



Creating  
an inclusive  
community  
together

**Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031**

**Our plan to make data better**

**What we will do in 2025 and 2026**

**Easy Read version**





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We wrote this document in an  
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We use pictures to explain some ideas.

**Bold**  
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We wrote some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **28**.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

**[www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads](http://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads)**



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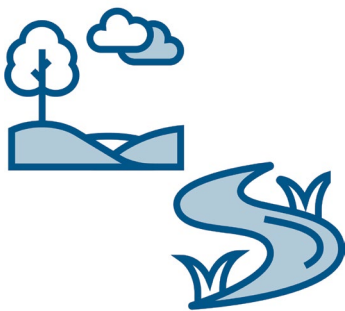
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## Acknowledgment of Country



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples of Australia.



They have always looked after Country.

Country means the land, water, sky and everything within them.



We respect the important connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have with Country.



And we respect their Elders from the past and now.

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# Our plan to improve data for Australia's Disability Strategy

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Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031 is a plan to support people with disability in all areas of their life.

We call it the Strategy.



We created a plan to improve how we collect **data** for the Strategy.



When we talk about **data**, we mean:

- facts
- information
- records.

For example, we will collect data about how many people with disability:



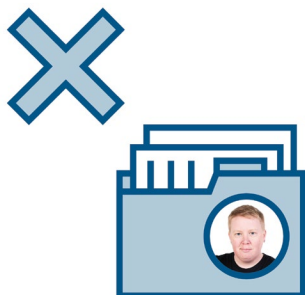
- can easily use public transport



- have finished year 12.



The data we collect will help us understand how the Strategy is changing the lives of people with disability.



The data will not include anyone's personal information.

For example, names or addresses.



Our plan to improve data for the Strategy will explain:



- updates about new data we collected



- how we can collect more data



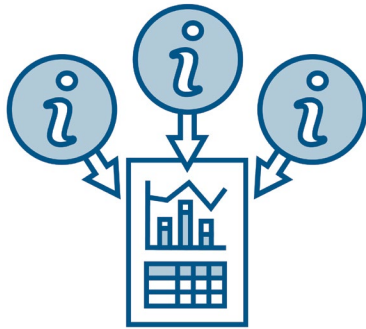
- how we are improving the data we already collect



- how we can collect better data about different groups of people.

# Where the data will come from

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The data will come from different places.



We will collect data through surveys.



This includes the Strategy Survey on community **attitudes**.



Attitudes are what you:

- think
- feel
- believe.



We will also collect data through surveys from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

For example, the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.



We will collect data from government services.



This includes data from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



It also includes data from state and territory departments.

For example, health and education data.

# What data we will collect

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We need to collect data for **88 measures** for the Strategy.

A measure is a way to track data to help us understand a certain topic better.



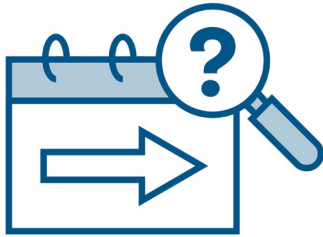
For example, the number of people on the NDIS who get the support they need to do their job.



Future measures are measures that we do not have data about yet.



Current measures are measures that we already have data about.



In 2022, there were **41** future measures we needed to collect data for.



We have collected data for the **7** measures on community attitudes from the Strategy Survey.



For example, we collected data about how well teachers and health care workers thought they could respond to people with disability.



We also now have data for **1** measure which is the number of people with disability who work for governments.



There are **13** future measures that we will collect data on by 2025.



This includes data on the number of people with disability who can get support when they need it.



We have started to collect data for another **3** future measures.

But we do not expect to finish collecting this data within the next year and a half.



We still need to find ways to collect data for **9** future measures.

We are not sure when we will have this data.



We will keep working to collect better data for future measures over the next year.



There are also **8** future measures that are:

- hard to collect data about
- unclear.



There is also **1** current measure that the Strategy might no longer need.



We might change these measures when we check the goals and actions of the Strategy in 2025–2026.

# How we can collect better data

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We can make data better by joining it to other data.

This will help:



- give us new ideas



- share data more often.



## NDDA

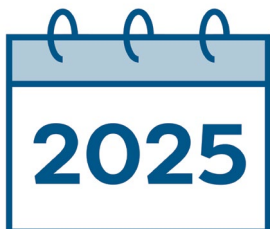


The National Disability Data Asset (NDDA) is an important project that will join data.



You can find out more on the NDDA website

**[www.ndda.gov.au](http://www.ndda.gov.au)**

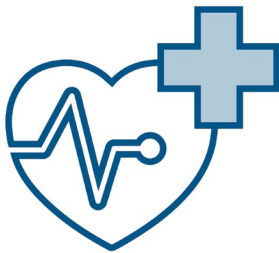


The NDDA will share its first set of data about the goals of the Strategy by early 2025.

There are other projects that will join data about the NDIS with data from:



- aged care



- health



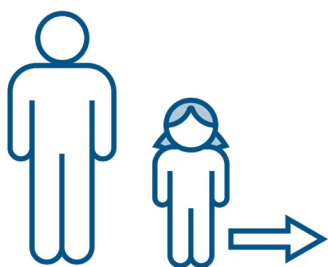
- **child protection.**

Child protection helps children stay safe.

They can decide if a child:



- is not safe in their home



- must live with someone else.



The new **Disability Employment Services (DES)** program will also collect better data.



DES helps people with disability find and keep jobs.

The Australian Government runs DES.

DES will:



- collect data more often



- share data with the NDDA.

# Finding out about different experiences

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Each person with disability is different.



And people with disability might be treated differently because of both:

- their disability
- other things about them that they cannot change.



It is important for the data we collect to show how this affects the lives of different groups of people with disability.



This gives us different points of view so that we can support people with disability in ways that work for them.



For example, we have been working with First Nations people with disability to understand their experiences.

# The Disability Royal Commission recommendations

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The **Disability Royal Commission** looked into problems people with disability have experienced.



It helped the Australian Government find out:

- what went wrong
- what we need to improve.



The Disability Royal Commission shared ideas about what governments and services can change.

These ideas are called **recommendations**.

There is a plan called the Disability Royal Commission Action Plan that explains how to:



- deliver the recommendations about data



- check how these recommendations are going.



Over the next **2** years, we will keep working to achieve the goals in the Disability Royal Commission Action Plan.



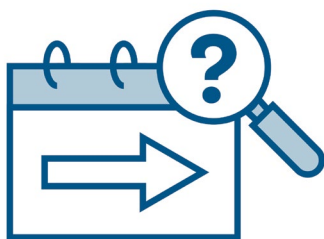
# What will happen next

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All governments will keep working together with people with disability.

Over the next **2** years, we will keep working on:



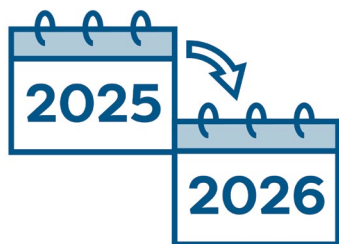
- future measures



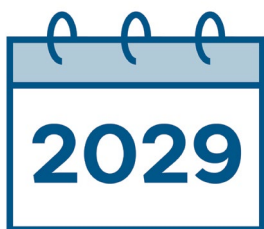
- ways to make data and reporting better.



We will update our plan to improve data when we update the Strategy.



This will happen in 2025–2026.



And then again in 2029.

## Contact us

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You can send us an email.

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