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Topic: People with disability accommodation

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Senator Boyce asked:

Is it possible to tell me how many people with disabilities live in accommodation of more than 10 people together, nationally and state by state?

Answer:

No. Data from the National Minimum Data Set collected by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) details the number of people with disability living in large residential/ institutions (more than 20 places), small residential/ institutions (7-20 places) and hostels (usually less than 20 beds).

Excerpt from Table 2.1: Users of CSTDA-funded services, service type by state and territory, 2007-08

Service type	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total*
Accommodation support									
Large residential/ institutions	1,509	179	335	261	727	115	—	—	3,126
Small residential/ institutions	93	101	534	138	26	20	—	—	912
Hostels	77	174	—	56	14	89	—	—	410
<i>*Total accommodation support*</i>	<i>7,309</i>	<i>14,437</i>	<i>6,020</i>	<i>3,606</i>	<i>4,602</i>	<i>1,132</i>	<i>338</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>37,690</i>

Source: AIHW 2009: Disability support services 2007-08: national data on services provided under the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement.

*Total includes accommodation support services above as well as those services provided through group homes, attendant care/personal care, in home accommodation support, alternative family placement and other accommodation support. Definitions of accommodation supports are available in the AIHW: Disability support services 2007-08 publication, available at the following link:

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10751>