

1 Provision

Operational places and packages

Residential aged care provision increased in absolute terms from 156,580 places at 30 June 2004 to 161,765 places at 30 June 2005 (Table 1.1). In the same period the provision of Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs) rose from 29,063 to 30,973. At 30 June 2004 a total of 860 packages under the Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) program were available. This rose to 1,673 packages at 30 June 2005.

In addition to reporting provision by mainstream services, the data in this section of the report also incorporate aged care places and packages delivered by Multi-Purpose Services and services receiving flexible funding under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Strategy. The exception is the data about allocated places (see Figure 1.1) which only includes mainstream service allocations.

Because residential aged care places, CACPs and EACH packages are intrinsically linked, they are combined to present an indication of the provision of aged care against the planning target. The planning ratio target for the 2004–05 reporting year was increased to 108 places and packages per 1,000 persons aged 70 years and over. Of these 108 places and packages, 88 are targeted to residential aged care, (40 to high care places and 48 to low care places), and 20 to CACPs and EACH packages. The previous target was 100 places and packages per 1,000 persons aged 70 years and over comprising 50 low care places, 40 high care places and 10 CACPs.

The provision ratio, which measures operational places and packages per 1,000 persons aged 70 years and over, declined in the late 1980s and early 1990s but stabilised in the mid-to-late 1990s at around 93–94 places and packages per 1,000 persons aged 70 years and over (AIHW 1995:381–2; AIHW 1997:384–5). Since 2002, the ratio has risen as a consequence of new aged care places and packages being made available (see Table 1.1 and Figure 1.1).

The combined ratio of residential aged care places, CACPs and EACH packages per 1,000 persons aged 70 years and over increased from 100.3 at 30 June 2004 to 102.5 at 30 June 2005. The provision ratio for each type of care program increased over this period: the residential aged care ratio increased from 84.2 to 85.3; the CACP ratio from 15.6 to 16.3; and the EACH ratio from 0.5 to 0.9.

Table 1.1: Number of operational residential aged care places, CACPs and EACH packages, and the provision ratio per 1,000 persons aged 70 years and over,^(a) 30 June 1995 to 30 June 2005

Year	Residential places	CACP packages	EACH packages	Total	Residential places provision ratio	CACP provision ratio	EACH provision ratio	Total provision ratio ^(a)
1995	134,810	2,542		137,352	92.2	1.7		93.9
1996	136,851	4,431		141,282	90.6	2.9		93.5
1997	139,058	6,124		145,182	89.2	3.9		93.1
1998	139,917	10,046		149,963	87.1	6.3		93.3
1999	141,697	13,896		155,593	85.6	8.4		94.0
2000	142,342	18,308		160,650	83.6	10.8		94.4
2001	144,013	24,629		168,642	82.2	14.0		96.2
2002	146,268	26,425		172,693	81.7	14.8		96.4
2003	151,181	27,881	255 ^(b)	179,062	82.8	15.3		98.1
2004	156,580	29,063	860	186,503	84.2	15.6	0.5	100.3
2005	161,765	30,973	1,673	194,411	85.3	16.3	0.9	102.5

(a) The ratios are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) population estimates released in December 2005, cat. no. 3101.0, and are recalculated back to 1997 (ABS 2004b).

(b) In 2003, the EACH program was in a pilot phase.

Notes

1. From 1999, the data in this table include places and packages provided by Multi-Purpose Services and flexible funding under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Strategy. At 30 June 2005 there were a total of 490 CACP packages and 2,233 places from these sources.
2. The ratios for 2005 differ from those published by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing which, for reporting in 2005, used small area projections based on the ABS 2002 Population Projections, Series B.

State and territory variations

The residential aged care provision ratios at 30 June 2005 showed some variation, from Queensland (86.0) to the Australian Capital Territory (72.6) (Table 1.3).

The ratios of the combined number of CACPs, EACH packages and residential aged care places per 1,000 persons aged 70 years and over at the state/territory level were: Northern Territory (215.8), South Australia (108.8), Tasmania (106.8), Victoria (102.0), Western Australia (101.8), Queensland (101.7), New South Wales (100.9), and the Australian Capital Territory (94.8) (Table 1.3).

The higher level of provision in the Northern Territory is a consequence of a comparatively young population profile and a relatively large Indigenous population. As a result of their poorer health status, Indigenous people access aged care programs at younger ages, on average, than do non-Indigenous people. If the population figures used in the denominator to calculate the places ratio include Indigenous people aged between 50 years and 69 years as well as the general population aged 70 years and over, a different picture emerges. For the Northern Territory, the ratio for residential aged care reduces from 97.4 to 48.8, whereas the aggregate Australian ratio only reduces from 85.3 to 83.3. The ratio for CACPs, EACH packages and residential aged care places reduces from 215.8 to 108.0 in the Northern Territory, while the ratio for Australia only reduces from 102.5 to 100.1.

Allocated places and packages to approved providers

Given the time lags between residential places, EACH packages and CACPs being approved, allocated and then becoming operational, consideration of operational places and packages alone does not give a complete picture of the aged care sector. There are a significant number of new residential places, CACPs and EACH packages allocated to approved providers from recent aged care approvals rounds. In the round concluding 30 June 2005 there was a large increase in the total allocation of new places and packages compared with the previous year. An additional 3,590 high care residential places, and 5,315 low care residential aged care places were allocated to approved mainstream service providers (Figure 1.1). The allocation of high care places increased substantially during 2001–02 compared with previous years and continued at a similar level during the following 2 years. Allocations of high care places for 2004–05 represent a further substantial increase. Allocations of CACPs were over double that of the previous year and a similar number of EACH packages were allocated compared to the previous year. The ratio of allocated CACPs to residential aged care places was lower in the past 4 years up to 30 June 2005 than was the case in the preceding period, although planning for CACP growth still appears substantial. The data supporting Figure 1.1 were supplied by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

Further statistics about CACPs and EACH packages over the same reporting period will be published as a separate report in this series (AIHW forthcoming). Other detailed information about CACP and EACH care recipients and the type of assistance they receive was published recently (AIHW 2004).

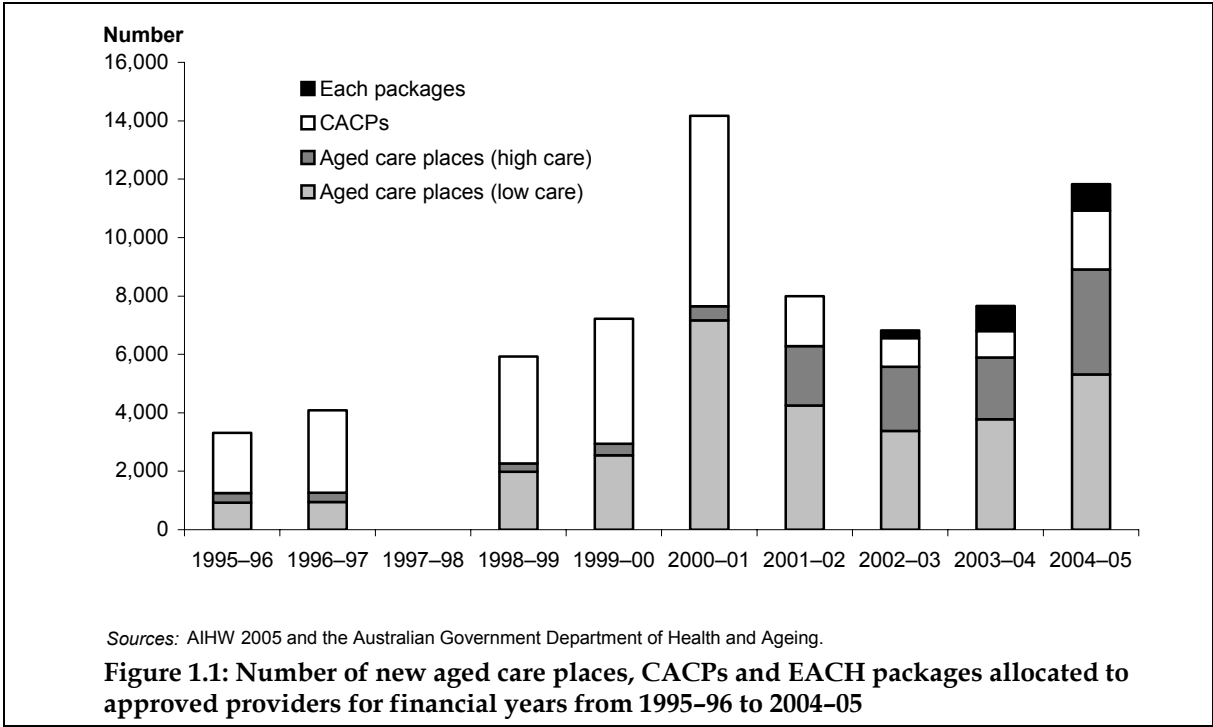


Table 1.2: Residential aged care places, CACPs and EACH packages, by state/territory and remoteness,^(a) 30 June 2005

State/territory	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	All regions
Residential places						
			Number			
NSW	38,288	13,210	3,964	219	28	55,709
Vic	29,291	9,334	2,522	20	n.a.	41,167
Qld	15,349	8,484	4,313	370	218	28,734
WA	10,490	1,871	1,297	248	167	14,073
SA	11,828	1,685	1,673	320	140	15,646
Tas	n.a.	3,184	1,097	47	23	4,351
ACT	1,556	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,556
NT	n.a.	n.a.	241	170	118	529
<i>Australia</i>	<i>106,802</i>	<i>37,768</i>	<i>15,107</i>	<i>1,394</i>	<i>694</i>	<i>161,765</i>
CACPs						
NSW	7,154	2,732	706	50	21	10,663
Vic	6,208	1,416	321	14	n.a.	7,959
Qld	2,306	1,336	1,003	199	189	5,033
WA	1,817	308	224	155	49	2,553
SA	1,996	464	253	73	55	2,841
Tas	n.a.	616	241	24	15	896
ACT	426	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	426
NT	n.a.	n.a.	170	117	315	602
<i>Australia</i>	<i>19,907</i>	<i>6,872</i>	<i>2,918</i>	<i>632</i>	<i>644</i>	<i>30,973</i>
EACH packages						
NSW	383	138	43	0	0	564
Vic	324	114	25	0	n.a.	463
Qld	96	40	55	4	0	195
WA	135	20	0	0	0	155
SA	112	35	8	0	0	155
Tas	n.a.	50	0	0	0	50
ACT	50	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	50
NT	n.a.	n.a.	41	0	0	41
<i>Australia</i>	<i>1,100</i>	<i>397</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1,673</i>
Total (places and packages)						
NSW	45,825	16,080	4,713	269	49	66,936
Vic	35,823	10,864	2,868	34	n.a.	49,589
Qld	17,751	9,860	5,371	573	407	33,962
WA	12,442	2,199	1,521	403	216	16,781
SA	13,936	2,184	1,934	393	195	18,642
Tas	n.a.	3,850	1,338	71	38	5,297
ACT	2,032	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2,032
NT	n.a.	n.a.	452	287	433	1,172
<i>Australia</i>	<i>127,809</i>	<i>45,037</i>	<i>18,197</i>	<i>2,030</i>	<i>1,338</i>	<i>194,411</i>
Total (places and packages)			Per cent			
NSW	68.5	24.0	7.0	0.4	0.1	100.0
Vic	72.2	21.9	5.8	0.1	n.a.	100.0
Qld	52.3	29.0	15.8	1.7	1.2	100.0
WA	74.1	13.1	9.1	2.4	1.3	100.0
SA	74.8	11.7	10.4	2.1	1.0	100.0
Tas	n.a.	72.7	25.3	1.3	0.7	100.0
ACT	100.0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	100.0
NT	n.a.	n.a.	38.6	24.5	36.9	100.0
<i>Australia</i>	<i>65.7</i>	<i>23.2</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>100.0</i>

(a) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

Note: These figures include places and packages provided by Multi-Purpose Services and places and packages funded under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Strategy.

n.a. Not applicable.

Table 1.3: Residential aged care places, CACPs and EACH packages per 1,000 persons aged 70 years and over, by state/territory and remoteness,^(a) 30 June 2005

State/territory	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	Total (70+)	Total (70+ and Indigenous population aged 50–69 years)
Residential places			Ratio				
NSW	85.6	85.5	68.7	65.3	54.1	84.0	82.2
Vic	85.7	83.8	78.6	24.0	n.a.	84.7	84.2
Qld	88.1	84.3	85.7	66.5	67.7	86.0	83.0
WA	87.4	79.7	84.8	55.6	101.4	85.4	84.1
SA	94.3	82.3	83.7	68.6	173.0	91.3	88.0
Tas	n.a.	97.9	68.6	57.4	86.3	87.7	84.6
ACT	72.7	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	72.6	71.6
NT	n.a.	n.a.	75.9	137.0	115.9	97.4	48.8
<i>Australia</i>	<i>86.8</i>	<i>85.3</i>	<i>77.7</i>	<i>66.6</i>	<i>92.8</i>	<i>85.3</i>	<i>83.3</i>
CACP packages							
NSW	16.0	17.7	12.2	14.9	40.6	16.1	15.7
Vic	18.2	12.7	10.0	16.8	n.a.	16.4	16.3
Qld	13.2	13.3	19.9	35.8	58.7	15.1	14.5
WA	15.1	13.1	14.6	34.8	29.8	15.5	15.3
SA	15.9	22.7	12.7	15.7	67.9	16.6	16.0
Tas	n.a.	18.9	15.1	29.3	56.3	18.1	17.4
ACT	19.9	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	19.9	19.6
NT	n.a.	n.a.	53.6	94.3	309.5	110.8	55.5
<i>Australia</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>30.2</i>	<i>86.1</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>16.0</i>
EACH packages							
NSW	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.8
Vic	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.0	n.a.	1.0	0.9
Qld	0.6	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.6
WA	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9
SA	0.9	1.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9
Tas	n.a.	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
ACT	2.3	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.3	2.3
NT	n.a.	n.a.	12.9	0.0	0.0	7.5	3.8
<i>Australia</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Total							
NSW	102.5	104.1	81.7	80.3	94.6	100.9	98.8
Vic	104.8	97.5	89.4	40.7	n.a.	102.0	101.4
Qld	101.9	97.9	106.7	103.0	126.3	101.7	98.1
WA	103.7	93.7	99.4	90.4	131.2	101.8	100.3
SA	111.1	106.7	96.7	84.3	240.9	108.8	104.9
Tas	n.a.	118.4	83.6	86.7	142.6	106.8	103.0
ACT	94.9	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	94.8	93.5
NT	n.a.	n.a.	142.4	231.4	425.4	215.8	108.0
Australia	103.9	101.7	93.5	97.0	178.9	102.5	100.1

(a) Refers to the location of the places. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

n.a. Not applicable.

Notes

- These figures include places and packages provided by Multi-Purpose Services and places and packages funded under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Strategy.
- The 2005 Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) population figures were derived at the AIHW from the 2004 ASGC population figures and the ABS estimated resident population figures for state/territories, 30 June 2005 released in December 2005 (ABS 2001 and 2004b). The Indigenous population aged 50–69 years uses ABS projections (ABS 2004a).