
N Data on community participation of people with disabilities

This appendix presents data from large-scale surveys on indicators of community participation and inclusion of people with disabilities. The main surveys covered are the:

- ABS General Social Survey 2006
- ABS Surveys of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) 2009 (ABS 2010d)
- Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey (wave 8).

Table N.1 ABS General Social Survey 2006, indicators of community participation and inclusion of people with disabilities^a

Persons aged 18 to 64 years

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Has core activity restriction</i>	<i>Has a schooling/employment restriction only^b</i>	<i>Has no specific restriction</i>	<i>Has no disability or long-term health condition</i>
	%	%	%	%
Family and community support				
Had contact with family or friends living outside the households				
Had face to face contact every day	16.2	17.8	20.4	20.9
Had other forms of contact every day.	35.9	38.9	39.3	43.5
Could ask for small favours from persons living outside the household	90.8	87.9	92.6	94.1
Able to get support in time of crisis from persons living outside the household	91.6	87.8	93.9	94.7
Transport				
Has access to motor vehicles to drive	80.5	77.1	90.3	90.9
Difficulty with transport ^b				
Can easily get to the places needed	68.4	72.6	86.2	88.3
Cannot, or often has difficulty getting to the places needed	11.7	8.9	3.0	2.1
Has difficulty accessing service providers	38.8	32.7	24.6	19.2
Information technology				
Used computer at home in last 12 months	65.8	63.2	75.3	79.3
Accessed the Internet at home in last 12 months	55.5	55.8	64.1	70.7
Total persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^a Covers people who were usual residents of private dwellings. ^b Employment restrictions relate to persons aged 18 to 64 years only, and schooling restrictions relate to persons aged 18-20 years only.

Source: ABS (2007, *General Social Survey: Summary Result*, Cat. No. 4159.0, table 13).

Table N.2 ABS SDAC 2009, indicators of community participation and inclusion of people with disabilities (CURF)

Persons aged 15 to 64 years

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Disability status</i>					<i>No disability but restricted in schooling or employment</i>
	<i>Profound core limitation</i>	<i>Severe core limitation</i>	<i>Moderate core limitation</i>	<i>Mild core limitation</i>	<i>No-core disability and restricted in schooling or employment</i>	
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Social contacts						
A few times a day	16.0	21.6	17.4	23.7	26.0	27.0
Once a day	16.9	22.4	21.9	20.8	24.3	21.6
A few times a week	28.5	34.3	36.9	35.0	34.5	37.5
Once a week	11.4	12.4	13.0	11.9	9.6	9.1
At least once a month	8.1	5.5	6.6	5.0	3.1	3.5
At least once a quarter	1.3	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.6
No contact in the last 3 months	17.8	3.4	3.4	2.8	2.4	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Social and community participation at home in the last 3 months						
Visits from family or friends	15.5	3.9	3.1	3.9	3.6	2.2
Telephone calls with family or friends	58.7	68.9	69.2	71.4	69.9	70.2
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	9.3	11.4	12.1	11.1	10.4	11.7
Church or special community activities	4.6	4.2	3.8	4.1	5.1	4.1
Voluntary work including advocacy	2.3	7.9	7.5	6.3	8.0	9.7
None of the above	9.6	3.6	4.2	3.2	2.9	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table N.2 (continued)

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Disability status</i>					<i>No disability but restricted in schooling or employment</i>
	<i>Profound core limitation</i>	<i>Severe core limitation</i>	<i>Moderate core limitation</i>	<i>Mild core limitation</i>	<i>Non-core disability and restricted in schooling or employment</i>	
Culture or leisure participation away from home in the last 12 months						
Visited museum or art gallery	1.1	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.4	0.7
Visited library	3.9	4.7	4.5	5.1	3.3	2.7
Attended theatre or concert	1.2	2.4	2.3	2.5	1.8	1.9
Attended cinema	13.3	16.0	11.5	11.1	14.7	11.8
Visited animal or marine park or botanic gardens	9.8	10.2	10.7	12.3	8.7	10.5
Took part in sport or physical recreation	10.1	9.9	11.6	13.3	19.1	19.4
Attended sporting event as spectator	16.3	24.8	27.7	29.4	36.4	42.9
None of the above	41.4	30.8	29.6	25.0	15.0	10.1
Does not leave home	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Culture or leisure participation away from home in the last 3 months						
Visited relatives or friends	23.7	19.7	19.5	15.4	13.5	10.7
Restaurant or club	24.7	33.1	33.2	35.7	35.9	37.3
Church activities	7.5	9.1	8.2	9.3	9.7	9.0
Voluntary activity	3.1	8.6	9.6	9.8	11.0	11.4
Performing arts group activities	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.7	2.9	4.2
Art or craft group activity	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.3	3.7	5.6
Other special interest group activities	12.8	11.7	11.0	12.1	15.1	15.1
Other activity not specified elsewhere	3.1	2.2	2.5	2.4	3.4	3.6
Did no participate in any social or community act	15.1	8.1	8.1	6.8	4.3	3.1
Does not leave home	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Disability status</i>					<i>No disability but restricted in schooling or employment</i>
	<i>Profound core limitation</i>	<i>Severe core limitation</i>	<i>Moderate core limitation</i>	<i>Mild core limitation</i>	<i>Non-core disability and restricted in schooling or employment</i>	
Computer use in the last 12 months						
Used a computer at home only	28.4	32.3	29.2	23.5	20.4	21.3
Used a computer away from home only	2.9	4.3	4.3	5.3	6.0	5.4
Used a computer both at home and away from home	17.2	33.5	36.0	44.4	55.9	59.5
Did not use a computer in the last 12 months	51.5	30.0	30.5	26.8	17.7	13.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Computer use in the last 12 months						
Yes	78.4	95.0	95.6	95.6	96.9	99.1
No	21.6	5.0	4.4	4.4	3.1	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Internet use in the last 12 months						
Used the Internet at home only	24.3	30.3	28.3	23.7	22.5	22.3
Used the Internet away from home only	4.8	6.0	6.7	6.4	7.9	6.8
Used the Internet both at home and away from home	15.3	29.2	30.9	39.9	50.5	55.4
Did not use the Internet in the last 12 months	55.6	34.5	34.2	30.1	19.1	15.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Any type of communication in the last 3 months – phone, SMS, Internet, other, mail						
Yes	82.2	96.6	96.6	97.2	97.6	99.4
No	17.8	3.4	3.4	2.8	2.4	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table N.2 (continued)

Indicator	Disability status					No disability but restricted in schooling or employment
	Profound core limitation	Severe core limitation	Moderate core limitation	Mild core limitation	Non-core disability and restricted in schooling or employment	
Transport – driver status						
Licensed and drives daily	12.7	47.7	64.3	68.4	74.5	81.4
Licensed and drives at least once a week	12.1	27.1	22.9	16.2	11.2	9.4
Licensed and drives at least once a month	4.8	4.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4
Licensed and drives at least once a year	4.0	1.3	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.4
Licensed but does not drive at all	12.9	4.4	1.8	2.3	1.9	0.7
Not licensed	50.4	14.8	8.3	10.6	10.1	6.6
Does not leave home	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: PC calculations based on ABS (2010d).

Table N.3 SDAC 2003, private living arrangements for people with disabilities

Persons aged 15 to 59 years

	Profound core activity limitation		Severe core activity limitation		Moderate core activity limitation		Mild core activity limitation		Schooling or All with specific employment restriction		No reported disability	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Private living arrangements												
Lives in private dwelling alone	10.9	13.0	19.5	16.7	16.3	15.6	6.8					
Lives in private dwelling with others	89.1	87.0	80.5	83.3	83.7	84.4	93.2					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: ABS (2004, 2003 Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary of Findings, Cat. No. 4430.0).

Table N.4 HILDA (Waves 1 to 7), indicators of community participation and inclusion

People aged 15 to 24

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Type of disability</i>						<i>Onset of disability</i>		<i>Severity of disability</i>			
	<i>Sensory</i>		<i>Physical</i>		<i>Other</i>		<i>No disability</i>	<i>At birth</i>	<i>No disability</i>	<i>No restriction/ mild</i>	<i>Mild/ moderate</i>	<i>Severe/ profound</i>
	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>						
Active club members (0 to 100%)	42.2	36.2*	42.2	39.1	42.6	36.2*	42.5	30.7*	46.2	35.7*	48.7	36.0
Contact with friend (1 to 5)	3.42	3.10*	3.41	3.32*	3.42	3.23*	3.42	3.21*	3.48	3.37	3.37	3.33
Religious activity (1 to 6)	2.52	2.44	2.52	2.38	2.54	2.27	2.53	1.88*	2.53	2.42	2.51	2.51
Involvement in group activity (1 to 6)	1.71	1.69	1.71	1.93	1.71	1.82	1.70	1.69	-	-	-	-
Personal contact (1 to 6)	3.89	3.66	3.89	3.72	3.90	3.77	3.89	3.77	-	-	-	-

* significantly different from the reference category — the category with no disability or without the type of disability in question. – no observations.

Source: Yu (2009).

Table N.5 HILDA (Wave 8), 2006-07, indicators of community participation and inclusion

People aged 15 to 64

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Restrictive condition</i>		<i>No restrictive condition</i>	
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Get involved in activities for a union, political party or group who is for or against something				
Never, rarely	89		87	
Occasionally, sometimes	10		10	
Often, very often	1		2	
Chat with neighbours				
Never, rarely	46		30	
Occasionally, sometimes	30		47	
Often, very often	25		23	
Have telephone, email, or mail contact with friends or family				
Never, rarely	6		6	
Occasionally, sometimes	45		26	
Often, very often	49		68	
Get in touch with a local politician or councillor about issues that concern me				
Never, rarely	4		4	
Occasionally, sometimes	76		63	
Often, very often	20		33	
Make time to attend services at a place of worship				
Never, rarely	8		16	
Occasionally, sometimes	66		45	
Often, very often	26		39	
Encourage others to get involved with a group that is trying to make a difference in the community				
Never, rarely	19		11	
Occasionally, sometimes	55		37	
Often, very often	26		52	

Table N.6 (continued)

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Restrictive condition</i>	<i>No restrictive condition</i>
Volunteer your spare time to work on boards or organising committees of clubs, community groups or other non profit organisations		
Never, rarely	15	19
Occasionally, sometimes	69	36
Often, very often	16	45
Make time to keep in touch with friends		
Never, rarely	25	40
Occasionally, sometimes	28	15
Often, very often	48	45
Talk about current affairs with friends, family or neighbours		
Never, rarely	23	29
Occasionally, sometimes	27	16
Often, very often	50	56
See extended family (or relatives not living with me) in person		
Never, rarely	24	31
Occasionally, sometimes,	33	16
Often, very often	43	53

Source: HILDA release 8.0 (see Watson 2010).