

APPENDIX:

National data collections and development activities conducted by governments

Aged care

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
Census of Population	Information on characteristics of all members of the Australian population. The 2006 cycle includes for the first time both disability and unpaid work (volunteering).	5-yearly	ABS
Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers	Information on people with disabilities and their carers, their need for and use of services. Redesign of survey to reflect national data development.	Last survey 2003; next survey 2009	ABS
National Survey of Voluntary Work	Estimates of the number of people undertaking voluntary work, activities performed, time spent and field of voluntary work.	2000; now included in the General Social Survey and the Census	ABS
General Social Survey	Information on a range of wellbeing and social life aspects of the Australian population. The 2006 cycle includes voluntary work.	Last survey 2002; next survey 2006	ABS
National Community Services Labour Force Data	Statistics and analysis of community services labour force from ABS and other sources.	2001	AIHW/ ABS
National Survey of Time Use	Information on use of time, including time spent in voluntary work and other community participation. Data provide a measure of unpaid work in the community and particularly quantify the time spent in formal voluntary work and informal caring.	1997; next survey 2006 (with larger sample)	ABS
National Community Services Industry Survey	Information on income, expenditure and labour force of community services.	Last survey 1999–2000; next survey not before 2007–2008	ABS

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Monthly Labour Force Survey	For child care services separately, and for community care services combined, monthly data on labour force status (full time/part time), aggregate hours worked, status in employment, state, sex. Additional data at less frequent intervals on earnings, education and work, forms of employment, labour force mobility and labour force experience.	Ongoing	ABS
Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours	Earnings and hours by industry, occupation, pay setting arrangements, state, sex, business size.	Last survey May 2004; next survey May 2006	ABS
Residential Classification Scale	Care classification instruments for residents in aged care facilities.	Ongoing	DoHA
Residential Aged Care Services Data Set	Information on service and resident characteristics and service use pattern.	Ongoing	DoHA
Community Aged Care Package Census	Information on service provision and client characteristics. Some information on providers.	2002	DoHA / AIHW
Community Aged Care Package Data	Data on client groups and services.	Ongoing	DoHA
Extended Aged Care at Home Census	Information on service provision and client characteristics. Some information on providers.	2002	DoHA /AIHW
Extended Aged Care at Home Data	Data on client groups and services.	Ongoing	DoHA
Aged Care Assessment Program National Minimum Data Set	Information on persons assessed by Aged Care Assessment Teams, and their carers.	Ongoing	DoHA
HACC Minimum Data Set	Information on HACC services and client characteristics.	Ongoing	HACC Officials
HACC National Service Standards Instrument	Develop measurements of performance of services against HACC standards. Includes Consumer Survey Instrument.	2003–04	HACC Officials AIHW
Day Therapy Centre Census	Information on service provision and client characteristics.	2002	DoHA
International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)	Implementation of the ICF in Australia to improve the quality and consistency of data on human functioning and disability, across a wide range of fields including health, ageing and aged care, and community services.	Ongoing	AIHW/ ACAIDD

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Residential Classification Scale	Care classification instruments for residents in aged care facilities.	Ongoing	DOHA
Residential Aged Care Services Data Set	Information on service and resident characteristics and service use patterns.	Ongoing	DoHA

Disability services

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Census of Population	Information on characteristics of all members of the Australian population. The 2006 cycle includes for the first time both disability and unpaid work (volunteering).	5-yearly	ABS
Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers	Information on people with disabilities and their carers, their need for and use of services. Redesign of survey to reflect national data development.	Last survey 2003; next survey 2009	ABS
International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)	Implementation of the ICF in Australia to improve the quality and consistency of data on human functioning and disability, across a potentially wide range of fields including health, ageing and aged care, and community services. The ICF provides powerful infrastructure for whole-of-government approaches to information in these and related fields	Ongoing	AIHW/ ACAIDD
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey	Broad information across key areas of social concern for Indigenous Australians, including disability status. Data may be compared with those for the rest of the Australian population from the 2002 General Social Survey and the census.	2002	ABS
General Social Survey	Information on a range of wellbeing and social life aspects of the Australian population, including disability status. The data provide a base for comparing social circumstance and outcomes across population subgroups. The 2006 cycle includes voluntary work.	Last survey 2002; next survey 2006	ABS
National Survey of Voluntary Work	Estimates of the number of people undertaking voluntary work, activities performed, time spent and field of voluntary work.	2000; now included in the General Social Survey and the Census	ABS

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National Community Services Labour Force Data	Statistics and analysis of community services labour force from ABS and other sources.	2001	AIHW/ ABS
National Survey of Time Use	Information on use of time, including time spent in voluntary work and other community participation. Data provide a measure of unpaid work in the community and particularly quantify the time spent in formal voluntary work and informal caring.	1997; next survey 2006 (with larger sample)	ABS
National Community Services Industry Survey	Information on income, expenditure and labour force of community services.	1999–2000; next survey not before 2007–2008	ABS
Monthly Labour Force Survey	For child care services separately, and for community care services combined, monthly data on labour force status (full time/part time), aggregate hours worked, status in employment, state, sex. Additional data at less frequent intervals on earnings, education and work, forms of employment, labour force mobility and labour force experience.	Ongoing	ABS
Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours	Earnings and hours by industry, occupation, pay setting arrangements, state, sex, business size.	Last survey May 2004; next survey May 2006	ABS
Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set	National collation, analysis and ongoing enhancement of the CSTDA NMDS collection which provides a profile of disability support services in Australia and the users of these services.	2003–2004 and ongoing	AIHW/ FaCS/ states and territories
Medical Indemnity National Collection (MINC)	National collation, analysis and ongoing enhancement of MINC to provide a national profile of medical indemnity claims, claimants and outcomes.	2003–2004 and ongoing	AIHW / DoHA and states and territories
Functioning and Related Health Outcomes Module	Development and testing of a data capture module for summary information on functioning.	November 2003 to March 2006	AIHW, AHMAC
SAAP National Data Collection	Clients of the major program response to homelessness people with a disability.	Ongoing	ISC/ AIHW

Supported accommodation

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
Census of Population	Information on characteristics of all members of the Australian population. The 2006 cycle includes for the first time both disability and unpaid work (volunteering).	5-yearly	ABS
SAAP National Data Collection	National data collection on clients and accompanying children of the major program response to homelessness and those at risk of homelessness, including supplementary collections on casual clients and unmet demand.	Ongoing	ISC/ AIHW
Welfare Services Expenditure Data	Data from the ABS and the Commonwealth Grants Commission on government expenditure on welfare services analysed and published. Methods for estimating expenditure by the private sector will be further developed.	Ongoing	AIHW
National Survey of Voluntary Work	Estimates of the number of people undertaking voluntary work, activities performed, time spent and field of voluntary work.	2000; now included in the General Social Survey and the Census	ABS
National Community Services Labour Force Data	Statistics and analysis of community services labour force from ABS and other sources.	1997	AIHW/ ABS
National Community Services Industry Survey	Information on income, expenditure and labour force of community services.	1999–2000; next survey not before 2007–2008	ABS
National Survey of Time Use	Information on use of time, including time spent in voluntary work and other community participation. Data provide a measure of unpaid work in the community and particularly quantify the time spent in formal voluntary work and informal caring.	1997; next survey 2006 (with larger sample)	ABS
SAAP Administrative Data Collection	Administrative data collection from state governments.	Ongoing	ISC/ AIHW

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
Data Dictionary	Investigate integration of SAAP data dictionary with the NCS Data Dictionary.	Ongoing	ISC/ AIHW
SAAP Access and Exiting Project	Survey of the access and exiting policies of agencies funded to support people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness	2002	NSW Ombudsman/ AIHW

Child care and preschool

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
Census of Population	Information on characteristics of all members of the Australian population. The 2006 cycle includes for the first time both disability and unpaid work (volunteering)	5-yearly	ABS
National Information Strategy for Child Care	To improve and complement existing information systems, to better guide child care providers' decisions and to ensure parents have the necessary information to make appropriate choices about their use of child care.	1997	FaCS
Welfare Services Expenditure Data	Data from the ABS and the Commonwealth Grants Commission on government expenditure on welfare services analysed and published. Methods for estimating expenditure by the private sector will be further developed.	Ongoing	AIHW
National Survey of Voluntary Work	Estimates of the number of people undertaking voluntary work, activities performed, time spent and field of voluntary work.	2000; now included in the General Social Survey and the Census	ABS
National Community Services Labour Force Data	Health and Community Services Labour Force provides information about the health and community services workforce, based on the ABS Census data.	2001	AIHW/ ABS
National Community Services Industry Survey	Information on income, expenditure and labour force of community services.	Last survey 1999–2000; next survey not before 2007–2008	ABS

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Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours	Earnings and hours by industry, occupation, pay setting arrangements, state, sex, business size.	Last survey May 2004; next survey May 2006	ABS
Monthly Labour Force Survey	For child care services separately, and for community care services combined, monthly data on labour force status (full time/part time), aggregate hours worked, status in employment, state, sex. Additional data at less frequent intervals on earnings, education and work, forms of employment, labour force mobility and labour force experience.	Ongoing	ABS
Child Care Operator System	This system is used to register Child Care Benefit Approved Service Providers and sponsors, and to maintain organisation information and process statement acquittals and payments.	Ongoing	FaCS
National Survey of Time Use	Information on use of time, including time spent in voluntary work and other community participation. Data provide a measure of unpaid work in the community and particularly quantify the time spent in formal voluntary work and informal caring.	1997; next survey 2006 (with larger sample)	ABS
Child Care Data Development	NMDS developed. Covers services, workers and children characteristics	2005	AIHW
Australian Government Census of Child Care Services	The AGCCCS is the most comprehensive data available on Australian Government approved and funded child care. It collects information about child care users, staff and carers, and operation details of child care services.	Biennial	FaCS
National Child Care Survey	3-yearly survey of use of childcare services. Details on demand for and use of formal and informal childcare and preschool.	Every 3 years; next survey 2005	ABS
Quality Improvement and Accreditation System (QIAS)	Provides information on the accreditation status of long day care services that are registered to participate in QIAS, such as the percentage of long day care services that are accredited under the QIAS.	Ongoing	FaCS

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
Family Day Care Quality Assurance (FDCQA)	Provides information on the accreditation status of family day care services, such as the percentage of family day care services that are accredited under the FDCQA.	Ongoing	FaCS
Outside School Hours Care Quality Assurance (OSHCQA)	Provides information on the accreditation status of outside school hours care services, such as the percentage of outside school hours care services that are accredited under OSHCQA.	Ongoing	FaCS
National Indigenous Pre-School Census	National census of all Indigenous preschool students.	Annual	DETYA
Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey	A household-based longitudinal panel study which collects information about economic and subjective wellbeing, labour market dynamics and family dynamics.	Began in 2001; funding has been guaranteed for eight waves (2008).	FaCS
Growing Up in Australia, the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children	A longitudinal study of Australian children to examine the individual, family, and broader social and environmental factors that are associated with consistency and change in children's developmental pathways.	Began in 2004; funding has been guaranteed for four waves (2010).	FaCS

Child protection and welfare

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
Child Protection National Minimum Data Set	Enhancement of data consistency and definition. Development of counting rules and data dictionaries on data collections.	Ongoing	AIHW/ states and territories
National Survey of Voluntary Work	Estimates of the number of people undertaking voluntary work, activities performed, time spent and field of voluntary work.	2000; now included in the General Social Survey and the census	ABS
National Community Services Labour Force Data	Statistics and analysis of community services labour force from ABS and other sources.	1997; 2001	AIHW/ ABS

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National Survey of Time Use	Information on use of time, including time spent in voluntary work and other community participation. Data provide a measure of unpaid work in the community and particularly quantify the time spent in formal voluntary work and informal caring.	1997; next survey 2006 (with larger sample)	ABS
National Community Services Industry Survey	Information on income, expenditure and labour force of community services.	Last survey 1999–2000; next survey not before 2007–2008	ABS
Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours	Earnings and hours by industry, occupation, pay setting arrangements, state, sex, business size.	Last survey May 2004; next survey May 2006	ABS
Monthly Labour Force Survey	For child care services separately, and for community care services combined, monthly data on labour force status (full time/part time), aggregate hours worked, status in employment, state, sex. Additional data at less frequent intervals on earnings, education and work, forms of employment, labour force mobility and labour force experience.	Ongoing	ABS
Child Protection National Minimum Data Set	Enhancement of data consistency and definition. Development of counting rules and data dictionaries on data collections.	Ongoing	AIHW/ states and territories
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Juvenile justice/welfare

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Census of Population	Information on characteristics of all members of the Australian population. The 2006 cycle includes for the first time both disability and unpaid work (volunteering).	5-yearly	ABS
Welfare Services Expenditure Data	Data from the ABS and the Commonwealth Grants Commission on government expenditure on welfare services analysed and published. Methods for estimating expenditure by the private sector will be further developed.	Ongoing	AIHW
Youth Justice Information System Costing and Options of Upgrade Project	To review the Youth Justice Information System and specify and cost the options for extension of the system statewide. The system will record relevant data arising from the implementation of the new youth justice legislation and include details of charges and outcomes of juvenile court appearances.	Ongoing	Dept of Community and Health Services, Tasmania
National Survey of Voluntary Work	Estimates of the number of people undertaking voluntary work, activities performed, time spent and field of voluntary work.	2000; now included in the General Social Survey and the Census	ABS
National Community Services Labour Force Data	Statistics and analysis of community services labour force from ABS and other sources.	1997; 2001	AIHW/ABS
National Survey of Time Use	Information on use of time, including time spent in voluntary work and other community participation. Data provide a measure of unpaid work in the community and particularly quantify the time spent in formal voluntary work and informal caring.	1997; next survey 2006 (with larger sample)	ABS
Juvenile Court System	Information is supplied from the Department of Juvenile Justice on all Children's Court appearances involving welfare matters.	Twice-yearly	NSW Department of Juvenile Justice
Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set	Information supplied from jurisdictional administrative data sets on young people's involvement with supervision by juvenile justice departments.	Annually from 2005	AIHW and states and territories

Family support

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
Census of Population	Information on characteristics of all members of the Australian population. The 2006 cycle includes for the first time both disability and unpaid work (volunteering).	5-yearly	ABS
National Family Characteristics Survey	Data on structure and characteristics of families, parents and children.	First survey April 1997	ABS
Various Household and Labour Force Surveys	Data on structure and function of households and families. Includes monthly Labour Force Survey, the Family Characteristics Survey, and the Family Transitions and History Survey.	Ongoing	ABS
Welfare Services Expenditure Data	Data from the ABS and the Commonwealth Grants Commission on government expenditure on welfare services analysed and published. Methods for estimating expenditure by the private sector will be further developed.	Ongoing	AIHW
National Survey of Voluntary Work	Estimates of the number of people undertaking voluntary work, activities performed, time spent and field of voluntary work.	1995	ABS
National Community Services Labour Force Data	Statistics and analysis of community services labour force from ABS and other sources.	1997; 2001	AIHW/ ABS
National Survey of Time Use	Information on use of time, including time spent in voluntary work and other community participation. Data provide a measure of unpaid work in the community and particularly quantify the time spent in formal voluntary work and informal caring.	1997; next survey 2006 (with larger sample)	ABS
FAMnet	Data collection being developed on Family Relationships Services Program.	1999	FaCS
NIS (National Information System)	Data collection by Community Legal Services.	Ongoing	FaCS

Emergency relief and crisis services

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
National Survey of Voluntary Work	Estimates of the number of people undertaking voluntary work, activities performed, time spent and field of voluntary work.	2000; now included in the General Social Survey and the Census	ABS
Welfare Services Expenditure Data	Data from the ABS and the Commonwealth Grants Commission on government expenditure on welfare services analysed and published. Methods for estimating expenditure by the private sector will be further developed.	Ongoing	AIHW
Emergency Relief Information and Payments System	Program Administration System used to make payments to community-based welfare organisations funded under the Commonwealth Emergency Relief Program. Details recorded include name of agency, address, outlets, geographical location and level of grant.	Ongoing	FaCS
Emergency Relief Data Collection Program	Data collection across all emergency relief services to collect data on applicants for emergency relief services.	August 1995 – August 1998	DHFS

Indigenous people

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey	Comprehensive survey of the social conditions of the health and welfare of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.	5-yearly Last survey 2004–2005; next survey 2010–2011	ABS
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey	Comprehensive survey of the social conditions of the health and welfare of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.	Last survey 2002, next survey 2008	ABS
Census of Population	Information on characteristics of all members of the Australian population, including Indigenous identification.	5 yearly	ABS
Child Protection	Administrative data from States and Territories on child protection cases. Includes Indigenous identification.	Ongoing	States and territories/ AIHW
SAAP National Data Collection	Indigenous clients of the major program response to homelessness and those at risk of homelessness	Ongoing	ISC/ AIHW

National data infrastructure, resources and activities – cross-sectoral

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
National Community Services Data Dictionary	The authoritative source of nationally endorsed data standards for application across the community services sector. Version 4 due for release in late 2005.' Time: Ongoing. Agencies: NCSDC/AIHW	Ongoing	NCSDC /AIHW
METeOR	AIHW's Metadata Online Registry stores and makes freely available endorsed national data standards for the community service, health and housing assistance sectors. The Registry is based on the international standard for metadata registries – ISO11179. It also contains an online data development environment facilitating the reuse of existing data standards and provides online to help to data developers.'	Ongoing	AIHW
Integration of data standards	Efforts to integrate data standards across community services, health and housing assistance sectors have been supported by the information governance authorities of all three sectors in recent years and has become an ongoing priority for community services. This activity is particularly aimed at reducing the burden on community services providers with multiple reporting responsibilities.	Ongoing	NCSDC /AIHW
National Community Services Information – A Strategic Plan	The <i>National Community Service Information Development Plan</i> , first published in 1999, is being updated to reflect the environment, challenges and priorities for national information development up to 2009.	2005	NCSIMG /AIHW
National Classification of Community Services	Version 2 includes classifications of Services activities and Service delivery settings". Date is. Agencies: AIHW	2003	AIHW/ NCSDC
Functioning and Related Health Outcomes Module (FRHOM)	A data capture tool developed to further assist users to apply ICF-related national data standards. This tool is intended to support whole-of-government consistency in the identification and measurement of functioning and disability.	Ongoing	ACAIDD /AIHW

Title	Description	Time	Agencies
The Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey website	Provides access to survey instruments, discussion papers and research based on the HILDA data < www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda >.	Ongoing	FaCS
Growing up in Australia -- The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC) website	Provides access to the data dictionary, user guide and general survey information < www.aifs.gov.au/growingup/home.html >.	Ongoing	FaCS

Labour force

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Census of Population	Information on characteristics of all members of the Australian population. The 2006 cycle includes for the first time both disability and unpaid work (volunteering)	5-yearly	ABS
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National Community Services Labour Force Data	Statistics and analysis of community services labour force from ABS and other sources.	1997 2001	AIHW/ ABS
National Survey of Time Use	Information on use of time, including time spent in voluntary work and other community participation. Data provide a measure of unpaid work in the community and particularly quantify the time spent in formal voluntary work and informal caring.	1997; next survey 2006 (with larger sample)	ABS