

Appendix: Detailed tables

Table A4.1: Aids used, by types of aids and age group (people with a disability), 1998

Type of aid	Age group									
	0-14		15-29		30-44		45-64		65+	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Eating	*7.2	*4.0	**1.7	**0.8	*6.8	*1.9	*6.7	*0.9	46.5	2.5
Showering	*7.1	*4.0	*8.2	*4.2	18.2	5.1	55.8	7.2	242.0	13.1
Toilet	*6.3	*3.5	*5.5	*2.8	11.6	3.2	25.6	3.3	137.1	7.5
Incontinence	*6.2	*3.5	*5.7	*2.9	*4.4	*1.2	14.3	1.8	98.9	5.4
Dressing	**1.7	**0.9	*3.3	*1.7	*6.1	*1.7	15.7	2.0	63.3	3.4
Electric wheelchair/ scooter	**2.0	**1.1	*4.6	*2.3	*3.4	*1.0	*7.9	*1.0	13.6	0.7
Manual wheelchair	*4.9	*2.7	*8.8	*4.5	9.4	2.6	15.5	2.0	85.0	4.6
Cane	**0.1	**0.3	**0.6	**0.3	*5.5	*1.8	*6.7	*0.9	21.7	1.2
Crutches/walking stick	**1.9	**1.1	*3.8	*1.9	14.8	4.1	50.8	6.5	154.0	8.3
Walking frame	**2.1	**1.2	**1.5	**0.8	**1.9	**0.5	11.7	1.5	85.8	4.6
Seating/bedding	**2.4	**1.3	*5.3	*2.7	*6.5	*1.8	25.1	3.2	101.3	5.5
Car	*2.7	*1.5	*2.9	*1.5	*4.6	*1.3	**1.6	**0.2	*3.3	*0.2
Other mobility	*4.6	*2.5	*6.1	*3.1	14.0	3.9	18.6	2.4	47.8	2.6
Low-tech reading/writing	*8.0	*4.5	*4.2	*2.1	**1.9	**0.5	**1.5	**0.2	12.4	0.7
High-tech reading/writing	11.9	6.7	*4.9	*2.5	*3.8	*1.1	*5.5	*0.7	9.0	0.5
Low-tech speech	*5.5	*3.1	**1.2	**0.6	**1.2	**0.3	**0.3	**0.0	**2.0	**0.1
High-tech speech	**1.3	**0.7	**0.1	**0.0	**0.7	**0.2	**1.1	**0.1	**0.3	**0.0
Mobile/cordless phone	**1.8	**1.0	12.7	6.4	41.0	11.5	94.1	12.1	61.7	3.3
Fax machine	0	0.0	**0.9	**0.5	9.9	2.8	16.6	2.1	**1.8	**0.1
Hearing aids/cochlear implants	10.1	5.6	10.2	5.1	19.0	5.3	73.3	9.4	322.8	17.5
Meal preparation	*3.0	*1.7	*4.3	*2.2	13.2	3.7	20.9	2.7	21.7	1.2
Medical	88.1	49.1	101.0	51.2	159.7	44.6	309.5	39.8	314.1	17.0
Total aids used	179.3	100.0	197.4	100.0	357.7	100.0	778.5	100.0	1,846.3	100.0

Note: Estimates marked with ** have an associated relative standard error (RSE) of 50% or more. Estimates marked with * have an associated RSE of between 25% and 50%. These estimates should be interpreted accordingly.

Source: AIHW analysis of ABS 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers Confidentialised Unit Record File.

Table A4.2: Aids used, by use of types of aids and severity of core activity restriction (people with a disability), 1998

Type of aid	Severity of core activity restriction							
	Profound		Severe		Moderate		Mild	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Eating	60.1	4.2	*4.9	*0.7	**1.2	**0.2	*2.7	*0.5
Showering	210.9	14.7	62.3	9.0	41.1	8.2	17.0	2.9
Toilet	133.7	9.3	29.5	4.2	16.4	3.3	*6.4	*1.1
Incontinence	105.1	7.3	12.4	1.8	11.7	2.3	**0.3	**0.1
Dressing	65.3	4.5	18.6	2.7	4.9	1.0	**0.5	**0.1
Electric wheelchair/ scooter	23.7	1.7	*4.7	*0.7	**1.9	**0.4	**1.2	**0.2
Manual wheelchair	109.2	7.6	10.2	1.5	**2.4	**0.5	**1.8	**0.3
Cane	18.9	1.3	*7.6	*1.1	*4.9	*1.0	*3.7	*0.6
Crutches/walking stick	88.3	6.1	71.8	10.3	43.1	8.6	22.2	3.8
Walking frame	86.1	6.0	12.0	1.7	*3.1	*0.6	**1.7	**0.3
Seating/bedding	95.4	6.7	31.5	4.5	11.6	2.3	**2.0	**0.4
Car	10.0	0.7	*3.6	*0.5	**0.8	**0.2	**0.8	**0.1
Other mobility	50.0	3.5	25.6	3.7	9.1	1.8	*6.3	*1.1
Low-tech reading/writing	16.7	1.2	*5.5	*0.8	**1.4	**0.3	*4.3	*0.7
High-tech reading/writing	15.4	1.1	13.1	1.9	**1.2	**0.2	*5.6	*1.0
Low-tech speech	*8.8	*0.6	**1.4	**0.2	0	0	0	0
High-tech speech aids	**1.8	**0.1	**0.7	0.09	**0.3	**0.1	**0.7	**0.1
Mobile/cordless phone	46.0	3.2	69.5	10.0	48.8	9.7	38.5	6.7
Fax machine	*3.9	*0.3	12.0	1.7	*5.8	*1.2	*5.9	*1.0
Hearing aids/ cochlear implants	73.9	5.1	44.7	6.4	58.5	11.7	207.5	35.8
Meal preparation	26.3	1.8	20.5	3.0	*6.6	*1.3	*6.6	*1.1
Medical	188.2	13.1	215.5	31.0	216.7	43.2	219.7	37.9
Total aids used	1,437.7	100.0	694.4	100.0	501.5	100.0	579.2	100.0

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Source: AIHW analysis of ABS 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers Confidentialised Unit Record File.

Table A4.3: Grouping of main disabling conditions, using the 1998 ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers Confidentialised Unit Record File

Main disability group	Main disabling conditions
Physical	
Circulatory	Includes heart disease nfd; angina; myocardial infarction; other heart disease; hypertension; stroke; and other diseases of the circulatory system.
Respiratory	Includes bronchitis/bronchiolitis; respiratory allergies; emphysema; asthma and other diseases of the respiratory system.
Arthritis	Includes arthritis and related disorders.
Neurological	Includes Parkinson's disease; Alzheimer's disease; brain disease/disorder—acquired; multiple sclerosis; epilepsy; migraine and other diseases of the nervous system.
Other musculoskeletal	Includes back problems (dorsopathies); synovitis; tenosynovitis; repetitive strain injury; occupational overuse syndrome; other soft tissue/muscle disorders; osteoporosis; and other disorders of musculoskeletal and connective tissue.
Other physical	Includes cerebral palsy; paralysis; and spina bifida.
All other physical	Includes poliomyelitis; other infections and parasitic diseases; skin cancer; breast cancer; prostate cancer; other malignant tumours; other neoplasms; diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs; disorders of the thyroid; diabetes; high cholesterol; other endocrine; nutritional and metabolic disorders; stomach/duodenal ulcer; abdominal hernia; enteritis; colitis and other disease of the intestine; other diseases of the digestive system; diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue; disorders of the urinary system; disorders of the genital system; other congenital/chromosomal abnormalities; breathing difficulties/shortness of breath; pain, blackouts, fainting and convulsions.
ABI	Includes head injury and acquired brain damage
Psychiatric	Includes mental and behavioural disorders; psychoses and mood affective disorders; dementia; schizophrenia; depression; other psychoses; phobic and anxiety disorders; nervous tension and stress; other neurotic and stress-related disorders; and other mental and behavioural disorders.
Intellectual/learning	Includes intellectual and developmental disorders; mental retardation/intellectual disability; autism and related disorders; development learning disorders; other developmental disorders; ADD/Hyperactivity and Down's syndrome.
Sensory/speech	
Vision	Includes cataracts; retinal disorders and defects; glaucoma; sight loss; and other diseases of the eye and adexna.
Hearing	Includes tinnitus; deafness/hearing loss (nfd, noise-induced, congenital, due to accident, and other cause) and other diseases of the ear and mastoid process.
Speech	Includes speech impediment and unspecified speech difficulties.