

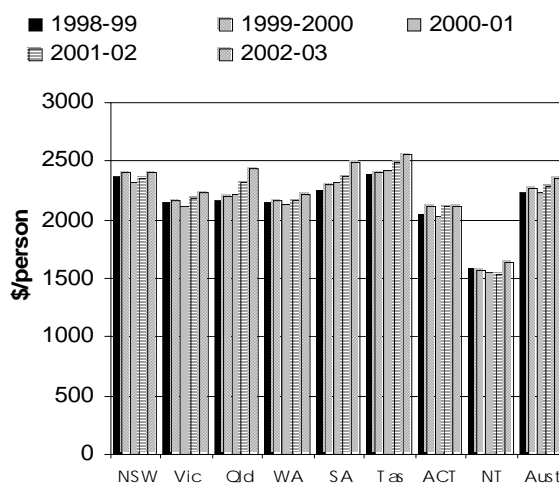
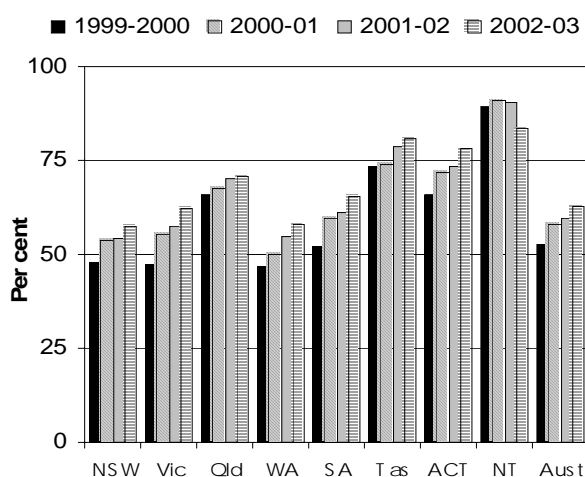
AGED CARE SERVICES (CHAPTER 12)

- The focus of this chapter is on government funded residential and community based services for frail older people. The main services are residential services (high care services, low care services and services providing a mixture of high and low care, and residential respite services), community services, respite services and assessment services.
- The Australia Government provided the majority of annual funding for residential aged care services — \$4.3 billion in 2002-03 (p. 12.8). Total national expenditure on the Home and Community Care (HACC) program was just over \$1.1 billion in 2002-03. Australian, State and Territory governments jointly fund the HACC program, with the Australian Government contributing approximately 60.8 per cent and State and Territory governments funding the remainder. The Community Aged Care Package (CACP) program is funded by the Australian Government, which expended \$287.9 million on the program in 2002-03. National expenditure by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs during 2002-03 on the Veterans’ Home Care program was \$67.2 million (p. 12.11).
- Nationally, there were approximately 148 547 places (permanent and respite) in residential care facilities (71 392 in high care services, 22 978 in low care services and 54 177 in services providing a mixture of high and low care) at June 2003 (p. 12.14).
- The indicator ‘intensity of care’ is reported for the first time this year using data on ageing in place which refers to residents remaining in the same residential aged care service as their care needs increase from low level to high level care.

Selection of results

Intensity of care — proportion of residents who changed from low care to high care and remained in the same aged care service, (p.12.31)

Australian Government real expenditure on residential services per person aged 70 years or over plus Indigenous people aged 50–69 years (2002-03 dollars) (p.12.38)



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- Australian Government expenditure (including expenditure by the Department of Veterans' Affairs) on residential care services per person aged 70 years and over plus Indigenous people aged 50–69 years varied across jurisdictions in 2002-03, ranging from \$2550 in Tasmania to \$1633 in the NT (p.12.37).
- In WA, 76.8 per cent of people began receiving a CACP within three months of assessment by an Aged Care Assessment Team, compared with 42.9 per cent in the ACT (p. 12.28).
- The number of complaints registered per 1000 residents in 2002-03 ranged from 16.5 in the ACT to 4.7 in Queensland (p. 12.34).

Progress since the 2003 Report

A number of additions and improvements have been made to the chapter this year. The indicator 'intensity of care' is reported for the first time using ageing in place data and the efficiency indicator 'cost per output unit' is partially reported.

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	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<i>Proportion of residents who changed from low care to high care and remained in the same aged care service</i>									
1999-2000	48.1	47.2	66.0	46.5	52.2	73.3	65.9	89.3	52.6
2000-01	54.0	55.3	67.5	49.8	59.7	73.9	71.6	90.9	57.9
2001-02	54.1	57.3	70.1	54.7	61.0	78.5	73.2	90.5	59.7
2002-03	57.6	62.4	70.6	57.9	65.3	81.0	78.3	83.3	62.9
<i>Australian Government real expenditure on residential services per person aged 70 years or over plus Indigenous people aged 50–69 years (2002-03 dollars)^a</i>									
1998-99	2367	2141	2159	2145	2244	2389	2044	1578	2237
1999-2000	2398	2167	2205	2169	2297	2401	2111	1567	2271
2000-01	2317	2119	2211	2134	2311	2424	2026	1558	2228
2001-02	2358	2184	2314	2172	2376	2492	2106	1535	2289
2002-03	2399	2233	2440	2219	2480	2550	2118	1633	2353

^a Includes expenditure by the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Source: Tables 12A.56 and 12A.52.

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