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National Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers

1 INTRODUCTION

The survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers was conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) throughout Australia from 16 March to 29 May 1998. The survey collected information about three population groups:

- people with a disability;
- older people; and
- people who provide assistance to others because of their disabilities.

Interactions and interdependence create a society. The individual, the family and the community provide mutual support, with individuals dependent on others at various stages of life. Disability and ageing are factors that may influence a person's need for support or assistance. Caring is a response to a need arising in the family or community, and contributes to the cohesion of a society. Relatives and friends provide a major part of the assistance needed. Support from government, commercial and private non-profit sources also helps to provide part of this assistance.

This publication presents a comparison of results from the published tables (ABS Cat. no: 4430.0) from the survey and the equivalent tables for the ACT which were obtained by the Epidemiology unit of the ACT Department of Health and Community Care. Due to the small sample size allocated to the ACT (1880 people), some data contained large relative standard error and cannot be used.

2 DISABILITY

Disability in the context of health experience: the World Health Organisation (WHO) defines disability as any restriction or lack (resulting from an impairment) of ability to perform an action in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being.

In 1998, 53,100 people (17.2 % of the population) in the ACT had a disability. Another similar number of people (53,000) had an impairment or long-term condition which restricted their daily activities. Of those with a disability, 82.5 percent (or 14.2 % of population) experienced specific restrictions in core activities (including restrictions in schooling or employment). Nationally, 19.3 percent of the population had a disability and 87.4 percent of persons with a disability (or 16.9 % of population) experienced specific restriction in core activities. However, when age standardised adjustments are made to account for differences in age distributions, the variation in disability rates decreased.

Disability and specific restrictions rate, 1988 (percent of total population)

	disability		specific restrictions	
	Actual	Standardised	Actual	Standardised
ACT	17.2	19.8	14.2	16.7
Australia	19.3	19.3	16.9	16.9

(age standardised to March 1998 Australian population)

Table A

The proportion of males and females with a disability in the ACT was quite different to the national average. In 1998, 16.6 percent of males and 17.7 percent of females in the ACT had a disability, while 19.6 percent of males and 19.0 percent of females in Australia had a disability. The proportion of males with a disability in the ACT was one percent less than the proportion of females with a disability. However, the proportion of males with a disability in Australia was 0.6 percent higher than those of the females (refer Table 1 in the Appendix).

The ABS grouped persons with a disability into the following groups: profound or severe (6.1 % of the national population), moderate (3.5%), or mild (5.5 %), depending on the level of assistance needed or difficulty experienced and restriction in core activities. The ACT has a lower percentage (5.4 %, 2.7 % and 4.2 % respectively) of persons with a disability in all groups compared to the national average (refer Table 2 in the Appendix).

Number & proportion of persons with a disability, with a handicap, ACT 1998

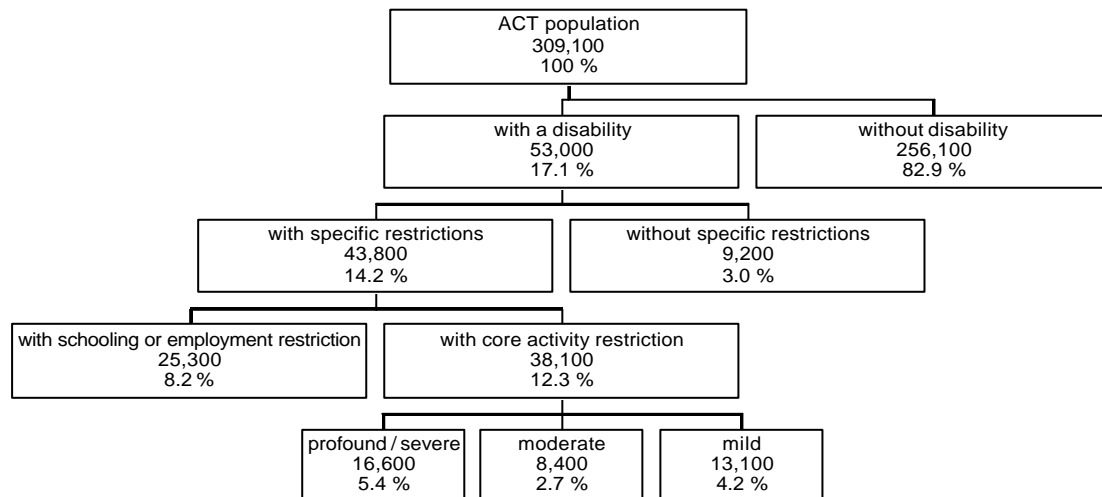


Figure 1

Nationally, the rate of disability increased with age, from 4 percent for infants aged between 0-4 years to 84 percent for those aged 85 and over. While the pattern of increase in most of the ACT adult age groups between 15 to 64 was similar to the national average, the percentage of disability in the ACT for age group 5-14, 65-74 and 75-84 were higher than the national averages. On the other hand, the infants (0-4) and the oldest (85+) age groups

in the ACT were lower than the national average (refer Table 3 in the Appendix). It is interesting to note that while the percentage of disability for the infants age group (0.8 %) in the ACT was much lower than the national average (3.7 %), the age group (5-14) in the ACT (13 %) was much higher than the national average (9.5 %).

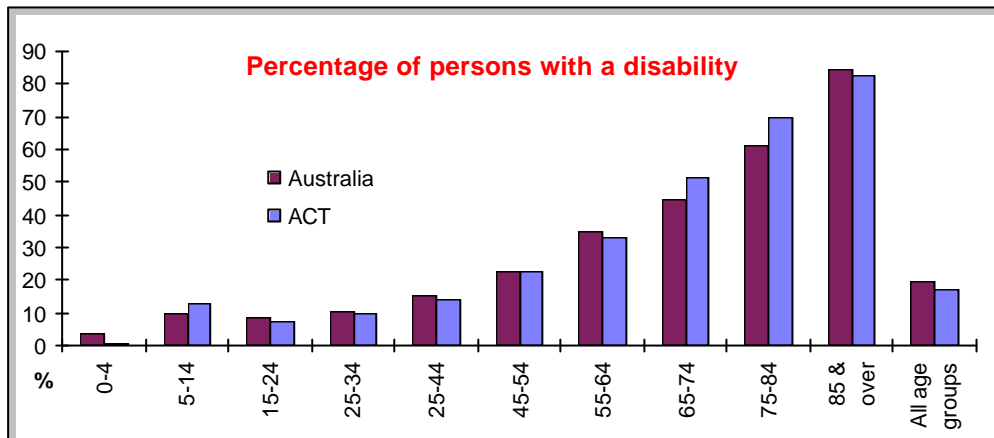


Figure 2

2.1 Underlying Health Conditions

Disability usually exists as a consequence of disease, disorder or injury. In 1998, 86.4 percent of the ACT persons with a disability (nationally 85.3 %) experienced physical conditions, including musculoskeletal disorders such as arthritis. However, 13.6 percent (nationally 14.6 %) of people with a disability identified a mental or behavioural disorder as their main condition (refer Table 10 in the Appendix). There were 6 times more disabled persons in the ACT with a physical condition than those with mental and behavioural disorders. Most people with a profound or severe core activity restriction had a physical disorder as their main condition (83.7 % in the ACT and 78.0 % nationally). However, people whose main condition was a mental or behavioural disorder were more likely to be profoundly or severely restricted (37.5 %) than those with a physical condition (30.3 %). The national figures were 47 percent physical compared with 29 percent mental.

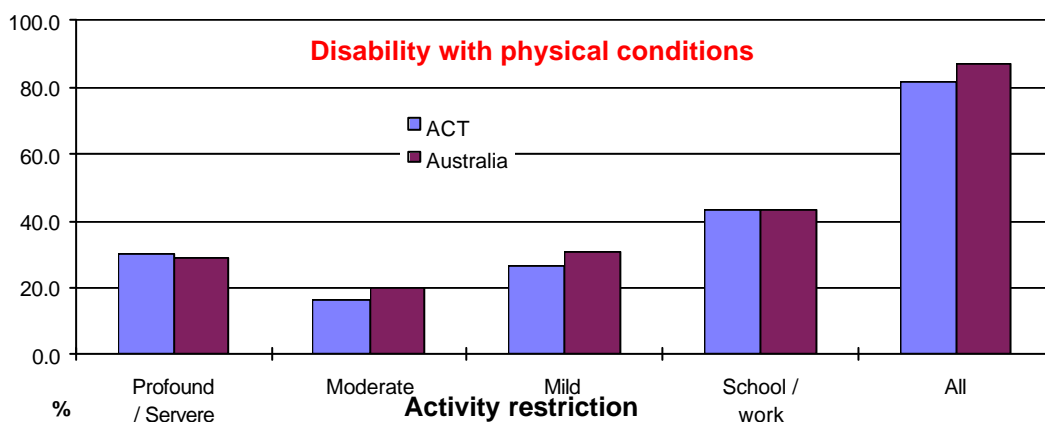


Figure 3

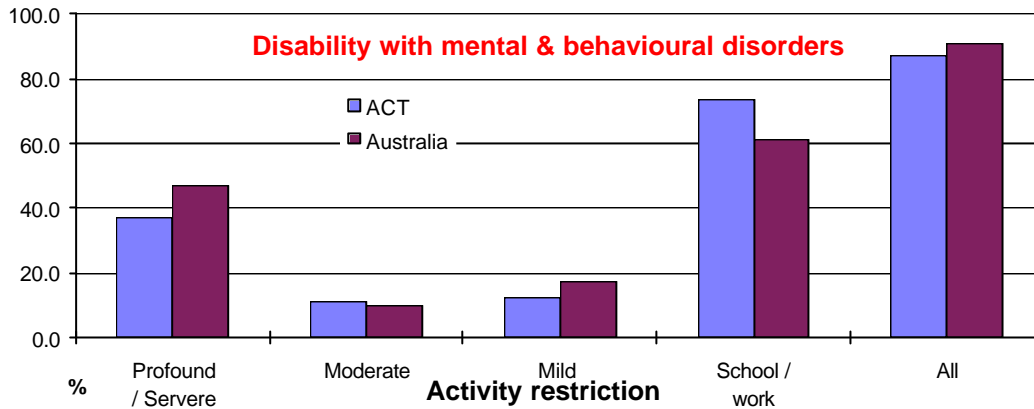


Figure 4

Figure 3 compares the percentages of the ACT and Australian persons with a disability restriction by status for physical condition and figures 4 compares the mental and behavioural disorders condition. As a whole, the ACT persons with a disability has a lower percentage of activity restriction than the national average.

2.2 Assistance for Persons with a Disability

In 1998, 57.1 percent of the 51,700 people in the ACT with a disability living in households needed assistance to move around or go out, to shower or dress, prepare meals, perform housework, carry out light property maintenance, complete paperwork, or to communicate. The same percentage was recorded nationally (refer Table 12 in the Appendix).

Most people in need of assistance received some help, 54.6 percent (nationally 64.6 %) had their needs fully met and 40.7 percent (nationally 32.3 %) partly met. On the other hand, there were 5.1 percent (nationally 4.0 %) who felt their needs were not met at all.

The proportion of people receiving help varied with the severity of restriction. People with profound or severe restriction who needed assistance were likely to receive help. However, they were less likely to have their needs fully met than those with milder restriction. When disabled person's need for assistance in the ACT was compared with the national average, the ACT was behind the national average (in percentage term) in all category of restrictions for "assistance met fully". Conversely, the ACT was above national average in all category of restrictions in the "assistance met partly". Figure 5 shows the comparison between the ACT and Australia. The sample size in the ACT for "assistance not met at all" was too small to make a meaningful comparison.

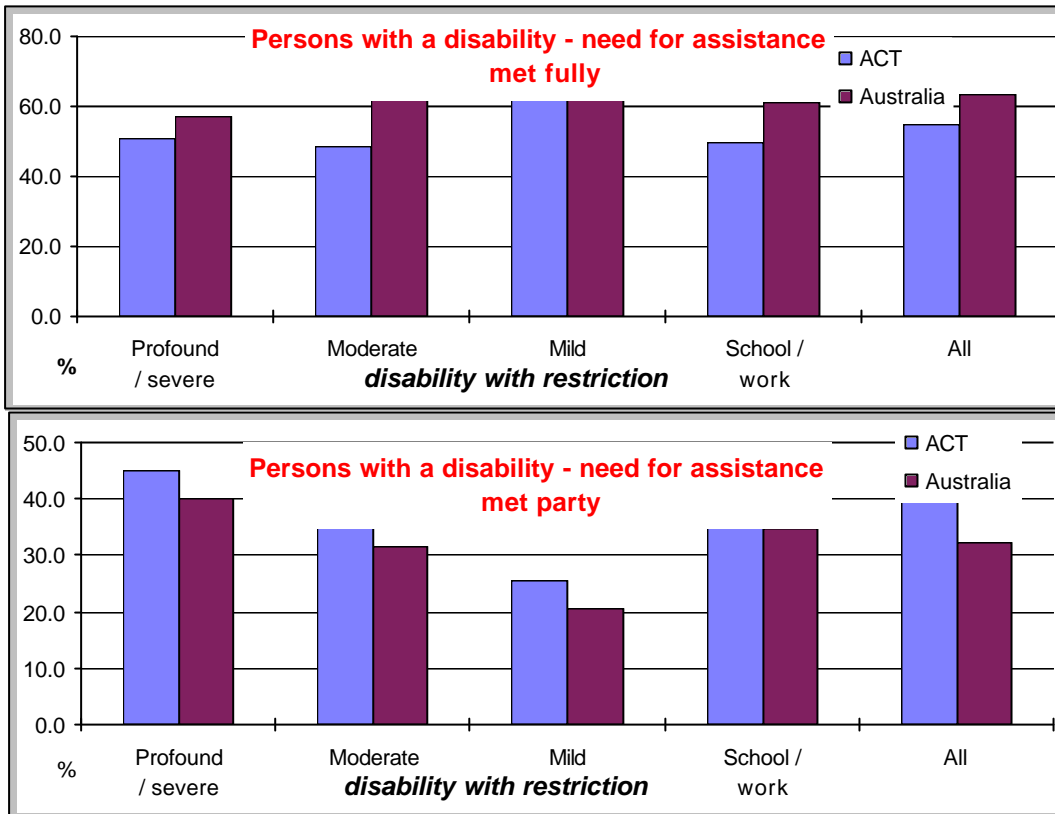


Figure 5

2.3 Use of aids or equipment

29,400 (or 55.4 %) of persons with a disability in the ACT used some sort of aid or equipment. These included self-care aids (8.1 % or 4,300), mobility aids (13.7 % or 7,300), communication aids (14.9 % or 7,900), meal preparation (2.8 % or 1,500) and medical aids (35 % or 18,600) (refer Table 14 in the appendix). The national comparisons are shown in Figure 6. It is interesting to note the percentage for the ACT persons with a disability using medical aids or equipment (35%) is much higher than the national average (27%).

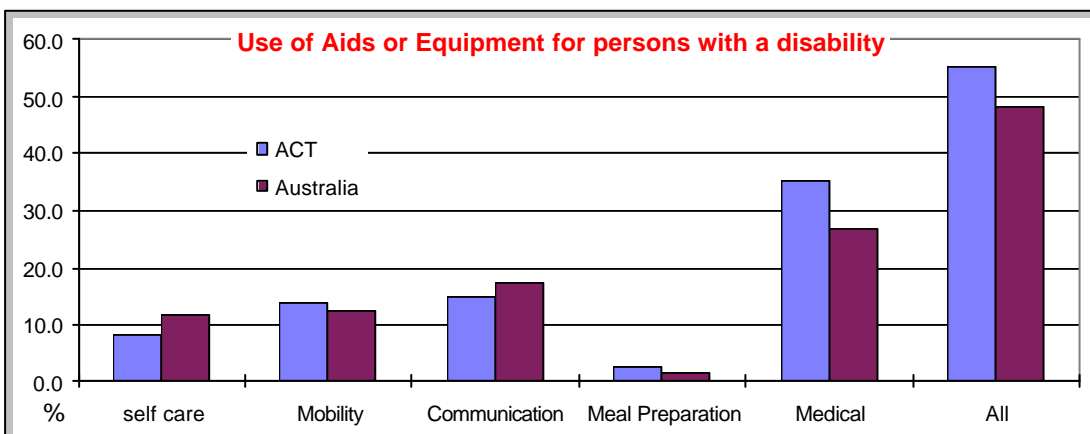


Figure 6

2.4 Transport

In 1998, 92 percent of the ACT people with a disability were able to use public transport compared with 87 percent nationally. Furthermore, only 26 percent of the disabled persons in the Territory have difficulty using public transport compared with 31 percent nationally (refer Table 16 in the Appendix). However, the percentage of disabled persons in the ACT taking public transport (40 %) was less than the national average (47 %) and a higher proportion of disabled persons in the ACT drove motor vehicles in their day to day activities (refer Tables 17 & 18 in the Appendix). More than half of the disabled persons aged 17 and over in the ACT drove motor vehicles. Nearly all disabled persons in the ACT held a current drivers licence drive.

Disabled persons - mode of transport

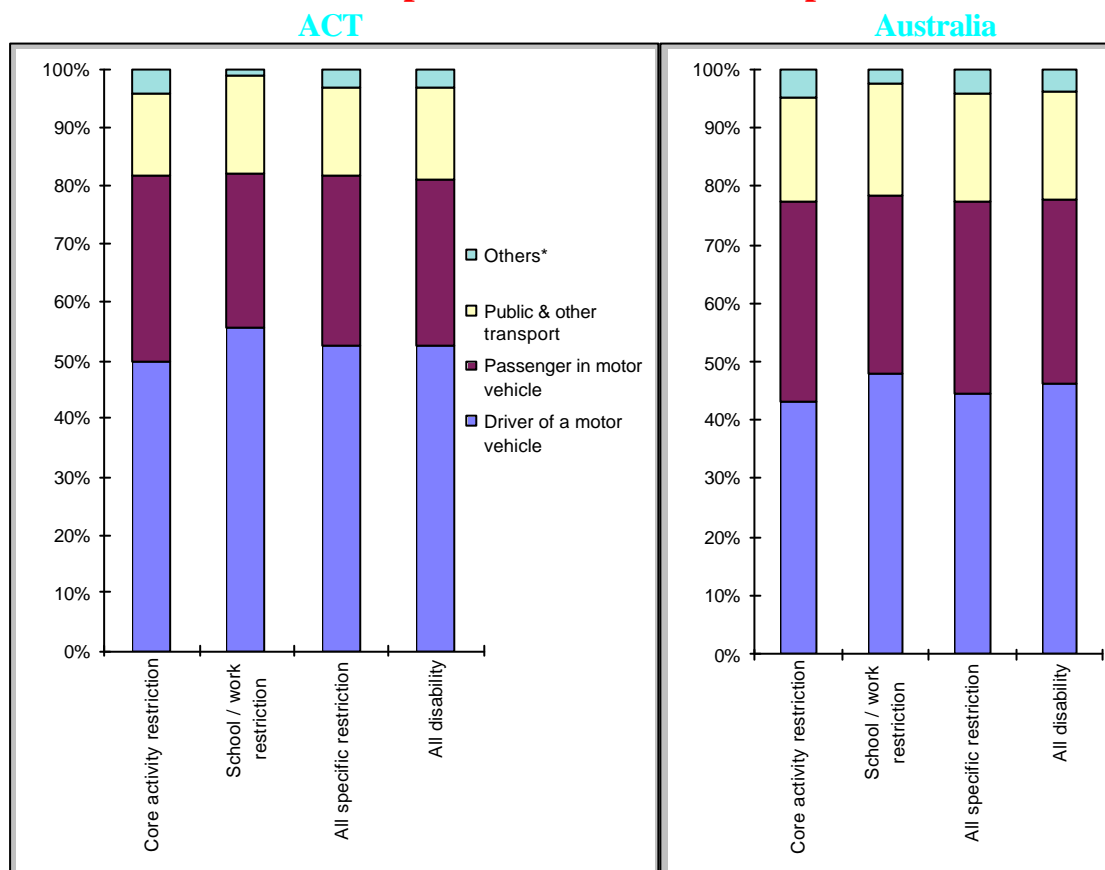


Figure 7

2.5 Social and Economic Indicators

The financial situation for persons with a disability (in age groups 15 - 64) in the ACT were much better than the national average (refer Table 19 in the Appendix). 54 percent of them were in the well off (4th and 5th income quintile) groups, compared with only 29 percent nationally. Furthermore, the financial situation for persons with no disability in the ACT was also better off, 55 percent of the Territory's population was in the well off groups (4th and 5th quintiles) compared with only 44 percent nationally.

Persons (aged 15 - 64) total weekly cash income

with a disability

with no disability

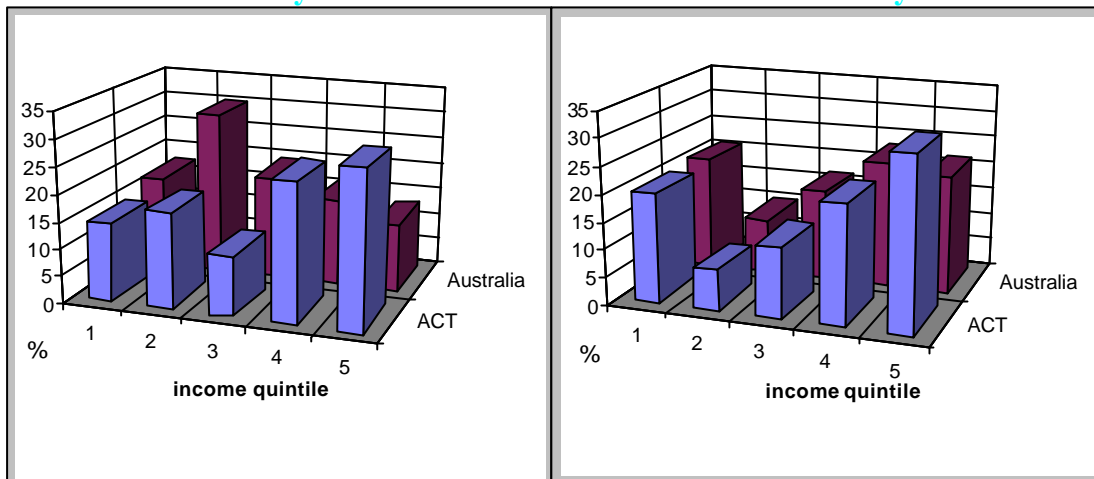


Figure 8

In 1998, 66 percent of persons in the ACT with a disability owned their dwelling compared with 62 percent nationally and 60 percent for persons with no disability in the ACT.

People in the ACT have a high level of standard education. It is interesting to note that people with a disability in the ACT have even higher education standards. In 1998, 58 percent of people with a disability in the ACT have post school education qualifications compared with only 43 percent in Australia and 53 percent for people with no disability in the ACT. Nearly half of those (23 %) with post school education were graduates. This high standard of education for people with a disability in the ACT was also reflected in the secondary schooling level, 46 percent of them completed year 12 compared with only 27 percent nationally.

People in the ACT have better employment prospects (or lower unemployment rate). Again, people with a disability in the ACT have even better employment prospects. The unemployment rate for people with a disability in the ACT was only 6.6 percent in 1998, compared with 11.5 percent in Australia and 7.0 percent for people with no disability in the ACT.

In the ACT, 13.1 percent of employed persons have a disability, including 10.1 percent who have specific restrictions. Nationally, 11.3 percent of employed persons have a disability, including 9.0 percent with specific restrictions (refer Table 20 in the Appendix).

In 1998, of those persons with a disability stating sectors of employment, 76 percent worked in the government sectors compared with only 20 percent nationally. Unfortunately, 28 percent of the responses did not state employment status or sector, which makes accurate analysis difficult (refer Table 21 in the Appendix).

3 OLDER PEOPLE (aged 65 and over)

In 1998, the ACT had 23,600 (7.6 %) people aged 65 and over including 9,400 (3.0 %) who were aged 75 and over. The vast majority lived in private dwellings (21,000 or 89 %), while the rest lived in cared accommodation such as nursing homes, aged care hostels, retirement villages and boarding houses. Nationally, Australia has 12.2 percent (2.3 million) of people aged 65 and over, including nearly one million (5.2 %) aged 75 and older. The ACT has a younger population, i.e. lower percentage of old people (refer Table 1 in the Appendix).

3.1 Older persons with a disability

During 1998, 14,000 (59 %) older people in the ACT had a disability, including 12,600 (53 %) who had a selected restriction (refer Table 8 in the Appendix). Nationally, it was 54 percent and 49 percent respectively. Similar to the national average, most of the older persons with a disability lived in a private dwelling (84 %). Unfortunately the ACT sample size for older persons living in the cared accommodation was too small for analysis.

3.2 Older persons - need for assistance

During 1998, 14,000 or 60 percent (Australia 54 %) of the ACT older persons had a disability. 56 percent of these older persons with a disability needed help with their personal activities (Australia 52 %). The assistance of personal activities for older persons included health care (44 %), mobility (37 %) and self care (21 %) (refer Table 23 in the Appendix).

When all older persons (included those with no disability) in the ACT were considered, 52 percent (Australia 46 %) of them needed assistance with at least one activity. These included 36 percent of older persons needed help for property maintenance (Australia 28 %), 20 percent for housework (Australia 18 %) and 20 percent for transport (Australia also 20 %).

Older people's need for assistance with everyday activities increased with age regardless of whether or not they had a disability. However, the percentage of need for assistance in each older people age group in the ACT was quite different from the Australian average. The 75-84 age group in the ACT needed more assistance than the national average, but persons aged 85 and over in the ACT had a slightly lower need for assistance than nationally (refer to Figure 9).

In 1998, 62 percent of the assistance needed by ACT older persons was fully met, compared with 67 percent nationally. On the other hand, 37 percent of the older persons in the ACT felt their need for assistance was not fully met or not met at all (refer Table 24 in the Appendix).

All needing assistance with at least one activity

(percentage of people in the same age group)

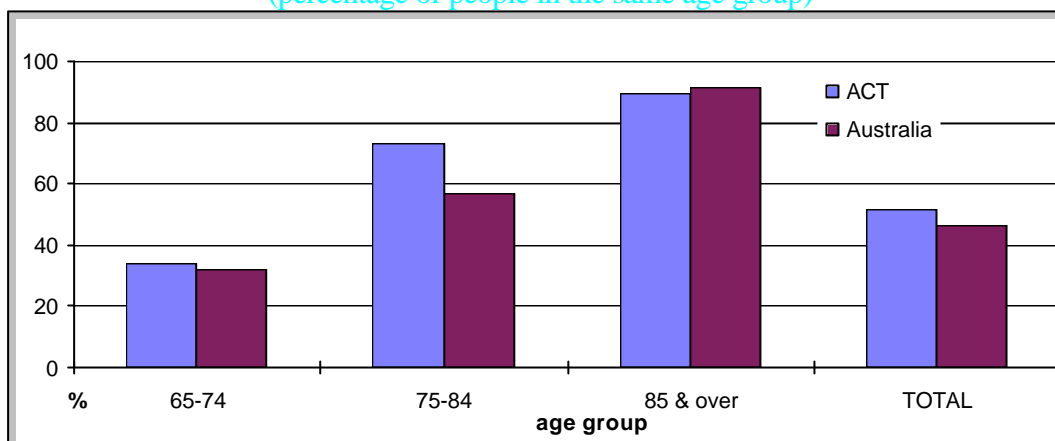


Figure 9

3.3 Older persons (principle source of income) median weekly income

The ACT older persons (median) weekly income (\$240) was a third higher than the national average (\$180) (refer Table 26 in the appendix). Furthermore, the median weekly income for the older persons with a disability in the ACT (\$470) was 2.6 times higher than the national average (\$180) (refer Figure 10). It is interesting to note that the ACT males older person weekly income was 40 percent more than the females (\$210), while there was only 5 percent different in the national average (males = \$190 and females = \$180).

Older persons - median weekly income 1998

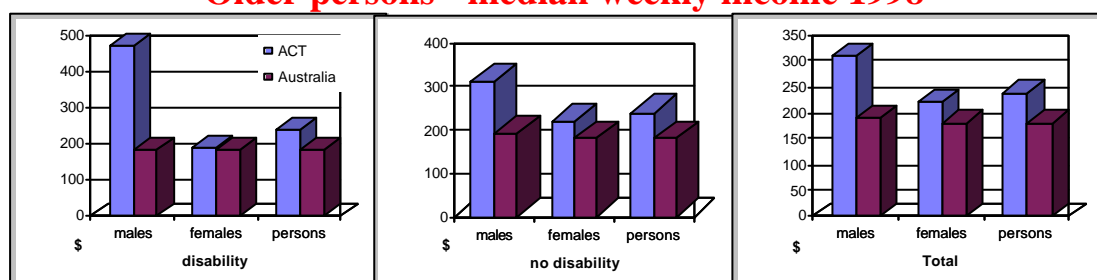


Figure 10

Furthermore, the median weekly income for ACT older males with a disability was more than double that of those without a disability. On the other hand, older females with a disability had a weekly income 17 percent less than those without a disability.

According to the ABS, the ACT sample size for the males in the age group 65 and over was 46 (27 with a disability and 19 without). Hence, the number supporting the income source items in the income table was very small and need to be treated with caution.

3.4 Older persons community participation

During the three months prior to the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) in 1998, 92 percent of the older persons living in the ACT participated in community activities outside their homes (refer Table 27 in the Appendix). This included visiting family or friends (84 %), going to a restaurant or club (69 %), attending church activities (39 %), and voluntary activities (25 %). 97 percent of the older persons in the ACT also participated in community activities at home. This included being visited by family or friends (90 %), telephone conversations with friends (94 %), voluntary work (20 %), and craftwork (16 %). Figure 11 and 12 shows the percentage of community participation for older persons in the ACT and Australia. It is interesting to note that the ACT older persons were more outgoing than the average Australian older person, especially in performing arts group activities (22 % versus 5 %) and attended church activities (39 % versus 30 %).

Percentage of older persons - community participation

At home

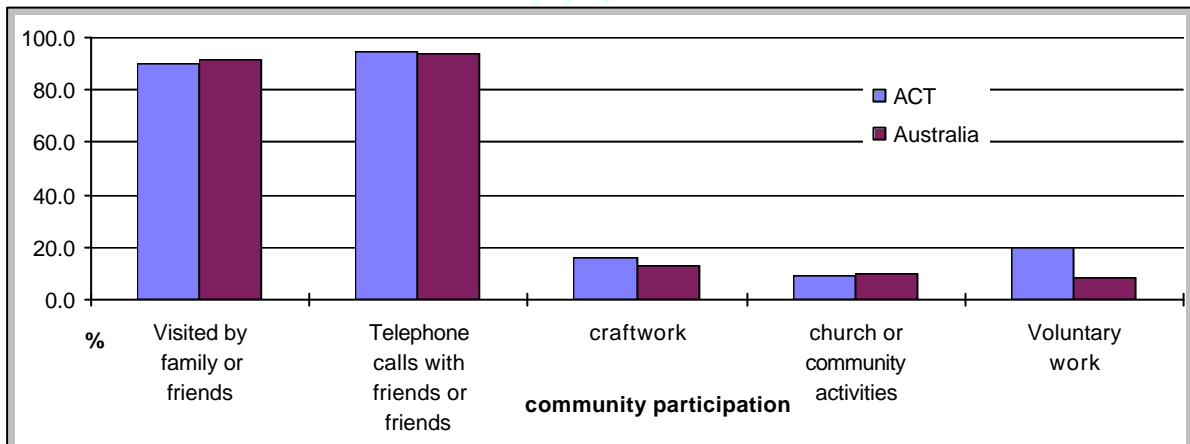


Figure 11

Percentage of older persons - community participation

Away from home

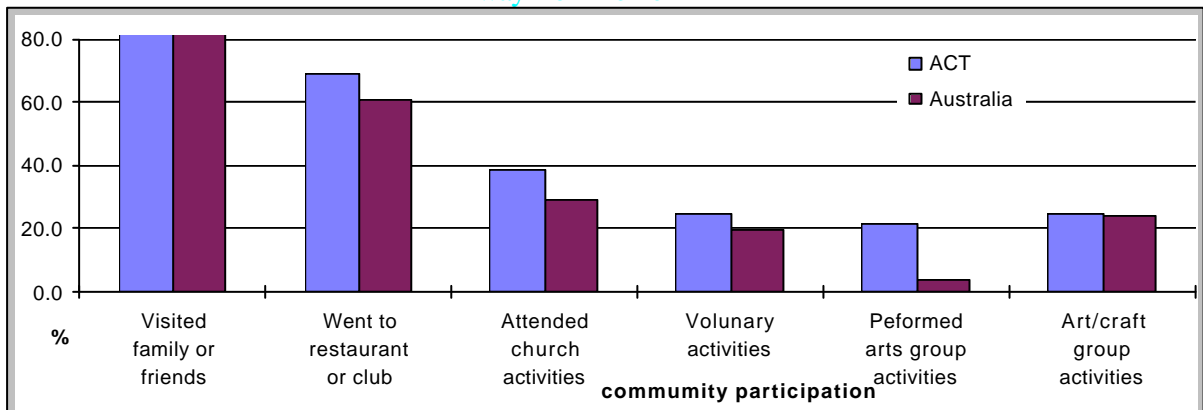


Figure 12

4 CARERS

A carer is a person of any age who provides any informal assistance, in terms of help or supervision, to persons with disabilities or long term conditions, or persons who are elderly. In 1998, there were 43,100 persons in the ACT who provided some assistance to those who needed help because of disability or ageing. Both males (20,200) and females (23,000) were well represented as carers, although the majority of these were female (53 %).

4.1 Providers of assistance

Of those providing some assistance, 18,700 (43 %) were in the 35-54 age range when caring responsibilities may involve children, partners and ageing parents. A further 4,300 were children under 18 and a similar number were people aged 65 and over (Figure 13). Carers in the ACT represent 14.0 percent of the population compared with 12.6 percent nationally. However, 88 percent of the ACT carers were not primary carers compared with 80 percent nationally (refer Table 28 in the Appendix).

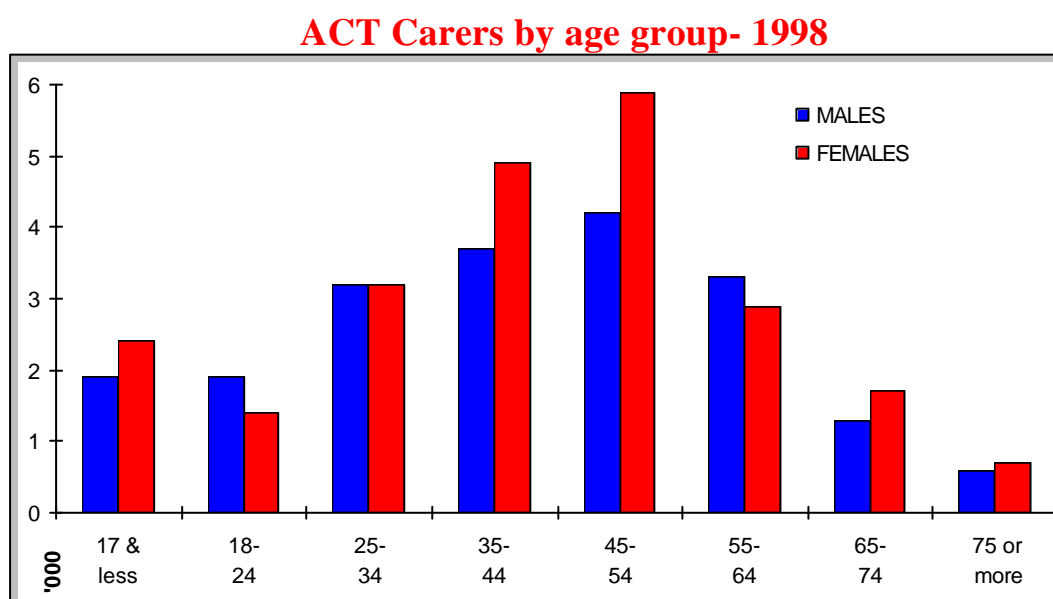


Figure 13

4.2 Primary carers

Primary carers are those who provide the greatest amount of informal assistance with personal activities to a person with a disability and therefore caring plays a major part in their lives. In 1998, 12 percent (or 5,200) of all people providing assistance were primary carers, and most of these (82 %) were female. The sample of the primary carers in the ACT was too small for further analysis.

4.3 Carer - Social and Economic Indicators

Most of the principal sources of cash income for ACT carers were wages / salaries (57 %) or government pension / allowance (20 %). Comparatively, average Australian carers were more reliant on government pension or allowances (41 %) than wages or salaries (29 %).

The financial situation for the ACT carers (age 15 years and over, living in households) was better than the national average (refer Table 30 in the Appendix). 49 percent of them were in the well off (4th and 5th income quintile) groups compared with only 30 percent in Australia (figure 14).

Persons (age 15 years and over, living in households) total cash income

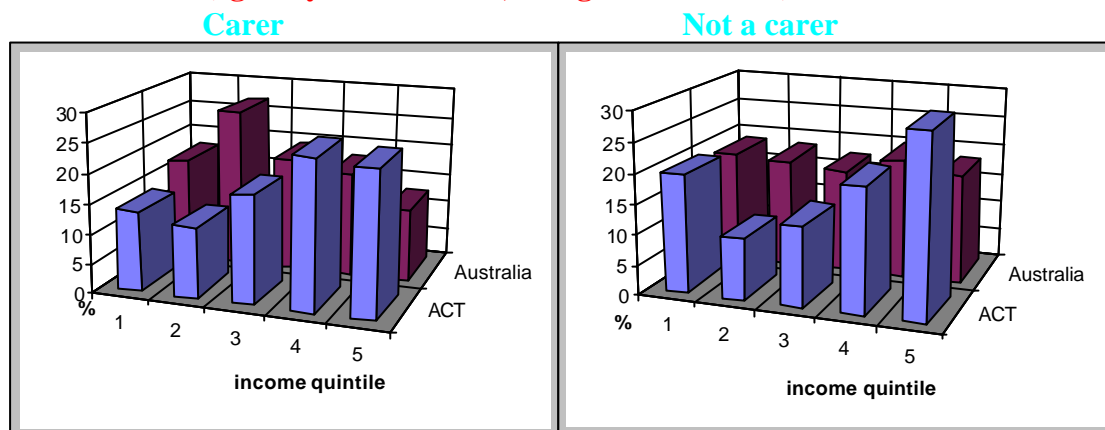
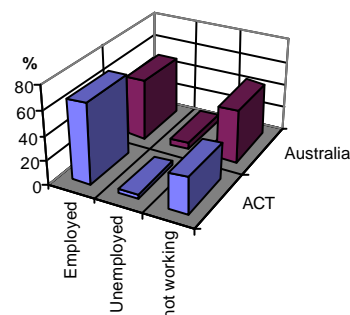


Figure 14

The employment situation for ACT carers in 1998 was also better than the national average. 67 percent of the ACT carers were employed compared with 50 percent nationally. Only 3.2 percent of ACT carers were looking for work (unemployed) compared with 6.0 percent in Australia.

In 1998, 63 percent of the carers in the ACT owned their dwelling compared with 69 percent nationally and 61 percent for the ACT non-carers. Furthermore, only 44 percent of the ACT carers living in dwellings were without mortgage compared with 56 percent nationally.

Carers - Labour force status



5 SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ACT	Australian Capital Territories
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
RSE	Relative standard error
SDAC	Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers
SE	Standard error
*	The estimate has a relative standard error greater than 25 percent
**	The estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50 percent
..	not applicable
-	nil or rounded to zero

6 TABLES

The attached tables at the end of this publication were generated by the ABS for the ACT Department of Health and Community Care. The above analysis was based on these tables and the equivalent national tables which were published by ABS (Catalogue no: 4330.0) in April 1999. The table numbers are corresponding to the actual publication and are attached for reference.

7 APPENDIX TABLES

1 ALL PERSONS, Summary of Disability By Age, ACT 1998

	Disability.....					No Disability.....				Total
	Core activity restriction(a)	Schooling or employment restriction	All with specific restriction(c)	Without specific restriction(c)	All with disability	With impairment or long-term condition	Without impairment or long-term condition	All with no disability		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	
MALES										
0-4	—	..	—	—	—	*0.9	10.1	10.9	10.9	
5-14	2.2	2.4	2.7	*0.6	3.3	2.9	16.5	19.4	22.7	
15-24	*0.9	*0.9	*1.3	*1.2	2.4	2.2	22.2	24.4	26.8	
25-34	**0.6	*1.0	*1.2	*1.0	2.2	2.6	20.6	23.3	25.5	
35-44	2.1	2.7	3.1	n.p.	3.1	5.3	15.6	20.8	24.0	
45-54	1.9	2.4	2.6	*0.7	3.2	6.1	12.4	18.5	21.8	
55-59	2.0	*1.4	2.1	n.p.	2.3	1.8	2.5	4.4	6.7	
60-64	1.9	1.5	2.2	**0.3	2.6	*1.3	*0.8	2.2	4.7	
65-69	2.0	..	2.0	n.p.	2.6	*0.8	n.p.	*1.1	3.7	
70-74	*1.4	..	*1.4	n.p.	1.6	*1.1	n.p.	*1.4	3.0	
75 & over	2.2	..	2.2	—	2.2	**0.4	*1.0	*1.4	3.6	
Total	17.2	12.3	20.8	4.7	25.5	25.5	102.3	127.9	153.3	
FEMALES										
0-4	—	..	—	n.p.	n.p.	*0.7	9.8	10.6	10.7	
5-14	2.1	*1.2	2.1	n.p.	2.5	1.6	17.7	19.3	21.7	
15-24	*1.1	*1.0	*1.1	n.p.	*1.4	3.1	21.2	24.4	25.8	
25-34	*1.5	2.2	2.2	**0.5	2.7	3.9	19.2	23.2	25.8	
35-44	2.3	2.8	3.2	**0.6	3.8	4.8	16.6	21.4	25.2	
45-54	5.0	4.2	5.4	*1.3	6.7	4.4	11.0	15.4	22.1	
55-59	*0.9	*0.9	*1.1	n.p.	*1.4	3.1	1.9	5.0	6.4	
60-64	*1.1	*0.7	*1.1	n.p.	*1.2	1.9	1.6	3.5	4.7	
65-69	*1.3	..	*1.3	—	*1.3	1.5	*1.1	2.6	3.9	
70-74	*1.3	..	*1.3	**0.6	1.8	*1.4	n.p.	1.8	3.6	
75 & over	4.4	..	4.4	n.p.	4.6	*1.0	**0.2	*1.2	5.8	
Total	21.0	13.0	23.1	4.5	27.6	27.5	100.7	128.2	155.8	
PERSONS										
0-4	—	..	—	n.p.	n.p.	1.6	19.9	21.5	21.7	
5-14	4.3	3.6	4.8	*1.0	5.8	4.5	34.2	38.7	44.5	
15-24	2.0	1.9	2.3	1.5	3.8	5.3	43.4	48.8	52.6	
25-34	2.1	3.2	3.4	1.5	4.9	6.6	39.8	46.4	51.3	
35-44	4.3	5.5	6.3	*0.6	6.9	10.1	32.2	42.3	49.2	
45-54	6.9	6.6	7.9	2.0	9.9	10.5	23.5	33.9	43.9	
55-59	2.9	2.3	3.2	**0.5	3.7	4.9	4.4	9.3	13.0	
60-64	2.9	2.2	3.3	**0.5	3.8	3.3	2.4	5.7	9.5	
65-69	3.3	..	3.3	n.p.	3.9	2.4	*1.4	3.7	7.6	
70-74	2.7	..	2.7	*0.7	3.4	2.5	*0.7	3.2	6.6	
75 & over	6.6	..	6.6	n.p.	6.8	*1.5	*1.2	2.6	9.4	
Total	38.1	25.3	43.8	9.2	53.1	53.0	203.1	256.1	309.1	

- (a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.
- (b) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core activity restriction and a schooling or employment restriction.
- (c) Includes persons who need assistance with health care, paperwork, transport, housework, property maintenance or meal preparation.

2 ALL PERSONS, DISABILITY STATUS by Age , ACT, 1998

	Disability						No disability	Total
	Profound/severe core activity(a) restriction	Moderate core activity(a) restriction	Mild core core activity(a) restriction	Schooling or employment restriction	All with specific restriction (b)	All with disability(c)		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
0--4	-	-	-	..	-	n.p.	21.5	21.7
5-14	3.3	n.p.	*0.7	3.6	4.8	5.8	38.7	44.5
15-24	*1.2	n.p.	**0.6	1.9	2.3	3.8	48.8	52.6
25-34	*0.8	n.p.	*0.9	3.2	3.4	4.9	46.4	51.3
35-44	*1.2	*1.3	1.9	5.5	6.3	6.9	42.3	49.2
45-54	2.4	2	2.5	6.6	7.9	9.9	33.9	43.9
55-64	1.8	2.3	1.9	4.6	6.5	7.5	15	22.5
65-74	1.7	*1.2	3.2	..	6	7.3	6.9	14.2
75-84	3	*0.8	*1.3	..	5.1	5.2	2.3	7.5
85 and over	*1.4	n.p.	**0.2	..	1.5	1.5	**0.3	1.9
Total	16.6	8.4	13.1	25.3	43.8	53.1	256.1	309.1

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core activity restriction and a schooling or employment restriction.

(c) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

3 ALL PERSONS: DISABILITY RATES BY AGE, ACT, 1998

	Disability					No disability		Total
	Profound/severe core activity(a) restriction	Moderate core activity(a) restriction	Mild core core activity(a) restriction	Schooling or employment restriction	All with specific restriction (b)	All with disability(c)		
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-4	—	—	—	..	—	n.p.	99.2	100
5-14	7.4	n.p.	*1.6	8.1	10.8	13	87	100
15-24	*2.3	n.p.	**1.1	3.6	4.4	7.3	92.7	100
25-34	*1.5	n.p.	*1.8	6.2	6.6	9.5	90.5	100
35-44	*2.4	*2.6	3.8	11.2	12.7	14	86	100
45-54	5.4	4.6	5.7	15	18	22.7	77.3	100
55-64	7.9	10	8.2	20.3	28.9	33.3	66.7	100
65-74	11.7	*8.2	22.3	..	42.2	51.4	48.6	100
75-84	40	*10.6	*17.3	..	67.8	69.6	30.4	100
85 and over	*72.5	n.p.	**9.4	..	82.4	82.4	**17.6	100
All age group	5.4	2.7	4.2	8.2	14.2	17.2	82.8	100

- (a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.
(a) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core activity restriction and a schooling or employment restriction.
(c) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

**8 ALL PERSONS: DISABILITY STATUS BY LIVING ARRANGEMENTS
BY AGE - ACT 1998**

Living arrangements	Profound/severe core activity(a) restriction '000	Moderate core activity(a) restriction '000	Mild core core activity(a) restriction '000	Schooling or employment restriction(b) '000	All with specific restriction(c) '000	All with disability '000	No disability '000	Total '000
Age 0 - 14								
Lives in a private dwelling								
Alone	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
With at least one other person	3.3	n.p.	*0.7	3.6	4.8	6.0	60.2	66.1
Total living in private dwellings	3.3	n.p.	*0.8	3.6	4.8	6.0	60.2	66.1
Lives in cared accommodation								
Hospital	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nursing homes or aged care hostel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total living in establishment	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lives in other non-private dwelling	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whether lives in a retirement village								
Yes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
No	3.3	n.p.	*0.7	3.6	4.8	6.0	60.2	66.1
Total	3.3	n.p.	*0.8	3.6	4.8	6.0	60.2	66.1
Age 15 - 64								
Lives in a private dwelling								
Alone	**0.6	*0.8	*1.4	3.9	4.4	5.3	14.3	19.6
With at least one other person	6.5	5.3	6.3	17.6	21.6	27.2	169.1	196.3
Total living in private dwellings	7.1	6.1	7.8	21.5	26.0	32.6	183.4	216.0
Lives in cared accommodation								
Hospital	**0.2	..	..	..	**0.1	**0.2	..	**0.2
Nursing homes or aged care hostel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	**0.0	..	..	..	**0.0	**0.0	..	**0.0
Total living in establishment	**0.2	..	..	..	**0.2	**0.2	..	**0.2
Lives in other non-private dwelling	..	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3.1	3.3
Whether lives in a retirement village								
Yes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
No	7.2	6.1	7.8	21.8	26.4	33.0	186.4	219.5
Total	7.2	6.1	7.8	21.8	26.4	33.0	186.4	219.5

**8 ALL PERSONS: DISABILITY STATUS BY LIVING ARRANGEMENTS
BY AGE - ACT 1998**

Living arrangements	Profound/severe	Moderate	Mild core	Schooling or	All with	All with	No	Total
	core activity(a) restriction	core activity(a) restriction	core activity(a) restriction	employment restriction(b)	specific restriction(c)	disability	disability	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Age 65 and over								
Lives in a private dwelling								
Alone	*1.3	*0.7	*0.8	..	2.8	2.8	2.2	5
With at least one other person	3.4	*1.0	3.3	..	7.6	9	7	16
Total living in private dwellings	4.6	1.6	4.1	..	10.4	11.8	9.1	21
Lives in cared accommodation								
Hospital	**0.4	n.p.	..	..	**0.4	**0.4	..	**0.4
Nursing homes or aged care hostel	**0.5	n.p.	n.p.	..	**0.5	**0.5	**0.1	**0.5
Other	**0.3	n.p.	n.p.	..	**0.3	**0.3	..	**0.3
Total living in establishment	*1.1	**0.0	**0.0	..	*1.2	*1.2	**0.1	*1.2
Lives in other non-private dwelling	n.p.	n.p.	**0.5	..	*1.1	*1.1	n.p.	*1.3
Whether lives in a retirement village								
Yes	**0.6	n.p.	**0.5	..	*1.4	*1.4	**0.4	1.7
No	5.5	1.7	4.1	..	11.2	12.7	9.1	21.8
Total	7.3	2.0	4.6	..	12.6	14.0	9.5	23.6
All persons : Total								
Lives in a private dwelling								
Alone	*1.9	1.5	2.3	3.9	7.2	8.1	16.5	24.6
With at least one other person	13.1	6.6	10.3	21.2	34.0	42.3	236.2	278.4
Total living in private dwellings	15.0	8.1	12.6	25.1	41.2	50.4	252.7	303.1
Lives in cared accommodation								
Hospital	**0.5	n.p.	..	..	**0.5	**0.6	..	**0.6
Nursing homes or aged care hostel	**0.5	n.p.	n.p.	..	**0.5	**0.5	**0.1	**0.5
Other	**0.3	n.p.	n.p.	..	**0.4	**0.4	..	**0.4
Total living in establishment	*1.3	**0.0	**0.0	..	*1.3	*1.4	**0.1	*1.5
Lives in other non-private dwelling	n.p.	n.p.	**0.5	n.p.	*1.3	*1.3	3.4	4.6
Whether lives in a retirement village								
Yes	**0.6	n.p.	**0.5	..	*1.4	*1.4	**0.4	1.7
No	16.0	8.1	12.6	25.3	42.5	51.7	255.7	307.4
Total	16.6	8.4	13.1	25.3	43.8	53.1	256.1	309.1

- (a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.
(b) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.
(c) Total may be less than the sum of components as persons may have both a core activity restriction and a schooling or employment restriction.

9 ALL PERSONS, DISABILITY STATUS - By Birthplace, ACT, 1998

	All with disability '000	No disability '000	Total '000
Oceania and Antarctica			
Australia	35.5	198.6	234.2
New Zealand and Other	*0.8	7.1	7.9
Total	36.3	205.8	242.1
North-West Europe			
UK and Ireland	6	12	18
Western and Northern Europe	*1.4	4.3	5.7
Total	7.4	16.2	23.7
Southern and Eastern Europe			
Southern Europe	3.6	8.2	11.8
Eastern Europe	1.6	2.1	3.7
Southern and Eastern Europe(a)	5.2	11.2	16.4
Middle East and North Africa	n.p.	*0.9	*1.2
South East Asia	2.6	15.2	17.7
Southern and Central Asia	n.p.	2.9	3.2
Americas	*0.	2.3	3
Sub-Saharan Africa	n.p.	1.7	1.8
Other(b)	n.p.	—	n.p.
Total	53.1	256.1	309.1

(a) Includes not further defined.

(b) Includes 'inadequately described', 'at sea', 'not stated' and 'n.e.c.'.

10 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY, Main Condition - By Disability Status, ACT, 1998

	Profound/severe core activity(a) restriction '000	Moderate core activity(a) restriction '000	Mild core core activity(a) restriction '000	Schooling or employment restriction '000	All with specific restriction '000	All with disability (b) '000
Physical conditions	13.9	7.6	12.2	20	37.5	45.9
Mental and behavioural disorders	2.7	*0.8	*0.9	5.3	6.3	7.2
Total	16.6	8.4	13.1	25.3	43.8	53.1

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

**12 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY(a), Disability Status
By Assistance Needed and Received, ACT, 1998**

	Profound or severe core activity(a) restriction '000	Moderate core activity(a) restriction '000	Mild core core activity(a) restriction '000	Schooling or employment restriction '000	All with specific restriction '000	All with disability(c) '000
Activities for which assistance needed						
Self care	8.1	..	..	5.6	8.1	8.1
Mobility	11	..	..	6.3	11.0	11.0
Communication	3.3	..	..	2.6	3.3	3.3
Health care	8.5	2.0	2.0	7.0	12.7	13.1
Transport	6.6	1.9	1.9	6.1	10.5	10.7
Paperwork	2.6	—	**0.6	1.9	3.5	3.5
Housework	6.7	2.2	2.0	6.6	11.4	11.6
Property maintenance	9.3	4.5	4.2	10.6	18.7	19.6
Meal preparation	3.2	—	**0.5	2.0	3.6	3.6
All persons needing assistance with at least one activity(e)	15.3	5.8	5.5	16.9	28.0	29.5
Activities for which assistance received						
Self care	7.2	..	..	4.9	7.2	7.2
Mobility	10.3	..	..	5.8	10.3	10.3
Communication	2.8	..	..	2.6	2.8	2.8
Health care	8.2	2.0	1.9	6.7	12.2	12.6
Transport	6.0	1.7	1.9	5.4	9.7	9.9
Paperwork	2.3	—	**0.6	1.6	3.2	3.2
Housework	6.5	2.1	2.0	6.3	10.9	11.1
Property maintenance	8.6	4.2	3.9	9.6	17.3	18.0
Meal preparation	3.0	—	**0.5	1.9	3.5	3.5
All persons needing assistance with at least one activity(e)	14.7	5.6	5.2	15.9	26.7	28.0
Extent to which need for assistance met						
Fully	7.8	2.8	3.8	8.4	15.1	16.1
Partly	6.9	2.8	*1.4	7.5	11.6	12
Not at all	*0.7	n.p.	n.p.	*0.9	*1.3	1.5
Assistance not needed(f)	..	2.6	7.6	8.5	14.5	22.2
Total	15.3	8.4	13.1	25.3	42.5	51.7

(a) Living in households only.

(b) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(c) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core activityrestriction and a schooling or employment restriction.

(d) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

(e) Total may be less than the sum of components as persons may need or receive assistance with more than one activity.

(f) People may have a severe core activity restriction but not need help, if they have difficulty communicating with family and friends.

14 Persons with a Disability, by Use of Aids or Equipment, ACT, 1998

All with a disability
'000

Uses aids or equipment

<i>Self care</i>	
Eating	**0.4
Showering/bathing	3.2
Dressing	*0.9
Toileting	2.5
Managing incontinence	*1.4
All using self care aid(s)(a)	4.3
 <i>Mobility</i>	
Getting into/out of a bed or chair	2.2
Moving about the house	4.4
Moving around places away from home	6.1
Travelling by car	**0.4
All using mobility aid(s)(a)	7.3
 <i>Communication</i>	
Meal preparation	1.5
Managing health conditions (medical aids)(b)	18.6
All using aids or equipment(a)	29.4
Does not use aids or equipment	23.7
Total	53.1

(a) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may use more than one type of aid/equipment.

(b) Examples include nebulisers, dialysis machines, oxygen concentrator or cylinder.

15 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY(A), Community Participation - By Disability Status, ACT, 1998

	Profound/severe core activity(a) restriction	Moderate core activity(a) restriction	Mild core core activity(a) restriction	Schooling or employment restriction	All with specific restriction	All with disability(c)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Community, cultural and leisure participation						
<i>At home in the last three months</i>						
Visits from family or friends	13.6	7.9	12.5	23.8	39.7	47.8
Telephone calls with family or friends	13.4	8.1	13.1	24.1	40	48.7
Craftwork for/with other people	1.7	2.3	2.2	5.4	8	9.8
Church/special community activities	*0.8	1.5	1.5	3.3	4.9	6
Voluntary work (including advocacy)	**0.6	*1.4	1.9	2	4.9	6.6
None of the above	*0.8	**0.2	—	**0.5	*1.0	*1.1
All participants in these activities(e)	15.3	8.4	13.1	25.3	42.5	51.5
<i>Away from home in the last three months</i>						
Visited family or friends	13.1	7.3	12.8	24	38.9	47.6
Went to a restaurant or club	9	6.4	10.6	19.2	31	38.6
Attended church activities	4.8	3.2	5.2	8	14.9	17.5
Voluntary work (including advocacy)	*0.8	2.6	3	4.1	8.1	10.9
Organised performing arts/art craft group activities	2.2	1.7	3.1	4	8.6	9.9
Other special interest group activities	2.2	2	3.6	5.5	9.7	11.6
None of the above	*0.7	**0.5	—	**0.5	*1.2	*1.3
All participants in these activities(e)	14.8	8.4	13.1	25.3	42	51
Does not leave home	**0.5	—	—	—	**0.5	**0.5
All persons	15.3	8.4	13.1	25.3	42.5	51.5
<i>Away from home in the last 12 months</i>						
Visited a museum or art gallery	4.3	2.9	5.4	8.6	14.9	19.4
Visited a library	5.6	4.2	6	10.9	18.8	23.2
Attended a theatre/concert	4.5	4	6.2	10.3	17.3	21.2
Attended a cinema	7.4	5.9	7.9	16.6	25.3	31.7
Visited botanical gardens or animal/marine park	5.1	4.1	4.5	10.6	16.5	20
Participated in sport/physical recreation	4.4	4	7	12.2	18.4	24.3
Attended a sporting event as a spectator	3.7	3	5.8	9.3	15.3	19.9
None of the above	4.6	*1.1	*1.0	3.7	7.4	7.6
All participants in these activities(e)	14.8	8.4	13.1	25.3	42	51
Does not leave home	**0.5	—	—	—	**0.5	**0.5
All persons	15.3	8.4	13.1	25.3	42.5	51.5

(a) Aged 5 years and over, living in households only.

(b) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(c) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core activity restriction and a schooling or employment restriction.

(d) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

(e) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may participate in more than one activity.

**16 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY(A), Use of Public Transport
By Disability Status, ACT, 1998**

	Core activity(b) restriction	School/ employment restriction	All with specific restrictions(c)	All with disability(d)
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Uses public transport				
Available in area	13.6	10.2	15.9	20.2
Not available in area	**0.2	**0.2	**0.2	**0.2
Total	13.8	10.4	16	20.4
Does not use public transport				
Available in area	21.6	14.3	24.9	29.6
Not available in area	*0.9	*0.7	*1.0	*1.0
Total	22.5	14.9	26	30.6
Does not leave home	**0.5	-	**0.5	**0.5
Total	36.8	25.3	42.5	51.5
Uses concession card for public transport				
Pension/benefit card	3.8	2.5	4	4.5
Senior's card	2.9	**0.2	2.9	3.6
Other concession card	*1.3	*0.9	*1.4	1.9
All using concession cards(e)	7	3.4	7.3	8.8
Does not use concession card	6.8	7	8.8	11.6
Total using public transport	13.8	10.4	16	20.4
<i>Able to use all forms of public transport</i>				
Help/supervision needed	1.8	*1.0	1.8	1.8
No help needed, but has difficulty	3.1	2	3.1	3.1
No difficulty	21.5	16.3	26.7	35.5
Total	26.4	19.2	31.6	40.4
<i>Able to use some forms of public transport</i>				
Help/supervision needed	3.3	1.7	3.3	3.3
No help needed, but has difficulty	*1.4	*1.3	*1.4	*1.4
No difficulty	1.5	*1.0	2	2.2
Total	6.2	4	6.7	6.9
Not able to use any form of public transport	3.7	2.1	3.7	3.7
Does not leave home	**0.5	—	**0.5	**0.5
Total	36.8	25.3	42.5	51.5
<i>Has difficulty using public transport</i>				
Getting to/on to stops/stations	4.5	2.5	4.5	4.5
Getting into/out of vehicles/carriages, due to—				
Steps	5.3	2.1	5.3	5.3
Doors	3.2	1.8	3.2	3.2
Other reasons	2.4	1.7	2.4	2.4
Inadequate access to toilets/crowds/ lack of space/poor ventilation	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8
Lack of seating/difficulty standing/pain/ discomfort when sitting	4.5	2.9	4.5	4.5
Cognitive difficulties	2	1.8	2	2
Fear/anxiety	1.8	*1.3	1.8	1.8
Sight problems	**0.3	**0.2	**0.3	**0.3
Other	2.3	1.5	2.3	2.3
All who have difficulty using public transport(f)	13.2	8.1	13.2	13.2
Has no difficulty using public transport	23	17.3	28.8	37.8
Does not leave home	**0.5	—	**0.5	**0.5
Total	36.8	25.3	42.5	51.5

(a) Aged 5 years and over, living in households only.

(b) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(c) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core activity restriction and a schooling or employment restriction.

(d) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

(e) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may use more than one concession card.

(f) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have more than one difficulty.

17 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY(a), Use of Private Transport - By Disability Status, ACT, 1998

	Core activity(b) restriction	Schooling or employment restriction	All with specific specific restrictions(c)	Total with disability(d)
	'000	'000	'000	'000
<i>Has a current drivers licence</i>				
Drives daily	17.5	14.3	21.9	27.5
Drives at least once a week	5.2	3.4	5.7	6.2
Drives at least once a year	*1.0	**0.5	*1.0	*1.0
Does not drive at all	**0.5	**0.2	**0.5	**0.5
Total	24.3	18.4	29.2	35.2
Does not have a current drivers licence	7	2.7	7.3	8.7
Not asked/Does not leave home	**0.5	—	**0.5	**0.5
Total	31.8	21.1	37	44.4
<i>Need for assistance with private transport</i>				
Always needs to be driven	4.9	1.5	4.9	4.9
Sometimes needs to be driven	4.2	3.4	4.3	4.5
Does not need to be driven, but has difficulty	**0.4	**0.4	**0.6	**0.6
Need not related to disability	2.7	*0.7	2.7	3.6
Total	12.1	6	12.4	13.6
No assistance needed	19.2	15.1	24.1	30.4
Does not leave home	**0.5	—	**0.5	**0.5
Total	31.8	21.1	37	44.4

- (a) Aged 17 years and over, living in households only.
 (b) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.
 (c) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core activity restriction and a schooling or employment restriction.
 (d) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

18 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY(a), MODE OF TRANSPORT(b) - By Disability Status, ACT 1998

Reason for journey	Core activity(c) restriction '000	Schooling or employment restriction '000	All with specific specific restrictions(d) '000	Total with disability(e) '000
<i>Passenger in a motor vehicle</i>				
Attending work, school or educational institution	2.8	2.7	3.2	3.5
Visiting general practitioner	1.5	**0.3	1.7	1.9
Visiting medical specialist	**0.6	**0.3	**0.6	*0.9
Shopping	3.3	*1.1	3.3	3.8
Visiting relatives or friends	*1.4	*0.9	1.5	1.9
Other activity	2.1	*1.3	2.1	2.8
Total	11.7	6.7	12.4	14.8
<i>Driver of a motor vehicle</i>				
Attending work, school or educational institution	7.1	6.4	8.7	11.3
Visiting general practitioner	**0.6	**0.5	*0.8	*0.8
Visiting medical specialist	**0.5	**0.5	**0.5	**0.5
Shopping	6.5	5.0	7.7	8.5
Visiting relatives or friends	*1.4	*1.2	2.2	2.6
Other activity	2.3	**0.5	2.3	3.2
Total	18.3	14.1	22.2	27.0
<i>Public transport, walked or other</i>				
Attending work, school or educational institution	2.6	2.7	3.1	4.2
Visiting general practitioner	**0.3	—	**0.3	**0.4
Visiting medical specialist	**0.3	—	**0.3	**0.3
Shopping	*1.1	**0.5	*1.1	*1.3
Visiting relatives or friends	**0.2	**0.4	**0.6	*0.9
Other activity	*0.7	**0.5	*1.0	*1.0
Total	5.2	4.2	6.4	8.1
Did not make a journey in previous fortnight	*1.1	**0.4	*1.1	*1.1
Does not leave home	**0.5	—	**0.5	**0.5
Total	36.8	25.3	42.5	51.5

(a) Aged 5 years and over, living in households only.

(b) For last journey in previous fortnight.

(c) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(d) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core activity restriction and a schooling or employment restriction.

(e) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

**19 PERSONS AGED 15-64 LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS,
Social and Economic Indicators, ACT, 1998**

	All with disability(a) '000	No disability '000	Total '000
Total weekly cash income(b)			
First income quintile(c)	4.8	37.5	42.3
Second income quintile	5.8	13.9	19.7
Third income quintile	3.6	24.3	27.9
Fourth income quintile	8.3	39.8	48.1
Fifth income quintile	9.4	57.9	67.3
Income not known(d)	*1.0	12.9	13.9
Total	32.8	186.4	219.2
Educational attainment			
Post-school educational qualification			
Higher/bachelor degree	6.1	49.3	55.5
Undergraduate diploma	1.5	4.9	6.4
Associate diploma	2.2	9.8	12
Skilled vocational qualification	6.3	27.1	33.4
Basic vocational qualification	2.9	6.6	9.6
All with post-school educational qualifications(e)	19.1	97.8	116.8
No post-school qualifications	12.4	75.2	87.5
Still attending school	*1.4	13.5	14.9
Total	32.8	186.4	219.2
Level of schooling			
Completed Year 12	15	113.2	128.2
Did not complete Year 12	13	53.1	66.1
Left school when aged less than 15	3.4	6.7	10.1
Never attended school	n.p.	n.p.	**0.5
Still attending school	*1.4	13.5	14.9
Total	32.8	186.4	219.2
Age left school			
18 years or older	9.3	67	76.3
15–17 years	18.5	99	117.5
13–14 years	2.8	5.1	7.9
5–12 years	*0.6	1.5	2.2
Never attended school	n.p.	n.p.	**0.5
Still attending school	*1.4	13.5	14.9
Total	32.8	186.4	219.2
Tenure type			
<i>Lives in a private dwelling</i>			
Owner without mortgage	8.5	29.8	38.4
Owner with mortgage	13.1	81.3	94.4
Renter	9.3	57.5	66.8
Public renter	4	4.6	12.1
Private renter	4.3	38.9	43.3
Boarder	*0.9	10.5	11.5
Living rent-free	1.7	14.5	16.2
Other(f)	—	n.p.	n.p.
Total	32.6	183.4	216
<i>Lives in a non-private dwelling</i>	n.p.	3.1	3.3
Total	32.8	186.4	219.2

(a) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

(b) Income quintiles are based on the population 15 years and over.

(c) Includes people with nil income and people who reported no source of income, excludes refusals.

(d) Includes refusals.

(e) Includes uncodeable post-school qualifications.

(f) Includes life tenure schemes and participants in rent/buy or shared equity schemes

**20 PERSONS AGED 15-64 LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS,
Labour Force Status, ACT 1998**

Disability status	EMPLOYED.....			Unemployed	Total in labour force	Not in labour force	Total	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total						
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
Core activity restriction(a)									
Profound /severe	* 1.2	..	* 1.2	..	* 1.2	* 1.3	2.5	**	47.2
Moderate	2.3	n.p.	2.5	n.p.	2.7	*0.7	3.3	7.1	79.9
Mild core	2.1	**0.6	2.8	n.p.	2.9	**0.5	3.4	5.6	85.4
Schooling or employment restriction	6.1	**0.5	6.6	n.p.	6.9	3.0	10.0	4.5	69.6
All with specific restrictions(b)	7.8	*0.9	8.7	**0.5	9.2	3.2	12.4	5.5	74.3
All with disability(c)	9.7	1.6	11.3	* 0.7	12.0	3.7	15.7	5.5	76.3
No disability	65.3	11.2	76.5	5.8	82.3	11.3	93.6	7.0	87.9
Total	75.0	12.8	87.8	6.4	94.3	15.1	109.3	6.8	86.2
FEMALES									
Core activity restriction(a)									
Profound /severe	* 1.0	n.p.	2.2	n.p.	2.5	2.1	4.6	13.1	54.3
Moderate	* 1.1	n.p.	* 1.4	n.p.	1.8	* 1.0	2.8	20.5	65.1
Mild core	1.7	* 1.0	2.7	..	2.7	1.6	4.3	**	63.3
Schooling or employment restriction	3.9	2.7	6.6	* 0.9	7.4	4.4	11.8	11.7	63.1
All with specific restrictions(b)	4.9	3.2	8.1	*0.9	9.0	4.9	13.8	9.7	64.7
All with disability(c)	6.7	3.7	10.4	*0.9	11.3	5.9	17.1	7.7	65.8
No disability	37.7	30.0	67.7	5.1	72.9	19.9	92.8	7.0	78.5
Total	44.4	33.7	78.1	6.0	84.1	25.8	109.9	7.1	76.5
PERSONS									
Core activity restriction(a)									
Profound /severe	2.2	* 1.2	3.4	n.p.	3.7	3.4	7.1	9.0	51.8
Moderate	3.4	**0.5	3.9	**0.6	4.5	1.6	6.1	12.6	73.2
Mild core	3.9	1.6	5.5	n.p.	5.7	2.1	7.8	2.9	73.1
Schooling or employment restriction	10.0	3.2	13.2	* 1.2	14.4	7.4	21.8	8.2	66.1
All with specific restrictions(b)	12.7	4.1	16.8	* 1.4	18.2	8.1	26.2	7.6	69.2
All with disability(c)	16.5	5.3	21.7	1.5	23.2	9.6	32.8	6.6	70.8
No disability	103.0	41.3	144.3	10.9	155.1	31.3	186.4	7.0	83.2
Total	119.5	46.5	166.0	12.4	178.4	40.9	219.2	7.0	81.4

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may have both a core activity restriction and a schooling or employment restriction.

(c) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

**21 PERSONS AGED 15-64 LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS,
Characteristics of Main Job, ACT, 1998**

	All with disability(a) '000	No disability '000	Total '000
Status in employment			
Employee	19.2	129.8	149.0
Employer	*0.8	4.2	5.0
Own account worker	*1.3	9.8	11.1
Contributing family worker	n.p.	**0.5	*0.9
Unemployed or not in the labour force	11.1	42.2	53.3
Total	32.8	186.4	219.2
Occupation			
Managers and administrators	1.8	14.0	15.8
Professionals	4.9	32.1	36.9
Associate professionals	3.5	22.9	26.4
Tradespersons and related workers	1.6	12.8	14.4
Advanced clerical and service workers	*1.2	4.6	5.7
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	3.8	24.5	28.3
Intermediate production and transport workers	*1.3	5.5	6.8
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	3.2	19.0	22.3
Labourers and related workers	**0.5	8.0	8.5
Unemployed or not in the labour force	11.1	42.2	53.3
Total	32.8	186.4	219.2
Industry			
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	n.p.	**0.5	*0.9
Mining	—	n.p.	n.p.
Manufacturing	1.5	5.9	7.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Construction	*1.0	8.4	9.4
Wholesale trade	n.p.	3.8	4.0
Retail trade	1.7	22.7	24.4
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	*0.9	7.0	7.9
Transport and storage	n.p.	2.1	2.3
Communication services	n.p.	2.3	2.7
Finance and insurance	*1.2	2.5	3.7
Property and business services	2.0	16.3	18.3
Government administration and defence	6.4	41.9	48.3
Education	2.0	10.2	12.3
Health and community services	2.6	10.0	12.6
Cultural and recreational services	*0.8	4.8	5.6
Personal and other services	**0.5	5.3	5.8
Unemployed or not in the labour force	11.1	42.2	53.3
Total	32.8	186.4	219.2
Industry sector			
Government sector	9.5	54.3	63.9
Private sector	3.0	22.6	25.5
Not known	9.2	67.4	76.6
Unemployed or not in the labour force	11.1	42.2	53.3
Total	32.8	186.4	219.2

(a) Includes those who do not have a specific restriction.

**23 OLDER PERSONS(a), Need for Assistance -
By Whether has a Disability, ACT 1998**

	Age group.....			Total
	65-74 '000	75-84 '000	85 years+ '000	
DISABILITY				
Personal activities(b)				
Self care	*0.6	1.8	**0.6	3.0
Mobility	*1.3	2.5	*1.3	5.2
Communication	**0.3	*0.7	**0.2	*1.2
Health care	1.8	3.0	*1.4	6.2
All personal activities(c)	2.4	3.9	1.5	7.8
Transport	*1.2	1.7	*0.9	3.8
Paperwork	**0.4	*1.3	**0.6	2.3
Housework	*1.3	2.4	**0.6	4.3
Property maintenance	3.1	3.3	*0.9	7.3
Meal preparation	n.p.	*0.9	n.p.	1.6
All needing assistance with at least one activity(c)	4.1	4.7	1.5	10.3
Assistance not needed	3.2	0.5	0.0	3.7
All persons	7.3	5.2	1.5	14.0
NO DISABILITY				
Self care	..	..	..	..
Mobility	..	..	..	..
Communication	..	..	..	..
Health care	..	..	..	..
Transport	..	*0.7	n.p.	*0.9
Paperwork	..	..	..	..
Housework	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.
Property maintenance	*0.7	n.p.	n.p.	*1.1
Meal preparation	..	..	n.p.	n.p.
All needing assistance with at least one activity(c)	*0.7	*0.8	n.p.	1.6
Assistance not needed	6.2	*1.4	n.p.	7.8
All persons	6.9	2.2	**0.3	9.4
TOTAL				
Personal activities(b)				
Self care	*0.6	1.8	**0.6	3.0
Mobility	*1.3	2.5	*1.3	5.2
Communication	**0.3	*0.7	**0.2	*1.2
Health care	1.8	3.0	*1.4	6.2
All personal activities(c)	2.4	3.9	1.5	7.8
Transport	*1.2	2.4	*1.1	4.7
Paperwork	**0.4	*1.3	**0.6	2.3
Housework	1.5	2.4	*0.8	4.7
Property maintenance	3.7	3.6	*1.1	8.4
Meal preparation	n.p.	*0.9	**0.5	1.8
All needing assistance with at least one activity(c)	4.8	5.5	1.7	12.0
Assistance not needed	9.4	2.0	**0.2	11.2
All persons	14.2	7.5	1.9	23.2

(a) Persons aged 65 years and over.

(b) These activities were only asked of persons with a disability.

(c) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may need assistance with more than one activity.

Activities for which assistance needed	EXTENT TO WHICH NEED MET		Total needing assistance '000
	Fully met '000	Not fully met (b) '000	
Personal activities(c)			
Self care	1.8	**0.2	2
Mobility	3.6	**0.6	4.2
Communication	**0.2	**0.3	**0.5
Health care	4.6	**0.5	5.1
All needing assistance with personal activities(d)	3.9	*1.0	4.9
Transport	4.1	**0.6	4.7
Paperwork	1.6	-	1.6
Housework	4.1	**0.6	4.7
Property maintenance	6.1	2.3	8.4
Meal preparation	1.8	-	1.8
All needing assistance with at least one activity(c)	6.8	4	10.9

(a) Aged 65 years and over, living in households.

(b) Includes persons whose needs were not met at all.

(c) These activities were only asked of persons with a disability.

(d) Total may be less than the sum of components as persons may need assistance with more than one activity.

26 OLDER PERSONS(a), Principle Source of Cash Income - By Median Weekly Income, ACT 1998

	Main source of income.....											
	Wages or salary, own business or partnership income			Superannuation or annuity, dividends or interest, other private income(b)			Government pension or allowance		All principal sources(c)			
	'000	%	\$	'000	%	\$	'000	%	\$	'000	%	\$
DISABILITY												
Males	*1.2	20.0	560.0	1.9	31.7	680.0	2.4	40.0	150.0	6.0	100.0	470.0
Females	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2.1	30.4	520.0	4.4	63.8	180.0	6.9	100.0	190.0
Persons	*1.5	11.6	550.0	4.0	31.0	640.0	6.9	53.5	170.0	12.9	100.0	240.0
NO DISABILITY												
Males	—	—	—	1.6	41.0	560.0	2.1	25.6	150.0	3.9	100.0	230.0
Females	—	—	—	2.3	41.8	390.0	2.4	43.6	200.0	5.5	100.0	250.0
Persons	—	—	—	3.9	41.5	400.0	4.5	47.9	160.0	9.4	100.0	240.0
TOTAL												
Males	*1.2	12.1	560.0	3.5	35.4	640.0	4.5	45.5	150.0	9.9	100.0	310.0
Females	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4.5	36.3	390.0	6.9	55.6	180.0	12.4	100.0	220.0
Persons	*1.5	6.7	550.0	7.9	35.4	520.0	11.4	51.1	170.0	22.3	100.0	240.0

(a) Aged 65 years and over, living in households.

(b) Includes child support or maintenance, workers compensation, and profit or loss from rental property.

(c) Includes cases where principal source of cash income is from other sources, or there is no source; excludes not known.

**27 OLDER PERSONS(a) Community Participation -
By LIVING ARRANGEMENTS, ACT 1998**

	Lives alone in a private dwelling '000	Lives with other(s) in a private dwelling '000	Total '000
Community, cultural and leisure participation			
At home in the last three months			
Visits from family or friends	4.6	14.3	18.9
Telephone calls with family or friends	5.0	14.8	19.8
Craftwork for/with other people	n.p.	2.9	3.3
Church/special community activities	n.p.	1.5	1.9
Voluntary work (including advocacy)	*1.0	3.2	4.1
All participants in these activities(b)	5.0	15.3	20.3
Does not participate in these activities	..	*0.7	*0.7
Total	5.0	16.0	21.0
Away from home in the last three months			
Visited family or friends	3.8	13.8	17.6
Went to a restaurant or club	3.7	10.8	14.5
Attended church activities	1.8	6.3	8.1
Other voluntary activities	1.8	3.4	5.2
Performing arts group activities	*1.2	3.4	4.6
Art/craft group activities	1.6	3.6	5.2
All participants in these activities(b)	4.7	14.6	19.3
Does not participate in these activities	n.p.	*0.9	*1.2
Does not leave home	..	n.p.	n.p.
Total	5.0	16.0	21.0
Away from home in the last 12 months			
Visited a museum or art gallery	2.0	4.2	6.2
Visited a library	1.9	7.0	8.9
Attended a theatre/concert	2.0	5.0	7.0
Attended a cinema	2.5	6.3	8.8
Visited botanical gardens or animal/marine park	1.5	4.7	6.2
Participated in sport/physical recreation	1.8	4.7	6.5
Attended a sporting event as a spectator	1.3	3.7	5.0
All participants in these activities(b)	3.6	11.4	15.0
Does not participate in these activities	1.4	4.1	5.6
Does not leave home	..	n.p.	n.p.
Total	5.0	16.0	21.0

(a) Persons aged 65 years and over, living in private dwellings.

(b) Total may be less than the sum of the components as persons may participate in more than one activity.

28 All Persons living in Households, CARER STATUS - By Age Group, ACT 1998

	Less than 18 years '000	18-24 '000	25-34 '000	35-44 '000	45-54 '000	55-64 '000	65-74 '000	75 years and over '000	Total '000
MALES									
<i>Carer</i>									
Primary carer	..	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	..	*0.9
Not a primary carer	1.9	1.7	3.2	3.3	4.1	3.3	*1.1	*0.6	19.3
<i>Total</i>	1.9	1.9	3.2	3.7	4.2	3.3	*1.3	*0.6	20.2
Not a carer	40.2	16.4	22.2	20.3	17.5	8.1	5.3	2.6	132.7
Total	42	18.3	25.4	24	21.8	11.4	6.6	3.3	152.9
FEMALES									
<i>Carer</i>									
Primary carer	..	n.p.	*0.7	*1.4	*1.0	**0.5	n.p.	n.p.	4.3
Not a primary carer	2.4	*1.3	2.5	3.5	4.9	2.4	*1.2	**0.6	18.7
<i>Total</i>	2.4	*1.4	3.2	4.9	5.9	2.9	1.7	*0.7	23
Not a carer	37.4	17	22.7	20.3	16.2	8.2	5.8	4.3	131.8
Total	39.8	18.5	25.8	25.2	22.1	11	7.4	5	154.8
PERSONS									
<i>Carer</i>									
Primary carer	..	n.p.	*0.7	1.8	*1.2	**0.5	**0.6	n.p.	5.2
Not a primary carer	4.3	3	5.7	6.8	8.9	5.7	2.4	*1.2	38
<i>Total</i>	4.3	3.4	6.3	8.6	10.1	6.1	3	*1.3	43.1
Not a carer	77.6	33.4	44.9	40.6	33.8	16.2	11.1	6.9	264.6
Total	81.9	36.8	51.3	49.2	43.9	22.4	14.1	8.2	307.7

30 ALL PERSONS Carer Status(a)-By Income, Labour Force and Tenure Type, ACT, 1998

	CARERS.....			Not a carer	
	Primary carer primary carer '000	Not a primary carer '000	Total	'000	Total '000
Principal source of income					
Wages or salary	1.8	21.1	23.0	124.2	147.2
Own business or partnership income	n.p.	2.5	2.8	7.9	10.8
Other private income(b)	**0.5	3.5	4.1	11.4	15.5
Government pension or allowance	2.1	6.1	8.2	34.3	42.5
Not stated(c)	n.p.	1.7	2.0	23.6	25.6
Total	5.2	34.9	40.1	201.4	241.6
Total weekly cash income - quintiles					
First income quintile(d)	*1.4	4.1	5.5	39.8	45.3
Second income quintile	**0.5	4.3	4.8	20.6	25.4
Third income quintile	*1.2	6.1	7.3	26.9	34.2
Fourth income quintile	*1.2	8.9	10.1	41.5	51.6
Fifth income quintile	**0.5	9.1	9.7	60.2	69.8
Income not known(e)	n.p.	2.5	2.8	12.5	15.2
Total	5.2	34.9	40.1	201.4	241.6
Labour force status					
<i>Employed</i>					
Full-time workers	*1.3	16.8	18.1	102.3	120.4
Part-time workers	*1.3	7.5	8.8	38.1	47.0
<i>Total</i>	2.7	24.3	26.9	140.4	167.4
<i>Unemployed</i>					
Looking for full-time work	—	*0.8	*0.8	7.5	8.2
Looking for part-time work	n.p.	n.p.	**0.5	3.7	4.2
<i>Total</i>	n.p.	*1.1	*1.3	11.2	12.4
Not in the labour force	2.3	9.6	11.9	49.9	61.8
Total	5.2	34.9	40.1	201.4	241.6
Tenure type(f)					
Owner without mortgage	*1.1	10.1	11.2	39.3	50.5
Owner with mortgage	2.0	12.2	14.2	83.9	98.1
<i>Renters</i>					
Public renters	*1.1	3.1	4.2	10.6	14.8
Private renters	**0.5	3.6	4.1	40.1	44.2
Boarder	n.p.	3.0	3.1	9.4	12.5
Living rent-free	—	2.4	2.4	14.3	16.7
Other(g)	—	—	—	n.p.	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	n.p.	34.3	39.3	197.6	236.9
Lives in a non-private dwelling	n.p.	*0.6	*0.8	3.8	4.6
Total	5.2	34.9	40.1	201.4	241.6

(a) Persons aged 15 years and over, living in households.

(b) Includes child support or maintenance, workers compensation, profit or loss from rental property, dividends or interest, superannuation or annuity.

(c) Includes people who report no source of income, and main source of income not known;

(d) Includes people with nil income, and no source of income.

(e) Includes refusals.

(f) See Glossary for explanation of housing tenure.

(g) Includes tenure schemes and participants in rent/buy or shared equity schemes.