

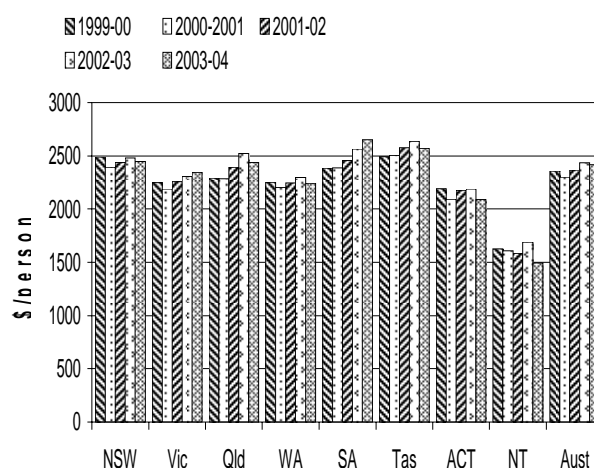
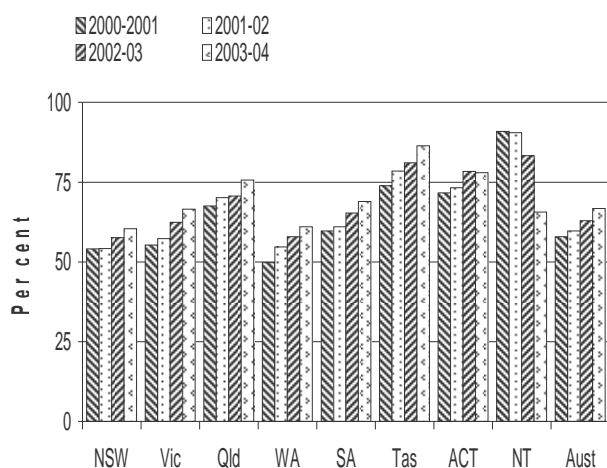
AGED CARE SERVICES (CHAPTER 12)

- The focus of this chapter is on government funded residential and community based services for frail older people. The main services are residential services providing high care, low care and a mixture of high and low care, community care services, respite services and assessment services.
- The Australian Government provided the majority of annual funding for residential aged care services — \$4.6 billion in 2003-04 (p. 12.8). Total national expenditure on the Home and Community Care (HACC) program was just over \$1.2 billion in 2003-04. 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 \$307.9 million on the program in 2003-04. National expenditure by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs during 2003-04 on the Veterans’ Home Care program was \$72.9 million (pp. 12.11-12).
- Nationally, there were approximately 153 963 places (permanent and respite) in residential care facilities (70 955 in high care services, 31 600 in low care services and 51 408 in services providing a mixture of high and low care) at June 2004 (p. 12.15).
- The indicator ‘intensity of care’ uses data on ageing in place to show the proportion of residents remaining in the same residential aged care service as their needs increase from low level to high level care. Information is also provided on the utilisation of operational residential places to demonstrate the impact of ageing in place on the service system over time.

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.12.35)

Australian Government real expenditure on residential services per person aged 70 years or over plus Indigenous people aged 50-69 years (2003-04 dollars) (p. 12.43)



- 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 2003-04, ranging from \$2653 in SA to \$1496 in the NT (p.12.42).
- In WA, 77.5 per cent of people began receiving a CACP within three months of assessment by an Aged Care Assessment Team, compared with 55.7 per cent in SA (p. 12.29).
- The number of complaints registered per 1000 residents in 2003-04 ranged from 12.3 in the ACT to 3.0 in Queensland (p. 12.38).

## Progress since the 2004 Report

A number of additions and improvements have been made to the chapter this year.

- Experimental estimates of State and Territory expenditure data on residential care have been included
- Access by Indigenous people to Commonwealth Carelink Centres — information centres for people who are older, have disabilities and who are providing care and support services — has been included.

## Data for charts on previous page

|                                                                                                                                                                              | 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 (per cent)</i>                                                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 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 |
| 2003-04                                                                                                                                                                      | 60.4 | 66.5 | 75.6 | 61.0 | 68.9 | 86.3 | 77.9 | 65.6 | 66.7 |
| <i>Australian Government real expenditure on residential services per person aged 70 years or over plus Indigenous people aged 50–69 years (2003-04 dollars)<sup>a</sup></i> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1999-2000                                                                                                                                                                    | 2489 | 2250 | 2289 | 2251 | 2385 | 2493 | 2191 | 1627 | 2357 |
| 2000-01                                                                                                                                                                      | 2393 | 2189 | 2284 | 2205 | 2387 | 2504 | 2093 | 1610 | 2302 |
| 2001-02                                                                                                                                                                      | 2437 | 2258 | 2392 | 2246 | 2456 | 2576 | 2177 | 1587 | 2366 |
| 2002-03                                                                                                                                                                      | 2481 | 2309 | 2523 | 2295 | 2565 | 2637 | 2190 | 1689 | 2433 |
| 2003-04                                                                                                                                                                      | 2450 | 2347 | 2438 | 2241 | 2653 | 2568 | 2089 | 1496 | 2416 |

<sup>a</sup> 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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