

Expenditure disaggregated by state and territory

Welfare services in each of the states and territories are provided by a broad array of service providers, through programs administered by governments and by non-government service provider organisations. Those services are, in turn, funded through a variety of funding arrangements, involving governments, users of services – through client fees – and, in the case of non-government service providers, by the providers themselves.

While reasonable data are available at a national level, to develop estimates of expenditures incurred by the Australian Government, NGCSOs and individuals, it is not possible to derive estimates in respect of those expenditures on a state and territory basis. Thus, a large proportion (40% on average) of total expenditure on welfare services cannot be allocated by state and territory (Table 1); most of this was expenditures incurred by NGCSOs.

Consequently, estimates of NGCSOs' expenditure are not included in this part of the analysis. Also excluded are a number of small Australian Government expenditure programs that could not be allocated by state and territory. While the estimates shown here do not reflect the overall levels of activity in each state and territory, they do give some indication of differences in the level of expenditure on welfare services across jurisdictions.

The estimates used in this part of the analysis relate to expenditure incurred by:

- state and territory governments;
- the Australian Government on services that could be dissected on a state/territory basis – such as low level residential care and community aged care packages; and
- local government authorities (including that part of their expenditures that was funded by the Australian Government through SPPs, and by service users through client fees).

These expenditures are referred to as 'state/territory welfare services expenditure' but readers should be aware that they do not purport to include all expenditure on welfare services in a particular state or territory.

In aggregate terms, state/territory welfare services expenditure largely reflects population size (Tables 1 and 2). For example, New South Wales, with just over one-third (33.7%) of the national population, incurred an even higher proportion (35.1%) of the national state/territory welfare services expenditure (Figure 1). Similarly, Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory all incurred higher shares of the national aggregate state/territory welfare services expenditures than might be suggested by their relative population shares. Queensland, and to a lesser extent Western Australia and South Australia, had a lower proportion of the expenditure than their population shares might suggest.

Expenditure grew in most jurisdictions in most years. But there were declines in Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory between 1998–99 and 1999–00, and the Northern Territory between 1999–00 and 2000–01. These occurred in welfare services areas where the expenditure was largely funded by state and territory governments and are examined in more detail in Chapter 3 of the main report *Welfare Expenditure Australia 2002–03*.

Table 1: State/territory welfare services expenditure, by jurisdiction, plus unallocated welfare services expenditure, current prices, 1998–99 to 2002–03

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	All jurisdictions	Unallocated to state/territory ^(a)
Amount (\$ million)										
1998–99	2,584	2,013	951	648	567	243	121	77	7,204	4,883
1999–00	2,698	2,294	1,059	690	613	241	120	89	7,804	5,294
2000–01	2,944	2,543	1,149	732	621	246	127	69	8,431	5,596
2001–02	3,269	2,696	1,288	902	692	260	151	73	9,331	5,957
2002–03	3,659	2,999	1,497	978	714	298	173	105	10,423	6,709
Proportion of all states and territories^(b)										
1998–99	35.9	27.9	13.2	9.0	7.9	3.4	1.7	1.1	100.0	
1999–00	34.6	29.4	13.6	8.8	7.8	3.1	1.5	1.1	100.0	
2000–01	34.9	30.2	13.6	8.7	7.4	2.9	1.5	0.8	100.0	
2001–02	35.0	28.9	13.8	9.7	7.4	2.8	1.6	0.8	100.0	
2002–03	35.1	28.8	14.4	9.4	6.9	2.9	1.7	1.0	100.0	
5-year average	35.1	29.0	13.7	9.1	7.5	3.0	1.6	1.0	100.0	

(a) Includes many expenditures incurred by the Australian Government, NGCSOs and individuals, which were not able to be allocated by state and territory.

(b) Relates only to amounts that have been allocated by state/territory.

Sources

State and territory government recurrent funding—NSW: ABS unpublished public finance, Productivity Commission 2004; Vic: DHS Vic; Qld: ABS unpublished public finance, Productivity Commission 2004; WA: ABS unpublished public finance, Productivity Commission 2004, DSC WA; SA: ABS unpublished public finance, Productivity Commission 2004; Tas: ABS unpublished public finance; ACT: ABS unpublished public finance, Productivity Commission 2004; NT: ABS unpublished public finance.

State and territory government concession expenditure—NSW: NSW Treasury, various years; Vic: DHS Vic; Qld: unpublished data; WA: WA Treasury; Other states and territories: from various state and territory departments and local government authorities.

Australian Government funding—SPPs to Victoria: DHS Vic; SPPs to other jurisdictions: Australian Government 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003; DVA unpublished.

State and territory government capital funding—ABS unpublished public finance data.

Local government recurrent and capital funding—ABS unpublished public finance data.

Client fees—Low-level residential: AIHW; WA client fees disability services: DSC WA; Other government: ABS unpublished public finance data.

Table 2: Mean resident population, 1998–99 to 2002–03 ('000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Other territories	Australia
1998–99	6,376.2	4,663.1	3,474.2	1,837.1	1,493.7	471.8	310.8	191.3	2.7	18,820.9
1999–00	6,449.8	4,715.3	3,531.4	1,863.2	1,502.1	471.6	313.8	194.2	2.6	19,043.9
2000–01	6,531.0	4,774.0	3,594.4	1,888.5	1,508.4	471.5	317.1	196.5	2.6	19,353.4
2001–02	6,611.3	4,840.0	3,666.2	1,914.5	1,516.0	472.1	320.6	197.8	2.6	19,601.6
2002–03	6,661.2	4,888.5	3,753.1	1,938.0	1,523.1	474.6	322.2	198.1	2.6	19,765.1

Source: AIHW welfare services database.

State/territory welfare services expenditure accounted for 1.4% of gross domestic product in 2002–03, with the remainder (0.9%) being for expenditures that could not be allocated on a state/territory basis. The share of gross state product devoted to welfare services expenditure ranged from 1.1% in the Northern Territory and the ACT to 1.5% in Victoria (Table 3).

Over the period 1998–99 to 2002–03, the Australian Capital Territory Government's own source funding comprised a greater proportion (68%) of its expenditure on welfare services than did other jurisdictions. In South Australia, on the other hand, the Government's

funding comprised less than half (48%) of the State's expenditure (derived from Tables 1 and 4).

Also some of these differences have changed over time, which has contributed to variations in trends for individual states and territories.

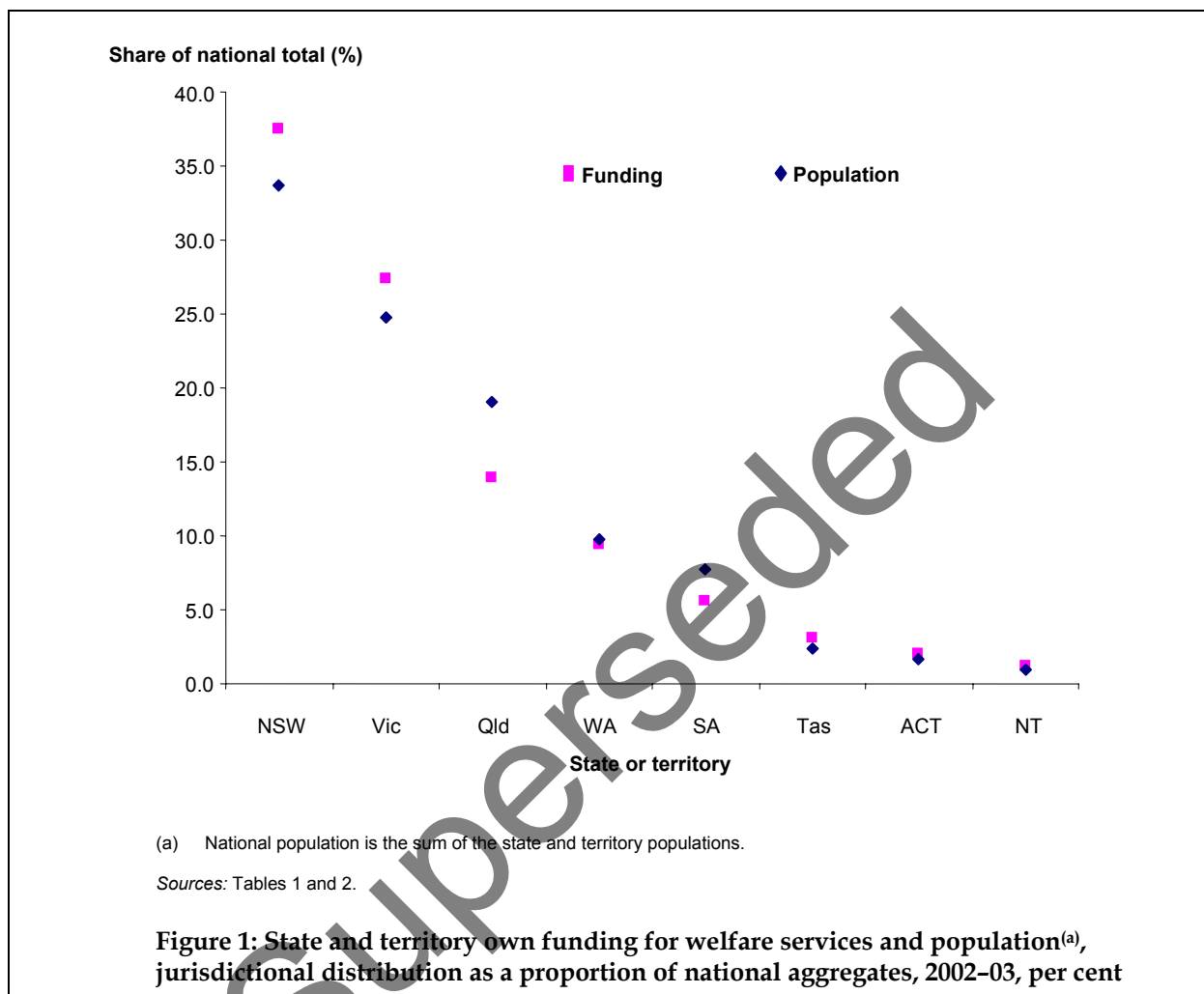


Table 3: State/territory welfare services expenditure as a share of gross state product, plus unallocated and total welfare expenditure as a share of GDP, current prices, 1998-99 to 2002-03 (per cent)

Year	Share of gross state product								Share of gross domestic product		
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	All jurisdictions	Unallocated to state/territory	Total welfare services expenditure
1998-99	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.4	2.2	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.9	2.1
1999-00	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.2	0.9	1.2	1.3	0.8	2.1
2000-01	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.4	2.1	1.0	0.8	1.3	0.8	2.1
2001-02	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.4	2.1	1.1	0.8	1.3	0.8	2.1
2002-03	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.4	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.4	0.9	2.3

Sources: Expenditure: As for Table 1; Gross State Products: ABS 2004.

Table 4: Recurrent funding^(a) of welfare services by state and territory governments, current prices, 1998–99 to 2002–03 (\$ million)

Service type	NSW ^(b)	Vic ^(c)	Qld ^(d)	WA ^(e)	SA ^(f)	Tas ^(g)	ACT ^(h)	NT ⁽ⁱ⁾	Total
Family and child welfare services									
1998–99	352	287	131	60	91	27	35	14	997
1999–00	372	333	147	69	92	19	31	16	1,079
2000–01	427	376	147	66	94	19	36	18	1,181
2001–02	555	410	184	162	114	17	46	19	1,507
2002–03	699	419	208	169	105	25	32	27	1,684
Welfare services for older people and people with disabilities									
1998–99	653	685	230	208	150	87	33	11	2,059
1999–00	701	785	315	211	163	92	32	17	2,318
2000–01	753	842	311	224	170	83	35	19	2,437
2001–02	832	922	301	251	180	85	44	21	2,637
2002–03	953	978	334	272	185	100	56	33	2,910
Other welfare services (nec)									
1998–99	672	161	147	114	41	47	19	5	1,206
1999–00	618	209	134	115	41	44	14	6	1,181
2000–01	659	217	151	114	41	50	14	5	1,251
2001–02	615	211	190	110	42	53	13	5	1,239
2002–03	573	226	285	115	43	60	32	8	1,341
Total welfare services									
1998–99	1,677	1,133	509	382	283	162	87	31	4,262
1999–00	1,691	1,328	596	395	297	156	77	38	4,577
2000–01	1,839	1,435	608	404	304	151	85	42	4,869
2001–02	2,002	1,543	675	523	336	155	104	46	5,384
2002–03	2,224	1,623	826	556	333	185	120	68	5,934

(a) Excludes funding for capital purposes.

(b) Welfare services for older people: 1998–99 to 2001–02, Productivity Commission 2004.
Welfare services for people with disabilities: 1998–99, AIHW estimate based on the combined expenditure on GPC2622 and GPC2623 of the ABS and HACC expenditure reported in Productivity Commission 2004 (i.e. GPC2622 + GPC2623 – RoGS expenditure figure for HACC). 1999–00 to 2001–02, Productivity Commission 2004.

(c) All welfare services expenditure categories for all years: DHS Victoria.

(d) 1998–99 data for all welfare services categories, AIHW estimate based on total welfare services reported by the ABS and applied the ABS distribution of expenditure by GPCs for other years to the 1998–99 total.
Welfare services for older people: 2001–02 and 2002–03, Productivity Commission 2004.
Welfare services for people with disabilities: 2002–02 and 2002–03, Productivity Commission 2004.

(e) Welfare services for older people: 1999–00 to 2002–03, Productivity Commission 2004.
Welfare services for people with disabilities: Other years, DSC WA.

(f) Welfare services for families and children: 1999–00, AIHW estimate (average of the ABS 1998–99 and 2000–01 figures).
Welfare services for older people: all years, Productivity Commission 2004.
Welfare services for people with disabilities: all years, Productivity Commission 2004.
Other welfare services (nec): AIHW estimates (state-funded SAAP expenditure).

(g) All welfare services expenditure categories for all years: ABS GFS.

(h) Welfare services for older people: 2000–01, Productivity Commission 2004.
Welfare services for people with disabilities: 2000–01, Productivity Commission 2004.
Other welfare services (nec): 2001–02, AIHW estimate (territory-funded SAAP expenditure).

(i) Other welfare services (nec): AIHW estimates (territory-funded SAAP expenditure).

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