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Table 2.1 Number of service users registered on NASS by Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) of service, 2024

	NASS 2024 registrations*	% NASS 2024 distribution
	n	%
CHO 1 - Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan	4,270	10.6
CHO 2 - Galway, Roscommon, Mayo	3,932	9.8
CHO 3 -Clare, Limerick, North Tipperary	3,175	7.9
CHO 4 - Kerry, Cork	6,622	16.5
CHO 5 - South Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford	4,304	10.7
CHO 6 -Wicklow, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin South East	2,088	5.2
CHO 7 - Kildare, West Wicklow, Dublin West, Dublin South City, Dublin South West	4,879	12.1
CHO 8 -Laois, Offaly, Longford, Westmeath, Louth, Meath	5,081	12.6
CHO 9 - Dublin North, Dublin North Central, Dublin North West	5,859	14.6
Total	40,210	100.0
* 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.		
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Table 2.1.1 Number of service users registered on NASS by HSE Health Region of Residence, 2024

	NASS 2024 registrations*	% NASS 2024 distribution
	n	%
HSE Dublin and North East	9,259	23.0
HSE Dublin and Midlands	7,811	19.4
HSE Dublin and South East	6,546	16.3
HSE South West	6,335	15.8
HSE Mid West	3,333	8.3
HSE West and North West	6,912	17.2
Outside Ireland	13	0.0
Unknown	~	~
Total	40,210	100.0
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Table 2.2 Number of service users registered on NASS by age and sex, 2024

	Male		Female		Total*	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
0-4 years	259	0.6	175	0.4	434	1.1
5-9 years	993	2.5	529	1.3	1,522	3.8
10-14 years	1,368	3.4	697	1.7	2,065	5.1
15-19 years	1,977	4.9	1,021	2.5	2,998	7.5
20-24 years	3,100	7.7	1,658	4.1	4,758	11.8
25-29 years	2,133	5.3	1,254	3.1	3,387	8.4
30-34 years	1,485	3.7	1,107	2.8	2,592	6.4
35-39 years	1,346	3.3	1,105	2.7	2,451	6.1
40-44 years	1,475	3.7	1,299	3.2	2,774	6.9
45-49 years	1,467	3.6	1,397	3.5	2,864	7.1
50-54 years	1,652	4.1	1,527	3.8	3,179	7.9
55-59 years	1,662	4.1	1,636	4.1	3,298	8.2
60-64 years	1,524	3.8	1,628	4.0	3,152	7.8
65-69 years	986	2.5	1,095	2.7	2,081	5.2
≥ 70 years	1130	2.8	1,525	3.8	2,655	6.6
Total population	22,557	56.1	17,653	43.9	40,210	100.0

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Table 2.3 Primary disability type among people registered on NASS by sex, 2024

	Male		Female		Total*	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Intellectual	11,891	56.9	9,021	43.1	20,912	52.0
Neurological	3,016	46.4	3,483	53.6	6,499	16.2
Autism	3,179	75.7	1,019	24.3	4,198	10.4
Physical	1,801	49.8	1,815	50.2	3,616	9.0
Visual	1,199	51.0	1,153	49.0	2,352	5.8
Hearing loss/deafness	534	46.4	616	53.6	1,150	2.9
Mental health	242	57.3	180	42.7	422	1.0
Developmental delay (under 10 years only)	78	63.9	44	36.1	122	0.3
Specific learning difficulty (other than intellectual)	48	50.5	47	49.5	95	0.2
DeafBlind (dual sensory)	35	48.6	37	51.4	72	0.2
Speech and/or language	30	73.2	11	26.8	41	0.1
Not verified**	289	70.3	122	29.7	411	1.0
Primary disability type not recorded	215	67.2	105	32.8	320	0.8
Total	22,557	56.1	17,653	43.9	40,210	100.0

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**Not verified - where the type of disability has not been verified for an individual.

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Table 2. 4 Additional disabilities among people registered on NASS by primary disability, 2024

Additional disability	Primary disability categories									
	Intellectual disability		Physical or sensory*		Autism		Other**		Total population***	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total population	20,912	100.0	13,730	100.0	4,198	100.0	1,050	100.0	39,890	100.0
Physical	3,796	18.2	1,875	13.7	74	1.8	42	4.0	5,787	14.5
Speech and/or language	3,252	15.6	403	2.9	154	3.7	18	1.7	3,827	9.6
Autism	2,473	11.8	98	0.7	0	0.0	35	3.3	2,606	6.5
Visual	1,424	6.8	386	2.8	37	0.9	30	2.9	1,877	4.7
Mental Health	1,231	5.9	276	2.0	262	6.2	5	0.5	1,774	4.4
Neurological	989	4.7	645	4.7	91	2.2	20	1.9	1,745	4.4
Intellectual	0	0.0	427	3.1	1,031	24.6	83	7.9	1,541	3.9
Hearing loss/deafness	1,040	5.0	136	1.0	21	0.5	14	1.3	1,211	3.0
Specific learning disability (other than intellectual)	136	0.7	57	0.4	88	2.1	~	~	283	0.7
Developmental delay (Children aged under 10 years only)	15	0.1	34	0.2	27	0.6	~	~	77	0.2
DeafBlind (dual sensory)	36	0.2	12	0.1	0	0.0	~	~	49	0.1
Not verified	~	~	6	0.0	~	~	0	0.0	9	0.0
No additional disability	6,519	31.2	9,375	68.3	2,411	57.4	799	76.1	19,104	47.9

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* Physical and/or sensory includes: DeafBlind (dual sensory), hearing loss and/or deafness, neurological, physical, speech and/or language, and visual.

** Other includes: Developmental delay (children aged under 10 years only), specific learning disorder (other than intellectual), mental health, and not verified.

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Note more than one additional disability may be recorded for a person and as a result, total percentages add up to more than 100.

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Table 2.5 Occupational status of of adults on NASS, 2024

	n	%
Total population	34,652	100.0
Training/day programme	13,394	41.9
Unable to work due to disability	8,720	27.3
Unemployed	3,022	9.4
In paid employment	2,928	9.2
Retired	1,944	6.1
Student/pupil	1,448	4.5
Housewife/husband	309	1.0
Supported employment	61	0.2
Other	153	0.5
Not known	2,673	7.7

% calculated excluding 'Not known'

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Table 2.6 Living arrangements of adults on NASS, 2024

	n	%
Total population	34,652	100.0
Living with family	19,874	61.3
Both parents	6,781	20.9
One parent	3,873	12.0
Parent(s) and sibling(s)	2,903	9.0
Wife/husband/partner, no children	2,161	6.7
Wife/husband/partner and children	2,052	6.3
Sibling(s)	1,299	4.0
Daughter(s)/ son(s)	562	1.7
Other relative(s)	243	0.8
Residential setting	8,225	25.4
Residential setting	8,225	25.4
Living alone	3,819	11.8
Alone	3,819	11.8
Living with non-relatives	482	1.5
Foster family	133	0.4
Non-relatives	349	1.1
Not known	2,252	6.5
Not known	2,252	6.5
% calculated excluding 'Not known'		
Source: National Ability Supports System (NASS), Health Research Board		
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Table 2.7 Primary carer information for adults on NASS not living in a residential setting, 2024

Total		
	n	%
Yes	16,010	60.6
No	7,449	28.2
Not applicable	157	0.6
Not known	2,793	10.6
Total	26,409	100.00
Source: National Ability Supports System (NASS), Health Research Board		
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Table 2.8 Adults living with their primary carer, NASS 2024

Total		
	n	%
Yes	14,610	91.3
No	1,385	8.7
Not known	15	0.1
Total	16,010	100.00
Source: National Ability Supports System (NASS), Health Research Board		
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Table 2.9 Relationship of the primary carer to adults on NASS, 2024

Total		
	n	%
Parent	11,631	72.6
Wife/husband/partner	1,793	11.2
Sibling	1,617	10.1
Daughter/son	318	2.0
Non-relative	279	1.7
Other relative	236	1.5
Foster parent	121	0.8
Not known	15	0.1
Total	16,010	100.00
Source: National Ability Supports System (NASS), Health Research Board		
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Table 2.10 Age group of primary carer to adults on NASS, 2024

Total		
	n	%
17 years or under	~	~
Between 18 and 49 years of age	3,299	25.0
Between 50 and 59 years of age	4,807	36.5
Between 60 and 69 years of age	3,006	22.8
Between 70 and 79 years of age	1,565	11.9
80 years of age or over	500	3.8
Not known	2,830	17.7
Total	16,010	100.00
% calculated excluding 'Not known'		
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Table 3.1 Current residential services recorded on NASS, 2024

	Current services			Enhancement required		
	Children*	Adults	Total	Children*	Adults	Total
	n	n	n	n	n	n
House in community (1-4 residents)	139	3,526	3,665	7	600	607
Community group home (5-9 residents)	29	2,813	2,842	~	545	~
Residential centre/on campus (10+ residents)	23	1,234	1,257	22	379	401
Nursing home	0	94	94	0	5	5
Specialist facility - challenging behaviour	~	86	~	0	24	24
Psychiatric hospital	0	60	60	0	~	~
Home sharing - shared living family	~	60	~	0	~	~
Specialist facility - dementia	0	26	26	0	~	~
Specialist facility - mental health comorbidity	0	22	22	0	0	0
Specialist facility - neurological	0	20	20	0	8	8
Other hospital	0	5	5	0	0	0
Specialist facility - physical	0	~	~	0	0	0
Hospice	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of people accessing a residential service	192	7,844	8,036	30	1,561	1,591

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Table 3.2 Current day services recorded on NASS for adults only, 2024

	Current services - Adults only	Enhancement required - Adults only
	n	n
Day Programme	18,976	3,306
Rehabilitative training	2,015	248
Number of adults accessing a day service	20,796	3,549

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Table 3.3 Current day respite services recorded on NASS, 2024

	Current services			Enhancement required		
	Children*	Adults	Total	Children*	Adults	Total
	n	n	n	n	n	n
Centre based respite (includes clubs and camps)	637	532	1,169	95	159	254
Home-sharing short breaks family	140	211	351	~	9	~
Own home day respite (inlcuding evenings)	57	65	122	~	7	~
Home Sharing contract family	12	19	31	8	~	~
Number of people accessing day respite	823	800	1,623	109	178	287

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Table 3.4 Current overnight respite services recorded on NASS, 2024

	Current services			Enhancement required		
	Children*	Adults	Total	Children*	Adults	Total
	n	n	n	n	n	n
House in community/centre based respite	3,591	1,036	4,627	203	928	1,131
Holiday respite (Hotel/ B&B/Hostel)	~	292	~	0	88	88
Holiday respite (residential/centre based/summer camp)	~	283	~	0	22	22
Home sharing short breaks family	65	164	229	~	19	~
Home sharing contract family	12	34	46	9	5	14
Nursing home respite	0	26	26	0	~	~
Own home respite	~	11	~	0	~	~
Number of people accessing overnight respite	1,108	4,202	5,310	216	1,046	1,262

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Table 3.5 Current supports for daily living services recorded on NASS, 2024

	Current services			Enhancement required		
	Children*	Adults	Total	Children*	Adults	Total
	n	n	n	n	n	n
Home support	1,197	4,523	5,720	125	501	626
Personal assistant	123	1,993	2,116	~	307	~
Community support	281	1,815	2,096	21	242	263
Transport services	0	1,334	1,334	0	175	175
Advocacy services	31	417	448	0	39	39
Peer support	6	341	347	0	35	35
Guide dog/assistance dog	~	167	~	0	0	0
Voluntary work	0	85	85	0	19	19
Supported Self-Directed Living support - sleepover cover	0	50	50	0	~	~
Supported Self-Directed Living support - awake cover	~	33	~	0	6	6
Number of people accessing a support for daily living	1,625	9,420	11,045	147	1,224	1,371

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Table 3.6 Current specialist supports recorded on NASS for adults only, 2024

	Current services - Adults only	Enhancement required - Adults only
	n	n
Key worker	5,756	742
Social work	5,104	1,751
Nursing	4,316	1,439
Occupational therapy	4,241	1,203
Physiotherapy	4,201	1,230
Speech and language therapy	3,957	1,355
Psychiatry	3,146	655
Clinical psychology	2,864	580
Behaviour therapy	1,796	260
Vision Rehabilitation services	1,658	181
Dietetics	1,528	460
Assistive technology/client technical service	1,323	80
Case manager	1,086	70
Chiroprody	982	183
Dentistry/Orthodontics	616	175
Orthotics/Prosthetics services	593	223
Complementary Therapy	343	76
Counselling pyschology	288	25
Creative therapy services	258	34
Neurorehabilitation services	202	15
Vision communication- IT/AT & alternative formats	160	29
Neuropsychology	116	9
Palliative Care	54	22
Educational pyschology	14	6
Aural Rehabilitation services	12	~
Aural Communication- IT/AT and alternative format services	11	6
Animal Asissted Therapy	5	0
Play Therapy	~	0
Number of adults accessing a specialist support	18,302	4,807

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Table 4.1 Residential services identified as required on NASS, 2024

	Services required 2024 - 2029		
	Children*	Adults	Total
	n	n	n
Residential centre/on campus (10+ residents)	0	31	31
Home sharing - shared living family	0	27	27
Specialist facility - challenging behaviour	~	16	~
Nursing home	0	14	14
Specialist facility - neurological	~	13	~
Community group home (5-9 residents)	0	9	9
Specialist facility - mental health comorbidity	0	7	7
Specialist facility - physical	0	6	6
Specialist facility - dementia	0	~	~
Hospice	0	~	~
Psychiatric hospital	0	0	0
Other hospital	0	0	0
Number of people requiring a residential service	9	2,044	2,053

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Table 4.2 Day services required in 2025, National Day Service Database (NDSD)*

	Services required 2025
	Total
	n
Day Programme	2,416
Rehabilitative training	793
Number of people requiring a day service	3,209

* Information on day services required in 2025 was provided for this bulletin by the HSE National Day Service Database (NDSD). As referrals continue throughout the year the final number of people that require day services in 2025 was not available at the time of publication.

Note that an individual may require more than one service listed in the table

Source: HSE National Day Service Database

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Table 4.3 Day respite services identified as required on NASS, 2024

	Services required 2024 - 2029		
	Children*	Adults	Total
	n	n	n
Centre based - day respite	19	105	124
Own home day respite	~	40	~
Home-sharing/short breaks family day respite	~	13	~
Contract family day respite	0	~	~
Number of people requiring day respite	22	150	172

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Table 4.4 Overnight respite services identified as required on NASS, 2024

	Services required 2024 - 2029		
	Children*	Adults	Total
	n	n	n
House in community/centre based respite	92	778	870
Holiday respite (residential/centre based/summer camp)	~	220	~
Holiday respite (Hotel/ B&B/Hostel)	0	196	196
Home sharing short breaks family	~	37	~
Own home respite	0	29	29
Home sharing contract family	~	19	~
Nursing home respite	0	~	~
Number of people requiring day respite	97	1,219	1,316

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Table 4.5 Supports for daily living services identified as required on NASS, 2024

	Services required 2024 - 2029		
	Children*	Adults	Total
	n	n	n
Home support	17	484	501
Transport services	~	350	~
Community support	6	316	322
Personal assistant	~	200	~
Advocacy services	~	87	~
Peer support	~	61	~
Voluntary work	0	51	51
Supported Self-Directed Living support - sleepover cover	0	32	32
Guide dog/assistance dog	0	7	7
Supported Self-Directed Living support - awake cover	0	~	~
Number of people requiring a support for daily living	32	1,362	1,394

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Table 4.6 Specialist supports identified as required for adults only on NASS, 2024

	Services required 2024 - 2029
	Total
	n
Occupational therapy	742
Physiotherapy	735
Speech and language therapy	609
Clinical psychology	558
Social work	312
Dietetics	235
Counselling pyschology	224
Assistive technology/client technical service	201
Behaviour therapy	192
Psychiatry	178
Chiropody	173
Neuropsychology	124
Complementary Therapy	112
Dentistry/Orthodontics	107
Case manager	64
Nursing	56
Vision communication- IT/AT & alternative formats	50
Creative therapy services	45
Orthotics/Prosthetics services	44
Educational pyschology	25
Neurorehabilitation services	19
Key worker	18
Animal Asissted Therapy	15
Aural Communication- IT/AT and alternative format services	8
Palliative Care	7
Vision Rehabilitation services	6
Aural Rehabilitation services	~
Play Therapy	0
Number of adults requiring a specialist support	3,422

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