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Preface

The Commonwealth/State Disability Agreement (CSDA) National Minimum Data Set was developed in 1993 and 1994 jointly by all States and Territories, the Commonwealth and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. The first data collection was undertaken in 1995, and data from the subsequent annual collections have been widely used by government departments and the community.

The 2000 data are the fourth national collation where all jurisdictions have been fully represented, and the cooperation of all States and Territories and the Commonwealth is gratefully acknowledged. This major annual report follows the release of a 'first results' publication in December 2000, which is available on the AIHW web site.

A statistical linkage key, first collected by all jurisdictions in 1999 following endorsement by the Institute's Ethics Committee, permits estimates to be made of the number of people receiving services. The Ethics Committee's approval of the use of the statistical linkage key is issued with the proviso that each jurisdiction agree to use the key only for statistical purposes. The statistical linkage key has been used to estimate multiple use of services.

This year the value of the linkage key has extended to examining the extent of service use by individuals over time, that is, their use of a service type on both the 1999 and 2000 snapshot days. The report includes, also for the first time, an analysis of trends in use of CSDA-funded services since 1996 and a look at patterns in the age of people using specific service types.

The information now being released will inform Australians about services funded under the CSDA for people with disabilities in Australia. I am also very pleased to release much of the information from this 2000 CSDA MDS collection onto the Institute's web site for interactive use by 'visitors'.

Discussions about redevelopment of the CSDA MDS collection began during 1999 in partnership with National Disability Administrators and are continuing. As a consequence, changes to the collection are currently being tested.

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Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ADD	Attention deficit disorder
ADL	Activities of daily living
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
CSDA	Commonwealth/State Disability Agreement of 1998
MDS	Minimum data set
CSDA MDS Network	Network of people responsible for the CSDA MDS collections (comprises representatives from AIHW and all jurisdictions listed in the Acknowledgments)
n.a.	Not available—in relation to data from cells in some tables
PT OT ST	Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy. These are included within the 'therapy services' service type.
SCRCSSP	Steering Committee for the Review of Commonwealth/State Service Provision

