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Preface

This is the second full annual report about the services funded by governments across Australia for people with a disability. It provides information that will help agencies, government departments, users of CSTDA-funded services and the general public to better understand the services and their clients.

The report examines data from the 2004–05 Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS). This NMDS was originally developed in 1993 and 1994, with the first collection taking place in 1995. From 1995 to 2002 the collection was conducted on a single ‘snapshot’ day basis. The redeveloped CSTDA NMDS was implemented nationally in late 2002 and collection began on a full financial year basis. The full-year collection has significantly improved our ability to enumerate and compile a comprehensive picture of CSTDA service users and the services they receive.

This report presents data relating to disability support services operating under the CSTDA, and the people who accessed them over the financial year. This is the second full financial year of data available from this collection, based on data collected from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.

For the first time, this report is able to examine some comparative data between two full financial years (2003–04 and 2004–05). The capacity to do this will increase with each year of collection. The report also contains a strong focus on data items relating to support needs, informal carers and living arrangements of people who access CSTDA-funded services.

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Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ADD	attention deficit disorder
ADL	activities of daily living
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AIL	activities of independent living
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
Aus Gov	Australian Government (formerly referred to as 'Commonwealth')
AWEC	activities of work, education and community living
CSDA	Commonwealth/State Disability Agreement of 1998
CSTDA	Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement of 2002-07
CSTDA NMDS Network	Network of people responsible for the CSTDA NMDS collection (comprises representatives from AIHW and all jurisdictions listed in the Acknowledgments)
DIMA	Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
DSP	Disability Support Pension
EP Groups	English Proficiency Groups
FTE	full-time equivalent
HACC	Home and Community Care
MDS	minimum data set
NDA	National Disability Administrators
nfd	no further definition
NMDS	national minimum data set
OHS	occupational health and safety
RA	remoteness area (geographical classification)
SCRSSP	Steering Committee for the Review of Commonwealth/State Service Provision

Symbols

n.a.	not applicable
–	zero, or null cells
0.0	rounded to zero (less than 0.5 but more than zero)