



## Fact Sheet 2: Labour force participation of people with intellectual disability accessing National Disability Agreement services<sup>1</sup>

In 2014-15, there were 62,950 people with intellectual disability aged 15 and over, with a labour force status, accessing support services provided under the national disability agreement in Australia.

A national twelve year trend of the labour force status of service participants with intellectual disability under the national disability agreement is available from 2003-04.

For people with a primary intellectual disability in 2014-15;

- 6,986 or 11.1% worked in the open workforce, down from 8,735 in 2003-04.
- 13,888 or 22.1% worked in Australian Disability Enterprises (formerly sheltered workshops), slightly up from 13,823 in 2003-04.
- The unemployed population was 12,126 or 19.3%, up from 12.5% in 2003-04.
- The number of people not participating in the work force (i.e. not working or looking for work) was 29,950 or 47.6%, up from 45.7% in 2003-04

**Table: People with intellectual disability, labour force status 2003-04 to 2014-15, disability support services under the national disability agreement**

People with Intellectual Disability	2003-04	Labour Force Rate %	2014-15	Labour Force Rate %
<b>Aged 15 &amp; over (with labour force status)</b>	53,913		62,950	
<b>Employed (Open Labour Market)</b>	8,735	16.2%	6,986	11.1%
<b>Australian Disability Enterprises (formerly Sheltered Workshops)</b>	13,823	25.6%	13,888	22.1%
<b>Unemployed</b>	6,740	12.5%	12,126	19.3%
<b>Not in the Labour Force</b>	24,615	45.7%	29,950	47.6%
<b>Not Stated or Collected</b>	<b>7,391</b>		<b>7,359</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Disability Support Services: services provided under the National Disability Agreement. Published reports from 2003-04 to 2014-15; Disability data cubes, 2003-04 to 2014-15.