National Ability Supports System (NASS)



People engaging with disability services

HRB StatLink Series 24



34,652 adult records reviewed on NASS

Demographics



18,924 male 55%

15,728 female 45%

Age groups

18%	24%	35%	15%	8%
18-24	25-39	40-59	60-69	≥70
years	years	years	years	years

Most common primary disability_

56% Intellectual disability



56% 44% male female

18% **Neurological**

9%

Autism



46% 54% male female



75% 25% male female

Primary carer



16,010

people reported having a primary carer



91%

live with their primary carer

Of the primary carers:



73%

parent(s)



11%

wife/husband /partner



10%

sibling(s)



aged ≥60 years

Adults and children*



8,036

lived in a residential setting



5,805

received home support



2,116

accessed a personal assistant



1,623

accessed day respite



5.310

availed of overnight respite 133,351 nights

Adults only



20,796

adults accessed day services



18,302

adults received support services

New services required

Adults and children*



2,053

residential places required



537

home support places required



204

personal assistant services required



1,316

people require overnight respite



3,209

people require a day service in 2025*

Adults only



3,422 adults require support

services



Occupational Therapy



Physiotherapy



Main support services required:

Speech and Language Therapy



Clinical Psychology

^{*} Information provided by the HSE National Day Service Database.

^{*} Children included are those who received residential, respite, home support and/or specialised support services from dedicated organisations. Information on the multidisciplinary supports received from Children's Disability Network Teams was not included.