.6	(b)38.6	(b)40.4	(b)40.6
70-74	(b)51.1	(b)49.5	(b)47.3	(b)49.8	(b)49.0	(b)49.6
75-79	(b)60.9	(b)60.1	(b)56.6	(b)57.2	(b)58.4	(b)58.5
80-84	63.4	72.9	(b)66.8	(b)68.6	(b)65.5	(b)70.3
85-89	(b)83.1	(b)75.0	(b)82.2	(b)78.9	(b)82.5	(b)77.6
90 and over	(b)87.7	(b)90.9	(b)87.7	(b)92.6	(b)87.7	(b)92.1
<i>Total</i>	(b)19.6	(b)19.8	19.1	20.1	19.3	20.0
Total, age standardised	(b)20.4	(b)19.8	(b)19.9	(b)20.1	(b)20.1	(b)20.0

(a) Persons with a disability as a proportion of all persons in the same age and sex group.

(b) Difference between 1998 and 2003 is not statistically significant. See Technical Note for further details.

ALL PERSONS, Profound or severe core-activity limitation rates(a)(b)—Sex by Age—1998 and 2003

Age group (years)	MALES		FEMALES		PERSONS	
	1998	2003	1998	2003	1998	2003
	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-4	(c)3.1	(c)3.3	1.3	2.5	(c)2.2	(c)2.9
5-14	(c)5.7	(c)6.5	(c)3.1	(c)3.3	(c)4.4	(c)4.9
15-24	(c)2.1	(c)2.2	(c)1.7	(c)2.2	(c)1.9	(c)2.2
25-34	(c)2.5	(c)2.3	(c)2.5	(c)2.3	(c)2.5	(c)2.3
35-44	(c)3.0	(c)3.2	(c)4.0	(c)3.5	(c)3.5	(c)3.3
45-54	5.5	4.2	(c)6.7	(c)5.5	6.1	4.9
55-64	(c)8.5	(c)6.9	(c)8.6	(c)8.9	(c)8.5	(c)7.9
65-69	(c)7.8	(c)9.5	(c)9.2	(c)10.3	(c)8.5	(c)9.9
70-74	(c)11.8	(c)11.6	(c)15.0	(c)17.4	(c)13.5	(c)14.6
75-79	(c)19.0	(c)18.7	(c)24.9	(c)21.5	(c)22.3	(c)20.3
80-84	(c)24.3	(c)27.3	(c)35.6	(c)40.5	(c)31.3	(c)35.2
85-89	(c)53.0	(c)38.9	(c)60.8	(c)57.3	(c)58.2	(c)50.8
90 and over	(c)64.9	(c)59.4	(c)83.7	(c)79.0	(c)79.2	(c)74.2
<i>Total</i>	(c)5.4	(c)5.5	(c)6.7	(c)7.1	(c)6.1	(c)6.3
Total, age standardised	(c)5.7	(c)5.5	(c)7.1	(c)7.1	(c)6.4	(c)6.3

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Persons with a profound or severe core-activity limitation as a proportion of all persons in the same age and sex group.

(c) Difference between 1998 and 2003 is not statistically significant. See Technical Note for further details.

	PROFOUND/SEVERE CORE-ACTIVITY LIMITATION RATE(b)			DISABILITY RATE			ALL PERSONS		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	'000	'000	'000
State or territory of usual residence									
New South Wales	5.2	5.5	5.4	18.5	16.9	17.7	3 308.5	3 342.7	6 651.2
Victoria	5.9	6.9	6.5	20.9	18.9	19.9	2 459.5	2 500.0	4 959.5
Queensland	6.8	8.2	7.6	22.6	22.4	22.5	1 883.6	1 891.3	3 775.0
South Australia	5.8	6.9	6.5	23.4	21.9	22.6	751.4	766.8	1 518.2
Western Australia	6.5	5.9	6.2	22.1	20.8	21.4	987.9	976.1	1 964.1
Tasmania	5.7	8.7	7.4	22.9	22.0	22.6	233.4	241.7	475.1
Australian Capital Territory	*4.1	*6.0	5.0	14.7	16.9	15.8	158.5	160.0	318.6
Australia(c)	5.8	6.6	6.3	20.6	19.3	20.0	9 862.3	9 948.8	19 811.1
Remoteness									
Major cities	5.3	6.5	6.0	19.4	19.0	19.2	6 487.9	6 601.8	13 089.6
Inner regional	7.1	6.8	7.0	22.8	19.5	21.2	2 156.0	2 170.1	4 326.1
Other(d)	6.3	6.9	6.6	23.1	20.9	22.1	1 218.4	1 176.9	2 395.3
Total	5.8	6.6	6.3	20.6	19.3	20.0	9 862.3	9 948.8	19 811.1
Country of birth(e)									
Oceania and Antarctica									
Australia (includes External Territories)	6.1	6.6	6.5	21.9	20.2	21.0	7 618.2	7 633.4	15 251.6
New Zealand	*7.2	*5.9	6.5	20.6	18.3	19.3	192.0	186.6	378.7
Other Oceania and Antarctica	**0.9	*5.0	*3.7	*9.5	*15.4	13.0	56.3	62.2	118.5
Northern and Western Europe									
United Kingdom									
England	4.9	6.0	5.3	17.8	17.4	17.5	461.3	463.4	924.6
Scotland	**2.0	*7.9	5.3	14.2	20.9	18.6	63.7	63.3	127.0
Other United Kingdom	*5.4	*8.7	*9.9	21.0	20.4	22.9	67.7	65.7	133.4
Germany	*4.8	*4.8	4.7	18.2	13.8	17.1	65.7	62.2	127.9
Netherlands	*3.2	*6.7	4.9	15.5	17.3	16.0	48.0	45.9	93.9
Other Northern and Western Europe	*5.4	*4.8	*4.7	*11.8	18.6	14.7	36.1	36.3	72.4
Southern and Eastern Europe									
Italy	6.3	6.0	6.1	17.4	17.2	17.3	118.7	108.0	226.7
Greece	*4.9	*4.9	4.9	21.1	14.5	21.9	63.8	60.0	123.8
Other Southern and Eastern Europe	5.3	6.8	6.0	17.3	20.3	18.8	226.7	216.6	443.3
North Africa and the Middle East									
South East Asia	*3.5	11.8	7.7	16.8	24.7	19.8	142.5	127.1	269.6
South East Asia	*3.8	*4.0	4.1	13.5	10.1	11.9	244.5	315.2	559.7
North East Asia	**2.0	*4.8	*3.0	*5.7	*8.5	6.6	152.6	173.3	325.9
Southern and Central Asia	**2.4	*6.7	*4.6	15.3	14.0	14.3	135.2	130.3	265.5
Americas	**1.2	*6.1	*5.0	*11.4	15.3	14.6	66.7	81.8	148.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	**6.3	*4.7	*4.8	*12.8	12.9	12.9	94.7	107.8	202.5
Not known(f)	**6.8	*15.7	*8.6	*11.3	*28.5	*21.0	*7.8	*10.0	17.8
Total	5.8	6.6	6.3	20.6	19.3	20.0	9 862.3	9 948.8	19 811.1

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** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

(a) All rates have been standardised to age structure of total population in June 2003. See Explanatory Notes.

(b) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(c) Includes Northern Territory. Estimates for Northern Territory are not shown separately as they are not considered reliable. See Explanatory Notes.

(d) Includes Outer regional and Remote only. Excludes Very remote and Migratory. See Glossary for Remoteness.

(e) Country of birth is classified to the Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), 1998 (cat. no. 1269.0).

(f) Includes inadequately described, at sea, not stated and not elsewhere classified.

ALL PERSONS, Disability status by Age and Living arrangements

<i>Living arrangements</i>	<i>Profound core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Severe core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Moderate core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Mild core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Schooling or employment restriction</i>	<i>All with specific limitations or restrictions (b)</i>	<i>All with reported disability (c)</i>	<i>No reported disability</i>	<i>Total</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
0-14 YEARS									
Lives in a private dwelling	79.0	87.2	12.8	41.6	198.9	263.6	318.8	3 575.7	3 894.5
Lives in a non-private dwelling	**0.3	**0.2	—	**0.5	**0.7	**1.1	**1.1	*5.1	*6.2
<i>Total</i>	79.4	87.3	12.8	42.2	199.6	264.6	319.9	3 580.8	3 900.7
15-59 YEARS									
Lives in a private dwelling									
Alone	13.2	39.3	66.4	78.9	215.7	240.9	287.5	717.8	1 005.4
With others	107.9	263.0	273.5	392.3	1 109.0	1 305.8	1 595.7	9 855.6	11 451.3
<i>Total</i>	121.1	302.3	339.9	471.2	1 324.7	1 546.7	1 883.2	10 573.4	12 456.6
Lives in a non-private dwelling									
Cared accommodation	np	**1.7	**0.1	**0.6	—	13.2	14.3	**0.5	14.8
Other non-private dwelling	np	*5.4	*3.3	*5.3	15.8	17.0	18.2	70.6	88.7
<i>Total</i>	11.3	*7.2	*3.5	*5.8	15.8	30.2	32.5	71.0	103.5
<i>Total</i>	132.4	309.5	343.3	477.1	1 340.5	1 576.9	1 915.6	10 644.5	12 560.1
60-79 YEARS									
Lives in a private dwelling									
Alone	22.4	36.4	79.4	97.9	51.2	242.7	283.5	266.9	550.3
With others	99.9	133.2	186.4	310.1	167.2	751.5	865.1	1 170.0	2 035.1
<i>Total</i>	122.3	169.6	265.8	408.0	218.3	994.1	1 148.6	1 436.9	2 585.4
Lives in a non-private dwelling									
Cared accommodation									
Hospital	*4.9	**0.6	np	**0.3	—	*5.9	*5.9	np	*5.9
Nursing home or age care hostel	28.2	*3.4	**0.5	**0.6	—	32.7	33.0	**1.1	34.1
Other(d)	**1.9	**0.7	np	**0.1	—	*2.8	*3.0	np	*3.1
<i>Total</i>	35.1	*4.7	**0.6	**0.9	—	41.3	41.9	**1.3	43.2
Other non-private dwelling	*5.4	*4.1	*10.1	16.4	np	36.0	41.4	30.4	71.8
<i>Total</i>	40.5	*8.9	10.6	17.3	np	77.3	83.3	31.7	114.9
<i>Total</i>	162.8	178.5	276.5	425.3	219.4	1 071.4	1 231.8	1 468.5	2 700.4
Lives in accommodation for the retired or aged(e)	14.4	*5.0	13.8	22.3	np	55.5	61.6	37.0	98.6

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** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core-activity limitation and a schooling or employment restriction.

(c) Includes those who do not have a specific limitation or restriction.

(d) Includes hostels for people with disabilities, children's homes, drug rehabilitation facilities and some cared components of retirement villages.

(e) Retirement villages can include private and non-private dwellings (including cared accommodation).

<i>Living arrangements</i>	<i>Profound core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Severe core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Moderate core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Mild core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Schooling or employment restriction</i>	<i>All with specific limitations or restrictions (b)</i>	<i>All with reported disability (c)</i>	<i>No reported disability</i>	<i>Total</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
80 YEARS AND OVER									
Lives in a private dwelling									
Alone	37.6	24.4	24.5	50.2	..	136.6	141.6	70.4	211.9
With others	67.5	30.2	29.9	51.7	..	179.3	186.7	76.2	262.9
Total	105.0	54.6	54.4	101.9	..	315.9	328.2	146.6	474.8
Lives in a non-private dwelling									
Cared accommodation									
Hospital	10.8	**1.3	**0.2	np	..	12.4	12.4	**0.1	12.5
Nursing home or age care hostel	91.9	*9.3	**1.7	**1.3	..	104.3	104.5	*2.6	107.1
Other (d)	*3.6	**0.7	—	np	..	*4.3	*4.3	**0.2	*4.5
Total	106.4	11.3	**1.8	**1.4	..	120.9	121.3	*2.9	124.2
Other non-private dwelling	*8.1	*9.2	11.4	*9.3	..	38.0	41.5	*9.4	50.9
Total	114.4	20.5	13.3	10.7	..	158.9	162.7	12.4	175.1
Total	219.5	75.1	67.6	112.6	..	474.9	490.9	158.9	649.9
Lives in accommodation for the retired or aged (e)	34.6	16.4	15.0	12.9	..	78.9	82.4	12.5	94.8
PERSONS									
Lives in a private dwelling									
Alone	73.2	100.2	170.3	227.0	266.9	620.2	712.6	1 055.0	1 767.6
With others	354.3	513.6	502.6	795.7	1 475.0	2 500.1	2 966.2	14 677.6	17 643.8
Total	427.5	613.7	672.9	1 022.7	1 741.9	3 120.4	3 678.8	15 732.6	19 411.4
Lives in a non-private dwelling									
Cared accommodation									
Hospital	21.0	*2.8	**0.4	**0.6	—	24.7	25.5	**0.4	26.0
Nursing home or age care hostel	123.5	13.2	**2.1	**2.1	—	140.9	141.7	*3.7	145.4
Other (d)	*8.0	**1.8	**0.1	**0.2	—	*10.1	10.6	**0.5	11.1
Total	152.5	17.7	*2.6	*2.9	—	175.7	177.8	*4.7	182.5
Other non-private dwelling	14.1	19.0	24.9	31.5	17.5	91.7	101.7	115.5	217.2
Total	166.6	36.7	27.5	34.4	17.5	267.5	279.5	120.2	399.7
Total	594.1	650.4	700.3	1 057.1	1 759.4	3 387.9	3 958.3	15 852.8	19 811.1
Lives in accommodation for the retired or aged (e)(f)	49.7	21.4	29.2	36.7	*3.3	137.7	147.2	65.8	213.1

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(d) Includes hostels for people with disabilities, children's homes, drug rehabilitation facilities and some cared components of retirement villages.

(e) Retirement villages can include private and non-private dwellings (including cared accommodation).

(f) Includes 25,000 persons aged under 65 years.

	Profound core-activity limitation (a)	Severe core-activity limitation (a)	Moderate core-activity limitation (a)	Mild core-activity limitation (a)	Schooling or employment restriction	All with specific limitations or restrictions (b)	All with reported disability (c)	No reported disability	Total
15-64 YEARS (%)									
Level of highest non-school qualification									
Bachelor degree or above	11.2	12.8	10.7	11.3	10.9	11.6	12.7	19.7	18.5
Advanced Diploma or Diploma	*3.1	5.3	5.9	6.5	5.9	6.1	6.8	8.4	8.1
Certificate	16.7	23.5	26.7	28.1	26.0	26.0	26.0	23.3	23.7
No non-school qualification	69.1	57.9	56.0	53.7	56.6	55.7	53.9	48.2	49.1
Level not determined	—	**0.6	*0.7	**0.3	*0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Highest year of school completed									
Year 12 or equivalent	21.1	25.6	24.0	27.9	25.5	26.9	29.6	49.3	46.0
Year 11 or equivalent	7.8	9.9	6.9	10.3	10.0	9.9	10.0	12.1	11.7
Year 10 or equivalent	20.6	28.8	32.7	31.5	30.0	30.2	29.9	25.7	26.4
Year 9 or equivalent	13.5	15.4	17.5	14.0	15.3	14.8	14.2	8.3	9.3
Year 8 or lower	30.5	20.0	18.4	15.9	18.2	17.2	15.6	4.6	6.4
Never attended school	*6.4	**0.2	**0.5	*0.5	1.0	0.9	0.7	*0.1	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Housing tenure (d)									
Lives in a private dwelling									
Owner without a mortgage	21.7	28.7	36.6	34.1	28.2	29.9	28.7	20.4	21.8
Owner with a mortgage	25.1	32.4	31.4	29.7	31.2	31.7	33.4	42.8	41.2
Renter									
State or territory housing authority									
Other landlord	13.3	8.5	6.9	6.1	8.1	7.3	6.5	1.8	2.6
Boarder	10.4	3.3	*2.1	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.8	5.2	5.1
Rent-free	11.1	6.0	3.7	5.5	6.3	5.9	5.9	8.0	7.6
Other (e)	np	np	np	np	*0.2	*0.2	*0.2	0.3	0.3
Lives in a non-private dwelling									
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Remoteness									
Major cities	60.7	57.7	61.7	63.7	61.9	61.7	62.0	68.3	67.2
Inner regional	25.5	26.8	25.0	22.8	24.3	24.3	23.8	20.4	21.0
Other (f)	13.8	15.5	13.4	13.5	13.8	14.0	14.2	11.3	11.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Equivalised gross household income quintiles (g)									
Lowest quintile (h)	35.5	31.7	28.1	25.3	28.6	26.8	24.2	9.6	12.1
Second quintile	26.6	21.8	18.5	15.2	19.7	18.6	17.1	12.6	13.3
Third quintile	10.9	15.2	14.4	13.4	13.7	14.0	15.2	16.4	16.2
Fourth quintile	*6.0	8.6	10.8	13.0	10.9	11.5	12.8	19.1	18.1
Highest quintile	*2.9	7.2	8.8	11.2	8.3	9.7	11.8	21.3	19.7
Not known or not applicable (i)	18.2	15.4	19.5	21.8	18.8	19.4	18.9	21.0	20.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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(g) Income quintiles are based on the total population in private dwellings.

(h) Includes households with nil income and households who reported no source of income. Excludes not known.

(i) Includes households in private dwellings containing at least one person for whom income was not known. Non-private dwellings are not applicable for household income.

	<i>Profound core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>Severe core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>Moderate core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>Mild core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>Schooling or employment restriction</i>	<i>All with specific limitations or restrictions (b)</i>	<i>All with reported disability(c)</i>	<i>No reported disability</i>	<i>Total</i>
15-64 YEARS (%) <i>cont.</i>									
Principal source of personal income									
Wages or salary	7.6	20.0	30.3	33.1	26.9	29.9	35.2	62.5	58.0
Unincorporated business income	**0.9	3.8	5.5	5.7	4.5	5.1	5.7	8.0	7.6
Government pension or allowance	73.6	58.1	50.5	41.8	52.7	48.4	42.9	13.6	18.5
Other(d)	7.4	6.2	7.3	9.1	6.6	7.2	7.4	4.6	5.0
Not stated(e)	10.5	11.8	6.3	10.2	9.2	9.4	8.8	11.3	10.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
15-64 YEARS (\$)									
Median gross personal income per week	200	212	237	251	224	229	255	501	479
15-64 YEARS ('000)									
Total	141.3	359.0	424.7	583.9	1 559.8	1 851.8	2 228.8	11 164.3	13 393.1
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15 YEARS AND OVER (%)									
Level of highest non-school qualification									
Bachelor degree or above	7.3	10.4	9.6	10.2	10.9	10.0	10.9	18.9	17.1
Advanced Diploma or Diploma	4.7	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.3	8.3	7.9
Certificate	14.2	21.8	24.5	25.7	26.0	23.5	23.7	22.8	23.0
No non-school qualification	73.1	61.6	59.4	57.5	56.6	59.9	58.3	49.4	51.4
Level not determined	*0.7	*0.6	*0.8	*0.6	*0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Highest year of school completed									
Year 12 or equivalent	14.4	21.8	20.5	21.0	25.5	21.6	23.6	46.4	41.4
Year 11 or equivalent	4.2	8.1	6.1	8.3	10.0	7.9	8.1	11.5	10.8
Year 10 or equivalent	17.6	24.8	27.5	28.3	30.0	26.4	26.6	25.5	25.7
Year 9 or equivalent	13.2	16.6	16.3	14.7	15.3	15.0	14.7	9.1	10.4
Year 8 or lower	46.7	27.6	29.0	27.2	18.2	28.0	26.0	7.3	11.4
Never attended school	4.0	*1.2	*0.6	*0.4	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.3
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Housing tenure (d)									
Lives in a private dwelling									
Owner without a mortgage	42.0	41.2	45.5	49.2	28.2	42.5	41.4	25.0	28.6
Owner with a mortgage	13.6	23.6	23.5	20.3	31.2	22.9	24.3	39.9	36.5
Renter									
State or territory housing authority	9.0	7.2	7.0	5.8	8.1	6.8	6.3	2.0	3.0
Other landlord	11.6	15.5	15.0	14.0	20.3	15.3	15.4	19.4	18.6
Boarder	6.5	2.5	*1.5	2.8	4.6	3.2	3.5	4.8	4.5
Rent-free	12.7	5.7	3.1	4.3	6.3	5.6	5.5	7.6	7.1
Other(e)	*0.7	*0.8	*0.7	*0.5	*0.2	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.4
Lives in a non-private dwelling									
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Remoteness									
Major cities	64.3	59.4	61.2	63.7	61.9	62.3	62.6	67.9	66.7
Inner regional	24.2	26.4	24.8	22.5	24.3	24.0	23.6	20.7	21.4
Other(f)	11.5	14.2	14.0	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.8	11.4	11.9
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Equivalised gross household income quintiles (g)									
Lowest quintile(h)	36.1	33.8	32.8	31.2	28.6	31.2	29.4	11.7	15.6
Second quintile	26.8	22.5	20.4	17.6	19.7	20.3	19.2	13.3	14.6
Third quintile	7.9	12.9	10.9	11.3	13.7	11.5	12.4	15.8	15.1
Fourth quintile	4.0	7.1	7.6	9.2	10.9	8.5	9.5	18.0	16.1
Highest quintile	2.9	5.1	6.0	7.2	8.3	6.8	8.3	19.8	17.3
Not known or not applicable(i)	22.3	18.5	22.4	23.6	18.8	21.8	21.3	21.4	21.4
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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15 YEARS AND OVER (%) <i>cont.</i>									
Principal source of personal income									
Wages or salary	3.0	13.3	19.0	20.0	26.9	19.2	23.2	57.3	49.8
Unincorporated business income	*0.7	2.7	4.2	4.1	4.5	3.8	4.2	7.7	6.9
Government pension or allowance	81.7	65.7	60.4	54.9	52.7	59.3	55.1	18.1	26.2
Other(d)	8.5	8.8	10.7	12.7	6.6	10.0	10.1	6.1	7.0
Not stated(e)	6.1	9.5	5.7	8.3	9.2	7.7	7.4	10.8	10.0
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
15 YEARS AND OVER (\$)									
Median gross personal income per week	211	213	225	224	224	223	225	480	397
15 YEARS AND OVER ('000)									
Total	362.6	545.4	684.9	1 012.0	1 559.8	2 947.8	3 461.0	12 267.3	15 728.2

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PERSONS AGED 15-64, LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Disability status by Labour force status

<i>Labour force status</i>	<i>Profound core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Severe core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Moderate core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Mild core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Schooling or employment restriction</i>	<i>All with specific limitations or restrictions (b)</i>	<i>All with reported disability (c)</i>	<i>No reported disability</i>	<i>Total</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES									
In the labour force									
Employed									
Full-time	*6.8	41.6	81.4	102.4	255.0	326.8	473.9	4 026.0	4 499.9
Part-time	*6.2	15.4	24.6	40.1	102.9	118.1	141.1	713.8	854.9
Total employed	13.1	56.9	106.0	142.5	357.9	444.9	615.1	4 739.8	5 354.9
Unemployed	**1.2	*6.3	*8.2	14.1	47.8	50.7	59.2	239.5	298.6
Total	14.3	63.2	114.2	156.6	405.7	495.6	674.2	4 979.3	5 653.5
Not in the labour force	50.3	102.0	89.1	137.9	407.8	433.1	462.9	624.3	1 087.2
Total	64.6	165.2	203.3	294.5	813.5	928.7	1 137.2	5 603.6	6 740.7
Unemployment rate %	**8.5	*10.0	*7.2	9.0	11.8	10.2	8.8	4.8	5.3
Participation rate %	22.1	38.3	56.2	53.2	49.9	53.4	59.3	88.9	83.9
FEMALES									
In the labour force									
Employed									
Full-time	*2.5	18.4	33.4	67.5	102.4	153.1	212.9	2 028.6	2 241.6
Part-time	*2.9	41.2	48.4	62.6	160.2	198.5	256.5	1 776.7	2 033.2
Total employed	*5.4	59.6	81.8	130.1	262.5	351.6	469.4	3 805.3	4 274.7
Unemployed	**1.8	*5.9	*7.3	*8.8	32.4	36.7	42.3	211.3	253.6
Total	*7.1	65.4	89.0	138.8	295.0	388.3	511.7	4 016.6	4 528.4
Not in the labour force	69.5	128.3	132.4	150.5	451.4	534.8	579.9	1 544.1	2 124.0
Total	76.7	193.7	221.4	289.3	746.4	923.1	1 091.6	5 560.7	6 652.3
Unemployment rate %	**24.6	*9.0	*8.1	*6.3	11.0	9.5	8.3	5.3	5.6
Participation rate %	*9.3	33.8	40.2	48.0	39.5	42.1	46.9	72.2	68.1
PERSONS									
In the labour force									
Employed									
Full-time	*9.3	60.0	114.9	169.9	357.4	479.9	686.9	6 054.6	6 741.5
Part-time	*9.1	56.5	73.0	102.7	263.0	316.6	397.6	2 490.5	2 888.1
Total employed	18.5	116.5	187.8	272.6	620.4	796.5	1 084.5	8 545.1	9 629.6
Unemployed	*3.0	12.2	15.5	22.8	80.2	87.4	101.5	450.8	552.2
Total	21.4	128.7	203.3	295.4	700.7	883.9	1 186.0	8 995.9	10 181.9
Not in the labour force	119.8	230.3	221.5	288.4	859.1	967.8	1 042.8	2 168.4	3 211.2
Total	141.3	359.0	424.7	583.9	1 559.8	1 851.8	2 228.8	11 164.3	13 393.1
Unemployment rate %	*13.9	9.5	7.6	7.7	11.5	9.9	8.6	5.0	5.4
Participation rate %	15.2	35.8	47.9	50.6	44.9	47.7	53.2	80.6	76.0

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	DISABILITY					Total
	All with core-activity limitation (a)	Schooling or employment restriction	All with specific limitations or restrictions (b)	All with reported disability (c)	No reported disability	
<i>Employment characteristics</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Labour force status						
Employed						
Status in employment						
Employee	486.6	509.3	653.7	903.2	7 456.4	8 359.7
Employer	18.9	19.6	25.5	33.7	299.3	333.0
Own account worker	84.5	86.7	111.1	139.9	752.7	892.6
Contributing family worker	*5.4	*4.9	*6.2	*7.6	36.7	44.3
<i>All employed</i>	595.4	620.4	796.5	1 084.5	8 545.1	9 629.6
Occupation						
Managers and administrators	43.0	51.8	63.0	91.2	694.8	786.0
Professionals	115.0	101.1	143.6	199.2	1 642.7	1 841.9
Associate professionals	56.6	55.6	73.2	104.5	1 141.3	1 245.7
Tradespersons and related workers	66.2	72.1	92.6	129.2	1 096.1	1 225.3
Advanced clerical and service workers	30.4	29.7	37.7	47.9	338.6	386.5
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	101.3	99.0	127.9	176.6	1 461.4	1 638.0
Intermediate production and transport workers	54.7	73.0	84.9	114.7	659.9	774.6
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	63.3	66.9	83.1	102.5	833.4	935.9
Labourers and related workers	64.2	71.2	89.9	118.0	671.5	789.6
Inadequately described	**0.7	—	**0.7	**0.7	*5.5	*6.1
<i>All occupations</i>	595.4	620.4	796.5	1 084.5	8 545.1	9 629.6
Industry						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	32.6	37.7	45.0	57.1	310.2	367.4
Mining	*6.9	*6.7	*9.1	14.7	81.0	95.8
Manufacturing	65.1	74.3	93.5	123.6	965.4	1 089.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	*3.0	*3.1	*4.9	*6.3	68.8	75.0
Construction	46.5	53.3	65.2	97.3	720.4	817.7
Wholesale trade	29.8	27.4	35.2	45.7	399.7	445.4
Retail trade	72.0	81.1	100.7	131.2	1 245.6	1 376.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	22.4	25.7	29.6	40.8	450.1	490.9
Transport and storage	32.1	39.5	45.0	55.1	352.7	407.8
Communication services	*6.5	*8.5	*9.3	15.6	161.2	176.7
Finance and insurance	10.6	10.8	14.9	25.4	334.8	360.2
Property and business services	58.9	57.2	82.9	113.0	1 034.5	1 147.5
Government administration and defence	32.6	34.2	42.9	63.1	437.3	500.4
Education	51.1	51.1	67.2	94.3	608.4	702.7
Health and community services	75.3	65.9	89.8	116.1	822.5	938.6
Cultural and recreational services	13.3	12.1	16.2	25.1	208.1	233.2
Personal and other services	36.5	32.1	45.1	60.0	344.4	404.4
<i>All industries</i>	595.4	620.4	796.5	1 084.5	8 545.1	9 629.6
Sector of employment						
Government	103.1	109.7	140.2	200.8	1 497.2	1 698.1
Private	488.5	506.9	651.0	873.0	6 954.4	7 827.4
Not known	*3.8	*3.8	*5.3	10.7	93.6	104.2
<i>Total employed</i>	595.4	620.4	796.5	1 084.5	8 545.1	9 629.6
Unemployed	53.4	80.2	87.4	101.5	450.8	552.2
Not in the labour force	860.0	859.1	967.8	1 042.8	2 168.4	3 211.2
Total	1 508.8	1 559.8	1 851.8	2 228.8	11 164.3	13 393.1

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	IN THE LABOUR FORCE				Not in the labour force	Total
	Employed full-time	Employed part-time	Total employed	Unemployed		
<i>Employment restrictions</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Whether has an employment restriction						
With reported disability and employment restriction						
Restricted in type of job	284.2	218.2	502.4	69.1	225.5	797.1
Restricted in number of hours	113.5	179.6	293.2	39.1	153.1	485.3
Difficulty changing jobs or getting a preferred job	233.4	194.8	428.2	56.7	173.0	657.9
Needs time off work because of disability						
Type of leave arrangements used(b)						
Sick leave	10.8	*2.5	13.3	..	..	13.3
Flexible hours	*7.7	38.8	46.5	..	..	46.5
Leave without pay	11.4	13.5	24.9	..	..	24.9
Other arrangements	18.3	26.9	45.2	..	..	45.2
All using leave arrangements(c)	42.7	78.9	121.6	..	..	121.6
Not employed	..	..	..	28.7	116.3	145.0
Total	42.7	78.9	121.6	28.7	116.3	266.6
Needs other special employer arrangements						
Equipment, modifications, other						
Provided special equipment	32.4	19.0	51.4	*9.0	31.3	91.6
Modified buildings or fittings	*6.2	*8.2	14.3	*2.2	12.2	28.7
Provided help from someone at work	*5.3	*5.3	10.7	*4.0	16.2	30.8
Provided training or retraining	*3.3	*2.5	*5.8	*4.8	20.6	31.2
Allocated different duties	15.8	*7.9	23.7	*5.7	19.7	49.0
Other arrangements	13.0	10.9	23.9	*3.8	18.7	46.3
Total	54.0	34.2	88.2	18.6	67.7	174.5
Needs ongoing supervision or assistance						
Disability support person provided	*6.3	14.4	20.8	..	..	20.8
No disability support person provided	17.5	10.4	27.9	14.5	47.0	89.4
Total	23.8	24.8	48.7	14.5	47.0	110.1
All needing other special arrangements(d)	69.5	46.7	116.2	25.6	88.8	230.5
Permanently unable to work	..	..	..	..	601.4	601.4
All with employment restrictions(e)(f)	357.4	258.4	615.8	78.2	849.5	1 543.5
With reported disability and no employment restrictions	329.5	139.2	468.7	23.3	193.3	685.3
All with reported disability	686.9	397.6	1 084.5	101.5	1 042.8	2 228.8
No reported disability	6 054.6	2 490.5	8 545.1	450.8	2 168.4	11 164.3
Total	6 741.5	2 888.1	9 629.6	552.2	3 211.2	13 393.1

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(a) Persons with a disability only. For those unemployed or not in the labour force, these are perceived restrictions or needs.

(b) Employed persons only.

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(d) Total may be less than sum of components as persons may need more than one type of special arrangement.

(e) Total may be less than sum of components as persons may have more than one employment restriction.

(f) Includes Receiving assistance from a disability job placement program or agency.

	<i>Profound core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>Severe core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>Moderate core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>Mild core-activity imitation(a)</i>	<i>Schooling or employment restriction</i>	<i>All with specific limitations or restrictions(b)</i>	<i>All with reported disability(c)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Physical conditions							
Cancer, lymphomas and leukaemias	13.8	*8.7	*8.1	15.5	28.8	54.5	62.4
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic disorders							
Diabetes	*9.1	14.0	16.4	28.1	26.2	72.5	86.2
Other	**1.9	*2.3	*3.1	*9.5	11.5	20.1	29.3
Total	11.0	16.3	19.4	37.6	37.8	92.6	115.5
Diseases of the nervous system(d)	47.8	37.1	30.5	56.3	120.8	200.7	259.6
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	16.1	19.5	*9.8	14.8	31.9	68.2	91.3
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	13.4	36.3	25.9	124.9	60.3	212.8	275.9
Diseases of the circulatory system							
Heart disease	23.7	18.0	30.0	58.6	47.9	140.9	154.5
Stroke	36.7	12.8	*5.3	10.6	15.2	67.4	69.8
Hypertension	*7.9	*7.8	*9.5	35.4	16.9	65.8	80.8
Other	*5.8	*3.8	*8.3	17.1	13.8	37.7	44.6
Total	74.1	42.4	53.0	121.7	93.8	311.8	349.7
Diseases of the respiratory system							
Asthma	11.5	20.9	14.7	42.8	58.6	106.5	148.9
Other	21.9	14.0	17.5	28.4	27.3	85.6	91.6
Total	33.4	34.9	32.2	71.1	85.8	192.1	240.5
Diseases of the digestive system	*5.0	*7.1	13.8	13.8	20.0	45.3	54.2
Diseases of the musculo-skeletal system and connective tissue							
Arthritis and related disorders	73.5	95.4	144.2	157.1	173.3	492.8	561.3
Other	56.5	150.8	224.2	198.2	474.2	716.7	793.8
Total	130.0	246.1	368.4	355.3	647.5	1 209.5	1 355.1
Congenital and perinatal disorders(e)	10.6	*7.2	**1.9	*5.7	21.6	29.2	45.5
Injury, poisoning and other external causes							
Head injury and acquired brain damage	*6.6	*3.1	*2.3	*6.3	19.1	23.2	28.7
Other	18.9	36.8	50.9	66.6	98.0	197.3	230.7
Total	25.6	39.8	53.2	72.9	117.1	220.5	259.4
Other physical conditions(f)	36.8	40.8	33.0	49.0	84.4	179.4	212.2
Total	417.6	536.3	649.3	938.7	1 349.9	2 816.4	3 321.4
Mental and behavioural disorders							
Psychoses and mood affective disorders							
Dementia and Alzheimer's	63.5	*3.8	**0.1	**0.9	**0.9	68.3	68.3
Depression and mood affective disorders	15.3	18.3	14.2	34.4	81.3	101.4	110.9
Other	*9.4	*7.6	**2.0	*5.8	23.4	30.0	32.5
Total	88.2	29.7	16.3	41.1	105.5	199.7	211.6
Neurotic, stress-related and somatoform disorders							
Nervous tension and stress	*6.2	*8.8	*9.0	19.1	37.9	56.3	66.9
Other	*10.1	*9.8	*6.0	14.7	40.8	50.6	54.1
Total	16.3	18.6	15.0	33.7	78.7	106.9	121.0
Intellectual and developmental disorders	53.2	33.5	*10.1	28.9	146.6	170.2	188.2
Other mental and behavioural disorders	18.8	32.3	*9.5	14.7	78.6	94.6	116.1
Total	176.5	114.1	51.0	118.4	409.5	571.5	636.9
Total	594.1	650.4	700.3	1 057.1	1 759.4	3 387.9	3 958.3

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CAUSE OF MAIN HEALTH CONDITION

Main health condition	Just came on or due to old age	Disease, illness or hereditary	Accident or injury	Working conditions, work or overwork	Present at birth	Stress, personal or family problems	Allergy, smoking or side effects(a)	Other causes(b)	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Physical conditions									
Cancer, lymphomas and leukaemias	32.9	*10.3	—	np	**1.9	np	*3.2	12.1	62.4
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic disorders	46.3	32.5	np	np	*3.0	**1.6	*4.8	26.2	115.5
Diseases of the nervous system(c)	87.0	47.7	26.7	*10.3	15.4	16.0	**2.0	54.5	259.6
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	30.0	20.0	*6.4	np	16.8	np	*3.8	12.6	91.3
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	71.9	44.0	*8.8	78.9	28.3	np	np	41.8	275.9
Diseases of the circulatory system	143.8	79.2	*6.0	*8.5	*6.3	21.0	19.4	65.5	349.7
Diseases of the respiratory system	64.1	38.7	np	13.7	27.9	np	64.6	27.0	240.5
Diseases of the digestive system	18.0	*5.3	**1.5	**1.9	**1.7	*4.4	**2.1	19.3	54.2
Diseases of the musculo-skeletal system and connective tissue	412.0	127.9	352.8	265.3	16.8	*6.0	12.2	162.0	1 355.1
Congenital and perinatal disorders(d)	np	*6.5	np	np	34.8	—	np	*2.4	45.5
Injury, poisoning and other external causes	np	13.9	172.3	18.4	*5.1	—	17.9	np	259.4
Other physical conditions(e)	68.1	35.6	*7.5	*3.3	12.1	*3.4	16.5	65.6	212.2
Total	988.4	461.6	586.8	402.5	170.1	56.6	148.6	506.9	3 321.4
Mental and behavioural disorders									
Psychoses and mood affective disorders	68.9	43.5	*6.5	*6.1	**1.3	46.6	**2.0	36.7	211.6
Neurotic, stress-related and somatoform disorders	17.4	*9.1	*3.3	14.9	**0.7	40.6	*2.8	32.3	121.0
Intellectual and developmental disorders	23.2	26.7	np	—	81.1	**1.8	np	53.3	188.2
Other mental and behavioural disorders	25.0	16.5	np	—	32.3	11.4	np	28.5	116.1
Total	134.4	95.8	13.5	21.0	115.3	100.4	*5.7	150.7	636.9
Total	1 122.8	557.3	600.3	423.5	285.4	157.0	154.4	657.7	3 958.3

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	Lives alone in a private dwelling	Lives with others in a private dwelling	Lives in a non-private dwelling	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Whether uses aids or equipment				
Uses aids or equipment				
Self care				
Eating	**0.9	19.1	52.8	72.8
Showering or bathing	84.1	186.2	139.5	409.8
Dressing	11.3	48.4	58.0	117.7
Toileting	42.5	103.3	97.8	243.6
Managing incontinence	16.4	61.3	109.1	186.8
All using self-care aids(a)	99.6	250.7	163.3	513.7
Mobility				
Getting into or out of a bed or chair	23.1	76.4	90.4	189.9
Moving about the house or establishment	55.7	155.6	133.7	345.1
Moving around places away from home or establishment	90.7	233.7	122.2	446.7
All using mobility aids(a)	113.7	287.3	163.2	564.2
Communication				
Meal preparation(b)	202.8	619.1	70.9	892.9
Managing health conditions (medical aids)(c)	12.2	46.3	**1.6	60.2
All using aids or equipment(a)	174.7	715.7	94.6	984.9
Does not use aids or equipment	378.7	1 289.4	222.7	1 890.8
Does not use aids or equipment				
333.9	1 676.8	56.8	2 067.5	
Whether uses mobility aids				
Type of mobility aid used				
Canes (Sonar canes, etc)	13.9	33.7	*4.0	51.7
Walking stick	67.0	141.5	31.5	240.1
Crutches	*9.4	13.4	*2.4	25.1
Walking frame	35.4	71.5	72.4	179.3
Wheelchair (Manual)	*6.7	36.5	72.1	115.3
Wheelchair (Electric)	—	*10.0	*4.7	14.7
Scooter	*7.8	11.8	*4.5	24.0
Specially modified car or car aids	**0.4	*6.0	**1.3	*7.7
Other mobility aids	20.7	69.5	39.0	129.3
All using mobility aids(a)	104.0	254.0	154.3	512.4
Does not use a mobility aid	608.5	2 712.2	125.2	3 446.0
Whether uses communication aids				
Type of communication aid used				
Electronic communication aids				
Reading or writing aids	*7.2	26.7	*3.1	36.9
Speaking aids	—	**2.1	**0.2	*2.3
Mobile or cordless telephone(b)	86.0	251.4	12.4	349.8
Fax machine(b)	*5.8	18.0	**1.4	25.1
Non-electronic communication aids				
Reading or writing aids	*9.3	31.7	*8.9	49.9
Speaking aids	—	*7.3	*3.3	10.6
Reading, writing or speaking aid not specified	12.4	85.0	*7.4	104.8
Hearing aid				
Cochlear implant	113.8	291.2	48.8	453.7
Other hearing aids(d)	—	*4.0	**0.7	*4.8
All using communication aids(a)	15.7	46.9	*9.6	72.2
Does not use a communication aid	202.8	619.1	70.9	892.9
509.8	2 347.1	208.6	3 065.5	

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(b) Only asked of people living in households.

(c) Examples include nebulisers, dialysis machines, oxygen concentrator or cylinder.

(d) Examples include hearing dogs, light signals, loops and teletypewriters.

	<i>Lives alone in a private dwelling</i>	<i>Lives with others in a private dwelling</i>	<i>Lives in a non-private dwelling</i>	<i>Total</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Whether home modifications made because of health conditions(a)				
Home modifications made				
Structural changes	*10.1	25.0	..	35.0
Ramps	22.9	57.4	..	80.3
Toilet, bath or laundry modifications	54.8	133.2	..	188.0
Doors widened	**0.7	11.1	..	11.8
Handgrab rails	78.6	156.5	..	235.0
Other home modifications	24.0	73.1	..	97.2
<i>All who have made home modifications(b)</i>	113.8	281.9	..	395.7
No home modifications made	598.7	2 684.4	..	3 283.1
Lives in a non-private dwelling	279.5	279.5
Total	712.6	2 966.2	279.5	3 958.3

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.. not applicable

(a) Not asked of people living in non-private dwellings.

(b) Total may be less than the sum of components as persons may have made more than one type of modification.

	Profound core-activity limitation(a)	Severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate core-activity limitation(a)	Mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction	All with specific limitations or restrictions(b)	All with reported disability(c)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Activities for which assistance needed							
Self care	270.8	258.8	—	—	284.2	529.6	529.6
Mobility	385.4	425.2	—	—	430.6	810.5	810.5
Communication	116.9	89.7	—	—	135.6	206.6	206.6
Cognition or emotion	214.1	212.8	116.4	124.1	560.9	751.6	784.4
Health care	306.5	288.7	183.3	151.4	458.5	953.3	973.9
Paperwork	165.5	91.0	46.3	52.6	206.4	381.0	390.8
Transport	285.1	284.3	150.1	122.6	396.8	858.5	875.7
Housework	273.5	270.8	194.0	149.0	445.6	909.4	918.3
Property maintenance	260.8	312.6	318.8	280.6	608.8	1 213.5	1 239.4
Meal preparation	179.9	84.3	24.4	20.2	135.6	311.0	311.1
All persons needing assistance with at least one activity(d)	440.3	622.9	484.6	523.0	1 256.9	2 229.5	2 324.0
Assistance not needed	**1.3	*9.8	213.2	531.2	502.6	982.7	1 456.5
Activities for which assistance received							
Self care	252.1	227.0	—	—	257.5	479.0	479.0
Mobility	368.9	392.7	—	—	410.0	761.7	761.7
Communication	113.7	86.9	—	—	133.1	200.6	200.6
Cognition or emotion	207.7	203.8	103.2	114.7	533.1	709.4	740.9
Health care	290.4	276.7	170.7	134.5	429.9	893.2	909.3
Paperwork	158.2	88.4	41.8	49.3	195.5	362.2	369.9
Transport	271.8	271.2	131.3	99.9	368.6	786.7	803.8
Housework	268.3	259.2	178.6	134.6	414.8	862.5	870.2
Property maintenance	252.7	301.9	295.9	254.7	569.1	1 143.5	1 167.4
Meal preparation	174.1	83.5	24.1	19.4	132.0	303.3	303.5
All persons receiving assistance with at least one activity(d)	435.4	607.8	453.7	485.8	1 201.0	2 132.3	2 216.8
Assistance not received	*4.9	15.1	30.9	37.2	55.9	97.2	107.2
Extent to which need for assistance met							
Fully met	220.3	362.5	299.7	349.6	714.2	1 330.7	1 402.3
Partly met	215.1	245.3	153.9	136.1	486.7	801.6	814.5
Not met at all	*4.9	15.1	30.9	37.2	55.9	97.2	107.2
Assistance not needed	**1.3	*9.8	213.2	531.2	502.6	982.7	1 456.5
Total	441.6	632.7	697.7	1 054.2	1 759.4	3 212.1	3 780.5

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(d) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may need or receive assistance with more than one activity.

<i>Provider type</i>	<i>Self care</i>	<i>Mobility</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Cognition or emotion</i>	<i>Health care</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
PROFOUND OR SEVERE CORE-ACTIVITY LIMITATION (a)					
Informal providers					
Partner	242.9	320.4	25.8	122.2	206.1
Parent	101.5	146.8	136.9	163.8	97.3
Child	96.0	224.2	27.3	76.2	97.6
Other relative	48.0	102.3	38.5	53.6	42.3
Friend	21.0	85.0	*7.0	36.7	22.5
All receiving assistance from informal provider(b)	449.6	730.8	193.4	389.3	433.4
Formal providers					
Government	58.6	131.9	88.3	102.9	129.4
Private non-profit organisation	18.2	41.1	15.1	21.8	28.2
Private commercial organisation	13.5	26.6	17.4	99.1	171.0
All receiving assistance from formal providers(b)	88.3	188.7	113.3	197.8	298.5
All receiving assistance	479.0	761.7	200.6	411.6	567.1
Assistance not received	50.5	48.9	*6.0	15.3	28.2
All needing assistance	529.6	810.5	206.6	426.8	595.3
ALL WITH REPORTED DISABILITY (c)					
Informal providers					
Partner	242.9	320.4	25.8	229.5	303.3
Parent	101.5	146.8	136.9	264.6	126.3
Child	96.0	224.2	27.3	107.0	129.0
Other relative	48.0	102.3	38.5	91.1	58.0
Friend	21.0	85.0	*7.0	88.2	31.1
All receiving assistance from informal provider(b)	449.6	730.8	193.4	663.9	606.1
Formal providers					
Government	58.6	131.9	88.3	209.0	200.9
Private non-profit organisation	18.2	41.1	15.1	51.6	45.7
Private commercial organisation	13.5	26.6	17.4	235.2	321.8
All receiving assistance from formal providers(b)	88.3	188.7	113.3	436.5	526.6
All receiving assistance	479.0	761.7	200.6	740.9	909.3
Assistance not received	50.5	48.9	*6.0	43.6	64.6
All needing assistance	529.6	810.5	206.6	784.4	973.9

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<i>Provider type</i>	<i>Paperwork</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Housework</i>	<i>Property maintenance</i>	<i>Meal preparation</i>	<i>All needing assistance (a)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
PROFOUND OR SEVERE CORE-ACTIVITY LIMITATION (b)						
Informal providers						
Partner	86.6	212.8	252.9	225.3	114.0	447.2
Parent	44.5	55.1	39.0	34.2	33.7	259.3
Child	80.2	188.2	150.1	177.6	78.7	348.0
Other relative	26.2	56.8	42.6	50.9	19.8	184.0
Friend	12.9	72.0	30.3	49.1	15.0	165.3
All receiving assistance from informal provider(c)	235.6	516.1	458.2	474.7	236.8	1 011.8
Formal providers						
Government	12.8	44.3	91.8	33.8	24.4	378.7
Private non-profit organisation	*6.4	20.3	23.5	26.0	11.7	119.0
Private commercial organisation	*7.1	17.6	50.1	132.9	*7.7	376.7
All receiving assistance from formal providers(c)	25.1	79.1	161.7	181.6	43.4	652.9
All receiving assistance	246.5	542.9	527.5	554.5	257.6	1 043.1
Assistance not received	*10.0	26.4	16.8	18.9	*6.6	20.0
All needing assistance	256.5	569.4	544.3	573.4	264.2	1 063.2

ALL WITH REPORTED DISABILITY (d)

Informal providers						
Partner	133.5	308.3	417.1	465.9	136.1	926.5
Parent	72.9	76.0	55.4	49.5	39.5	419.3
Child	104.0	266.5	228.3	345.4	89.4	632.5
Other relative	41.3	84.2	61.5	92.5	21.6	300.1
Friend	27.5	118.8	51.5	117.6	18.8	329.8
All receiving assistance from informal provider(c)	354.2	758.1	723.9	945.3	278.0	1 975.0
Formal providers						
Government	19.2	61.8	152.2	71.0	27.1	623.6
Private non-profit organisation	*9.0	27.6	36.4	58.0	12.3	207.6
Private commercial organisation	16.8	27.1	99.2	332.1	10.9	837.0
All receiving assistance from formal providers(c)	43.6	111.2	280.3	439.8	49.9	1 329.8
All receiving assistance	369.9	803.8	870.2	1 167.4	303.5	2 216.8
Assistance not received	20.9	71.8	48.1	71.9	*7.7	107.2
All needing assistance	390.8	875.7	918.3	1 239.4	311.1	2 324.0

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	<i>Profound core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Severe core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Moderate core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Mild core-activity limitation (a)</i>	<i>Schooling or employment restriction</i>	<i>All with specific limitations or restrictions (b)</i>	<i>All with reported disability (c)</i>
PROPORTION (%)							
Activities participated in, in last 3 months							
At home							
Visits from family or friends	86.1	91.1	89.5	90.8	89.3	90.2	90.0
Telephone calls with family or friends	80.3	89.8	93.2	94.0	90.2	91.4	91.3
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	10.7	14.7	14.2	13.8	15.7	14.3	14.7
Church or special community activities	7.5	8.1	8.6	7.8	7.0	7.8	7.8
Voluntary work (including advocacy)	*1.9	8.2	8.4	7.5	7.2	6.9	7.4
<i>All participants in these activities (d)</i>	93.3	96.7	96.6	97.5	96.3	96.8	96.3
Did not participate in these activities	6.7	3.3	3.4	2.5	3.7	3.2	2.8
Away from home							
Visited relatives or friends	65.2	85.2	85.4	89.2	87.6	84.8	85.3
Went to restaurant or club	38.1	55.6	61.1	64.5	57.9	58.9	60.8
Church activities	16.8	23.1	24.3	23.3	18.3	21.9	22.1
Voluntary activities	5.5	14.8	18.6	19.5	16.4	16.4	17.3
Performing Arts group activity	3.0	5.4	3.8	5.5	6.2	5.0	5.0
Art or craft group activity	4.3	7.2	7.4	7.1	7.5	7.2	7.4
Other special interest group activities	11.1	15.3	15.5	15.7	14.7	15.2	15.7
<i>All participants in these activities (d)</i>	76.0	92.1	91.8	94.7	92.9	91.2	91.3
Did not participate in these activities	18.0	7.5	7.8	5.2	6.5	7.7	6.9
Does not leave home	6.0	*0.5	*0.4	**0.1	0.6	1.1	0.9
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months							
Visited museum or art gallery	9.8	18.1	20.0	20.7	21.3	19.3	20.4
Visited library	20.2	33.1	32.2	34.1	37.6	33.0	33.8
Attended theatre or concert	11.6	23.5	23.8	26.8	24.1	23.7	25.3
Attended cinema	22.1	41.5	37.4	42.3	49.5	40.6	42.7
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	16.7	28.0	24.6	27.3	32.3	27.0	28.7
Took part in sport or physical recreation	13.5	23.4	21.3	28.1	29.5	25.4	28.1
Attended sporting event as a spectator	12.8	26.8	25.3	27.2	32.4	26.5	28.7
<i>All participants in these activities (d)</i>	45.8	71.1	69.0	74.8	77.9	70.5	72.3
Did not participate in these activities	48.2	28.5	30.6	25.1	21.5	28.4	25.9
Does not leave home	6.0	*0.5	*0.4	**0.1	0.6	1.1	0.9
Main activity participated in away from home, in last 12 months							
Visited relatives or friends	46.0	53.3	51.6	52.1	56.0	51.8	51.5
Went to restaurant or club	9.7	7.2	9.6	9.0	6.8	8.7	8.4
Church activities	6.7	8.1	8.9	8.7	5.7	7.8	7.5
Voluntary activities	*1.2	3.0	4.0	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.2
Other special interest group activities	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.0	3.4	3.4
Visited library	*1.6	4.7	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.4
Attended cinema	*1.7	2.3	*1.5	2.1	2.8	2.0	2.1
Took part in sport or physical recreation	3.1	6.5	5.5	7.9	7.2	6.8	7.7
Attended sporting event as a spectator	*1.8	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.7	2.9	2.9
Other culture or leisure activity	*2.0	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.9
<i>All participants in these activities</i>	77.8	94.7	93.6	96.5	95.3	93.2	93.1
Did not participate in these activities or does not leave home	22.2	5.3	6.4	3.5	4.7	6.8	6.0

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Total (e)	419.5	619.1	696.4	1 053.6	1 759.4	3 174.4	3 727.1
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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Whether uses public transport							
Uses public transport							
Available in local area	86.2	223.9	264.8	423.4	639.3	1 144.2	1 362.9
Not available in local area or not known	*8.3	16.0	21.9	29.6	51.1	88.3	101.3
Total	94.6	239.9	286.7	453.1	690.5	1 232.4	1 464.3
Does not use public transport							
Available in local area	243.7	286.9	314.3	439.3	814.5	1 465.0	1 697.1
Not available in local area or not known	56.2	89.4	92.8	159.8	244.0	443.2	498.3
Total	299.8	376.2	407.0	599.1	1 058.4	1 908.1	2 195.4
Whether uses a concession card for public transport							
Uses concession card							
Pension or benefit card	53.5	128.8	168.9	247.3	304.8	644.3	716.0
Seniors Card	11.9	27.7	49.4	71.9	17.3	164.9	197.6
Other concession card	13.1	25.3	22.5	33.6	87.4	116.8	138.0
Total(d)	72.8	169.7	221.1	325.7	403.8	861.0	976.1
Does not use a concession card	21.8	70.2	65.6	127.4	286.6	371.4	488.2
Whether able to use public transport							
Could use all forms of public transport							
Help or supervision needed	71.1	90.6	26.7	35.5	134.8	223.9	223.9
No help needed but has difficulty	12.4	76.1	90.2	64.4	162.2	243.2	243.2
No difficulty	35.9	273.1	450.5	815.8	1 127.8	1 949.5	2 457.0
Total	119.3	439.9	567.4	915.7	1 424.7	2 416.5	2 924.1
Could use some but not all forms							
Help or supervision needed	71.9	46.5	22.3	11.1	70.3	151.8	151.8
No help needed but has difficulty	*9.2	13.7	18.5	*9.2	23.8	50.6	50.6
No difficulty	*4.5	17.6	19.7	24.0	43.9	75.7	87.3
Total	85.6	77.8	60.4	44.3	138.0	278.1	289.7
Not able to use any form of public transport	189.4	98.4	65.8	92.2	186.1	445.9	445.9
Whether has difficulty using public transport							
Has difficulty using public transport							
Getting to stops or on stations	141.4	87.0	49.0	42.5	120.0	319.9	319.9
Getting into or out of vehicles or carriages, due to:							
Steps	180.8	151.7	100.5	56.4	184.3	489.3	489.3
Doors	74.3	23.7	12.2	8.0	31.5	118.3	118.3
Other reasons	39.0	13.0	6.9	6.9	20.9	65.9	65.9
Inadequate access to toilets	20.5	5.6	6.0	2.3	13.0	34.4	34.4
Crowds or lack of space	34.8	30.3	14.6	16.0	64.3	95.7	95.7
Poor ventilation	7.3	7.4	2.8	3.7	14.3	21.2	21.2
Lack of seating or difficulty standing	73.4	55.5	44.0	19.2	92.2	192.2	192.2
Pain or discomfort when sitting exacerbates condition	70.3	58.5	61.0	20.9	120.3	210.8	210.8
Cognitive difficulties	48.5	27.0	5.1	9.1	65.2	89.8	89.8
Behavioural problems	30.0	15.3	—	7.7	50.9	53.1	53.1
Fear or anxiety	56.9	36.7	22.7	28.9	108.1	145.2	145.2
Sight problems	31.4	17.4	5.7	7.7	23.6	62.2	62.2
Other	44.8	40.2	33.3	64.4	97.4	182.7	182.7
All who have difficulty using public transport(e)	354.0	325.5	223.6	212.3	577.2	1 115.4	1 115.4
Has no difficulty using public transport	40.4	290.7	470.1	839.8	1 171.7	2 025.1	2 544.3
Does not leave home	25.1	2.9	2.7	1.4	10.5	33.9	34.1
Total(f)	419.5	619.1	696.4	1 053.6	1 759.4	3 174.4	3 727.1

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<i>Mode of transport and reason for last journey</i>	<i>Profound or severe core-activity limitation(b)</i>	<i>Moderate core-activity limitation(b)</i>	<i>Mild core-activity limitation(b)</i>	<i>Schooling or employment restriction</i>	<i>All with specific limitations or restrictions(c)</i>	<i>All with reported disability(d)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Passenger in a motor vehicle						
Work, school or education institution	86.0	14.4	32.9	142.2	160.5	193.7
Visit general practitioner	80.3	13.1	18.8	41.9	115.8	119.5
Visit medical specialist	51.4	*8.3	15.7	34.7	78.7	81.2
Shopping	139.9	68.1	94.5	141.2	318.3	341.3
Visiting relatives or friends	83.0	38.8	42.5	92.5	181.4	201.7
Other activities	98.1	42.5	50.0	81.8	203.6	220.1
<i>Total</i>	538.6	185.3	254.4	534.4	1 058.3	1 157.4
Driver of a motor vehicle						
Work, school or education institution	61.7	97.2	162.1	293.5	415.7	557.8
Visit general practitioner	23.8	32.0	36.9	57.5	100.9	105.4
Visit medical specialist	*9.6	15.7	20.2	29.0	50.3	56.6
Shopping	85.7	129.3	214.5	265.7	494.3	570.2
Visiting relatives or friends	37.5	53.1	90.8	121.4	203.1	247.2
Other activities	29.8	48.1	77.9	78.3	176.2	223.7
<i>Total</i>	248.1	375.3	602.5	845.4	1 440.6	1 761.0
Public transport						
Work, school or education institution	22.2	11.1	26.4	68.3	83.7	111.5
Visit general practitioner	*7.0	*4.7	*7.9	11.2	21.3	22.0
Visit medical specialist	*3.3	**1.6	**1.0	*4.4	*6.6	*6.6
Shopping	*9.3	17.3	20.6	30.7	52.0	59.8
Visiting relatives or friends	*4.3	*6.2	*6.9	18.5	24.7	26.3
Other activities	*5.4	*8.2	14.4	17.5	32.1	39.1
<i>Total</i>	51.6	49.2	77.2	150.6	220.4	265.2
Walked or other						
Work, school or education institution	29.1	*8.9	21.8	63.3	78.2	98.3
Visit general practitioner	*10.2	*5.2	*3.2	12.8	23.9	26.0
Visit medical specialist	*7.4	**2.1	**0.3	*3.5	10.4	10.4
Shopping	27.2	26.7	36.4	48.6	98.4	115.7
Visiting relatives or friends	14.3	12.3	18.5	28.9	51.3	54.5
Other activities	16.5	15.7	19.4	24.7	55.9	64.5
<i>Total</i>	104.7	70.9	99.6	181.9	318.1	369.3
Did not make a journey in the last fortnight	67.5	13.1	18.4	36.6	103.0	106.8
Does not leave home	28.0	*2.7	**1.4	10.5	33.9	34.1
Total(e)	1 038.6	696.4	1 053.6	1 759.4	3 174.4	3 727.1

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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Has a current driver's licence							
Drives daily	19.6	192.0	346.1	574.0	824.6	1 358.8	1 697.5
Drives at least once a week	29.7	120.1	155.5	202.1	271.1	544.3	607.5
Drives at least once a month	*8.8	19.9	13.6	17.2	35.0	63.0	67.1
Drives at least once a year	*7.5	*8.1	*8.0	11.5	19.7	38.6	42.4
Does not drive at all	41.7	21.4	21.7	20.0	51.0	111.9	114.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>107.3</i>	<i>361.5</i>	<i>544.9</i>	<i>824.8</i>	<i>1 201.5</i>	<i>2 116.6</i>	<i>2 528.9</i>
Does not have a current driver's licence	224.4	170.8	133.0	172.9	307.1	751.6	843.1
Not asked or does not leave home	24.4	*2.9	*2.7	**1.4	*9.9	33.3	33.5
Need for assistance with private transport							
Always needs to be driven	249.2	126.0	55.4	45.8	165.0	482.4	488.4
Sometimes needs to be driven	34.9	156.7	94.1	76.5	228.2	372.6	383.8
Does not need to be driven but has difficulty	*10.1	27.5	50.8	16.6	71.6	108.9	110.8
Need not related to disability	18.9	48.1	64.5	89.5	111.4	242.4	264.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>313.1</i>	<i>358.4</i>	<i>264.8</i>	<i>228.4</i>	<i>576.3</i>	<i>1 206.4</i>	<i>1 247.5</i>
No assistance needed	18.6	173.9	413.1	769.3	932.4	1 661.8	2 124.5
Does not leave home	24.4	*2.9	*2.7	**1.4	*9.9	33.3	33.5
Total	356.2	535.2	680.6	999.1	1 518.5	2 901.5	3 405.5

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PROPORTION (%)							
Whether used a computer in the last 12 months							
Used a computer							
At home only	10.8	15.9	15.8	15.4	19.9	15.2	14.8
Away from home only	3.1	6.5	7.4	7.5	9.5	7.2	7.4
Both at home and away from home	5.2	23.2	20.1	21.9	31.4	22.3	24.7
Did not use a computer	81.0	54.4	56.6	55.2	39.2	55.3	52.2
Where computer used in last 12 months							
Used a computer							
Home	16.0	39.1	36.0	37.3	51.3	37.5	39.5
Work or business	*2.6	13.5	14.8	16.6	21.5	15.6	18.2
School	*2.9	3.4	1.9	2.9	5.4	3.3	3.5
Educational institution	*1.1	5.2	4.1	3.5	7.1	4.5	5.1
Other(d)	5.4	20.1	17.3	18.5	26.1	19.0	20.6
All persons who used a computer(e)	19.0	45.6	43.4	44.8	60.8	44.7	47.0
Did not use a computer	81.0	54.4	56.6	55.2	39.2	55.3	53.0
Purposes of computer use at home in last 12 months							
Used a computer							
Work or business	*1.6	11.8	12.7	12.9	17.2	12.5	14.3
Education or study	3.2	12.9	10.5	10.0	16.8	11.4	12.7
Volunteer or community groups	*0.8	5.8	4.1	4.0	5.6	4.3	4.6
Personal or private	14.5	35.1	32.8	34.5	46.8	34.3	36.4
Other	*1.5	2.5	2.6	1.8	3.2	2.3	2.6
All persons who used a computer(e)	16.0	39.1	36.0	37.3	51.3	37.5	39.5
Did not use a computer at home	84.0	60.9	64.0	62.7	48.7	62.5	60.5
Whether used the Internet in last 12 months							
Used the Internet							
At home only	6.1	15.0	12.8	12.1	17.3	12.6	12.8
Away from home only	3.7	7.6	7.5	8.0	11.4	8.0	8.6
Both at home and away from home	4.4	13.9	12.9	14.4	21.1	14.9	16.9
Did not use the Internet	85.8	63.5	66.8	65.5	50.2	64.5	61.0
Where Internet used in last 12 months							
Used the Internet							
Home	10.6	28.9	25.7	26.5	38.5	27.5	29.6
Work or business	*2.5	9.9	10.2	12.2	15.2	11.2	13.3
School	*2.5	2.2	1.8	2.2	4.5	2.6	2.8
Educational institution	*0.8	3.2	3.1	2.7	5.6	3.5	4.1
Other(d)	5.0	13.6	12.7	13.3	20.4	14.4	15.9
All persons who used the Internet(e)	14.2	36.5	33.2	34.5	49.8	35.5	38.2
Did not use the Internet	85.8	63.5	66.8	65.5	50.2	64.5	61.8
Purposes of Internet use at home in last 12 months							
Used the Internet							
Work or business	*1.7	10.1	8.4	9.7	13.0	9.5	11.0
Education or study	3.5	10.0	8.6	8.3	14.5	9.7	10.9
Volunteer or community groups	*0.7	4.3	2.7	3.0	4.2	3.0	3.2
Personal or private	10.0	27.0	24.4	25.1	36.1	25.9	28.0
Other	*0.6	*1.0	1.8	*0.9	1.8	1.3	1.5
All persons who used the Internet at home(e)	10.6	28.9	25.7	26.5	38.5	27.5	29.6
Did not use the Internet at home	89.4	71.1	74.3	73.5	61.5	72.5	70.4

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Total(f)	362.6	545.4	684.9	1 012.0	1 559.8	2 947.8	3 461.0
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(d) Includes public library; government agency, department or shopfront; Internet or cyber cafe; community or voluntary organisation; and house of a neighbour, friend or relative.

(e) Total may be less than the sum of the components as people may use technology at more than one place or for more than one purpose.

(f) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary for further details.

	60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years	75-79 years	80-84 years	85-89 years	90 years and over	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Activities for which assistance needed								
Personal activities(a)								
Self care	41.1	42.8	52.0	64.0	77.5	66.4	53.4	397.3
Mobility	55.3	50.2	71.9	93.7	114.0	89.3	63.9	538.2
Communication	*7.4	11.8	13.9	18.0	31.9	32.7	31.5	147.3
Cognition or emotion	46.9	35.7	36.7	48.2	62.2	56.5	42.7	328.9
Health care	75.2	69.9	113.9	128.8	147.6	102.8	66.8	705.0
<i>All needing assistance with personal activities(b)</i>	<i>123.1</i>	<i>111.3</i>	<i>144.0</i>	<i>157.1</i>	<i>171.7</i>	<i>114.9</i>	<i>73.6</i>	<i>895.6</i>
Paperwork	26.5	25.7	33.7	56.9	70.0	66.8	45.4	325.0
Transport	61.8	60.4	98.1	118.9	122.4	82.9	33.8	578.3
Housework	77.1	68.3	93.9	107.6	109.9	66.2	27.4	550.3
Property maintenance	142.5	113.5	148.3	166.1	136.2	75.6	32.5	814.8
Meal preparation	16.7	15.3	26.3	40.9	38.7	34.8	14.3	187.0
<i>All needing assistance with at least one activity(b)</i>	<i>220.2</i>	<i>187.6</i>	<i>237.5</i>	<i>260.7</i>	<i>239.8</i>	<i>151.7</i>	<i>87.3</i>	<i>1 384.8</i>
Assistance not needed	631.3	514.0	384.5	264.5	126.5	39.8	*4.8	1 965.5
Total	851.5	701.6	622.0	525.2	366.3	191.5	92.1	3 350.2

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(a) These activities were only asked of persons with a disability.

(b) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may need assistance with more than one activity.

Activities for which assistance needed	EXTENT TO WHICH NEED MET			Total	Proportion of all older people needing assistance
	Fully	Partly	Not at all		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
MALES					
Personal activities(a)					
Self care	90.3	*4.8	12.0	107.1	7.2
Mobility	114.6	11.3	11.4	137.3	9.2
Communication	19.0	*2.3	**0.6	21.9	1.5
Cognition or emotion	55.6	11.5	*4.2	71.3	4.8
Health care	185.5	22.2	12.3	220.0	14.8
All needing assistance with personal activities(b)	218.5	55.6	17.5	291.6	19.6
Paperwork	76.0	*7.8	*5.0	88.8	6.0
Transport	164.7	19.4	28.8	212.8	14.3
Housework	141.6	22.1	*10.2	173.9	11.7
Property maintenance	215.8	48.0	21.0	284.7	19.1
Meal preparation	66.2	*6.1	*2.7	75.1	5.0
All needing assistance with at least one activity(b)	299.6	136.7	32.1	468.3	31.4
FEMALES					
Personal activities(a)					
Self care	118.2	*8.1	12.4	138.7	8.2
Mobility	210.0	27.6	17.9	255.5	15.1
Communication	18.7	**1.6	**0.3	20.6	1.2
Cognition or emotion	89.3	18.6	*8.0	115.9	6.9
Health care	273.8	24.4	27.3	325.5	19.2
All needing assistance with personal activities(b)	328.5	89.8	24.0	442.3	26.1
Paperwork	100.9	*4.4	*3.8	109.2	6.5
Transport	297.1	33.5	35.0	365.5	21.6
Housework	306.3	53.2	16.9	376.4	22.2
Property maintenance	417.6	87.6	24.9	530.1	31.3
Meal preparation	102.3	*8.2	**1.4	111.9	6.6
All needing assistance with at least one activity(b)	488.5	226.8	37.9	753.2	44.5
PERSONS					
Personal activities(a)					
Self care	208.5	12.9	24.4	245.8	7.7
Mobility	324.6	38.9	29.3	392.8	12.3
Communication	37.7	*3.9	**0.9	42.5	1.3
Cognition or emotion	144.9	30.1	12.2	187.2	5.9
Health care	459.3	46.6	39.6	545.5	17.1
All needing assistance with personal activities(b)	547.1	145.4	41.5	733.9	23.1
Paperwork	176.9	12.2	*8.9	197.9	6.2
Transport	461.7	52.8	63.8	578.3	18.2
Housework	447.9	75.3	27.1	550.3	17.3
Property maintenance	633.3	135.6	45.9	814.8	25.6
Meal preparation	168.6	14.3	*4.1	187.0	5.9
All needing assistance with at least one activity(b)	788.1	363.4	70.0	1 221.5	38.4

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ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Provider type	Self care	Mobility	Communication	Cognition or emotion	Health care
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Informal providers					
Female partner	72.6	77.6	13.4	43.7	102.0
Male partner	54.6	74.0	*4.7	28.4	62.6
Daughter	48.9	106.5	16.7	51.7	63.6
Son	19.4	64.6	*5.5	24.8	22.4
Other female relative	12.4	35.6	*5.7	14.8	21.4
Other male relative	*8.9	33.9	*5.5	*7.1	13.0
Female friend or neighbour	*4.4	22.0	np	*9.6	*7.0
Male friend or neighbour	*2.2	10.8	np	*3.5	*3.8
<i>All receiving assistance from informal providers(a)</i>	200.0	341.4	41.0	158.7	280.6
Formal providers					
Government	39.0	57.2	**1.6	27.0	128.7
Private non-profit organisation	12.3	22.3	np	*6.2	31.2
Private commercial organisation	*8.9	15.4	np	43.5	189.7
<i>All receiving assistance from formal providers(a)</i>	58.5	90.1	*2.8	67.8	327.2
All receiving assistance(a)	221.4	363.5	41.6	175.0	505.9
Assistance not received	24.4	29.3	**0.9	12.2	39.6
All needing assistance	245.8	392.8	42.5	187.2	545.5

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np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

(a) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may receive assistance from more than one provider.

ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE NEEDED *continued*

<i>Provider type</i>	<i>Paperwork</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Housework</i>	<i>Property maintenance</i>	<i>Meal preparation</i>	<i>All needing assistance(a)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Informal providers						
Female partner	46.1	72.9	88.1	95.2	47.1	225.2
Male partner	24.5	90.4	114.5	134.4	33.8	227.7
Daughter	62.6	163.3	109.0	96.9	54.7	279.4
Son	32.0	97.9	50.4	152.5	20.1	231.1
Other female relative	16.2	47.4	32.9	19.3	12.7	92.4
Other male relative	*9.4	40.6	20.0	94.4	*7.1	127.5
Female friend or neighbour	*4.1	33.7	14.4	12.3	*4.1	67.9
Male friend or neighbour	*4.8	25.1	*7.1	47.8	**1.3	80.4
<i>All receiving assistance from informal providers(b)</i>	182.0	479.5	383.5	562.9	160.1	959.4
Formal providers						
Government	*5.8	43.8	141.9	67.3	24.9	325.9
Private non-profit organisation	**1.9	17.3	31.3	44.9	*8.8	111.7
Private commercial organisation	*6.7	22.6	74.5	268.5	*7.3	469.1
<i>All receiving assistance from formal providers(b)</i>	14.3	79.8	243.1	363.2	41.1	702.6
All receiving assistance(b)	189.1	514.6	523.2	768.9	182.8	1 151.5
Assistance not received	*8.9	63.8	27.1	45.9	*4.1	70.0
All needing assistance	197.9	578.3	550.3	814.8	187.0	1 221.5

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(b) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may receive assistance from more than one provider.

PERSONS AGED 60 AND OVER, LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Disability status by Sex and
Principal source of personal income

Principal source of personal income	Profound core-activity limitation(a)	Severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate core-activity limitation(a)	Mild core-activity limitation(a)	All with specific limitations or restrictions(b)	All with reported disability(c)	No reported disability	Total
NUMBER ('000)								
Males								
Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income	*2.2	*4.1	16.5	25.4	54.8	72.9	216.6	289.5
Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income(d)	*8.9	12.9	24.9	52.6	102.1	127.5	173.2	300.7
Government pension or allowance	67.8	74.5	106.5	195.8	453.0	504.4	319.6	824.0
Total(e)	81.2	97.9	155.8	285.6	638.4	739.2	751.9	1 491.1
Females								
Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income	—	*3.0	*7.3	11.0	22.1	28.8	106.0	134.9
Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income(d)	12.9	14.2	27.7	41.4	97.5	107.9	175.5	283.4
Government pension or allowance	140.8	115.6	143.9	179.4	587.6	643.3	527.2	1 170.5
Total(e)	159.6	139.7	185.9	249.9	745.7	820.4	871.4	1 691.8
Persons								
Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income	*2.2	*7.1	23.7	36.4	76.9	101.7	322.6	424.3
Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income(d)	21.9	27.2	52.6	94.0	199.6	235.4	348.7	584.1
Government pension or allowance	208.7	190.0	250.4	375.2	1 040.6	1 147.7	846.8	1 994.5
Total(e)	240.8	237.6	341.7	535.5	1 384.1	1 559.6	1 623.3	3 182.9
PROPORTION (%)								
Males								
Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income	*2.7	*4.2	10.6	8.9	8.6	9.9	28.8	19.4
Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income(d)	*11.0	13.2	16.0	18.4	16.0	17.2	23.0	20.2
Government pension or allowance	83.5	76.1	68.3	68.5	71.0	68.2	42.5	55.3
Total(e)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Females								
Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income	—	*2.2	*3.9	4.4	3.0	3.5	12.2	8.0
Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income(d)	8.1	10.2	14.9	16.6	13.1	13.2	20.1	16.8
Government pension or allowance	88.2	82.7	77.4	71.8	78.8	78.4	60.5	69.2
Total(e)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Persons								
Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income	*0.9	*3.0	6.9	6.8	5.6	6.5	19.9	13.3
Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income(d)	9.1	11.4	15.4	17.6	14.4	15.1	21.5	18.4
Government pension or allowance	86.6	80.0	73.3	70.1	75.2	73.6	52.2	62.7
Total(e)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)					(d) Includes child support or maintenance, workers' compensation, and profit or loss from rental property.			
(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.					(e) Includes persons whose principal source of personal income is from other sources or is not known.			
(b) Includes schooling or employment restriction. This was only asked of persons aged 60–64 years in this table.								

<i>Principal source of personal income</i>	<i>Profound core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>Severe core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>Moderate core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>Mild core-activity limitation(a)</i>	<i>All with specific limitations or restrictions(b)</i>	<i>All with reported disability(c)</i>	<i>No reported disability</i>	<i>Total</i>
MEDIAN GROSS PERSONAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES PER WEEK (\$)								
Males								
Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income	*326	*385	576	560	576	576	711	672
Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income(d)	*426	496	403	519	499	496	525	518
Government pension or allowance	191	198	205	200	200	200	202	201
Total(e)	198	211	221	220	218	220	289	231
Females								
Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income	—	*404	*346	419	404	448	577	523
Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income(d)	346	332	338	461	386	385	369	381
Government pension or allowance	215	210	212	211	212	212	202	210
Total(e)	215	211	216	220	215	215	217	216
Persons								
Wages or salary, own unincorporated business income	*326	*404	570	480	511	538	672	650
Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income(d)	400	423	380	500	445	450	455	451
Government pension or allowance	211	205	211	206	210	210	202	206
Total(e)	211	211	220	220	215	218	226	221

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Includes schooling or employment restriction. This was only asked of persons aged 60–64 years in this table.

(c) Includes those who do not have a specific limitation or restriction.

(d) Includes child support or maintenance, workers' compensation, and profit or loss from rental property.

(e) Includes persons whose principal source of personal income is from other sources or is not known.

	LIVING IN A PRIVATE DWELLING			All living in households(a)
	Living alone	Living with others	Total	
PROPORTION (%)				
Activities participated in, in last 3 months				
At home				
Visits from family or friends	87.7	92.2	91.1	91.2
Telephone calls with family or friends	92.9	93.5	93.4	93.5
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	13.6	11.9	12.3	12.7
Church or special community activities	8.0	9.5	9.1	9.5
Voluntary work (including advocacy)	8.3	8.8	8.7	9.1
All participants in these activities(b)	96.2	97.4	97.1	97.2
Did not participate in these activities	3.8	2.6	2.9	2.8
Away from home				
Visited relatives or friends	82.2	86.0	85.1	85.2
Went to restaurant or club	59.0	65.4	63.8	64.5
Church activities	24.5	28.3	27.4	28.0
Voluntary activities	19.5	19.8	19.7	20.6
Performing Arts group activity	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
Art or craft group activity	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.9
Other special interest group activities	18.4	15.5	16.2	16.8
All participants in these activities(b)	89.9	92.2	91.7	91.9
Did not participate in these activities	8.9	7.1	7.6	7.4
Does not leave home	*1.2	0.6	0.8	0.7
Activities participated in away from home, in last 12 months				
Visited museum or art gallery	20.7	21.0	20.9	21.1
Visited library	32.4	30.7	31.1	31.5
Attended theatre or concert	26.5	27.5	27.3	28.0
Attended cinema	30.8	34.0	33.2	33.6
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	20.8	24.7	23.8	23.9
Took part in sport or physical recreation away from home	20.9	26.2	24.9	25.0
Attended sporting event as spectator	17.7	23.6	22.1	22.0
All participants in these activities(b)	65.9	68.8	68.1	68.7
Did not participate in these activities	32.9	30.6	31.2	30.6
Does not leave home	*1.2	0.6	0.8	0.7
Main activity participated in away from home, in last 12 months				
Visited relatives or friends	46.1	46.1	46.1	45.8
Went to restaurant or club	10.3	10.9	10.8	10.8
Church activities	7.9	10.7	10.0	10.2
Voluntary activities	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.0
Performing Arts group activity	*0.6	*0.3	0.4	0.4
Art or craft group activity	2.5	1.5	1.7	1.7
Other special interest group activities	5.2	3.5	3.9	4.1
Visited museum or art gallery	*0.5	*0.4	0.4	0.4
Visited library	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.9
Attended theatre or concert	*0.9	0.5	0.6	0.6
Attended cinema	1.8	1.1	1.3	1.3
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	*0.3	*0.4	0.4	0.4
Took part in sport or physical recreation away from home	6.8	9.1	8.6	8.7
Attended sporting event as spectator	*1.2	1.6	1.5	1.5
All participants in these activities	92.6	93.9	93.6	93.8
Did not participate in these activities	6.2	5.4	5.6	5.5
Does not leave home	*1.2	0.6	0.8	0.7
NUMBER ('000)				
Total	762.2	2 298.0	3 060.2	3 182.9

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(a) Includes non-private dwellings other than cared accommodation.

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	LIVING IN A PRIVATE DWELLING			
	<i>Living alone</i>	<i>Living with others</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>All living in households(a)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Whether used a computer in the last 12 months				
Used a computer				
At home only	61.8	334.5	396.4	410.6
Away from home only	52.0	82.2	134.2	139.2
Both at home and away from home	49.2	296.4	345.6	356.9
Did not use a computer	599.3	1 584.9	2 184.1	2 276.3
Where computer used in last 12 months				
Used a computer				
Home	111.0	630.9	741.9	767.4
Work or business	36.2	206.7	242.9	247.3
Educational institution	11.5	33.9	45.4	45.9
Other(b)	73.6	227.4	301.0	314.0
<i>All persons who used a computer(c)</i>	163.0	713.1	876.1	906.6
Did not use a computer	599.3	1 584.9	2 184.1	2 276.3
Purposes of computer use at home in last 12 months				
Used a computer				
Work or business	25.8	190.7	216.5	221.6
Education or study	21.4	123.6	145.1	149.5
Volunteer or community groups	20.9	104.5	125.4	135.7
Personal or private	107.9	594.1	702.0	727.0
Other	*9.6	52.5	62.2	64.3
<i>All persons who used a computer at home(c)</i>	111.0	630.9	741.9	767.4
Did not use a computer at home	651.2	1 667.1	2 318.3	2 415.4
Whether used the Internet in last 12 months				
Used the Internet				
At home only	46.5	256.8	303.3	314.4
Away from home only	35.1	84.3	119.4	122.0
Both at home and away from home	24.4	186.4	210.9	216.5
Did not use the Internet	656.3	1 770.4	2 426.7	2 530.0
Where Internet used in last 12 months				
Used the Internet				
Home	70.9	443.3	514.2	530.9
Work or business	23.5	153.5	177.0	181.4
Educational institution	*6.4	22.0	28.4	28.9
Other(b)	39.3	161.2	200.5	205.8
<i>All persons who used the Internet(c)</i>	106.0	527.6	633.5	652.8
Did not use the Internet	656.3	1 770.4	2 426.7	2 530.0
Purposes of Internet use at home in last 12 months				
Used the Internet				
Work or business	18.7	137.1	155.8	161.1
Education or study	14.5	107.1	121.6	125.4
Volunteer or community groups	10.8	59.0	69.8	74.8
Personal or private	68.4	426.8	495.1	510.5
Other	*3.1	28.5	31.5	33.2
<i>All persons who used the Internet at home(c)</i>	70.9	443.3	514.2	530.9
Did not use the Internet at home	691.4	1 854.7	2 546.1	2 652.0
Total	762.2	2 298.0	3 060.2	3 182.9

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(b) Includes public library; government agency, department or shopfront; Internet or cyber cafe; community or voluntary organisation; and house of a neighbour, friend or relative.

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ALL PERSONS, LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Carer status by Age

	Less than 18 years	18-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65-74 years	75 years and over	Total
MALES (%)									
Carer									
Primary carer(a)	**0.1	*0.3	*0.6	1.2	2.4	2.5	3.6	5.7	1.4
Not a primary carer	3.5	8.8	8.8	12.1	13.9	17.0	18.5	18.5	10.6
Total carers	3.6	9.1	9.5	13.3	16.3	19.4	22.1	24.3	12.0
Not a carer	96.4	90.9	90.5	86.7	83.7	80.6	77.9	75.7	88.0
MALES ('000)									
Total	2 432.6	998.2	1 483.4	1 474.7	1 346.4	1 006.0	632.0	432.6	9 806.0
FEMALES (%)									
Carer									
Primary carer(a)	**0.1	1.3	2.4	4.4	6.2	7.6	5.7	4.5	3.4
Not a primary carer	3.5	7.7	9.7	15.1	16.2	16.5	13.5	8.9	10.6
Total carers	3.6	9.0	12.1	19.5	22.4	24.1	19.2	13.3	14.1
Not a carer	96.4	91.0	87.9	80.5	77.6	75.9	80.8	86.7	85.9
FEMALES ('000)									
Total	2 307.3	968.8	1 468.3	1 478.5	1 346.0	983.1	674.2	596.3	9 822.6
PERSONS (%)									
Carer									
Primary carer(a)	*0.1	0.8	1.5	2.8	4.3	5.0	4.7	5.0	2.4
Not a primary carer	3.5	8.2	9.3	13.6	15.1	16.7	15.9	12.9	10.6
Total carers	3.6	9.0	10.7	16.4	19.3	21.8	20.6	17.9	13.0
Not a carer	96.4	91.0	89.3	83.6	80.7	78.2	79.4	82.1	87.0
PERSONS ('000)									
Total	4 739.9	1 967.0	2 951.8	2 953.2	2 692.5	1 989.1	1 306.2	1 028.9	19 628.6

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(a) Primary carers only include persons aged 15 years and over for whom a personal interview was conducted. Persons aged 15 to 17 were only interviewed personally if parental permission was granted.

	Primary carer	Not a primary carer	Total carers	Not a carer	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES					
State or territory of usual residence					
New South Wales	42.1	298.9	341.0	2 949.2	3 290.2
Victoria	35.7	285.6	321.3	2 120.2	2 441.5
Queensland	28.9	211.2	240.1	1 635.1	1 875.2
South Australia	11.6	93.4	105.0	641.4	746.5
Western Australia	10.4	103.9	114.3	869.2	983.5
Tasmania	*5.2	27.2	32.4	199.7	232.1
Australian Capital Territory	**2.0	13.9	15.9	142.0	157.9
Remoteness					
Major cities	85.7	659.9	745.6	5 705.0	6 450.6
Inner regional	36.0	246.2	282.2	1 861.6	2 143.8
Other(a)	14.5	132.4	146.8	1 064.8	1 211.6
Australia(b)	136.2	1 038.4	1 174.6	8 631.4	9 806.0
FEMALES					
State or territory of usual residence					
New South Wales	107.6	299.4	407.0	2 891.3	3 298.3
Victoria	80.9	288.2	369.2	2 094.6	2 463.7
Queensland	82.4	213.2	295.7	1 576.9	1 872.6
South Australia	25.7	92.0	117.7	637.5	755.1
Western Australia	28.4	104.1	132.5	833.2	965.7
Tasmania	*9.4	27.6	37.0	201.3	238.3
Australian Capital Territory	**1.8	16.4	18.3	140.6	158.9
Remoteness					
Major cities	209.6	668.8	878.4	5 642.3	6 520.7
Inner regional	81.0	260.5	341.5	1 799.0	2 140.5
Other(a)	47.9	114.6	162.5	998.9	1 161.4
Australia(b)	338.4	1 043.9	1 382.3	8 440.3	9 822.6
PERSONS					
State or territory of usual residence					
New South Wales	149.7	598.3	748.0	5 840.5	6 588.5
Victoria	116.6	573.8	690.4	4 214.8	4 905.2
Queensland	111.3	424.4	535.8	3 212.1	3 747.8
South Australia	37.3	185.4	222.7	1 278.9	1 501.6
Western Australia	38.8	208.0	246.8	1 702.4	1 949.2
Tasmania	14.6	54.8	69.5	401.0	470.4
Australian Capital Territory	*3.8	30.4	34.2	282.6	316.7
Remoteness					
Major cities	295.3	1 328.7	1 624.0	11 347.3	12 971.3
Inner regional	117.0	506.6	623.6	3 660.7	4 284.3
Other(a)	62.3	247.0	309.3	2 063.7	2 373.0
Australia(b)	474.6	2 082.3	2 557.0	17 071.6	19 628.6

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(b) Includes Northern Territory. Estimates for Northern Territory are not shown separately as they are not considered reliable. See Explanatory Notes for further details.

		Primary carer	Not a primary carer	Total carers	Not a carer	Total
Equivalised gross household income quintiles(a)						
Lowest quintile(b)	'000	123.9	393.3	517.2	1 930.2	2 447.4
Second quintile	'000	118.4	387.7	506.1	1 794.5	2 300.7
Third quintile	'000	59.8	318.3	378.1	1 989.5	2 367.6
Fourth quintile	'000	36.4	250.2	286.6	2 245.0	2 531.6
Highest quintile	'000	38.5	218.4	256.8	2 459.0	2 715.9
Not known or not applicable(c)	'000	97.6	412.9	510.6	2 854.6	3 365.1
Principal source of personal income						
Wages or salary	'000	123.6	865.7	989.3	6 840.2	7 829.5
Unincorporated business income	'000	21.5	110.3	131.8	957.2	1 089.0
Government pension or allowance	'000	262.5	694.2	956.7	3 170.3	4 127.0
Other(d)	'000	35.0	152.1	187.1	915.5	1 102.6
Not stated(e)	'000	32.0	158.5	190.5	1 389.6	1 580.1
Median gross personal income per week	\$	237	327	300	407	397
Labour force status						
Employed						
Full-time	'000	82.1	718.6	800.6	6 020.7	6 821.3
Part-time	'000	97.4	400.3	497.7	2 523.2	3 021.0
<i>Total</i>	'000	179.5	1 118.9	1 298.4	8 543.9	9 842.2
Unemployed						
Looking for full-time work	'000	*5.5	43.4	48.9	314.2	363.1
Looking for part-time work	'000	**0.2	30.0	30.1	159.8	189.9
<i>Total</i>	'000	*5.7	73.4	79.0	474.0	553.0
Not in the labour force	'000	289.5	788.5	1 078.0	4 254.9	5 333.0
Unemployment rate	%	*3.1	6.2	5.7	5.3	5.3
Participation rate	%	39.0	60.2	56.1	67.9	66.1
Housing tenure(f)						
Lives in a private dwelling						
Owner without a mortgage	'000	194.4	648.1	842.5	3 661.6	4 504.1
Owner with a mortgage	'000	139.2	690.7	830.0	4 904.4	5 734.3
Renter						
State or territory housing authority	'000	33.2	75.6	108.8	359.3	468.1
Other landlord	'000	68.2	304.7	372.9	2 546.5	2 919.4
Boarder	'000	13.8	87.7	101.5	610.2	711.7
Rent free	'000	16.8	145.9	162.6	958.1	1 120.8
Other(g)	'000	**1.2	*9.5	10.7	47.7	58.3
Lives in a non-private dwelling	'000	*7.8	18.6	26.5	184.9	211.4
Remoteness						
Major cities	'000	295.3	1 271.7	1 567.0	8 928.5	10 495.5
Inner regional	'000	117.0	477.6	594.6	2 766.7	3 361.3
Other(h)	'000	62.3	231.5	293.8	1 577.6	1 871.4
Whether has a disability						
Has a reported disability	'000	188.9	679.6	868.6	2 592.4	3 461.0
Has no reported disability	'000	285.7	1 301.2	1 586.9	10 680.4	12 267.3
Total	'000	474.6	1 980.8	2 455.4	13 272.8	15 728.2

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(a) Income quintiles are based on the total population in private dwellings.

(b) Includes households with nil income and households who reported no source of income. Excludes not known.

(c) Includes households in private dwellings containing at least one person for whom income was not known. Non-private dwellings are not applicable for household income.

(d) Includes child support or maintenance, workers' compensation, profit or loss from rental property, dividends or interest, superannuation or annuity, or any other main source not elsewhere classified.

(e) Includes persons who report no source of income, nil or negative income or main source of income not known.

(f) See Glossary for definition of Housing tenure.

(g) Includes life tenure schemes, participants in rent/buy or shared equity schemes and other housing arrangements not elsewhere classified.

(h) Includes Outer regional and Remote only. Excludes Very remote and Migratory. See Glossary entry for Remoteness for further details.

PRIMARY CARERS					
Age group of primary carer	Male '000	Female '000	Main recipient of care lives in same household	Main recipient of care lives elsewhere	Total '000
			'000	'000	
PARTNER					
15-44 years	*10.2	19.8	29.4	**0.7	30.1
45-64 years	27.6	45.7	73.3	—	73.3
65 years and over	43.9	49.7	93.1	**0.6	93.7
Persons	81.7	115.3	195.7	**1.3	197.0
CHILD					
15-44 years	14.2	30.6	24.2	20.6	44.8
45-64 years	20.0	53.4	32.3	41.2	73.5
65 years and over	**0.6	*3.6	*2.4	**1.8	*4.2
Persons	34.9	87.6	59.0	63.6	122.5
PARENT					
15-44 years	*2.7	57.1	57.7	**2.1	59.8
45-64 years	*6.0	38.3	34.0	*10.3	44.4
65 years and over	**1.0	*5.4	*4.1	*2.2	*6.4
Persons	*9.7	100.8	95.9	14.6	110.5
OTHER					
15-44 years	*4.1	*7.2	*5.6	*5.8	11.4
45-64 years	*3.5	20.7	*9.7	14.6	24.3
65 years and over	*2.2	*6.8	*5.3	*3.6	*8.9
Persons	*9.8	34.7	20.6	23.9	44.6
TOTAL					
15-44 years	31.3	114.8	116.9	29.1	146.1
45-64 years	57.2	158.2	149.3	66.1	215.4
65 years and over	47.7	65.4	105.0	*8.2	113.2
Persons	136.2	338.4	371.2	103.4	474.6

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

	AVERAGE CURRENT WEEKLY HOURS				
	Less than 20 hours	20-39 hours	40 hours or more	Not stated	Total
PROPORTION (%)					
Years of care provided to main recipient of care					
Less than 2 years	12.6	*9.7	14.0	**4.5	12.0
2-4 years	27.7	26.8	24.0	34.5	26.6
5-9 years	24.2	25.7	28.4	*23.5	26.0
10-24 years	27.1	32.5	24.4	*25.1	27.0
25 years or more	6.9	**2.3	7.4	*9.6	6.4
Does not know	*1.6	*3.0	*1.7	**2.8	*2.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Main recipient of care lives in same household					
Aged less than 15	5.8	16.6	19.9	*19.5	14.0
Aged 15 and over with a profound or severe core-activity limitation					
Can cope on his or her own for-					
A few days without difficulty	13.5	*8.1	*2.7	*9.5	8.2
A few days with difficulty	8.7	*8.8	*2.3	*8.2	6.3
One day without difficulty	*3.8	*4.9	7.0	*3.3	5.2
One day with difficulty	*4.7	*11.5	*5.0	*7.7	6.3
A few hours without difficulty	*3.7	*10.4	12.0	*5.8	8.1
A few hours with difficulty	*4.0	*7.0	13.7	*5.5	8.3
Less than one hour without difficulty	*2.5	**2.1	10.9	*9.7	6.1
Less than one hour with difficulty	**0.2	*3.5	*4.5	—	2.4
Cannot be left alone for less than one hour	**0.4	*3.6	12.0	*6.2	5.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>41.7</i>	<i>59.8</i>	<i>70.2</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>56.6</i>
Others aged 15 and over	10.5	*7.1	*4.3	*11.7	7.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>58.0</i>	<i>83.5</i>	<i>94.4</i>	<i>87.1</i>	<i>78.2</i>
Main recipient of care lives elsewhere	42.0	16.5	*5.6	*12.9	21.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
NUMBER ('000)					
Total	178.3	87.3	175.0	34.2	474.6

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Age group of primary carers	AVERAGE CURRENT WEEKLY HOURS			Total(b) %	Total(c) '000
	Less than 20 hours(b)	20-39 hours(b)	40 hours or more(b)		
	%	%	%		
.....					
PROFOUND CORE-ACTIVITY LIMITATION					
15-44 years	*14.1	26.3	59.6	100.0	63.4
45-64 years	21.5	18.7	59.8	100.0	83.2
65 years and over	*15.4	*11.2	73.4	100.0	63.8
Total	17.3	18.7	64.0	100.0	210.4
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SEVERE CORE-ACTIVITY LIMITATION					
15-44 years	43.2	31.6	*25.2	100.0	37.9
45-64 years	47.4	*20.6	32.0	100.0	50.8
65 years and over	39.6	*25.3	*35.1	100.0	32.6
Total	44.1	25.2	30.7	100.0	121.3
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ALL WITH REPORTED DISABILITY (d)					
15-44 years	29.0	27.1	43.8	100.0	116.9
45-64 years	34.2	20.0	45.8	100.0	149.3
65 years and over	26.2	16.9	57.0	100.0	105.0
Total	30.3	21.3	48.4	100.0	371.2

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(a) Main recipient of care lives in same household.

(b) Percentages were calculated of stated values.

(c) This total includes 'Time spent caring' not stated.

(d) Includes primary carers whose main recipient of care has not reported a core-activity limitation, or whose limitation is moderate or mild.

	RELATIONSHIP TO MAIN RECIPIENT OF CARE				Total
	Partner	Child	Parent	Other relative or friend	
MALES (%)					
Could provide better care	44.0	*23.4	*39.5	*38.0	38.0
Family responsibility	55.4	68.4	*66.7	*55.8	59.5
No other family or friends available	28.5	34.5	*47.3	*29.9	31.5
No other family or friends willing	13.2	*23.5	np	*27.4	17.0
Emotional obligation	37.0	52.0	*39.4	np	39.6
Alternative care too costly	27.5	*29.6	*31.9	*24.1	28.1
No other care arrangements available	16.2	*15.1	*27.3	np	16.8
Had no other choice	25.5	*18.9	*56.5	np	24.8
Other reason or not stated	17.1	*9.3	np	**19.5	14.7
Total(a)	100.0	100.0	*100.0	*100.0	100.0
MALES ('000)					
Total	81.7	34.9	*9.7	*9.8	136.2
FEMALES (%)					
Could provide better care	48.5	28.8	41.3	32.5	39.6
Family responsibility	48.7	77.9	49.6	62.5	57.9
No other family or friends available	16.7	27.0	14.5	32.0	20.3
No other family or friends willing	10.0	19.0	*9.9	30.1	14.4
Emotional obligation	29.4	44.9	24.2	35.1	32.4
Alternative care too costly	16.0	*11.7	11.6	*6.8	12.7
No other care arrangements available	*8.8	13.4	*8.0	*10.4	9.9
Had no other choice	15.9	14.9	19.8	**5.8	15.8
Other reason or not stated	14.9	*9.6	17.3	*18.6	14.6
Total(a)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
FEMALES ('000)					
Total	115.3	87.6	100.8	34.7	338.4
PERSONS (%)					
Could provide better care	46.6	27.3	41.2	33.7	39.1
Family responsibility	51.5	75.2	51.1	61.0	58.4
No other family or friends available	21.6	29.1	17.4	31.5	23.5
No other family or friends willing	11.3	20.3	10.4	29.5	15.1
Emotional obligation	32.6	46.9	25.5	31.1	34.5
Alternative care too costly	20.8	16.8	13.4	*10.7	17.1
No other care arrangements available	11.8	13.9	9.7	*11.9	11.9
Had no other choice	19.9	16.0	23.1	*6.4	18.4
Other reason or not stated	15.8	9.5	16.6	*18.8	14.6
Total(a)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
PERSONS ('000)					
Total	197.0	122.5	110.5	44.6	474.6

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(a) Persons may report more than one reason so components do not add to 100%.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains summary results from the 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) conducted throughout Australia during the period June to November 2003.

2 The aims of the survey were to:

- measure the prevalence of disability in Australia
- measure the need for support of older people and those with a disability
- provide a demographic and socio-economic profile of people with disabilities, older people and carers compared with the general population
- estimate the number of and provide information about people who provide care to older people and people with disabilities.

3 The survey collected the following information from the three target populations:

- people with a disability – information about their long-term health conditions, need for and receipt of assistance, use of aids and equipment such as wheelchairs and hearing aids, and participation in community activities
- older people (i.e. those aged 60 years and over) – information about their need for, and receipt of assistance, and participation in community activities
- people who care for persons with a disability and older people – information about the type of care they provide, the support available to them, and the characteristics of carers and some effects that the caring role has on their lives.

4 The survey also collected a small amount of information about other people.

SCOPE OF THE SURVEY

5 The survey covered people in both urban and rural areas in all states and territories, except for those living in remote and sparsely settled parts of Australia. The exclusion of these people will have only a minor impact on any aggregate estimates that are produced for individual states and territories, with the exception of the Northern Territory (NT) where they account for over 20% of the population. However, separate estimates have not been produced for the NT (see paragraph 31).

6 The survey included people in both private and non-private dwellings, including people in cared-accommodation establishments but excluding those in gaols and correctional institutions.

7 The scope of the survey was all persons except:

- visitors to private dwellings
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from the Census and estimated resident population figures
- overseas residents in Australia
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

8 Coverage rules were applied which aimed to ensure that each person in scope was associated with only one dwelling and thus had only one chance of selection.

9 Usual residents of selected private dwellings were included in the survey unless they were away on the night of enumeration, and had been away or were likely to be away for four months or more. This was designed to avoid multiple selection of a person who might be spending time, for instance, in a nursing home, and be eligible for selection there.

10 Visitors to private dwellings were excluded as the expectation was that most would have their chance of selection at their usual residence.

11 Boarding school pupils were excluded from coverage but other persons in non-private dwellings in the scope of the survey were included if they had lived there, or were likely to live there, for four months or more.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SCOPE OF THE SURVEY

continued

12 Occupants of cared-accommodation establishments in the scope of the survey were included if they had been, or were expected to be, a usual resident of an establishment for three months or more.

DATA COLLECTION

13 Different data collection methods were used for the household component and the cared-accommodation component of this survey.

14 The household component covered people in:

- private dwellings such as houses, flats, home units, townhouses, tents and other structures used as private places of residence at the time of the survey
- non-private dwellings such as hotels, motels, boarding houses, educational and religious institutions, guest houses, construction camps, short-term caravan parks, youth camps and camping grounds, including staff quarters, and self-care components of retirement villages.

15 Smaller disability group homes (with fewer than six people) were considered to be private dwellings.

16 In this publication, people in the household component of the survey are referred to as 'living in households'.

17 The cared-accommodation component covered residents of hospitals, nursing homes, hostels and other homes such as children's homes, who had been, or were expected to be, living there or in another health establishment for three months or more.

Household component

18 Data for the household component of the survey were collected by trained interviewers, who conducted computer-assisted personal interviews.

19 A series of screening questions were asked of a responsible adult in a selected household to establish whether the household included:

- people with a disability
- people aged 60 years and over
- people who were primary carers for people with a core-activity limitation, living either in the same household or elsewhere, or who provided any care to persons living elsewhere.

20 Where possible, a personal interview was conducted with people identified in any of the above populations. Proxy interviews were conducted for children aged less than 15 years, those aged 15–17 years whose parents did not permit them to be personally interviewed, and those with a disability that prevented them from having a personal interview.

21 People with a disability were asked questions relating to help and assistance needed and received for self-care, mobility, communication, cognition or emotion, health care, housework, property maintenance, meal preparation, paperwork (reading and writing tasks) and transport activities. They were also asked questions relating to computer and Internet use and participation in community activities. Those aged 5–20 years (or their proxies) were asked about schooling restrictions, and those aged 15–64 years about employment restrictions.

22 People aged 60 years and over without a disability were asked questions about need for, and receipt of, help for housework, home maintenance, meal preparation, paperwork (reading and writing tasks) and transport activities. They were also asked questions relating to computer and Internet use and participation in community activities.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

Household component continued

23 Primary carers of a person with a disability or older person were asked about the assistance they provided, the assistance they could call on, and their employment experience. They were also asked to complete a self-enumeration form which collected information about their attitudes to, and experience of, their caring role. This form was completed by the carer during the interview.

24 Basic demographic and socio-economic information was collected for all other people. Most of this information was provided by a responsible adult in the household, rather than by each person individually.

Cared-accommodation component

25 The cared-accommodation component was enumerated in two stages using a mail-based methodology directed to administrators of selected establishments.

26 The first stage required completion of a Contact Information Form to establish the name of a contact officer, the current number of occupants within the establishment and the type of establishment.

27 The second stage required the nominated contact officer to select occupants, following the instructions provided. A separate questionnaire was completed for each selected occupant meeting the coverage requirements.

28 The range of data collected in this component was smaller than in the household component as some topics were not suitable for collection through a mail-based methodology or were irrelevant to those residing in cared accommodation.

SAMPLE SIZE

29 Multi-stage sampling techniques were used to select the sample for the survey. After sample loss, the household sample included approximately 14,000 private dwellings and 300 non-private dwelling units, while the cared accommodation sample included approximately 550 establishments.

30 After exclusions due to scope and coverage, the final sample comprised 36,241 people for the household component and 5,145 people for the cared-accommodation component.

31 The sample in the NT was reduced to a level such that NT records contributed appropriately to national estimates but could not support reliable estimates for the NT. This was done to enable a larger NT sample to be used in the General Social Survey conducted by the ABS in 2002. As a result, estimates for the NT are not shown separately in this publication.

WEIGHTING, BENCHMARKING AND ESTIMATION

Weighting

32 Weighting is the process of adjusting results from a sample survey to infer results for the total population. To do this, a 'weight' is allocated to each sample unit. The weight is a value which indicates how many population units are represented by the sample unit.

33 The first step in calculating weights for each person was to assign an initial weight, which was equal to the inverse of the probability of being selected in the survey. For example, if the probability of a person being selected in the survey was 1 in 600, then the person would have an initial weight of 600 (that is, they represent 600 others).

34 The responses from persons in the cared-accommodation component and persons in the household component of the survey were weighted together in order to represent the entire Australian population.

Benchmarking

35 The weights were calibrated to align with independent estimates of the population, referred to as 'benchmarks', in designated categories of sex by age group by area of usual residence. Weights calibrated against population benchmarks compensate for over or under-enumeration of particular categories of persons and ensure that the survey estimates conform to the independently estimated distribution of the population by age, sex and area of usual residence, rather than to the distribution within the sample itself.

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Benchmarking continued

36 The survey was benchmarked to the estimated population living in non-sparsely settled areas at 30 June 2003 based on results from the 2001 Census of Population and Housing.

37 It should be noted that separate benchmarks were not available for special dwellings. Consequently estimates for non-private dwellings may be less reliable than those for private dwellings.

Estimation

38 Survey estimates of counts of persons are obtained by summing the weights of persons with the characteristic of interest. Estimates of non-person counts (e.g. days away from work) are obtained by multiplying the characteristic of interest with the weight of the reporting person and aggregating.

Age standardisation

39 Totals presented in tables comparing rates over time are shown as age-standardised percentages. Age standardisation has been undertaken using the direct method (see Technical Note). An age-standardised rate is calculated to remove the effects of different age structures when comparing population groups or changes over time. A standard age composition is used, in this case the age composition of the 2003 SDAC. The standardised rate is that which would have prevailed if the actual population had the standard age composition. Age-specific disability rates are multiplied by the standard population for each age group. The results are added and the sum calculated as a percentage of the standard population total to give the age-standardised percentage rate. The standardised rates should only be used to identify differences between population groups and changes over time.

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

40 The estimates provided in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling error.

Sampling error

41 Sampling error is the difference between the published estimates, derived from a sample of persons, and the value that would have been produced if all persons in scope of the survey had been included. For more information refer to the Technical Note.

Non-sampling error

42 Non-sampling error may occur in any collection, whether it is based on a sample or a full count such as a census. Sources of non-sampling error include non-response, errors in reporting by respondents or recording of answers by interviewers, and errors in coding and processing data.

43 Non-response occurs when people cannot or will not cooperate, or cannot be contacted. Non-response can affect the reliability of results and can introduce a bias. The magnitude of any bias depends upon the rate of non-response and the extent of the difference between non-respondents' characteristics and those of people who responded to the survey.

44 The following methods were adopted to reduce the level and impact of non-response:

- face-to-face interviews with respondents
- the use of interviewers who could speak languages other than English, where necessary
- follow-up of respondents if there was initially no response
- weighting to population benchmarks.

45 Every effort was made to reduce other non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design and testing of the questionnaire, training of interviewers and data entry staff, and extensive editing and quality control procedures at all stages of data processing.

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INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

46 Disability is a difficult concept to measure because it depends on a respondent's perception of their ability to perform a range of activities associated with daily life. Factors discussed below should also be considered when interpreting the estimates contained in this publication.

47 Information in the survey was based, wherever possible, on the personal response given by the respondent. However, in cases where information was provided by another person, some answers may differ from those the selected person would have provided. In particular, interpretation of the concepts of 'need' and 'difficulty' may be affected by the proxy-interview method.

48 A number of people may not have reported certain conditions because of:

- the sensitive nature of the condition (e.g. alcohol and drug-related conditions, schizophrenia, mental retardation or mental degeneration)
- the episodic or seasonal nature of the condition (e.g. asthma, epilepsy)
- a lack of awareness of the presence of the condition on the part of the person reporting (e.g. mild diabetes) or a lack of knowledge or understanding of the correct medical terminology for their condition
- any lack of comprehensive medical information kept by their cared-accommodation establishment.

49 As certain conditions may not have been reported, data collected from the survey may have underestimated the number of people with one or more disabilities.

50 The need for help may have been underestimated, as some people may not have admitted needing help because of such things as a desire to remain independent, or may not have realised help was needed with a task because help had always been received with that task.

51 The criteria by which people assessed whether they had difficulty performing tasks may have varied. Comparisons may have been made with the ability of others of a similar age, or with the respondent's own ability when younger.

52 The different collection methods used – personal interview for households, and administrator completed forms for cared accommodation – may have had some effect on the reporting of need for assistance with core activities. As a result there may have been some impact on measures such as disability status. If so, this would have had more impact on the older age groupings because of their increased likelihood of being in aged-care accommodation.

MAKING COMPARISONS BETWEEN SURVEYS OVER TIME

53 Much of the content of the five disability surveys conducted by the ABS in 1981, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003 is comparable. There are differences, however, as later surveys have attempted to obtain better coverage of disability and of specific tasks and activities previously considered too sensitive for a population survey. For instance, the task of toileting was introduced in 1988 as part of the self-care activity. Three new screening questions were added in 1993, 'difficulty gripping', 'head injury, stroke or brain damage' and 'any other conditions', such as arthritis, Alzheimer's disease, asthma, heart disease or any other, which were restricting in any way. Changes to the 1998 and 2003 screening questions are discussed below. For the 2003 survey the inclusion of questions relating to unmet need for and receipt of assistance with cognition or emotion provides a better perspective on assistance needs and requirements for both physical and psychological needs.

Changes between surveys

IDENTIFICATION OF DISABILITY POPULATION

54 Efforts to improve the criteria for identifying disability may have contributed to changes in the results between surveys before the 1998 SDAC. Changes made to the 1998 and 2003 SDAC disability screening questions, following consultation with user groups, include:

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Changes between surveys continued

- identifying a more restricted population with hearing loss (a full count of hearing impairment is still available)
- separately identifying people with chronic pain and breathing difficulties
- focusing the restriction qualifier used with a number of screening questions to refer to everyday activities
- changes to the need for and receipt of assistance by the inclusion of questions relating to the receipt of assistance with cognition or emotion.

NEW ITEMS

55 For the first time, in the household component of the 2003 SDAC, information was collected regarding access to computers and the Internet at home and elsewhere. New items relating to disability populations include:

- Whether used a computer or the Internet at home in last 12 months
- Purpose of use of computer or the Internet in last 12 months
- Where used computer or the Internet in last 12 months
- Activities performed using the Internet
- Need for and receipt of assistance with cognition or emotion.

56 There have been a number of changes made to the previously used SDAC output terminology to improve alignment with concepts and definitions used in the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. They are:

- 'core-activity restriction' is now referred to as 'core-activity limitation'
- 'specific restrictions' is now referred to as 'specific restrictions or limitations'
- 'restricting impairment' is now referred to as 'disability type'
- 'restricting-impairment group' is now referred to as 'disability group'.

CHANGES TO CLASSIFICATIONS

57 In 2001, the *ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ)* (cat. no. 1262.0), was replaced by the *Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)* (cat. no. 1272.0). The ASCED is a new national standard classification which can be applied to all sectors of the Australian education system including schools, vocational education and training, and higher education. It replaces a number of classifications previously used in administrative and statistical systems, including the ABSCQ. The ASCED comprises two classifications: Level of Education and Field of Education.

DATA DISSEMINATION

Publications

58 Further information about SDAC will be included in *Disability, Ageing and Carers: User Guide, Australia, 2003* (cat. no. 4431.0), expected to be released on the ABS web site in October 2004.

Results for states

59 A set of tables in a spreadsheet format equivalent to those in this publication will be produced for each state and the Australian Capital Territory (subject to standard error and confidentiality constraints and excluding time series tables) and Australia. These tables can be purchased from the ABS web site <www.abs.gov.au> or from the ABS upon request.

Secondary table sets

60 There will be some secondary table sets released, similar to tables contained in the two thematic publications released from the 1998 SDAC: *Disability and Long Term Health Conditions* (cat. no. 4433.0) and *Caring in the Community* (cat. no. 4436.0).

Microdata

61 It is expected that a basic confidentialised unit record file available via CD-ROM and/or the Remote Access Data Laboratory will be produced from the SDAC, subject to the approval of the Australian Statistician.

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Special tabulations

62 As well as releasing publications and standard products, the ABS can make available special tabulations. Subject to confidentiality and standard error constraints, tabulations can be produced from the survey incorporating data items, populations and geographic areas selected to meet individual requirements. These can be provided in printed form, or in spreadsheets sent by email or on CD-ROM.

Other products

63 This publication's Summary of Findings, these Explanatory Notes, the media release and a list of data items included in the survey are available free of charge on the ABS web site <www.abs.gov.au>. Further information on the survey and associated products is available from the contact officer listed at the front of this publication.

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64 ABS publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated; without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- 65** Previous ABS publications relating to disability, ageing and carers:
- Disability, Australia: Preliminary, 2003* (cat. no. 4446.0)
 - Census of Population and Housing: Ageing in Australia, 2001* (cat. no. 2048.0)
 - Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 1998* (cat. no. 4430.0)
 - Caring in the Community, 1998* (cat. no. 4436.0)
 - Disability, Ageing and Carers: User Guide, Australia, 1998* (cat. no. 4431.0)
 - Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Disability and Long Term Health Conditions, 1998* (cat. no. 4433.0)
 - Focus on Families: Caring in Families: Support for Persons who are Older or have Disabilities, 1995* (cat. no. 4423.0)
 - Focus on Families: Family Life, 1995* (cat. no. 4425.0)
 - Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 1993* (cat. no. 4430.0)
 - Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Disability and Disabling Conditions, 1993* (cat. no. 4433.0)
 - Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Visual Impairment, 1993* (cat. no. 4434.0)
 - Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Hearing Impairment, 1993* (cat. no. 4435.0)
 - Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Brain Injury and Stroke, 1993* (cat. no. 4437.0)
- 66** Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:
- Australian Social Trends, 2004* (cat. no. 4102.0)
 - General Social Survey: Summary Results, Australia, 2002* (cat. no. 4159.0)
 - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey, 2002* (cat. no. 4714.0)
 - National Health Survey: Summary of Results, 2001* (cat. no. 4364.0)
 - Education and Training Experience, Australia, 2001* (cat. no. 6278.0)
 - Private Hospitals, Australia, 2000-2001* (cat. no. 4390.0)
 - Income Distribution, Australia, 1999-2000* (cat. no. 6523.0)
 - Older People, Australia: A Social Report, 1999* (cat. no. 4109.0)
 - Children, Australia: A Social Report, 1999* (cat. no. 4119.0)
 - How Australians Use Their Time, 1997* (cat. no. 4153.0)
 - Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0)

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS *continued*

67 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101. 0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available on the ABS web site at <www.abs.gov.au> or from any ABS office.

APPENDIX 1 LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

TABLE OF LIMITATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

To identify whether a person has a particular type of limitation or restriction, the SDAC collects information on need for assistance, difficulty experienced, or use of aids or equipment to perform selected tasks. The following table shows the tasks associated with each type of limitation and restriction.

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LIMITATION OR RESTRICTION	ACTIVITY	TASKS
Specific limitation or restriction		
Core-activity limitations	Communication	Understanding family or friends
		Being understood by family or friends
		Understanding strangers
		Being understood by strangers
	Mobility	Getting into or out of a bed or chair
		Moving about usual place of residence
		Moving about a place away from usual residence
		Walking 200 metres
		Walking up and down stairs without a handrail
		Bending and picking up an object from the floor
	Self care	Using public transport
		Showering or bathing
		Dressing
Schooling or employment restrictions	Schooling	Eating
		Toileting
		Bladder or bowel control
		Unable to attend school
		Attends a special school
	Employment	Attends special classes at an ordinary school
		Needs at least one day a week off school on average
		Has difficulty at school
		Permanently unable to work
		Restricted in the type of work they can or could do
	Need, or would need, at least one day a week off work on average	
	Restricted in the number of hours they can, or could, work	
	Requires special equipment or modified work environment	
	Needs ongoing assistance or supervision	
	Would find it difficult to change jobs or get a preferred job	
	Needs assistance from a disability job placement program or agency	

APPENDIX 1 LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS *continued*

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LIMITATION OR RESTRICTION	ACTIVITY	TASKS
Without specific limitation or restriction		
Other activities	Health care	Foot care Taking medications or administering injections Dressing wounds Using medical machinery Manipulating muscles or limbs
	Paperwork	Reading or writing tasks such as: Checking bills or bank statements Writing letters Filling in forms
	Transport	Going to places away from the usual place of residence
	Housework	Household chores such as: Washing Vacuuming Dusting
	Property maintenance	Changing light bulbs, taps, washers or car registration stickers Making minor home repairs Mowing lawns, watering, pruning shrubs, light weeding or planting Removing rubbish
	Meal preparation	Preparing ingredients Cooking food
	Cognition or emotion	Making friendships, interacting with others or maintaining relationships Coping with feelings or emotions Decision making or thinking through problems

APPENDIX 2 DISABILITY GROUPS

DISABILITY GROUPS

1 Disabilities can be broadly grouped depending on whether they relate to functioning of the mind or the senses, or to anatomy or physiology. Each disability group may refer to a single disability or be composed of a number of broadly similar disabilities. The SDAC module relating to disability groups was designed to identify four separate groups based on the particular type of disability identified.

2 These groups are:

- Sensory
 - Loss of sight (not corrected by glasses or contact lenses)
 - Loss of hearing where communication is restricted, or an aid used
 - Speech difficulties, including loss.
- Intellectual
 - Difficulty learning or understanding things
- Physical
 - Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties that restrict everyday activities
 - Blackouts, fits or loss of consciousness
 - Chronic or recurrent pain or discomfort that restricts everyday activities
 - Incomplete use of arms or fingers
 - Difficulty gripping or holding things
 - Incomplete use of feet or legs
 - Restriction in physical activities or in doing physical work
 - Disfigurement or deformity.
- Psychological
 - Nervous or emotional condition that restricts everyday activities
 - Mental illness or condition requiring help or supervision
 - Head injury, stroke or other brain damage, with long-term effects that restrict everyday activities.

3 The following categories were not included in any of the four groups above but were included in the total:

- Receiving treatment or medication for any other long-term conditions or ailments and still restricted in everyday activities
- Any other long-term conditions resulting in a restriction in everyday activities.

4 In the disability groups module people could be counted more than once if they had multiple disabilities which belonged to more than one disability group. For example, a person with a hearing loss and speech difficulties would be counted once in the sensory disability group. However, a person with a hearing loss and a physical deformity would be counted once in the sensory disability group and once in the physical disability group. As a result, the sum of the components of data from the disability groups module does not add to the total persons with disabilities.

5 Disabilities which resulted from head injury, stroke or other brain damage were classified to the appropriate group. For example, a person reporting speech loss as a result of stroke would be classified to the sensory disability group. However, a person who reported having had a head injury, stroke or other brain damage was also classified to a separate disability category of this name.

6 Data are not included in this publication by disability group, however this information is provided to assist users to understand data from other products from the SDAC.

TECHNICAL NOTE

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

1 Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from those that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 that the difference will be less than two SEs. Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate.

2 Space does not allow for the separate indication of the SEs of all estimates in this publication. Tables of SEs and RSEs for estimates of numbers of persons appear at the end of this Technical Note. These values do not give a precise measure of the SE or RSE for a particular estimate but will provide an indication of its magnitude. SEs and RSEs for estimates of median personal income per week and separate SEs and RSEs for persons living in cared accommodation have not been included in this publication, but are available on request.

3 The size of the SE increases with the level of the estimate, so that the larger the estimate the larger is the SE. However, the larger the sample estimate the smaller the SE will be in percentage terms (that is, the RSE). Thus, larger estimates will be relatively more reliable than smaller estimates. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with RSEs of 25% or less, and percentages and medians based on such estimates, are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates, percentages and medians with RSEs between 25% and 50% have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate that they are subject to high SEs and should be used with caution. Estimates with RSEs greater than 50% are also included and are preceded by a double asterisk (e.g. **0.1). Such estimates are considered too unreliable for general use.

CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERRORS

Standard error of an estimate

4 An example of the calculation and use of SEs is given below. Table 8 in this publication shows that the estimated number of males aged 15–64 years living in households with a moderate core-activity limitation in 2003 was 203,300. The SE for this size of estimate is calculated as follows: the estimate lies between 200,000 and 300,000. The corresponding SEs for these two numbers in the table are 11,750 and 14,250. The SE for 203,300 is calculated by interpolation using the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & SE \text{ of estimate} \\ &= \text{Lower SE} + \left(\left(\frac{\text{size of estimate} - \text{lower estimate}}{\text{upper estimate} - \text{lower estimate}} \right) \times (\text{upper SE} - \text{lower SE}) \right) \\ &= 11,750 + \left(\left(\frac{203,300 - 200,000}{300,000 - 200,000} \right) \times (14,250 - 11,750) \right) \\ &= 12,162 \\ &= 12,200 \text{ (rounded to the nearest 100)} \end{aligned}$$

5 Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the actual number of males aged 15–64 years living in households with a moderate core-activity limitation was within the range 191,100 to 215,500 and about 19 chances in 20 that it was within the range 178,900 to 227,700.

Standard error of a proportion

6 Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling error. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. The formula for the RSE of a proportion or percentage is :

$$RSE\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \sqrt{[RSE(x)]^2 - [RSE(y)]^2}$$

7 In using the formula, the numerator and the denominator will be estimates over subsets of the population. The formula is only valid when the set for the numerator is a subset of the set for the denominator.

8 The SE of an estimated percentage or rate, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends on both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. However, the RSE of the estimated percentage or rate will generally be lower than the RSE of the estimate of the numerator.

9 An example from Table 8 is the unemployment rate for females aged 15–64 years with a disability living in households, 8.3%.

$$RSE\left(\frac{42,300}{511,700}\right) = \sqrt{[RSE(12.9)]^2 - [RSE(3.6)]^2}$$

10 In this equation:

the numerator, the number of unemployed females aged 15–64 years with a disability living in households, is 42,300

the denominator, the number of females in the labour force aged 15–64 years with a disability living in households, is 511,700

SE for 42,300 = 5,437 or 12.9% RSE

SE for 511,700 = 18,215 or 3.6% RSE

The difference of the RSE squares = 153.45

The square root of the difference is 12.4%, the RSE of the proportion.

Standard error of a difference

11 The difference between two survey estimates is itself an estimate and is therefore subject to sampling variability. The SE of the difference between two survey estimates depends on the SEs of the original estimates and on the relationship (correlation) between the two original estimates. An approximate SE of the difference between two estimates (x–y) may be calculated using the following formula:

$$SE(x - y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

12 While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated (unrelated) characteristics or sub-populations, it is expected to provide a reasonable approximation for all of the differences likely to be of interest.

Significance testing

13 Statistical significance testing has been undertaken for the comparison of estimates between 1998 and 2003 in Tables 3 and 4. The statistical significance test for these comparisons was performed to determine whether it is likely that there is a difference between the corresponding population characteristics. The standard error of the difference between two corresponding estimates (x and y) can be calculated using the formula in the paragraph above. This standard error is then used to calculate the following test statistic:

$$\frac{[x - y]}{SE(x - y)}$$

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Significance testing *continued*

14 If the value of this test statistic is greater than 1.96 then there are 19 chances in 20 that there is a real difference in the two populations with respect to that characteristic. Otherwise, it cannot be stated with confidence that there is a real difference between the populations.

15 Tables 3 and 4 are annotated to indicate whether or not the estimates which have been compared are statistically significantly different from each other with respect to the test statistic. In all other tables which do not show the results of significance testing, users should take account of RSEs when comparing estimates for different populations.

Non-sampling error

16 The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the SE, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and recording by interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling error, and they occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient operating procedures.

Age standardisation

17 For this publication the direct age standardisation method was used. The standard population used was the 2003 SDAC survey population. Estimates of age-standardised rates were calculated using the following formula:

$$C_{direct} = \sum_a (C_a \times P_{sa})$$

where:

C_{direct} = the age-standardised rate for the population of interest

a = the age categories that have been used in the age standardisation

C_a = the estimated rate for the population being standardised in age category a

P_{sa} = the proportion of the standard population in age category a .

18 The age categories used in the standardisation for this publication were 0–4 years, 5–14 years, 15–24 years, 25–34 years, 35–44 years, 45–54 years, 55–64 years, then five-year groups to 90 years and over.

T1 NUMBER OF PERSONS, Estimates with relative standard errors of 25% and 50%

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT	Australia(a)
SIZE OF ESTIMATE								
RSE of 25%	14 668	11 833	10 468	6 288	7 540	3 677	3 675	10 350
RSE of 50%	2 949	2 949	2 172	1 200	1 471	772	786	2 139

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

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T2 STANDARD ERRORS OF PERSON ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT	Australia(a)
STANDARD ERROR (NUMBER)								
500	490	400	420	340	370	300	300	450
1,000	760	650	660	540	580	450	450	690
1,500	980	850	850	690	740	570	570	870
2,000	1 170	1 030	1 020	820	890	670	670	1 030
2,500	1 340	1 190	1 160	930	1 010	750	750	1 170
3,000	1 490	1 330	1 290	1 040	1 120	830	830	1 300
3,500	1 630	1 460	1 420	1 130	1 230	900	900	1 420
4,000	1 760	1 590	1 530	1 220	1 330	960	960	1 530
4,500	1 890	1 700	1 640	1 310	1 420	1 020	1 010	1 630
5,000	2 010	1 810	1 740	1 390	1 500	1 070	1 070	1 730
6,000	2 230	2 020	1 930	1 530	1 660	1 170	1 160	1 920
8,000	2 620	2 380	2 260	1 790	1 950	1 350	1 330	2 250
10,000	2 970	2 700	2 550	2 020	2 190	1 490	1 460	2 540
20,000	4 330	3 910	3 670	2 870	3 130	2 020	1 940	3 680
30,000	5 360	4 800	4 500	3 500	3 820	2 380	2 250	4 560
40,000	6 210	5 520	5 180	4 010	4 380	2 660	2 490	5 290
50,000	6 950	6 130	5 760	4 440	4 860	2 890	2 680	5 930
100,000	9 760	8 370	7 910	6 030	6 620	3 670	3 290	8 390
200,000	13 500	11 130	10 640	8 010	8 830	4 530	3 910	11 750
300,000	16 200	12 990	12 540	9 380	10 360	5 060	4 270	14 250
400,000	18 380	14 410	14 040	10 430	11 540	5 450	4 500	16 290
500,000	20 230	15 580	15 280	11 310	12 530	5 760	4 680	18 060
1,000,000	26 960	19 490	19 630	14 330	15 940	—	—	24 690
2,000,000	35 380	23 760	24 700	—	—	—	—	33 420
5,000,000	49 450	—	—	—	—	—	—	49 050
10,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64 800
20,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84 600

RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR (%)

500	97.6	80.4	84.2	68.7	74.3	59.2	59.4	90.3
1,000	76.1	65.2	66.1	53.6	57.9	45.0	45.3	68.5
1,500	65.3	57.0	56.8	45.9	49.6	37.9	38.1	58.0
2,000	58.4	51.5	50.8	40.9	44.3	33.3	33.5	51.4
2,500	53.4	47.5	46.5	37.3	40.4	30.1	30.2	46.8
3,000	49.7	44.3	43.1	34.6	37.5	27.6	27.6	43.3
3,500	46.6	41.8	40.5	32.4	35.1	25.6	25.6	40.5
4,000	44.1	39.7	38.3	30.6	33.2	24.0	24.0	38.2
4,500	42.0	37.8	36.4	29.0	31.5	22.6	22.6	36.3
5,000	40.2	36.3	34.8	27.7	30.1	21.5	21.4	34.7
6,000	37.2	33.6	32.1	25.5	27.7	19.6	19.4	32.0
8,000	32.8	29.7	28.3	22.4	24.3	16.8	16.6	28.1
10,000	29.7	27.0	25.5	20.2	21.9	14.9	14.6	25.4
20,000	21.7	19.5	18.4	14.4	15.7	10.1	9.7	18.4
30,000	17.9	16.0	15.0	11.7	12.7	7.9	7.5	15.2
40,000	15.5	13.8	12.9	10.0	11.0	6.6	6.2	13.2
50,000	13.9	12.3	11.5	8.9	9.7	5.8	5.4	11.9
100,000	9.8	8.4	7.9	6.0	6.6	3.7	3.3	8.4
200,000	6.8	5.6	5.3	4.0	4.4	2.3	2.0	5.9
300,000	5.4	4.3	4.2	3.1	3.5	1.7	1.4	4.7
400,000	4.6	3.6	3.5	2.6	2.9	1.4	1.1	4.1
500,000	4.0	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.5	1.2	0.9	3.6
1,000,000	2.7	1.9	2.0	1.4	1.6	—	—	2.5
2,000,000	1.8	1.2	1.2	—	—	—	—	1.7
5,000,000	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.0
10,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.6
20,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes the Northern Territory.

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Activity	<p>An activity comprises one or more tasks. In this survey tasks have been grouped into the following ten activities. See Appendix 1 for a summary table of restrictions, activities and tasks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ cognition or emotion■ communication■ health care■ housework■ meal preparation■ mobility■ paperwork■ property maintenance■ self care■ transport.
Age-standardisation	<p>Some results on disability presented in this publication have been adjusted to account for differences in the age structure between survey years. Age-standardisation has been undertaken using the direct method (see Technical Note). An age-standardised rate is calculated to remove the effects of different age structures when comparing population groups or changes over time. A standard age composition is used, in this case the age composition of the 2003 SDAC population. The standard rate is that which would have prevailed if the actual population had the standard age composition. Age-specific disability rates are multiplied by the standard population for each age group. The results are added and the sum calculated as a percentage of the standard population total to give the age standardised percentage rate.</p>
Aids and equipment	<p>Any devices used by persons with one or more disabilities to assist them with performing tasks, but not help provided by another person or an organisation.</p>
Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)	<p>The ASCED is a national standard classification which includes all sectors of the Australian education system, that is, schools, vocational education and training, and higher education. From 2001, ASCED replaced a number of classifications used in administrative and statistical systems, including the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). The ASCED comprises two classifications: Level of Education and Field of Education. See <i>Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), 2001</i> (cat. no. 1272.0).</p>
Cared accommodation	<p>Cared accommodation includes hospitals, homes for the aged such as nursing homes and aged-care hostels, cared components of retirement villages, and other 'homes', such as children's homes.</p>
Carer	<p>A person of any age who provides any informal assistance, in terms of help or supervision, to persons with disabilities or long-term conditions, or older persons (i.e. aged 60 years and over). This assistance has to be ongoing, or likely to be ongoing, for at least six months. Assistance to a person in a different household relates to 'everyday types of activities', without specific information on the activities. Where the care recipient lives in the same household, the assistance is for one or more of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ cognition or emotion■ communication■ health care■ housework■ meal preparation■ mobility■ paperwork■ property maintenance■ self care■ transport.

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- Child** A person of any age who is a natural, step or foster son or daughter of a couple or lone parent, usually resident in the same household, and who does not have a child or partner of their own usually resident in the household.
- Cognition or emotion** This activity comprises the following tasks:
- making friendships, maintaining relationships or interacting with others
 - coping with feelings or emotions
 - decision making or thinking through problems.
- Cognition or emotion was termed 'guidance' in previous disability surveys.
- Communication** This activity comprises the following tasks:
- understanding family or friends
 - being understood by family or friends
 - understanding strangers
 - being understood by strangers.
- Contributing family worker** A person who works without pay in an economic enterprise operated by a relative.
- Core activities** Core activities are communication, mobility and self care.
- Core-activity limitation** Four levels of core-activity limitation are determined based on whether a person needs help, has difficulty, or uses aids or equipment with any of the core activities (communication, mobility or self care). A person's overall level of core-activity limitation is determined by their highest level of limitation in these activities.
- The four levels of limitation are:
- profound: the person is unable to do, or always needs help with, a core-activity task
 - severe: the person
 - sometimes needs help with a core-activity task
 - has difficulty understanding or being understood by family or friends
 - can communicate more easily using sign language or other non-spoken forms of communication.
 - moderate: the person needs no help but has difficulty with a core-activity task
 - mild: the person needs no help and has no difficulty with any of the core-activity tasks, but
 - uses aids and equipment
 - cannot easily walk 200 metres
 - cannot walk up and down stairs without a handrail
 - cannot easily bend to pick up an object from the floor
 - cannot use public transport
 - can use public transport but needs help or supervision
 - needs no help or supervision but has difficulty using public transport.
- Disability** In the context of health experience, the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) defines disability as an umbrella term for impairments, activity limitations and participation restrictions. It denotes the negative aspects of the interaction between an individual (with a health condition) and that individual's contextual factors (environment and personal factors).
- In this survey a person has a disability if they report that they have a limitation, restriction or impairment, which has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least six months and restricts everyday activities. This includes:
- loss of sight (not corrected by glasses or contact lenses)
 - loss of hearing where communication is restricted, or an aid to assist with, or substitute for, hearing is used
 - speech difficulties
 - shortness of breath or breathing difficulties causing restriction
 - chronic or recurrent pain or discomfort causing restriction
 - blackouts, fits, or loss of consciousness

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Disability <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ difficulty learning or understanding ■ incomplete use of arms or fingers ■ difficulty gripping or holding things ■ incomplete use of feet or legs ■ nervous or emotional condition causing restriction ■ restriction in physical activities or in doing physical work ■ disfigurement or deformity ■ mental illness or condition requiring help or supervision ■ long-term effects of head injury, stroke or other brain damage causing restriction ■ receiving treatment or medication for any other long-term conditions or ailments and still restricted ■ any other long-term conditions resulting in a restriction.
Disability rate	The proportion of people with a reported disability, in any given population or sub-population (e.g. age group).
Disability status	Whether has a disability, the level of core-activity limitation, and whether has a schooling or employment restriction.
Employed	Persons who reported that they had worked in a job, business or farm during the reference week (the full week prior to the date of interview); or that they had a job in the reference week but were not at work.
Employee	A person who works for a public or private employer and receives remuneration in wages, salary, a retainer fee by their employer while working on a commission basis, tips, piece-rates or payment-in-kind, or a person who operates his or her own incorporated enterprise with or without hiring employees.
Employer	A person who operates their own unincorporated economic enterprise or engages independently in a profession or trade, and hires one or more employees.
Employment restriction	<p>An employment restriction is determined for persons with one or more disabilities if, because of their disability, they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ are permanently unable to work ■ are restricted in the type of work they can, or could, do ■ need, or would need, at least one day a week off work on average ■ are restricted in the number of hours they can, or could, work ■ require, or would require, an employer to provide special equipment, modify the work environment or make special arrangements ■ require assistance from a disability job placement program or agency ■ need, or would need, to be given ongoing assistance or supervision ■ would find it difficult to change jobs or get a preferred job. <p>This information was collected for persons aged 15–64 years with one or more disabilities, living in households.</p>
Equivalised gross household income per week	Gross household income adjusted using an equivalence scale. For a lone person household it is equal to gross household income. For a household comprising more than one person, it is an indicator of the gross household income that would need to be received by a lone person household to enjoy the same level of economic wellbeing as the household in question. The scale allocates 1.0 point for the first adult (aged 15 years and over) in a household; 0.5 for each additional adult; and 0.3 for each child (aged less than 15 years). Equivalised household income is calculated by dividing total household income by the sum of the equivalence points allocated to household members.
Equivalised gross household income quintiles	<p>These are groupings of 20% of the total population of Australia when ranked in ascending order according to equivalised gross household income. The population used for this purpose includes all persons in on scope and coverage for this survey living in private dwellings, including children under the age of 15 years. The quintile boundaries of the equivalised gross household income for the 2003 SDAC population were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lowest quintile: Up to \$277 per week

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Equivalised gross household income quintiles <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Second quintile: \$278 to 452 per week■ Third quintile: \$453 to \$644 per week■ Fourth quintile: \$645 to \$933 per week■ Highest quintile: \$934 or more per week
Establishment	See Cared accommodation.
Fall-back carer	A person identified by the primary carer as being able to take responsibility for the care of the main recipient of care should the primary carer become unavailable. A fall-back carer cannot be a formal provider.
Formal assistance	Help provided to persons with one or more disabilities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ organisations or individuals representing organisations (whether for profit or not for profit, government or private)■ other persons (excluding family, friends or neighbours as described in informal assistance) who provide assistance on a regular, paid basis and who are not associated with any organisation.
Full-time or part-time worker	Full-time work is defined as working 35 hours or more per week in all jobs. For employed persons, full-time or part-time status is determined by the actual and/or usual number of hours worked in all jobs during the reference period.
Gross current personal income	Regular and recurring cash receipts including monies received from wages and salaries, government pensions and allowances, and other regular receipts such as superannuation, workers' compensation, child support, scholarships, profit or loss from own unincorporated business or partnership, and property income. Gross income is the sum of current income from all these sources before income tax or the Medicare levy have been deducted.
Gross household income per week	The sum of the gross current personal incomes of each household resident aged 15 years and over. Households where income for at least one person is not known are excluded.
Health care	This activity comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ foot care■ other tasks, such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ taking medication, or administering injections■ dressing wounds■ using medical machinery■ manipulating muscles or limbs.
Household	A group of two or more related or unrelated people who usually reside in the same dwelling and who make common provision for food and other essentials for living; or a person living in a dwelling who makes provision for his or her own food and other essentials for living without combining with any other person. Thus a household may consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ one person■ one family■ one family and related individual(s)■ related families with or without unrelated individual(s)■ unrelated families with or without unrelated individual(s)■ unrelated individuals.
Housework	This activity comprises household chores, examples of which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ washing■ vacuuming■ dusting.

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Housing tenure	<p>Housing tenure is the nature of the legal right of a person to occupy a dwelling. Housing tenure categories in this publication may not be comparable with other ABS output using these category names. The categories used in this publication are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ owner without a mortgage■ owner with a mortgage■ state or territory housing authority renter■ other renter■ boarder■ rent free■ other (includes persons occupying the dwelling under a life tenure scheme; persons purchasing under a rent/buy or shared equity scheme; and any other housing arrangements).
Impairment	<p>In the context of health experience, an impairment is defined by the the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) as a loss or abnormality in body structure or physiological function (including mental functions). Abnormality is used to refer to a significant variation from established statistical norms.</p> <p>Examples of impairment are loss of sight or a limb, disfigurement or deformity, impairment of mood or emotion, impairments of speech, hallucinations, loss of consciousness and any other lack of function of body organs.</p>
Income	<p>See Gross current personal income and Gross household income per week.</p>
Industry	<p>For people who worked as a wage or salary earner, it was the industry of their employer in their main job. For those who worked in their own business, it was the industry of that business. An industry is a group of businesses which carry out similar economic activities. Each such grouping defines an industry, and the economic activities which characterise the businesses connected are referred to as activities primary to that industry. Industry was classified according to the <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 1993</i> (cat. no. 1292.0).</p>
Informal assistance	<p>Informal assistance is unpaid help or supervision that is provided to persons with one or more disabilities or persons aged 60 years and over living in households. It includes only assistance that is provided for one or more of the specified tasks comprising an activity because of a person's disability or age. Informal assistance may be provided by family, friends or neighbours. For this survey, any assistance received from family or friends living in the same household was considered to be informal assistance regardless of whether or not the provider was paid.</p>
Internet use	<p>Use of the Internet in the 12 months prior to the interview. Includes access via mobile phones, set-top boxes connected to either an analogue or digital television, and the latest games machines.</p>
Labour force status	<p>A classification of the population aged 15 years and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force.</p>
Level of highest non-school qualification	<p>Non-school qualifications are awarded for educational attainments other than those of pre-primary, primary or secondary education. They include qualifications at the Postgraduate Degree Level, Master Degree Level, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate Level, Bachelor Degree Level, Advanced Diploma and Diploma Level, and Certificates I, II, III and IV levels. Non-school qualifications may be attained concurrently with school qualifications. Responses have been coded according to the ABS <i>Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), 2001</i> (cat. no. 1272.0).</p>
Limitation	<p>A person has a limitation if they have difficulty doing a particular activity, need assistance from another person or use an aid.</p>

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Living arrangements	Living arrangements refer to whether a person lives in a private dwelling, cared accommodation or other non-private dwelling. For those living in private dwellings the survey determines whether a person lives alone, with other family members or with other unrelated individuals.
Living in households	In this publication, living in households refers to those persons enumerated as part of the household component, and includes those living in private dwellings, and some non-private dwellings such as motels, boarding houses and self-care units in retirement villages, but excluding cared accommodation (see entry for Other non-private dwelling).
Long-term health condition	A disease or disorder which has lasted or is likely to last for at least six months; or a disease, disorder or event (e.g. stroke, poisoning, accident etc.) which produces an impairment or restriction which has lasted or is likely to last for at least six months. Long-term health conditions have been coded to a classification based on the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases, version 10 (ICD-10).
Main health condition	The long-term condition causing the most problems. Where only one long-term condition is reported, this is the main long-term condition.
Main job	The job in which a person usually works the most hours.
Main recipient of care	Where a primary carer is caring for more than one person, the main recipient of care is the one receiving the most help or supervision. A sole recipient is also classed as a main recipient. The assistance has to be ongoing, or likely to be ongoing, for at least six months and be provided for one or more of the core activities of communication, mobility and self care.
Meal preparation	Meal preparation includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ preparing ingredients■ cooking food.
Median	The median value is that value which divides the population into two equal parts, one half having values lower than the median, and one half having values higher than it.
Mild core-activity limitation	See Core-activity limitation.
Mobility	Mobility comprises the following tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ getting into or out of a bed or chair■ moving about the usual place of residence■ going to or getting around a place away from the usual residence■ walking 200 metres■ walking up and down stairs without a handrail■ bending and picking up an object from the floor■ using public transport. <p>The first three tasks contribute to the definitions of profound and severe core-activity limitation.</p>
Moderate core-activity limitation	See Core-activity limitation.
Need for assistance	A person with one or more disabilities, or aged 60 years and over, is identified as having a need for assistance with an activity if, because of their disability or age, they report that they need help or supervision with at least one of the specified tasks constituting that activity. Need is not identified if the help or supervision is required because the person has not learned, or has not been accustomed to performing that activity. The person is considered to need assistance whether or not assistance is actually received.
Non-core restriction	A restriction in employment and/or schooling.
Non-private dwelling	In this survey, comprises Cared accommodation and Other non-private dwelling.

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Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity	If a disfigurement or deformity was reported and it was also reported that this did not limit the person's everyday activities, it was considered to be a Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity. People in this group were not asked the full range of questions asked of people with a disability.
Non-school qualification	See Level of highest non-school qualification.
Occupation	For people who worked as a wage or salary earner, it was the occupation in their main job. For those who worked in their own business, it was their occupation in that business. An occupation is a set of jobs with similar sets of tasks. In practice, an occupation is a collection of jobs sufficiently similar in their main tasks (in terms of skill level and specialisation) to be grouped together for classification purposes. Occupation was classified according to <i>Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO), Second Edition, 1997</i> (cat. no. 1220.0).
Older person	Older person, in this publication, refers to a person aged 60 years and over. Information on the need for and receipt of assistance for housework, meal preparation, paperwork, property maintenance and transport, and on community participation, is available from the survey for all persons aged 60 years and over, regardless of whether they have a disability.
Other non-private dwelling	Non-private dwellings other than cared accommodation are defined for this survey as hostels for the homeless, hotels, motels, educational and religious institutions, construction camps, boarding houses, staff quarters, guest houses, short-stay caravan parks, youth camps and camping grounds, and self-care units in a retirement village which may have cared accommodation on-site.
Own account worker	An own account worker is a person who operates his or her own unincorporated economic enterprise or engages independently in a profession or trade and hires no employees.
Paperwork	This includes reading or writing tasks such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ checking bills or bank statements■ writing letters■ filling in forms.
Participation rate	In the context of labour force statistics, the participation rate for any group is the number of persons in the labour force (i.e. employed persons plus unemployed persons) expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over in the same group. In this publication, the population is restricted to persons aged 15–64 years.
Partner	A registered married or de facto partner.
Personal activities	These include self care, mobility, communication, health care and cognition or emotion tasks.
Persons not in the labour force	Persons who, during the reference period, were neither employed nor unemployed. They include persons who were keeping house (unpaid), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, persons in institutions, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the reference period was jury service or unpaid voluntary work.
Primary carer	A primary carer is a person who provides the most informal assistance, in terms of help or supervision, to a person with one or more disabilities. The assistance has to be ongoing, or likely to be ongoing, for at least six months and be provided for one or more of the core activities (communication, mobility and self care). In this survey, primary carers only include persons aged 15 years and over for whom a personal interview was conducted. Persons aged 15 to 17 years were only interviewed personally if parental permission was granted.
Principal source of personal income	Refers to that source from which the greatest amount of cash income is received. If total income is nil or negative, principal source of income is undefined.

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Private dwellings	Houses, flats, home units, garages, tents and other structures used as private places of residence at the time of the survey.
Profound core-activity limitation	See Core-activity limitation.
Property maintenance	This includes light maintenance and gardening tasks, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ changing light bulbs, tap washers, car registration stickers■ making minor home repairs■ mowing lawns, watering, pruning shrubs, light weeding, planting■ removing rubbish.
Quintile	When persons (or any other units) are ranked from the lowest to the highest on the basis of some characteristic such as their household income, they can then be divided into equal sized groups. When the population is divided into five equally sized groups, the groups are called quintiles.
Receipt of assistance	Receipt of assistance is applicable to persons with one or more disabilities, or aged 60 years and over, who reported that they needed help or supervision with at least one of the specified tasks comprising an activity. The source of assistance may be informal or formal, but does not include assistance from the use of aids or equipment.
Remoteness	<p>The ABS has defined Remoteness within the <i>Australian Standard Geographical Classification</i> (ASGC). The ASGC Remoteness Structure is defined only in census years, commencing with the census year 2001, and includes all Collection Districts (CDs) across Australia. The purpose of the Remoteness Structure is to classify CDs which share common characteristics of remoteness into broad geographical regions called Remoteness Areas (RAs). The structure defines six RAs: Major Cities of Australia; Inner Regional Australia; Outer Regional Australia; Remote Australia; Very Remote Australia and Migratory.</p> <p>The delimitation criteria for RAs are based on the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA), which measures the remoteness of a point based on the physical road distance to the nearest Urban Centre (ASGC 1996) in each of five size classes. For this survey, the ASGC 2001 CDs were used. The RAs were derived by calculating the average ARIA index value for each CD and applying the ASGC 2001 RA criteria.</p> <p>The Migratory category is outside the scope of this survey and has been excluded. The exclusion of sparsely settled areas from the scope of this survey reduced the size of the Very Remote Australia category (refer to the definition of Sparsely settled in this Glossary). As a result, remoteness data in this publication is presented as Major Cities, Inner Regional and Other. The Other category combines Outer Regional Australia, Remote Australia and the remainder of Very Remote Australia.</p>
Schooling restriction	A schooling restriction is determined for persons aged 5–20 years who have one or more disabilities if, because of their disability, they: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ are unable to attend school■ attend a special school■ attend special classes at an ordinary school■ need at least one day a week off school on average■ have difficulty at school.
Self care	This activity comprises the following tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ showering or bathing■ dressing■ eating■ toileting■ bladder or bowel control.
Severe core-activity limitation	See Core-activity limitation.

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Sparsely settled	Sparsely-settled areas are defined as all Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) with a dwelling density less than 0.06 per square kilometre. They exclude: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ smaller islands off the coast of northern Australia■ a small number of sparsely settled SLAs which are not contiguous with any other sparsely settled SLAs and would have provided too small a sample in a region■ certain Western Australian towns in sparsely settled SLAs with populations of 5,000 or more people.
Specific limitation or restriction	A limitation in core activities, or a restriction in schooling and/or employment. This corresponds with the concept of 'handicap' used in previous ABS publications on disability.
Task	A task is a component of an activity, and represents the specific level at which information was collected.
Transport	Transport is a single task activity referring to going to places away from the usual place of residence. Need for assistance and difficulty are defined for this activity as the need to be driven and difficulty going to places without help or supervision.
Unemployed	Unemployed persons are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and■ were available for work in the reference week.
Unemployment rate	The unemployment rate for any group is the number of unemployed persons in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed persons plus unemployed persons) in the same group.

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