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Disability and disability services

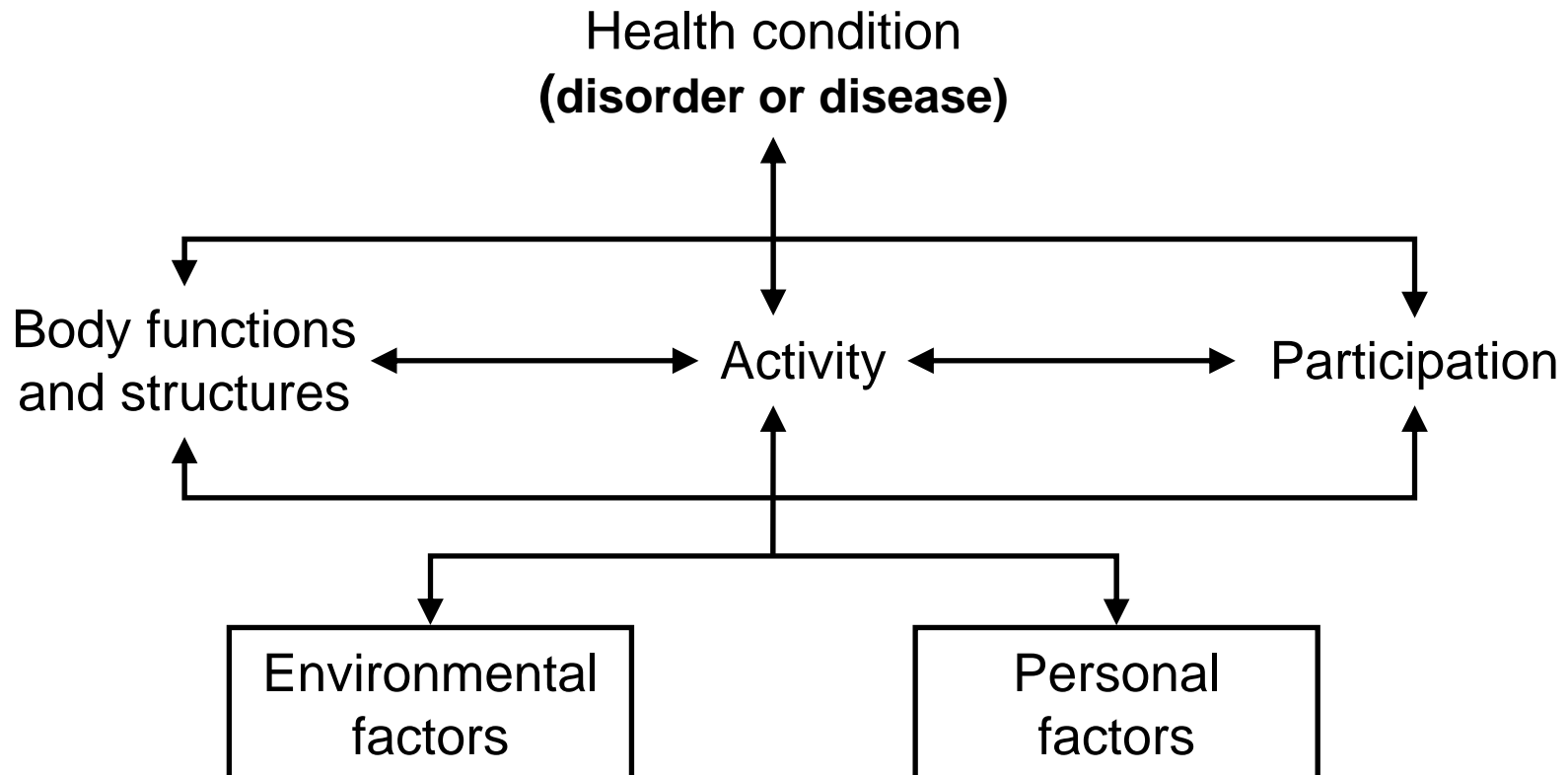
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Outline

- Disability in the Australian population
- Carers
- Services
- Unmet demand
- Outcomes

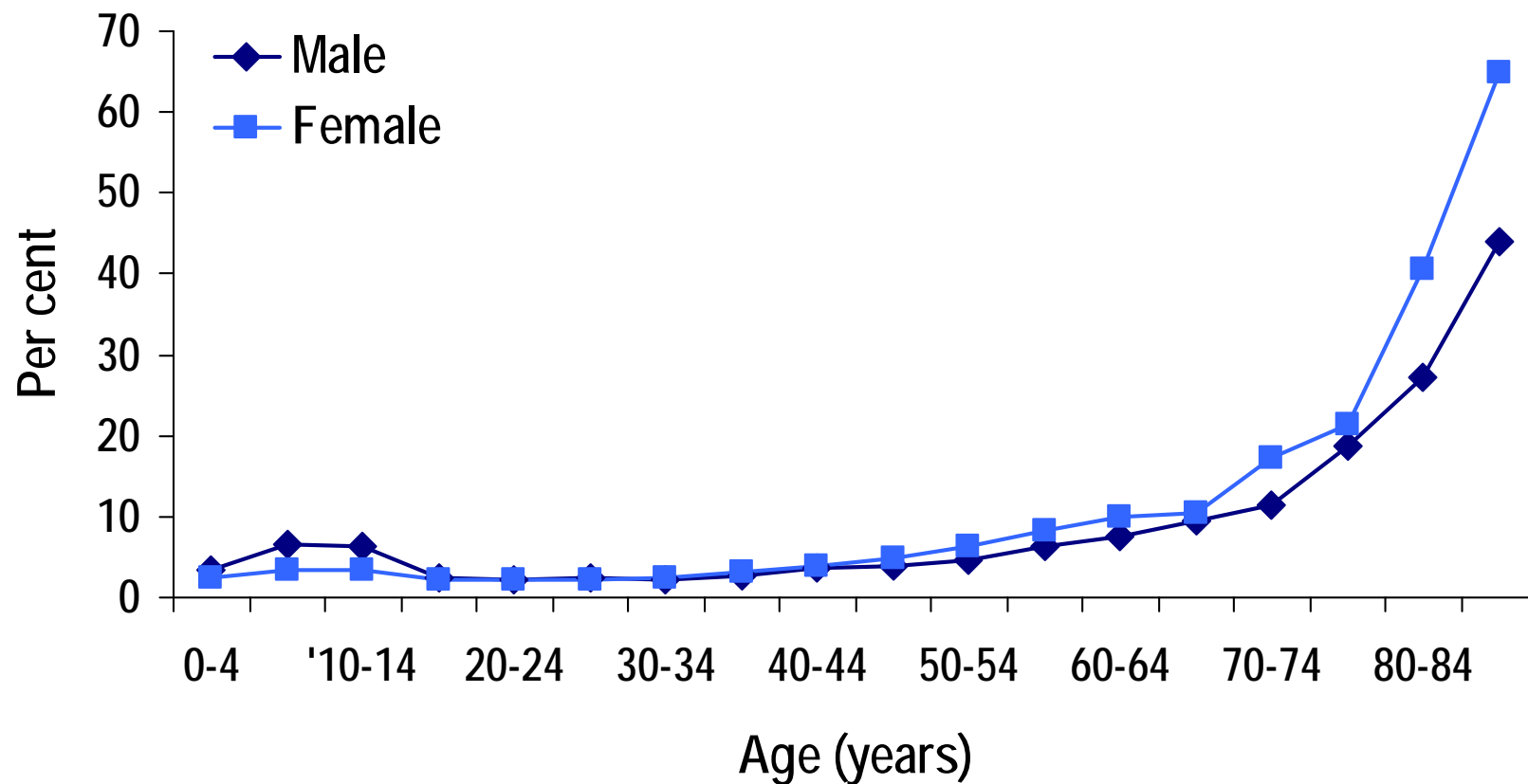
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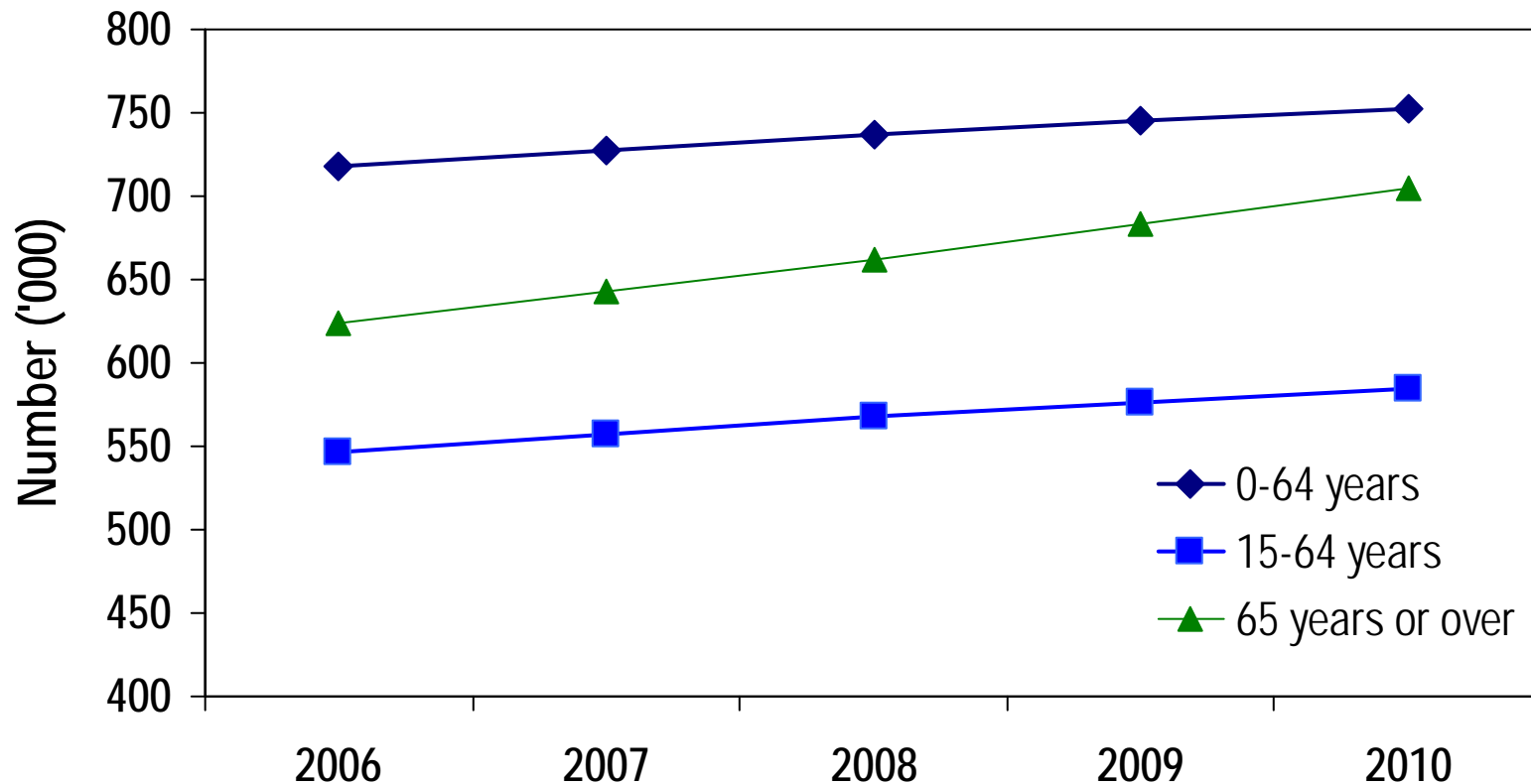
Definitions: disability

- **Disability:** having one or more of 17 impairments, **activity limitations or participation restrictions** that have lasted, or are likely to last, for at least 6 months and that **restrict everyday activities**
- **Severe or profound core activity limitation:** sometimes or always needing **personal assistance** with one or more core activities (**self-care, mobility and communication**)

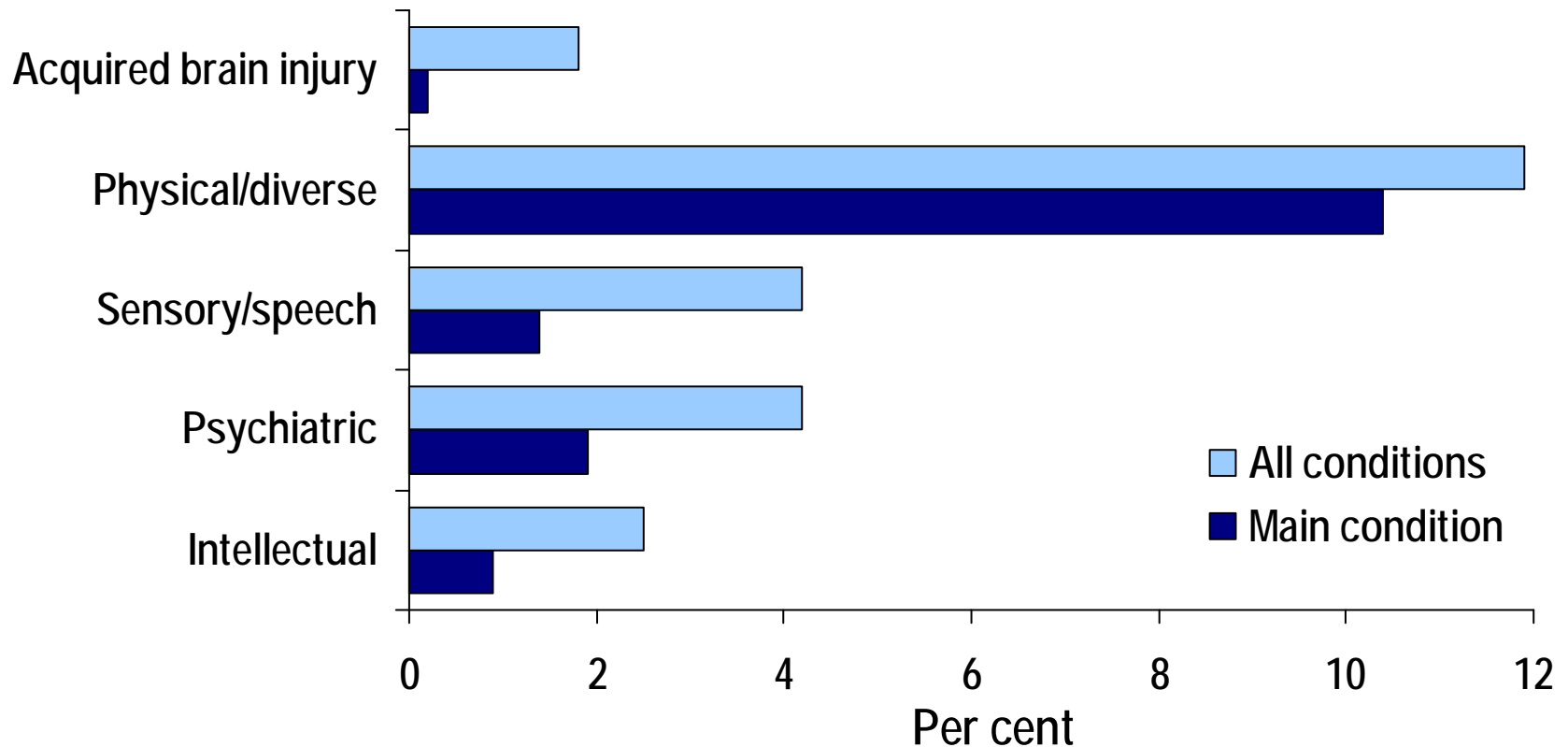
Rates of severe/profound limitations



Projections of people with severe or profound core activity limitations



Prevalence rate of disability groups, people aged 0–64



Disability among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

- Rates at least twice as high as for non-Indigenous Australians
- Early onset and premature ageing

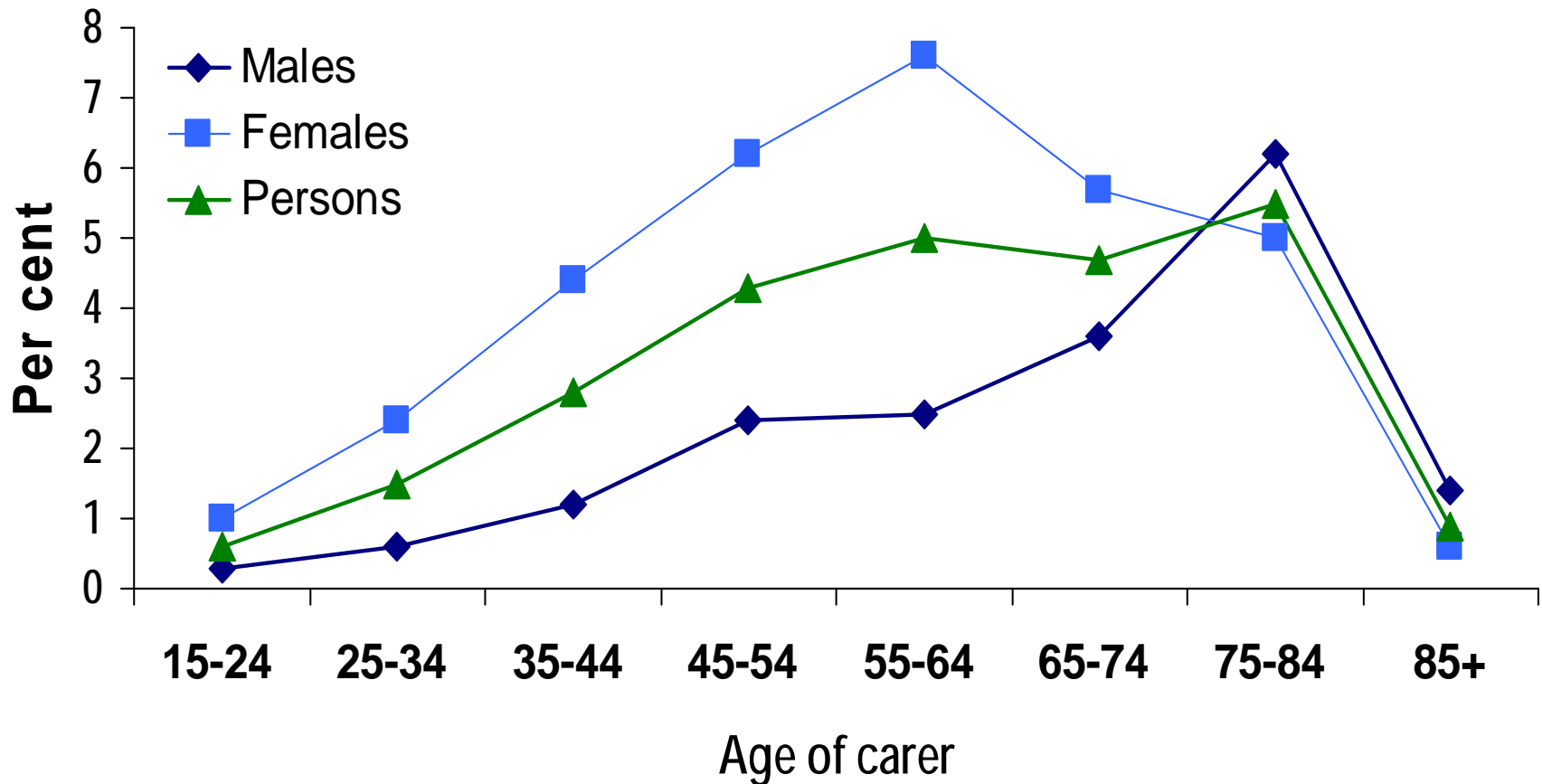
Definitions: carers

- **Informal carer:** a person who provides **regular and sustained care** and assistance to the person requiring support, usually on an **unpaid basis**
- **Primary carer:** a person aged 15 years or over who provides **the most informal assistance**. The assistance is ongoing, or likely to be ongoing, for at least 6 months and is provided for **one or more core activities** (mobility, self-care or communication)

Informal carers

- Critical role in society
- Absence of an informal carer is a significant risk factor contributing to institutionalisation
- Around 472,500 primary carers in 2003

Primary carers



Disability support services

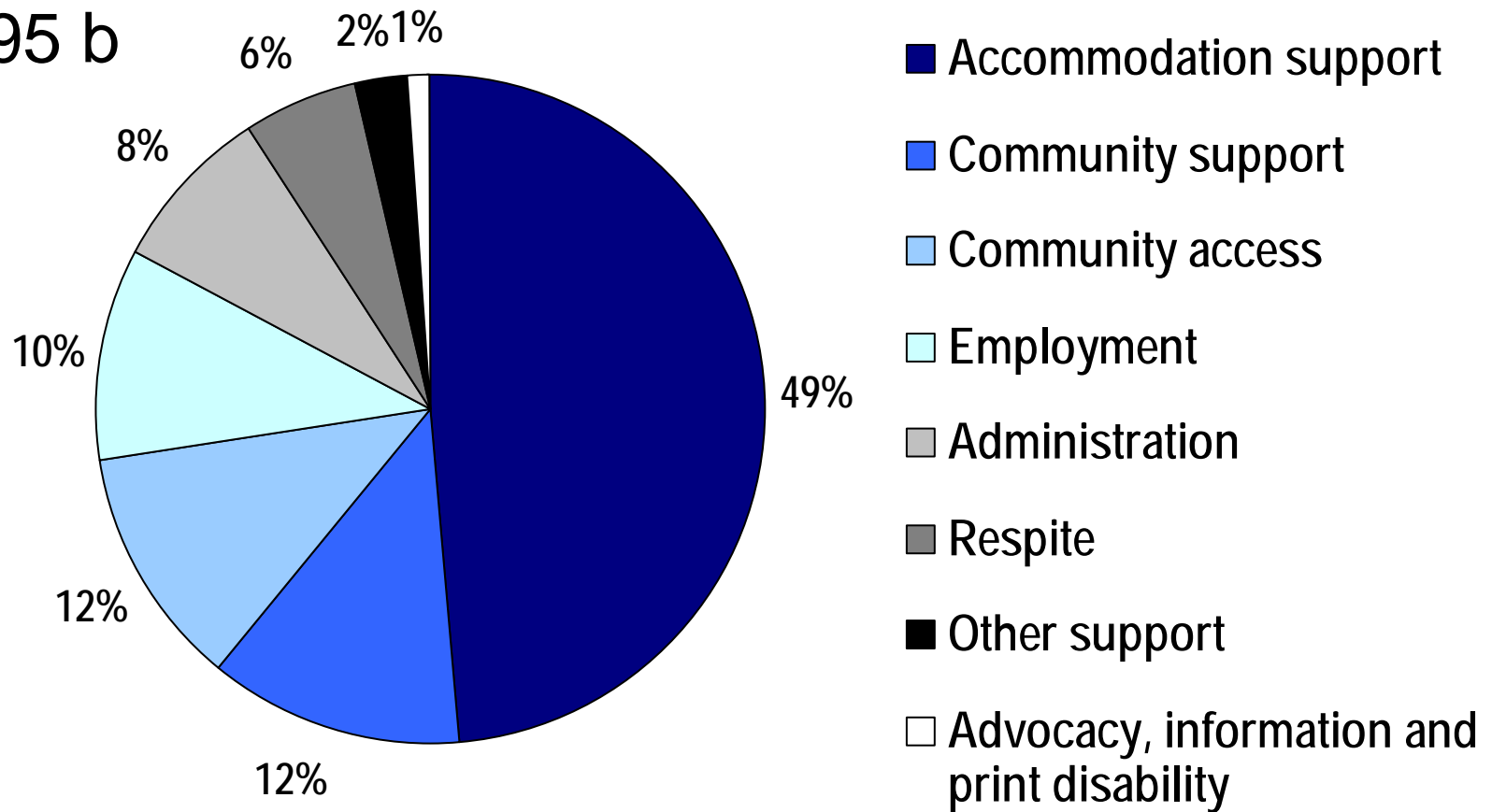
- Services funded under Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA)
 - data presented here for 2005-06

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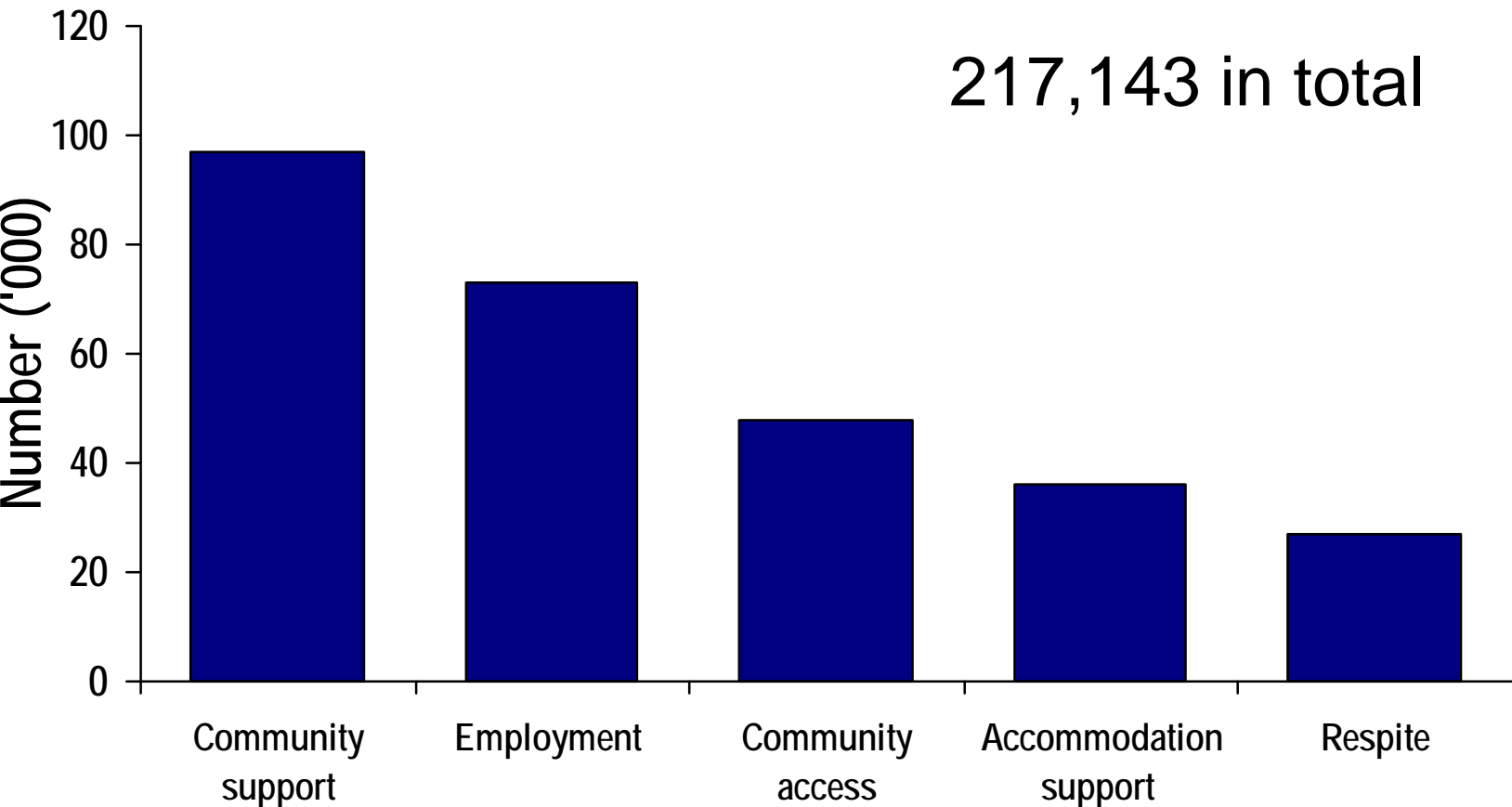
- **Seven service groups:**
 - accommodation support
 - community support
 - community access
 - respite
 - employment
 - advocacy, information and print
 - other support services

Expenditure on disability services

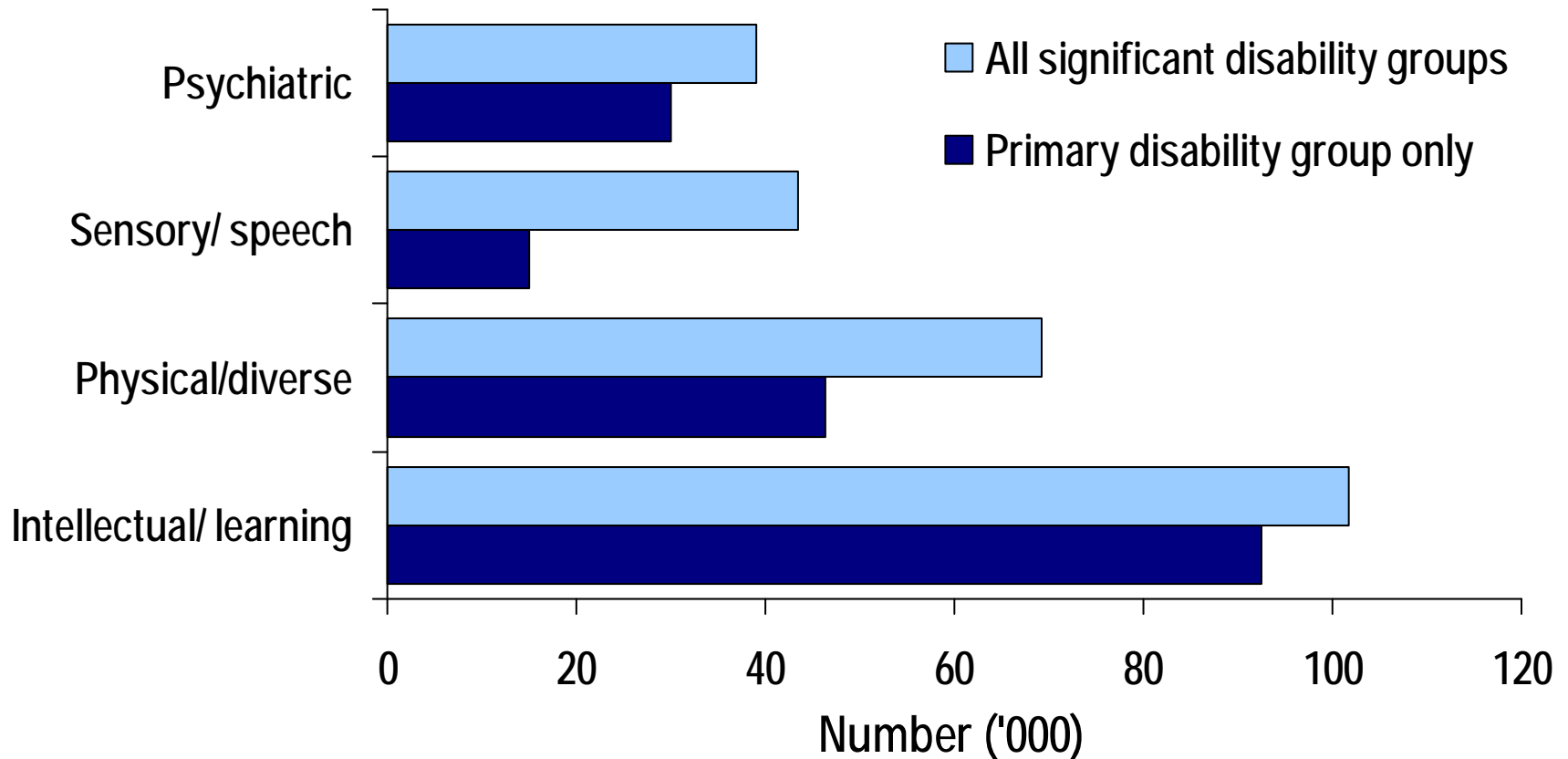
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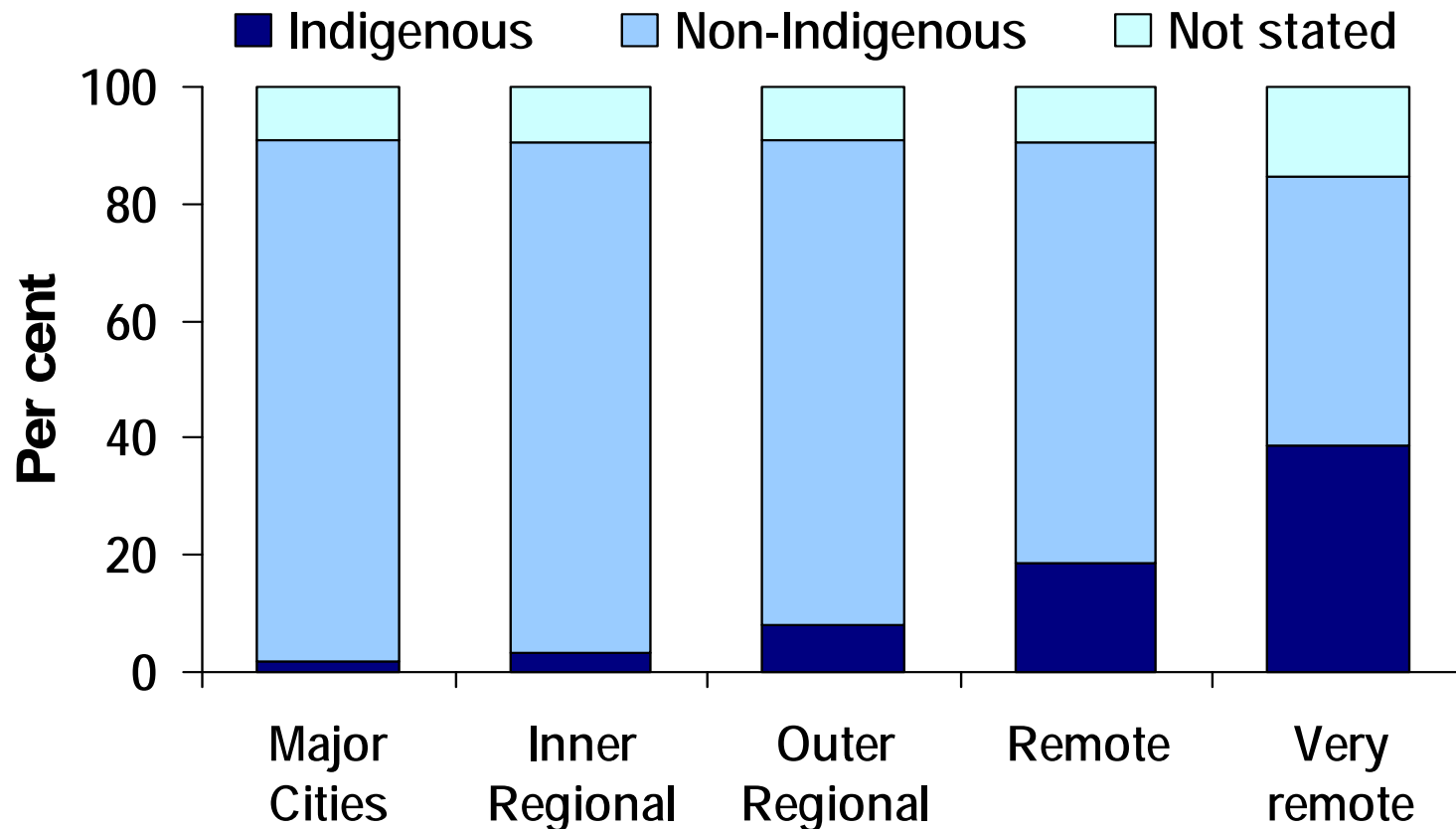
Number of service users



Service users by disability type



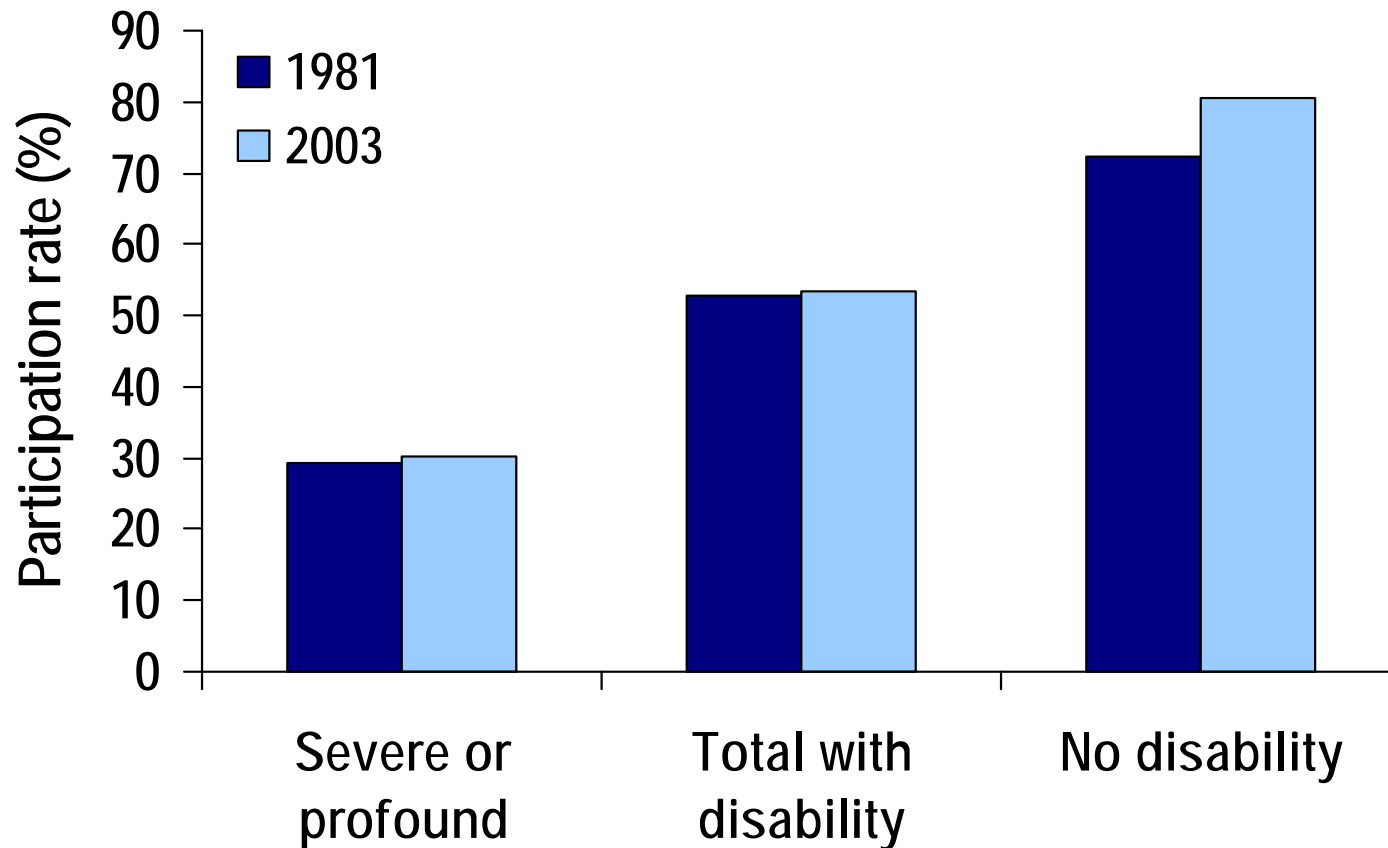
Indigenous service users



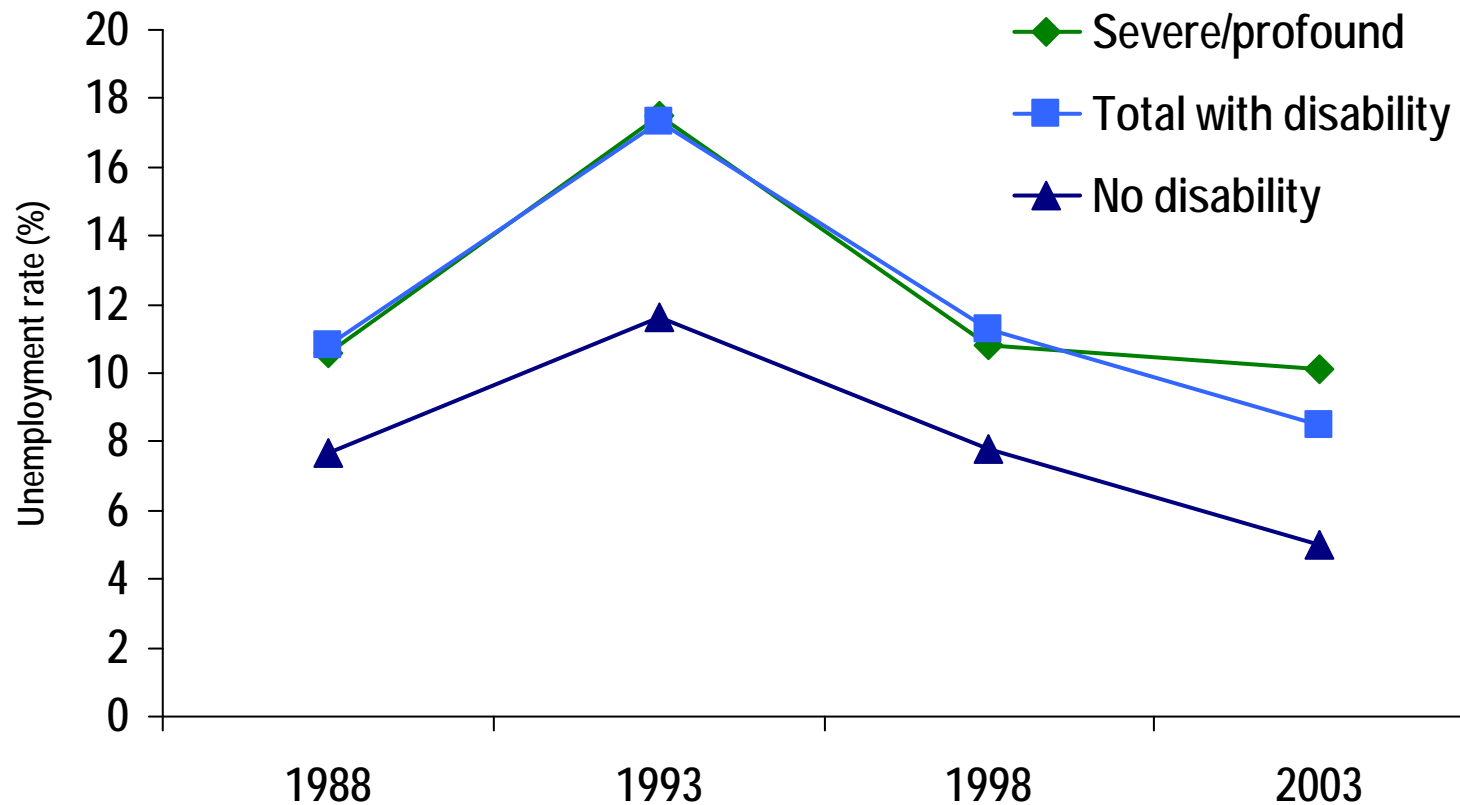
Unmet demand for disability services

- Unmet or under-met demand for accommodation and respite: **23,800**
- Unmet demand for community access: **3,700**
 - does not include partially-met demand

Trends in labour force participation



Trends in unemployment rate



Some challenges in the future

- Projected growth in severe/profound limitations
- Relatively fewer informal carers
- Increased emphasis on outcomes



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