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PREFACE

People with a disability and older people comprise a significant proportion of the Australian population. In 2003, one in five people in Australia (3.96 million or 20%) reported that they had a disability which restricted their everyday activities and which had lasted, or was expected to last, for six months or more. There were 3.35 million people (17% of the population) aged 60 years and over in 2003. Of these, 51% reported that they had a disability.

This report focuses on the community participation and, in particular, cultural participation of these two important and overlapping groups. It uses data collected in the 2003 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) on participation in art or craftwork, performing arts group activities, art or craft group activities, and visits to cultural venues and events such as museums, art galleries, libraries, theatres, concerts and cinemas. Other information relevant to these population groups is available in the ABS publication, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

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SECTION 1 MAIN FEATURES

PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

In 2003, 3.96 million people in Australia (or 20% of the Australian population) had a disability which restricted their everyday activities and which had lasted, or was expected to last, for six months or more.

The most popular 'at home' activities for people with disabilities were telephone calls with family or friends, visits from family or friends, and art or craft work. Popular 'away from home' activities included visiting family or friends, going to restaurants or clubs, and participating in church, voluntary or special interest group activities.

Information about the cultural attendance of the Australian population aged 15 years and over was collected on the 2005–06 survey of Attendance at Selected Cultural Venues and Events. For reasons such as the different time period, different wording of questions and different survey methodologies, the results from the 2005–06 survey are not strictly comparable to results from the 2003 SDAC. However, the difference in rates for some activities are so marked that it is unlikely to be due to methodology or the difference time period alone. Results from the 2005–06 survey are available in the ABS publication *Attendance at Selected Cultural Venues and Events, 2005–06* (cat. no. 4114.0).

In terms of attendance at cultural venues and events, within a twelve month period:

- 43% of people with disabilities reported attending the cinema, compared with 65% of all Australians aged 15 years and over (as revealed by the 2005–06 survey);
- 34% visited libraries, compared with 34% of all Australians aged 15 years and over;
- 29% visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens, compared with 51% of all Australians aged 15 years and over;
- 25% attended theatres or concerts, compared with 38% of all Australians aged 15 years and over; and
- 20% visited museums or art galleries, compared with 32% of all Australians aged 15 years and over.

In comparison to attendance at these cultural activities, 29% of people with a disability attended sporting events as a spectator, and 28% took part in sport or physical recreation. However 26% did not take part in any of the cultural and sporting activities mentioned above.

OLDER PEOPLE

In 2003, there were 3.35 million people in Australia aged 60 years and over. Of these, 51% reported that they had a disability.

The most popular community participation activities for older people were catching up with family or friends, going to restaurants or clubs, participating in church, voluntary or special interest group activities, and art or craft work.

In terms of attendance at cultural venues and events, within a twelve month period:

- 34% of older people reported attending the cinema;
- 32% visited libraries;
- 28% attended theatres or concerts;
- 24% visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens; and
- 21% visited museums or art galleries.

One-quarter of people aged 60 years and over participated in sport or physical recreation, while 22% attended sporting events as a spectator. Around 30% of older people did not participate in any of the above cultural and sporting activities.

SECTION 2 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

According to the 2003 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) one in five people in Australia (3.96 million or 20%) had a disability. This rate was much the same for males (19.8%) and females (20.1%). A further 4.1 million people (21%) had a long-term health condition that did not restrict their everyday activities. The remaining 11.7 million (59%) had neither a disability nor a long term health condition.

In the survey, disability was defined as any limitation, restriction or impairment, which had lasted, or was likely to last, for at least six months and restricts everyday activities. Examples range from hearing loss which requires the use of a hearing aid, to difficulty dressing due to arthritis through to advanced dementia requiring constant help and supervision.

Of those with a disability, 86% (3.4 million) had a specific limitation or restriction, that is, were limited in the core activities of self care, mobility or communication, or restricted in schooling or employment.

1 ALL PERSONS, Disability status

	Profound core-activity limitation(a)	Severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate core-activity limitation(a)	Mild core- activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	Without specific limitations or restrictions	All with reported disability(c)	Long-term health condition	No long- term health condition	Total
NUMBER ('000)										
Males	236.2	302.1	329.6	550.1	223.2	316.4	1,957.6	1,988.5	5,916.2	9,862.3
Females	357.9	348.3	370.7	507.0	162.7	254.0	2,000.7	2,160.5	5,787.5	9,948.8
Persons	594.1	650.4	700.3	1,057.1	385.9	570.5	3,958.3	4,149.0	11,703.8	19,811.1
PROPORTION (%)										
Males	2.4	3.1	3.3	5.6	2.3	3.2	19.8	20.2	60.0	100.0
Females	3.6	3.5	3.7	5.1	1.6	2.6	20.1	21.7	58.2	100.0
Persons	3.0	3.3	3.5	5.3	1.9	2.9	20.0	20.9	59.1	100.0

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 2003 (cat. no. 4430.0).

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

The 2003 SDAC asked questions about community participation of people with a disability and people aged 60 years and over. The 2003 survey covered people living in all types of dwellings. However, people living in non-private dwellings (e.g. nursing homes, aged care hostels and other cared accommodation) were not asked questions on participation in cultural activities. Consequently, information was only collected about community participation for people living in households (e.g. in houses, flats, home units, and the self-care components of retirement villages). Some 94% of all people with a disability lived in households in private dwellings.

Information about community participation was collected through questions about activities both at home and away from home such as visits from family or friends, voluntary work, art or craftwork, church activities, visits to cultural venues and events, and attendance at sporting events. It was left up to the respondent to interpret what was meant by each of these activities. People aged less than 60 years old without a reported disability were not asked questions about their community participation. Therefore, it is not possible to compare participation in these activities for people with a disability TO people without a disability within this survey.

In the three months prior to interview the most popular of these activities were catching up with family and friends, either over the telephone (91%), at home (90%), or away from home (85%). A lower percentage of people with a profound core-activity limitation (65%) visited relatives and friends away from home than other people with a disability (table 3).

At home, in the three months prior to interview, art or craftwork for or with other people was undertaken by 15% of people with a disability, while 8% were involved in church or special community activities and 7% did voluntary work.

Away from home, in the prior three months, the most popular activities were visiting relatives or friends (85%) and going out to restaurants or clubs (61%). Around one-fifth participated in church activities (22%), while 17% participated in voluntary activities and 16% in other special interest group activities. Other activities participated in away from home included art and craft group activities (7%) and performing arts group activities (5%).

Of the cultural venues and events included, cinemas had the highest attendance rate over the 12 months prior to interview (43%) for people with a disability. Around one-third (34%) had visited a library, 29% an animal or marine park or botanic garden, 25% the theatre or a concert, and one-fifth a museum or art gallery (20%). By comparison, 29% had attended a sporting event as a spectator and 28% had taken part in sport or physical recreation. Around a quarter (26%) of people with a disability had not taken part in any of these activities in the past 12 months.

The proportion of people with a disability participating in community activities has changed very little between 1998 and 2003.

2 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS OR OVER, LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Community participation – 1998 and 2003

	Total with reported disability	
	1998	2003
	PROPORTION (%)	
Activities participated in the last 3 months		
At home		
Visits from family or friends	91.0	90.0
Telephone calls with family or friends	91.8	91.3
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	16.2	14.7
Church or special community activities	9.2	7.8
Voluntary work (including advocacy)	8.6	7.4
Did not participate in these activities	2.7	2.8
Away from home		
Visited relatives or friends	86.8	85.3
Restaurant or club	60.4	60.8
Church activities	25.8	22.1
Voluntary activities	18.4	17.3
Performing arts group activities	5.5	5.0
Art or craft group activities	7.1	7.4
Other special interest group activities	19.2	15.7
Did not participate in these activities	6.3	6.9
Does not leave home	0.9	0.9
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months		
Visited museums or art galleries	19.6	20.4
Visited libraries	34.8	33.8
Attended theatres or concerts	26.0	25.3
Attended cinema	44.6	42.7
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	29.5	28.7
Took part in sport or physical recreation	31.7	28.1
Attended sporting event as spectator	28.2	28.7
Did not participate in these activities	25.0	25.9
Does not leave home	0.9	0.9
	NUMBER ('000)	
Total(a)	3,378.5	3,727.1

(a) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 1998 and 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

As table 3 shows, generally participation rates in the selected community activities were lowest for people with a profound core-activity limitation. For example, 22% of people with a profound core-activity limitation had been to the cinema in the previous 12 months compared to 43% of all people with a disability. People with a profound core-activity limitation were the most likely to have not participated in any of the activities.

Respondents were asked about their participation in each of the selected community activities. In addition, each respondent was asked to identify the main community activity they were involved in over the past 12 months. For the majority of people with a disability, the main activity participated in away from home in the last 12 months was visiting relatives or friends (52%). The main activity for 3% was visiting a library and for 2% was attending the cinema. Other culture and leisure activities were the main activity for a further 3% of people with a disability.

3 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Disability status by Community Participation

	Profound core-activity limitation(a)	Severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate core-activity limitation(a)	Mild core- activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
PROPORTION (%)							
Activities participated in the last 3 months							
At home							
Visits from family or friends	86.1	91.1	89.5	90.8	92.4	88.9	90.0
Telephone calls with family or friends	80.3	89.8	93.2	94.0	95.8	90.4	91.3
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	10.7	14.7	14.2	13.8	18.9	17.0	14.7
Church or special community activities	7.5	8.1	8.6	7.8	5.8	8.2	7.8
Voluntary work (including advocacy)	*1.9	8.2	8.4	7.5	5.8	10.6	7.4
Did not participate in these activities	6.7	3.3	3.4	2.5	1.1	0.6	2.8
Away from home							
Visited relatives or friends	65.2	85.2	85.4	89.2	92.2	88.3	85.3
Restaurant or club	38.1	55.6	61.1	64.5	67.3	71.7	60.8
Church activities	16.8	23.1	24.3	23.3	17.4	23.4	22.1
Voluntary activities	5.5	14.8	18.6	19.5	18.4	22.4	17.3
Performing arts group activities	3.0	5.4	3.8	5.5	7.4	5.3	5.0
Art or craft group activities	4.3	7.2	7.4	7.1	10.3	8.4	7.4
Other special interest group activities	11.1	15.3	15.5	15.7	17.4	18.9	15.7
Did not participate in these activities	18.0	7.5	7.8	5.2	3.5	2.5	6.9
Does not leave home	6.0	*0.5	*0.4	**0.1	0.5	–	0.9
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months							
Visited museums or art galleries	9.8	18.1	20.0	20.7	26.5	26.6	20.4
Visited libraries	20.2	33.1	32.2	34.1	45.4	38.0	33.8
Attended theatres or concerts	11.6	23.5	23.8	26.8	28.7	34.4	25.3
Attended cinema	22.1	41.5	37.4	42.3	60.8	55.0	42.7
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	16.7	28.0	24.6	27.3	39.8	38.8	28.7
Took part in sport or physical recreation	13.5	23.4	21.3	28.1	41.8	43.6	28.1
Attended sporting event as spectator	12.8	26.8	25.3	27.2	41.4	41.0	28.7
Did not participate in these activities	48.2	28.5	30.6	25.1	12.0	11.1	25.9
Does not leave home	6.0	*0.5	*0.4	**0.1	0.5	–	0.9
Main activity participated in away from home, in last 12 months							
Visited libraries	*1.6	4.7	3.3	3.9	3.5	2.2	3.4
Attended cinema	*1.7	2.3	*1.5	2.1	2.9	2.8	2.1
Other culture or leisure activities	*2.0	3.0	3.0	3.4	4.2	1.9	2.9
Took part in sport or physical recreation	3.1	6.5	5.5	7.9	10.7	12.5	7.7
Attended sporting event as spectator	*1.8	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.6	3.2	2.9
Visited relatives or friends	46.0	53.3	51.6	52.1	55.5	49.8	51.5
Went to restaurants or clubs	9.7	7.2	9.6	9.0	7.2	7.1	8.4
Church activities	6.7	8.1	8.9	8.7	4.4	5.7	7.5
Voluntary activities	1.2	3.0	4.0	3.1	2.8	4.2	3.2
Did not participate in these activities	16.2	4.8	6.0	3.4	1.9	1.5	5.1
NUMBER ('000)							
Total number of persons(c)	419.5	619.1	696.4	1,053.6	385.9	552.7	3,727.1

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

– nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

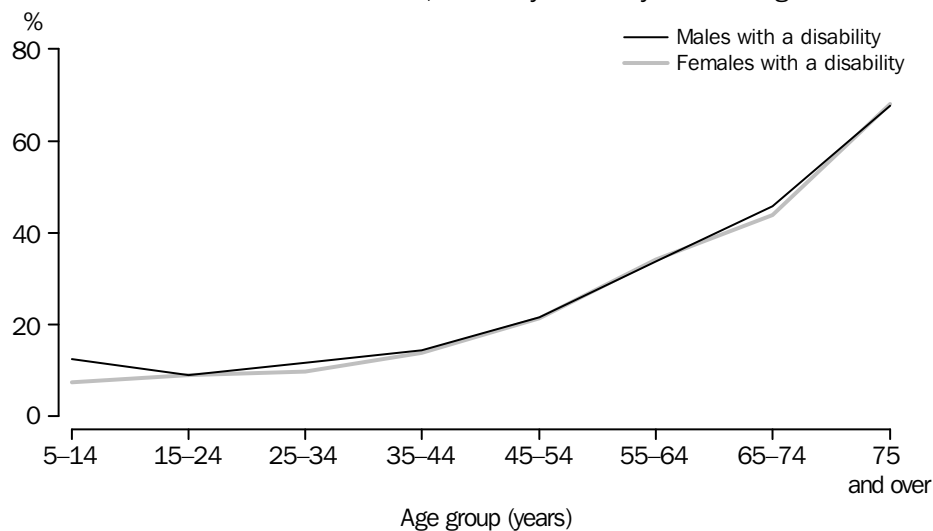
Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

AGE AND SEX

The disability rate increased steadily with age from 10% of people aged 5–14 years to 45% of people aged 65–74 years and 68% of people aged 75 years and over. The pattern of prevalence of profound or severe core-activity limitation gradually increased from 5% for age groups 5–14 years through to 12% for 65–74 years but it then increased to 34% for those aged 75 years and over.

Rates of disability and profound or severe core-activity limitation for males aged 5–14 years (12.4% and 6.5% respectively) were almost double those for females aged 5–14 years (7.5% and 3.3% respectively). In contrast, females aged 75 years and over had a higher rate of profound or severe core-activity limitation (36%) than males of the same age (26%).

PERSONS AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER, Disability status by Sex and Age



Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

Of people with a disability, children aged 5–14 years had a higher participation rate than people aged 15 years and over in the three selected cultural activities (art or craftwork for or with other people, performing arts group activities, and art or craft group activities) over the past three months.

At home, art or craftwork for or with other people was done by 29% of children aged 5–14 years with a disability, compared with 10% of those aged 75 years and over.

Away from home, 15% of children with a disability aged 5–14 years participated in performing arts group activities compared with less than 7% of people in each age group above 15 years. The participation rate of children with a disability aged 5–14 years in art or craft group activities (14%) was more than double that of people aged 75 years and over (5%). The proportion of children aged 5–14 years who participated in art or craft group activities was highest for those with a schooling or employment restriction only (27%).

4 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Cultural participation in last 3 months by Age group

	Profound or severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
PROPORTION (%)					
Activities participated in the last 3 months					
At home					
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)					
5-14 years	25.9	26.4	37.8	31.4	28.7
15-34 years	12.5	18.3	15.8	*14.3	15.4
35-54 years	13.8	15.2	18.0	16.8	15.6
55-74 years	12.0	13.0	14.7	17.0	13.4
75 years and over	7.7	10.5	na	*13.8	9.6
Away from home					
Performing arts group activities					
5-14 years	12.9	*13.9	*19.0	17.5	14.7
15-34 years	*7.9	*7.8	7.9	*3.0	6.6
35-54 years	4.9	4.7	*4.5	4.6	4.7
55-74 years	*2.1	3.9	*5.2	5.1	3.7
75 years and over	**0.8	*3.9	na	**5.9	2.8
Art or craft group activities					
5-14 years	11.4	*9.6	*27.4	*12.2	13.7
15-34 years	*5.0	*5.9	*6.7	6.9	6.1
35-54 years	7.2	6.6	9.2	5.1	6.9
55-74 years	6.0	8.6	*8.4	10.0	8.2
75 years and over	2.7	5.5	na	*16.1	5.0
NUMBER ('000)					
Total number of persons(c)					
5-14 years	130.6	53.0	42.9	39.6	266.2
15-34 years	125.6	167.5	129.9	140.9	563.8
35-54 years	223.1	457.5	152.5	160.4	993.5
55-74 years	295.9	721.1	60.6	170.4	1,248.0
75 years and over	263.3	350.8	na	41.4	655.6

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

na not applicable

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia, 2003 (data available on request).

Table 5 shows the proportion of people who had attended selected cultural venues and events in the last 12 months by age group. Of people with a disability, a higher proportion of younger people had visited at least one of the selected cultural venues and events over the past 12 months. Almost 9 out of 10 children aged 5–14 years (87%) had visited at least one of these compared with less than half (47%) of people aged 75 and over.

Attendance at most of the cultural events and venues decreased with increasing age, however the difference was not as large for theatres or concerts where 23% of people aged 5–14 years attended compared with 19% of people aged 75 years and over. The largest difference occurred for the cinema where 68% of children aged 5–14 years attended compared with 20% of people aged 75 years and over.

5 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Cultural participation in last 12 months by Age group

	Profound or severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
PROPORTION (%)					
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months					
Visited museums or art galleries					
5-14 years	29.7	33.5	27.6	34.9	30.9
15-34 years	15.7	22.0	26.2	22.7	21.7
35-54 years	20.3	21.1	27.4	28.4	23.1
55-74 years	11.9	20.5	24.3	26.4	19.5
75 years and over	5.2	16.6	na	25.3	12.5
Visited libraries					
5-14 years	62.9	63.2	76.5	51.5	63.4
15-34 years	33.4	43.1	39.5	34.3	37.9
35-54 years	31.6	33.4	45.3	38.2	35.6
55-74 years	20.2	30.0	36.1	37.5	29.0
75 years and over	13.5	30.9	na	38.7	24.4
Attended theatres or concerts					
5-14 years	22.0	25.8	22.5	20.5	22.6
15-34 years	20.5	30.0	31.9	33.9	29.3
35-54 years	22.2	27.6	29.4	37.6	28.3
55-74 years	20.4	24.5	24.4	34.9	25.0
75 years and over	11.1	22.9	na	34.5	18.9
Attended cinema					
5-14 years	67.4	68.3	77.5	60.2	68.1
15-34 years	58.0	69.2	72.7	70.2	67.8
35-54 years	39.3	48.8	55.3	60.0	49.5
55-74 years	24.7	33.0	37.2	44.3	32.8
75 years and over	10.5	26.2	na	22.7	19.6
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens					
5-14 years	53.2	35.1	47.3	46.6	47.7
15-34 years	30.8	35.3	36.5	42.5	36.4
35-54 years	27.5	30.3	44.4	40.7	33.5
55-74 years	16.4	26.3	30.0	35.1	25.4
75 years and over	9.6	15.1	na	26.3	13.6
Visited at least one cultural venue or event					
5-14 years	88.4	88.0	91.2	76.9	87.1
15-34 years	76.6	84.2	84.4	82.6	82.1
35-54 years	60.2	69.3	78.1	76.1	69.7
55-74 years	45.1	59.8	65.8	72.3	58.3
75 years and over	32.1	56.3	na	61.4	46.9

na not applicable

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

Source: ABS, Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia, 2003 (data available on request).

There were some differences in cultural participation between males and females. Of people with a disability, the biggest differences between females' and males' participation were for:

- art or craftwork (for or with other people) at home in the past three months (20% and 9% respectively)
- art or craft group activity (11% and 4%) and
- attendance at theatre or concerts (29% and 22%).

6 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Culture and leisure participation by Sex

	Profound or severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
PROPORTION (%)					
Activities participated in the last 3 months					
At home					
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)					
Males	7.9	8.0	12.9	12.3	9.2
Females	17.3	20.0	27.2	23.0	20.2
Away from home					
Performing arts group activities					
Males	4.2	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.6
Females	4.6	6.2	12.3	7.6	6.4
Art or craft group activities					
Males	3.6	2.8	5.3	*4.0	3.5
Females	7.9	11.7	17.1	14.0	11.3
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months					
Visited museums or art galleries					
Males	14.6	19.0	22.1	24.6	19.2
Females	14.8	21.9	32.6	29.1	21.6
Visited libraries					
Males	26.9	30.2	39.8	33.4	31.0
Females	28.7	36.6	53.0	43.7	36.5
Attended theatres or concerts					
Males	16.3	20.7	23.0	31.2	21.6
Females	20.6	30.5	36.5	38.4	29.0
Attended cinema					
Males	36.6	35.6	57.6	52.4	41.2
Females	31.2	45.0	65.2	58.2	44.3
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens					
Males	25.2	24.9	37.6	35.3	28.2
Females	22.0	27.6	42.8	43.1	29.3
Visited at least one cultural venue or event					
Males	54.6	59.2	77.1	74.2	62.7
Females	54.1	70.4	83.3	77.2	67.4
NUMBER ('000)					
Total number of persons(c)					
Males	466.2	877.0	223.2	306.8	1,873.1
Females	572.4	873.0	162.7	245.9	1,854.0

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia, 2003 (data available on request).

SCHOOLING OR EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTION

A schooling restriction is determined for persons aged 5–20 years who have one or more disabilities if, for example, because of their disability they are either unable to attend school or attend a special school. For more information see the Glossary.

An employment restriction is determined for persons aged 15–64 years with one or more disabilities if, for example, because of their disability they are permanently unable to work or are restricted in the type of work they can do. For more information see the Glossary.

Table 7 shows rates of participation in cultural activities for people with a disability aged 5–64 years by whether or not they have a schooling or employment restriction. Having a schooling or employment restriction may impact on participation in these activities in a number of ways. It may be that people with a schooling or employment restriction have more time available to participate in these activities. Another possibility is that the schooling or employment restriction may also restrict the ability to participate in these activities. Of people with a disability, people with a schooling or employment restriction were more likely to have a profound core-activity limitation (11%) or severe core-activity limitation (22%) than people without a schooling or employment restriction (1.5% and 6% respectively).

The data collected on the 2003 SDAC allows comparison of participation rates for people with and without a schooling or employment restriction. However it is not possible to determine the reason for any difference between participation rates.

In 2003, participation rates in cultural activities were generally higher for people not restricted in schooling or employment. This difference was generally larger for activities participated in away from the home. While 62% of people with a disability but without a schooling or employment restriction attended the cinema, the attendance rate for people with a schooling or employment restriction was just 50%.

7 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 TO 64 YEARS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Cultural participation by Whether has a schooling or employment restriction

	Restricted in schooling or employment	Not restricted in schooling or employment
	PROPORTION (%)	
Activities participated in the last 3 months		
At home		
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	15.7	19.5
Away from home		
Performing arts group activities	6.2	6.3
Art or craft group activities	7.5	9.4
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months		
Visited museums or art galleries	21.3	30.6
Visited libraries	37.6	40.3
Attended theatres or concerts	24.1	38.5
Attended cinema	49.5	62.4
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	32.3	42.8
Visited at least one cultural venue or event	70.2	81.8
	NUMBER ('000)	
Total number of persons(a)	1,759.4	692.0

(a) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia, 2003 (data available on request).

PART OF STATE

The proportion of people with a disability participating in each of the cultural activities was similar for those living in capital cities (including all State capital cities as well as Darwin and all of the Australian Capital Territory) and those living in the rest of Australia. The largest difference was for cinemas where 47% of people with a disability living in a capital city attended compared with 37% of those living outside of a capital city.

8 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Cultural participation by Part of state

	Profound or severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
PROPORTION (%)					
Activities participated in the last 3 months					
At home					
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)					
Capital city	11.1	13.5	19.0	16.3	13.8
Balance of state	16.1	14.7	18.9	18.1	16.0
Away from home					
Performing arts group activities					
Capital city	4.4	4.9	8.6	5.6	5.2
Balance of state	4.5	4.7	5.4	5.0	4.7
Art or craft group activities					
Capital city	5.2	7.7	10.1	8.9	7.4
Balance of state	7.1	6.6	10.6	7.8	7.3
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months					
Visited museums or art galleries					
Capital city	15.9	21.5	30.1	30.7	22.2
Balance of state	13.0	18.8	21.1	20.7	17.7
Visited libraries					
Capital city	29.0	34.8	49.0	40.2	35.5
Balance of state	26.3	31.2	39.7	34.8	31.2
Attended theatres or concerts					
Capital city	18.0	27.4	31.4	34.8	26.3
Balance of state	19.6	22.8	24.6	33.8	23.8
Attended cinema					
Capital city	35.6	45.2	66.3	57.2	46.5
Balance of state	30.7	33.0	52.2	51.9	37.1
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens					
Capital city	23.6	27.2	41.6	41.2	29.8
Balance of state	23.1	24.9	36.9	35.4	27.2
Visited at least one cultural venue or event					
Capital city	56.3	67.1	82.9	76.3	67.1
Balance of state	51.4	61.3	74.9	74.4	61.9
NUMBER ('000)					
Total number of persons(c)					
Capital city	616.6	1,042.6	234.2	325.4	2,218.9
Balance of state	422.0	707.4	151.7	227.3	1,508.3

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia, 2003 (data available on request).

STATE AND TERRITORY

For this survey, the sample size for the Northern Territory was not large enough to produce reliable estimates, and so data are only presented for each State, and the Australian Capital Territory.

For people with a disability, the proportion of the State and Territory populations visiting at least one cultural venue or event ranged from 61% in Tasmania to 81% in the Australian Capital Territory. Of people with a profound or severe core-activity limitation, the proportion visiting at least one cultural venue or event ranged from 48% in New South Wales to 77% in the Australian Capital Territory. Participation rates were generally higher for each of the cultural activities in the Australian Capital Territory than in the States.

New South Wales

In 2003, there were 1.2 million people with a disability living in New South Wales (or 18% of the NSW population). A majority (62%) of people with a disability aged 5 years and over had visited at least one cultural venue or event in the last 12 months. The most popular was the cinema (41%), followed by libraries (31%), theatre or concerts (26%), and animal or marine parks or botanic gardens (25%). Museums and art galleries were the least attended (18%).

Some 14% of people with a disability living in NSW took part in art or craftwork at home in the last three months, while 7% participated in art or craft group activities away from home and 5% in performing arts group activities.

9 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Disability status by Cultural participation – New South Wales

	Profound or severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
PROPORTION (%)					
Activities participated in the last 3 months					
At home					
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	11.5	12.4	18.8	18.5	13.7
Away from home					
Performing arts group activities	*4.8	4.5	*8.2	*4.1	4.8
Art or craft group activities	*4.1	6.5	13.8	9.7	7.0
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months					
Visited museum or art galleries	13.7	17.5	24.5	25.1	18.3
Visited libraries	23.7	30.5	44.8	39.1	31.3
Attended theatres or concerts	18.9	26.2	25.8	36.2	25.8
Attended cinema	32.2	38.0	58.7	53.0	40.5
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	19.5	21.2	34.5	37.9	24.5
Visited at least one cultural venue or event	47.9	62.4	78.6	72.9	61.6
NUMBER ('000)					
Total(c)	293.4	553.2	97.0	168.9	1,112.5

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings – State Tables for New South Wales, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

Victoria

In 2003, there were 992,300 people with a disability living in Victoria (or 20% of the population of Victoria). A majority (63%) of people with a disability aged 5 years and over had visited at least one cultural venue or event in the last 12 months. The most popular was the cinema (43%) followed by libraries (31%), animal or marine parks or botanic gardens (30%), and theatre or concerts (24%). Museums and art galleries were the least attended (22%).

Some 14% of people with a disability living in Victoria took part in art or craftwork at home in the last three months, while 6% participated in art or craft group activities away from home and 4% in performing arts group activities.

10 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Disability status by Cultural participation – Victoria

	Profound or severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
	PROPORTION (%)				
Activities participated in the last 3 months					
At home					
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	14.2	12.6	19.3	14.8	14.1
Away from home					
Performing arts group activities	4.3	3.3	*7.0	*5.6	4.3
Art or craft group activities	5.0	6.1	*8.0	*4.0	5.6
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months					
Visited museums or art galleries	15.6	22.1	27.2	30.0	21.9
Visited libraries	25.1	31.1	43.0	32.0	30.8
Attended theatres or concerts	18.7	23.0	25.1	36.1	23.9
Attended cinema	34.4	39.9	57.6	56.2	42.6
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	24.6	27.0	42.1	38.2	29.5
Visited at least one cultural venue or event	54.6	60.0	77.6	76.1	62.7
	NUMBER ('000)				
Total(c)	264.5	429.1	97.0	136.1	926.7

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings – State Tables for Victoria, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

Queensland

In 2003, there were 834,000 people with a disability living in Queensland (or 22% of the population of Queensland). A majority (69%) of people with a disability aged 5 years and over had visited at least one cultural venue or event in the last 12 months. The most popular was the cinema (44%) followed by libraries (36%), animal or marine parks or botanic gardens (31%), and theatre or concerts (23%). Museums and art galleries were the least attended (19%).

Some 16% of people with a disability living in Queensland took part in art or craftwork at home in the last three months, while 9% participated in art or craft group activities away from home and 5% in performing arts group activities.

11 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Disability status by Cultural participation – Queensland

	Profound or severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
	PROPORTION (%)				
Activities participated in the last 3 months					
At home					
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	13.2	16.3	17.9	17.3	15.7
Away from home					
Performing arts group activities	4.6	4.6	*4.9	*5.4	4.8
Art or craft group activities	8.0	8.2	*10.0	9.6	8.5
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months					
Visited museums or art galleries	13.9	20.5	24.5	22.5	19.1
Visited libraries	32.0	35.8	44.5	38.8	36.0
Attended theatres or concerts	16.0	25.0	26.2	32.3	23.4
Attended cinema	34.5	41.7	60.9	58.3	43.9
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	25.8	29.8	42.3	38.2	31.1
Visited at least one cultural venue or event	58.6	70.7	80.1	79.3	69.2
	NUMBER ('000)				
Total(c)	250.5	345.7	84.5	118.2	798.9

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings – State Tables for Queensland, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

South Australia

In 2003, there were 362,100 people with a disability living in South Australia (or 24% of the population of SA). A majority (69%) of people with a disability aged 5 years and over had visited at least one cultural venue or event in the last 12 months. The most popular was the cinema (44%) followed by libraries (40%), animal or marine parks or botanic gardens (32%), and theatre or concerts (28%). Museums and art galleries were the least attended (21%).

Some 17% of people with a disability living in SA took part in art or craftwork at home in the last three months, while 10% participated in art or craft group activities away from home and 6% in performing arts group activities.

12 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Disability status by Cultural participation – South Australia

	Profound or severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
	PROPORTION (%)				
Activities participated in the last 3 months					
At home					
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	15.6	16.6	19.4	16.5	16.7
Away from home					
Performing arts group activities	*3.5	6.3	*7.6	*9.5	6.2
Art or craft group activities	*8.7	9.0	*7.7	15.5	9.6
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months					
Visited museums or art galleries	15.2	20.8	24.1	27.3	20.7
Visited libraries	34.9	39.6	50.3	44.3	40.4
Attended theatres or concerts	23.0	27.7	36.5	33.3	28.4
Attended cinema	29.7	42.2	67.4	53.8	43.8
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	25.4	28.7	41.9	43.4	31.6
Visited at least one cultural venue or event	58.9	70.1	83.8	70.4	69.0
	NUMBER ('000)				
Total(c)	86.5	163.6	43.4	46.7	340.2

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings – State Tables for South Australia, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

Western Australia

In 2003, there were 405,500 people with a disability living in Western Australia (or 21% of the population of WA). A majority (68%) of people with a disability aged 5 years and over had visited at least one cultural venue or event in the last 12 months. The most popular was the cinema (46%) followed by libraries (37%), animal or marine parks or botanic gardens (32%), and theatre or concerts (26%). Museums and art galleries were the least attended (21%).

Some 16% of people with a disability living in WA took part in art or craftwork at home in the last three months, while 8% participated in art or craft group activities away from home and 6% in performing arts group activities.

13 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Disability status by Cultural participation – Western Australia

	Profound or severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
PROPORTION (%)					
Activities participated in the last 3 months					
At home					
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	13.1	14.9	19.8	19.3	15.7
Away from home					
Performing arts group activities	**3.3	7.2	*8.4	*5.1	6.1
Art or craft group activities	6.8	8.9	*7.9	9.2	8.3
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months					
Visited museums or art galleries	14.2	22.3	27.2	24.7	21.2
Visited libraries	32.2	35.4	46.3	41.2	36.7
Attended theatres or concerts	18.2	27.6	36.0	25.7	25.9
Attended cinema	37.5	43.6	62.6	54.5	46.0
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	24.2	30.6	39.2	40.4	31.5
Visited at least one cultural venue or event	56.9	67.2	81.5	76.5	67.7
NUMBER ('000)					
Total(c)	97.6	184.6	46.0	57.8	385.9

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings – State Tables for Western Australia, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

Tasmania

In 2003, there were 111,700 people with a disability living in Tasmania (or 24% of the population of Tasmania). A majority (61%) of people with a disability aged 5 years and over had visited at least one cultural venue or event in the last 12 months. The most popular was the cinema (37%) followed by libraries (32%), and animal or marine parks or botanic gardens (25%). Theatre or concerts, and museums and art galleries were the least attended (24%).

Some 13% of people with a disability living in Tasmania took part in art or craftwork at home in the last three months, while 7% participated in art or craft group activities and performing arts group activities away from home.

14 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Disability status by Cultural participation – Tasmania

	Profound or severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
PROPORTION (%)					
Activities participated in the last 3 months					
At home					
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	*12.3	13.8	*15.1	*7.0	12.5
Away from home					
Performing arts group activities	*4.8	*7.7	*7.0	**5.8	6.5
Art or craft group activities	*6.7	6.8	*11.8	**5.5	7.1
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months					
Visited museums or art galleries	15.8	24.3	35.3	31.4	23.7
Visited libraries	25.9	33.1	42.9	*33.4	31.9
Attended theatres or concerts	18.8	22.5	*30.9	39.2	24.4
Attended cinema	27.9	37.1	63.0	38.9	37.0
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	23.2	22.5	*30.0	37.5	25.4
Visited at least one cultural venue or event	52.6	59.9	74.8	73.7	61.0
NUMBER ('000)					
Total(c)	32.2	49.3	10.0	14.2	105.7

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** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings – State Tables for Tasmania, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

Australian Capital Territory

In 2003, there were 45,200 people with a disability living in the Australian Capital Territory (or 14% of the population of the ACT). A majority (81%) of people with a disability aged 5 years and over had visited at least one cultural venue or event in the last 12 months. The most popular was the cinema (55%) followed by libraries (47%), museums and art galleries (46%) and theatre or concerts (46%). Animal or marine parks or botanic gardens were the least attended (40%).

Some 20% of people with a disability living in the ACT took part in art or craftwork at home in the last three months, while 8% participated in art or craft group activities away from home and 10% in performing arts group activities.

15 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Disability status by Cultural participation – Australian Capital Territory

	Profound or severe core- activity limitation(a)	Moderate or mild core-activity limitation(a)	Schooling or employment restriction only(b)	No limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability
PROPORTION (%)					
Activities participated in, in last 3 months					
At home					
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	*12.1	*23.6	*23.4	*19.4	19.8
Away from home					
Performing arts group activities	*11.3	*9.0	*18.2	**4.2	9.9
Art or craft group activities	**5.0	*8.2	*21.8	–	*7.6
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months					
Visited museums or art galleries	40.8	41.0	63.7	51.6	46.3
Visited libraries	34.9	50.6	60.9	*45.2	46.9
Attended theatres or concerts	41.7	45.0	57.6	*42.8	45.5
Attended cinema	51.2	52.6	64.6	58.3	55.1
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	*31.4	40.1	*58.7	*39.3	40.3
Visited at least one cultural venue or event	76.5	77.5	85.5	88.8	80.6
NUMBER ('000)					
Total(c)	10.7	16.8	5.9	8.4	41.8

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

– nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

(b) Without core-activity limitation.

(c) Total includes persons with a 'Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity' only. See Glossary.

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings – State Tables for Australian Capital Territory, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

SECTION 3 OLDER PERSONS (AGED 60 YEARS AND OVER)

In 2003, there were 3.4 million people in Australia aged 60 years and over (17% of the population). Just over half of these had a disability (51%) including 19% who had a profound or severe core-activity limitation.

16 ALL PERSONS AGED 60 YEARS AND OVER, Disability status by Age group

Age group (years)	Profound core-activity limitation(a)	Severe core-activity limitation(a)	Moderate core-activity limitation(a)	Mild core-activity limitation(a)	Disability with no limitations or restrictions	Total with reported disability	Long-term health condition	No long-term health condition	No Disability	Total
	NUMBER ('000)									
60-69	53.4	90.3	145.2	202.8	95.7	615.8	562.7	374.6	937.3	1,553.1
70-79	109.4	88.1	131.3	222.5	64.7	616.0	381.1	150.1	531.2	1,147.3
80 and over	219.5	75.1	67.6	112.6	16.1	490.9	126.1	32.9	158.9	649.9
Total	382.3	253.6	344.1	537.9	176.5	1,722.8	1,069.9	557.5	1,627.5	3,350.2
	PROPORTION (%)									
60-69	3.4	5.8	9.3	13.1	6.2	39.6	36.2	24.1	60.4	100.0
70-79	9.5	7.7	11.4	19.4	5.6	53.7	33.2	13.1	46.3	100.0
80 and over	33.8	11.6	10.4	17.3	2.5	75.5	19.4	5.1	24.5	100.0
Total	11.4	7.6	10.3	16.1	5.3	51.4	31.9	16.6	48.6	100.0

(a) Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self care.

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

The 2003 SDAC asked questions about community participation of people with a disability and people aged 60 years and over. Information about community participation was collected through questions about activities such as visits from family or friends, voluntary work, art or craftwork, church activities, visits to cultural venues and events, and attendance at sporting events. It was left up to the respondent to interpret what was meant by each of these activities.

The 2003 survey covered people living in all types of dwellings. However, people living in non-private dwellings (e.g. nursing homes, aged care hostels and other cared accommodation) were not asked questions on participation in cultural activities due to the different survey methodology used for this population. Consequently, information was only collected about community participation for people living in households (e.g. in houses, flats, home units, and the self-care components of retirement villages). Some 95% of all people aged 60 years and over lived in households. Also, people aged less than 60 years old without a disability were not asked questions about their community participation. Therefore, it is not possible to compare participation in these activities for people aged 60 years and over and people aged less than 60 years.

The most popular community participation activities at home in the last 3 months for people aged 60 years and over were telephone calls with family or friends (94%) and visits from family or friends (91%). Away from home, most people had visited relatives or friends (85%) and almost two-thirds (65%) had been to a restaurant or club. Church activities (28%) and voluntary activities (21%) were also popular activities away from home.

Of all people aged 60 years and over, 13% had participated in art or craftwork at home (for or with other people), 8% had participated in art or craft group activities away from home, and 5% had participated in performing arts group activities in the three months prior to interview in 2003.

A majority of people aged 60 years and over (61%) had visited at least one cultural venue or event in the previous 12 months, with the most popular being cinemas (34%), libraries (32%) and theatre and concerts (28%). Some 24% had visited an animal or marine park or botanic garden and 21% had been to a museum or art gallery. One quarter (25%) of people aged 60 years and over participated in sport or physical recreation, and 22% attended sporting events as a spectator. Almost one-third (31%) had not participated in any of these activities in the 12 months prior to interview.

The proportion of people aged 60 years and over participating in community activities has generally changed very little between 1998 and 2003. Participation rates have increased between 1998 and 2003 for going to restaurants or clubs away from home in the last three months (60% in 1998 compared to 65% in 2003), visiting museums or art galleries in the last 12 months (18% and 21% respectively), and attending theatres or concerts (24% and 28%).

17 PERSONS AGED 60 AND OVER, LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Community participation – 1998 and 2003

	All living in households.....	
	1998	2003
	PROPORTION (%)	
Activities participated in the last 3 months		
At home		
Visits from family or friends	91.7	91.2
Telephone calls with family or friends	93.7	93.5
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	13.2	12.7
Church or special community activities	9.6	9.5
Voluntary work (including advocacy)	8.7	9.1
Did not participate in these activities	2.5	2.8
Away from home		
Visited relatives or friends	83.3	85.2
Restaurants or clubs	60.3	64.5
Church activities	29.5	28.0
Voluntary activities	19.2	20.6
Performing arts group activities	3.5	4.6
Art or craft group activities	5.4	7.9
Other special interest group activities	18.5	16.8
Did not participate in these activities	8.1	7.4
Does not leave home	1.1	0.7
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months		
Visited museums or art galleries	17.5	21.1
Visited libraries	29.4	31.5
Attended theatres or concerts	24.0	28.0
Attended cinema	32.8	33.6
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	22.1	23.9
Took part in sport or physical recreation	22.5	25.0
Attended sporting event as spectator	18.6	22.0
Did not participate in these activities	32.1	30.6
Does not leave home	1.1	0.7
	NUMBER ('000)	
Total	2,104.4	3,182.9

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 1998 and 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

Respondents were asked about their participation in each of the selected community activities. In addition, each respondent was asked to identify the main community activity they were involved in over the past 12 months. Visiting relatives or friends was the main community activity away from home in the last 12 months for 46% of people aged 60 years and over. Going to restaurants or clubs (11%), church activities (10%) and taking part in sport or physical recreation (9%) were also main activities away from home (table 18).

18 PERSONS AGED 60 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Living arrangements by Community participation

	LIVING IN A PRIVATE DWELLING.....			All living in households(a)
	Living alone	Living with others	Total	
	PROPORTION (%)			
Activities participated in the last 3 months				
At home				
Visits from family or friends	87.7	92.2	91.1	91.2
Telephone calls with family or friends	92.9	93.5	93.4	93.5
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	13.6	11.9	12.3	12.7
Church or special community activities	8.0	9.5	9.1	9.5
Voluntary work (including advocacy)	8.3	8.8	8.7	9.1
Did not participate in these activities	3.8	2.6	2.9	2.8
Away from home				
Visited relatives or friends	82.2	86.0	85.1	85.2
Restaurants or clubs	59.0	65.4	63.8	64.5
Church activities	24.5	28.3	27.4	28.0
Voluntary activities	19.5	19.8	19.7	20.6
Performing arts group activities	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
Art or craft group activities	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.9
Other special interest group activities	18.4	15.5	16.2	16.8
Did not participate in these activities	8.9	7.1	7.6	7.4
Does not leave home	*1.2	0.6	0.8	0.7
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months				
Visited museums or art galleries	20.7	21.0	20.9	21.1
Visited libraries	32.4	30.7	31.1	31.5
Attended theatres or concerts	26.5	27.5	27.3	28.0
Attended cinema	30.8	34.0	33.2	33.6
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	20.8	24.7	23.8	23.9
Took part in sport or physical recreation	20.9	26.2	24.9	25.0
Attended sporting event as spectator	17.7	23.6	22.1	22.0
Did not participate in these activities	32.9	30.6	31.2	30.6
Does not leave home	*1.2	0.6	0.8	0.7
Main activity participated in away from home, in last 12 months				
Visited relatives or friends	46.1	46.1	46.1	45.8
Went to restaurants or clubs	10.3	10.9	10.8	10.8
Church activities	7.9	10.7	10.0	10.2
Voluntary activities	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.0
Performing Arts group activities	*0.6	*0.3	0.4	0.4
Art or craft group activities	2.5	1.5	1.7	1.7
Other special interest group activities	5.2	3.5	3.9	4.1
Visited museums or art galleries	*0.5	*0.4	0.4	0.4
Visited libraries	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.9
Attended theatres or concerts	*0.9	0.5	0.6	0.6
Attended cinema	1.8	1.1	1.3	1.3
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	*0.3	*0.4	0.4	0.4
Took part in sport or physical recreation away from home	6.8	9.1	8.6	8.7
Attended sporting event as spectator	*1.2	1.6	1.5	1.5
Did not participate in these activities	6.2	5.4	5.6	5.5
Does not leave home	*1.2	0.6	0.8	0.7
		NUMBER ('000)		
Total	762.2	2,298.0	3,060.2	3,182.9

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

(a) Includes non-private dwellings other than cared accommodation.

Source: ABS, *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings, 2003* (cat. no. 4430.0).

For people aged 60 years and over, participation rates at each of the cultural activities decreased with age. Over two-thirds (68%) of people aged 60-69 years attended at least one cultural venue or event in the last 12 months compared with 57% of people aged 70-79 years and 48% of people aged 80 years and over.

19 PERSONS AGED 60 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS, Age group by Cultural participation

	AGE GROUP (years).....			Total
	60-69	70-79	80 and over	
NUMBER ('000)				
Activities participated in the last 3 months				
At home				
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	219.1	128.0	56.2	403.3
Away from home				
Performing arts group activities	90.3	41.8	14.9	147.0
Art or craft group activities	142.2	82.0	27.4	251.5
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months				
Visited museums or art galleries	394.6	198.7	77.4	670.7
Visited libraries	537.3	336.7	129.9	1,003.9
Attended theatres or concerts	514.2	266.0	111.8	892.0
Attended cinema	649.2	320.3	99.3	1,068.8
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	457.6	220.9	80.8	759.4
Visited at least one cultural venue or event	1,045.7	630.1	250.9	1,926.6
<i>Total persons aged 60 years and over</i>	<i>1,542.8</i>	<i>1,114.3</i>	<i>525.7</i>	<i>3,182.9</i>
PROPORTION (%)				
Activities participated in last 3 months				
At home				
Art or craftwork (for or with other people)	14.2	11.5	10.7	12.7
Away from home				
Performing arts group activities	5.9	3.8	2.8	4.6
Art or craft group activities	9.2	7.4	5.2	7.9
Activities participated in away from the home, in last 12 months				
Visited museums or art galleries	25.6	17.8	14.7	21.1
Visited libraries	34.8	30.2	24.7	31.5
Attended theatres or concerts	33.3	23.9	21.3	28.0
Attended cinema	42.1	28.7	18.9	33.6
Visited animal or marine parks or botanic gardens	29.7	19.8	15.4	23.9
Visited at least one cultural venue or event	67.8	56.5	47.7	60.5

Source: Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia, 2003 (data available on request).

GLOSSARY

Core-activity limitation

Four levels of core-activity limitation are determined based on whether a person needs help, has difficulty, or uses aids or equipment with any of the core activities (communication, mobility or self care). A person's overall level of core-activity limitation is determined by their highest level of limitation in these activities.

The tasks related to the core activities are:

- Communication:
 - Understanding family or friends
 - Being understood by family or friends
 - Understanding strangers
 - Being understood by strangers
- Mobility:
 - Getting into or out of a bed or chair
 - Moving about usual place of residence
 - Moving about a place away from usual residence
 - Walking 200 metres
 - Walking up and down stairs without a handrail
 - Bending and picking up an object from the floor
 - Using public transport
- Self care:
 - Showering or bathing
 - Dressing
 - Eating
 - Toileting
 - Bladder or bowel control

The four levels of limitation are:

- Profound: the person is unable to do, or always needs help with, a core-activity task
- Severe: the person
 - sometimes needs help with a core-activity task
 - has difficulty understanding or being understood by family or friends
 - can communicate more easily using sign language or other non-spoken forms of communication.
- Moderate: the person needs no help but has difficulty with a core-activity task

- Mild: the person needs no help and has no difficulty with any of the core-activity tasks, but
 - uses aids and equipment
 - cannot easily walk 200 metres
 - cannot walk up and down stairs without a handrail
 - cannot easily bend to pick up an object from the floor
 - cannot use public transport
 - can use public transport but needs help or supervision
 - needs no help or supervision but has difficulty using public transport.

Disability

In the context of health experience, the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) defines disability as an umbrella term for impairments, activity limitations and participation restrictions. It denotes the negative aspects of the interaction between an individual (with a health condition) and that individual's contextual factors (environment and personal factors). In this survey a person has a disability if they report that they have a limitation, restriction or impairment, which has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least six months and restricts everyday activities. This includes:

- loss of sight (not corrected by glasses or contact lenses)
- loss of hearing where communication is restricted, or an aid to assist with, or substitute for, hearing is used
- speech difficulties
- shortness of breath or breathing difficulties causing restriction
- chronic or recurrent pain or discomfort causing restriction
- blackouts, fits, or loss of consciousness
- difficulty learning or understanding
- incomplete use of arms or fingers
- difficulty gripping or holding things
- incomplete use of feet or legs
- nervous or emotional condition causing restriction
- restriction in physical activities or in doing physical work
- disfigurement or deformity
- mental illness or condition requiring help or supervision
- long-term effects of head injury, stroke or other brain damage causing restriction
- receiving treatment or medication for any other long-term conditions or ailments and still restricted
- any other long-term conditions resulting in a restriction.

Employment restriction

An employment restriction is determined for persons with one or more disabilities if, because of their disability, they:

- are permanently unable to work
- are restricted in the type of work they can, or could, do
- need, or would need, at least one day a week off work on average
- are restricted in the number of hours they can, or could, work
- require, or would require, an employer to provide special equipment, modify the work environment or make special arrangements
- require assistance from a disability job placement program or agency
- need, or would need, to be given ongoing assistance or supervision
- would find it difficult to change jobs or get a preferred job.

This information was collected for persons aged 15–64 years with one or more disabilities, living in households.

Limitation

A person has a limitation if they have difficulty doing a particular activity, need assistance from another person or use an aid.

Living in households

In this publication, living in households refers to those persons enumerated as part of the household component, and includes those living in private dwellings, and some non-private dwellings such as motels, boarding houses and self-care units in retirement villages, but excluding cared accommodation.

Long-term health condition

A disease or disorder which has lasted or is likely to last for at least six months; or a disease, disorder or event (e.g. stroke, poisoning, accident) which produces an impairment or restriction which has lasted or is likely to last for at least six months. Long-term health conditions have been coded to a classification based on the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases, version 10 (ICD-10).

Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity

If a disfigurement or deformity was reported and it was also reported that this did not limit the person's everyday activities, it was considered to be a Non-restricting disfigurement or deformity. People

in this group were not asked the full range of questions asked of people with a disability.

Schooling restriction

A schooling restriction is determined for persons aged 5–20 years who have one or more disabilities if, because of their disability, they:

- are unable to attend school
- attend a special school
- attend special classes at an ordinary school
- need at least one day a week off school on average
- have difficulty at school.