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Issue information

The Participation and Activity Limitation Survey (PALS) is Canada's national survey that gathers information about adults and children whose daily activities are limited by a physical, mental, or other health-related condition or problem.

This report presents a series of tables concerning help with everyday activities as well as unmet needs and help providers.

Table 1
Adults with disabilities that need help with everyday activities, by sex and age groups, Canada, 2001 and 2006.

		2001		2006			
Need help with everyday activities	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	
			numb	er			
Total - 15 years and over	2,397,960	904,050	1,493,910	2,652,890	980,850	1,672,050	
Receiving help but needing more	652,660	231,810	420,860	971,190	342,380	628,810	
Not receiving help but needing some	130,590	50,970	79,620	212,630	83,760	128,870	
Receiving all help needed	1,614,710	621,270	993,430	1,469,080	554,710	914,370	
Total - 15 to 64	1,303,100	513,390	789,710	1,464,490	569,400	895,090	
Receiving help but needing more	360,610	131,950	228,670	546,080	200,670	345,400	
Not receiving help but needing some	95,700	36,620	59,080	141,360	54,060	87,290	
Receiving all help needed	846,790	344,820	501,970	777,060	314,660	462,400	
Total - 65 and over	1,094,860	390,660	704,200	1,188,400	411,450	776,960	
Receiving help but needing more	292,050	99,860	192,190	425,110	141,700	283,400	
Not receiving help but needing some	34,890	14,350 ^E	20,540	71,280	29,700	41,580	
Receiving all help needed	767,920	276,450	491,470	692,020	240,040	451,970	

Note(s):

The Canada total excludes the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The sum of the values for each category may differ from the total due to rounding.

Table 2 Adults with disabilities that need help with everyday activities, by age groups and type of disability, Canada, 2001 and 2006.

2001				2006					
Need help with everyday activities	Total	15 to 64	65 and over	Total	15 to 64	65 and over			
			num	nber					
Total - Hearing	686,710	265,480	421,230	737,510	251,140	486,360			
Receiving help but needing more	191,340	72,130	119,210	281,420	95,200	186,230			
Not receiving help but needing some	38,410	23,640 ^E	14,770 ^E	52,440	27,310	25,130			
Receiving all help needed	456,960	169,710	287,250	403,640	128,640	275,000			
Total - Seeing	498,520	229,370	269,150	619,060	325,310	293,750			
Receiving help but needing more	184,450	90,880	93,570	276,550	148,440	128,100			
Not receiving help but needing some	26,160	17,990 ^E	8,170 ^E	40,430	32,480	7,950 ^E			
Receiving all help needed	287,910	120,490	167,420	302,080	144,380	157,700			
Total - Speech	302,560	192,340	110,220	386,660	269,640	117,030			
Receiving help but needing more	108,120 12,430 ^E	69,040 10,320 ^E	39,090	181,020	124,410	56,610 F			
Not receiving help but needing some	•		F 60.020	26,630 170,010	21,450 ^E				
Receiving all help needed Total - Mobility	182,010 1,974,520	112,990 1,035,260	69,020 939,260	179,010 2,190,330	123,770 1,162,840	55,240 1,027,480			
Receiving help but needing more	581,130	312,820	268,310	865,560	478,910	386,650			
Not receiving help but needing more	98,680	70,820	27,870	155,960	102,330	53,630			
Receiving all help needed	1,294,700	651,620	643,080	1,168,800	581,600	587,200			
Total - Agility	1,854,500	972,940	881,560	2,116,770	1,134,780	981,980			
Receiving help but needing more	560,010	304,080	255,930	840,450	459,410	381,040			
Not receiving help but needing some	96,940	71,260	25,680	149,280	97,730	51,550			
Receiving all help needed	1,197,550	597,600	599,950	1,127,040	577,640	549,390			
Total - Pain	1,827,440	1,089,160	738,280	2,089,420	1,228,110	861,310			
Receiving help but needing more	532,380	311,110	221,270	825,290	482,540	342,760			
Not receiving help but needing some	109,090	84,560	24,520	167,870	116,270	51,600			
Receiving all help needed	1,185,970	693,480	492,480	1,096,260	629,300	466,950			
Total - Learning	352,680	289,090	63,590	452,150	364,930	87,220			
Receiving help but needing more	131,060	101,030	30,030	204,370	159,250	45,120			
Not receiving help but needing some	21,060 ^E	20,410 ^E	х	45,460	38,270	F			
Receiving all help needed	200,550	167,640	32,910	202,320	167,410	34,910			
Total - Memory	360,980	222,600	138,370	399,110	252,780	146,330			
Receiving help but needing more	143,950	89,850	54,100	185,260	118,430	66,830			
Not receiving help but needing some	17,960 ^E	14,950 ^E	F	36,710	29,190	7,520 ^E			
Receiving all help needed	199,060	117,800	81,260	177,140	105,160	71,980			
Total - Psychological	423,000	338,310	84,690	463,930	391,790	72,150			
Receiving help but needing more	151,440	117,060	34,370	215,710	177,960	37,750			
Not receiving help but needing some	30,310	28,000	F	56,230	50,940	5,290 ^E			
Receiving all help needed	241,250	193,240	48,010	191,990	162,890	29,110			
Total - Developmental	103,860	93,910	F	119,830	113,160	6,670 ^E			
Receiving help but needing more	34,090	27,710	F	53,350	50,420	F			
Not receiving help but needing some	2,680 ^E	F	x	7,590 ^E	7,520 ^E				
Receiving all help needed	67,090	63,890	3,200 ^E	58,900	55,230	F			
Total - Other	27,180	15,240 ^E	11,940 ^E	29,070	11,630 ^E				
Receiving help but needing more	F	F	х	5,400 ^E	F	F			
Not receiving help but needing some	X	X	X	5,120 ^E	X 7.040 F	F			
Receiving all help needed	21,110	11,300 ^E	9,820 ^E	18,560 ^E	7,640 ^E	10,920 ^E			

Note(s):

The Canada total excludes the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The sum of the values for each category may differ from the total due to rounding.

Table 3 Adults with disabilities that need help with everyday activities, by province, Canada, 2001 and 2006.

Nood holp with overvelov potivities	2001	2006		
Need help with everyday activities	number			
Total - Canada	2,397,960	2,652,890		
Receiving help but needing more	652,660	971,190		
Not receiving help but needing some	130,590	212,630		
Receiving all help needed	1,614,710	1,469,080		
Total - Newfoundland and Labrador	43,780	47,430		
Receiving help but needing more	11,870	16,740		
Not receiving help but needing some	1,170 ^E	2,230		
Receiving all help needed	30,740	28,470		
Total - Prince Edward Island	12,820	14,300		
Receiving help but needing more	3,180	4,900		
Not receiving help but needing some	550 ^E	770		
Receiving all help needed	9,090	8,630		
Total - Nova Scotia	103,960	112,210		
Receiving help but needing more	24,960	36,520		
Not receiving help but needing some	4,920	7,030		
Receiving all help needed	74,080	68,660		
Total - New Brunswick	68,550	74,920		
Receiving help but needing more	14,720	29,850		
Not receiving help but needing some	3,260	5,330		
Receiving all help needed	50,570	39,740		
Total - Quebec	404,960	488,080		
Receiving help but needing more	123,150	165,690		
Not receiving help but needing some	29,760	53,850		
Receiving all help needed	252,040	268,550		
Total - Ontario	1,053,890	1,110,610		
Receiving help but needing more	253,360	432,810		
Not receiving help but needing some	56,720 ^E	89,940		
Receiving all help needed	743,810	587,860		
Total - Manitoba	90,960	102,110		
Receiving help but needing more	25,570	32,120		
Not receiving help but needing some	4,870	6,300		
Receiving all help needed	60,530	63,700		
Total - Saskatchewan	80,070	80,700		
Receiving help but needing more	19,370	26,490		
Not receiving help but needing some	4,980	6,470		
Receiving all help needed	55,710	47,740		
Total - Alberta	216,420	236,730		
Receiving help but needing more	68,360	83,190		
Not receiving help but needing some	8,200	15,960		
Receiving all help needed	139,860	137,580		
Total - British Columbia	322,560	385,800		
Receiving help but needing more	108,130	142,880		
Not receiving help but needing some	16,150 ^E	24,770		
Receiving all help needed	198,280	218,150		

The Canada total excludes the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The sum of the values for each category may differ from the total due to rounding. **Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Participation and Activity Limitation Survey, 2001, 2006.

Table 4 Adults with disabilities that need help with everyday activities, by age groups and severity, Canada, 2001 and 2006.

			2001					2006		
Need help with everyday activities	Total	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Very severe	Total	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Very severe
					numb	er				
Total - 15 years and over	2,397,960	556,580	598,940	789,560	452,890	2,652,890	573,050	663,360	914,020	502,470
Receiving help but needing more	652,660	87,030	134,390	241,880	189,360	971,190	106,450	194,300	399,500	270,940
Not receiving help but needing some	130,590	34,030	35,160 ^E	44,420	16,980 ^E	212,630	64,970	56,030	57,090	34,540
Receiving all help needed	1,614,710	435,520	429,390	503,250	246,550	1,469,080	401,630	413,030	457,430	196,990
Total - 15 to 64	1,303,100	264,790	320,180	459,250	258,880	1,464,490	277,300	379,680	523,990	283,520
Receiving help but needing more	360,610	39,690	68,330	140,670	111,920	546,080	52,780	103,520	229,160	160,620
Not receiving help but needing some	95,700	23,280 ^E	25,660 ^E	31,120	15,640 ^E	141,360	37,830	35,140	39,680	28,710
Receiving all help needed	846,790	201,820	226,190	287,460	131,320	777,060	186,690	241,020	255,150	94,200
Total - 65 and over	1,094,860	291,790	278,760	330,310	194,010	1,188,400	295,750	283,680	390,030	218,940
Receiving help but needing more	292,050	47,340	66,060	101,220	77,440	425,110	53,670	90,790	170,330	110,320
Not receiving help but needing some	34,890	10,750 ^E	9,500 ^E	13,300 ^E	F	71,280	27,140	20,890 ^E	17,410 ^E	5,830 ¹
Receiving all help needed	767,920	233,700	203,200	215,800	115,230	692,020	214,940	172,010	202,280	102,790

Note(s):

The Canada total excludes the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The sum of the values for each category may differ from the total due to rounding.

Table 5
Adults with disabilities that need help with everyday activities, by activity type, Canada, 2001 and 2006.

Evenuelay activities	2001	2006
Everyday activities	numb	er
Total - Meal preparation	818,130	956,270
Receiving help but needing more	79,370	99,820
Not receiving help but needing some	62,010	112,660
Receiving all help needed	676,750	743,790
Total - Everyday housework	1,235,500	1,522,160
Receiving help but needing more	180,600	248,890
Not receiving help but needing some	159,460	256,730
Receiving all help needed	895,450	1,016,540
Total -Heavy household chores	1,879,840	2,136,470
Receiving help but needing more	283,570	480,820
Not receiving help but needing some	200,620	307,520
Receiving all help needed	1,395,650	1,348,120
Total - Appointments	1,241,600	1,471,440
Receiving help but needing more	188,050	292,730
Not receiving help but needing some	64,350	130,690
Receiving all help needed	989,210	1,048,030
Total - Personal finances	634,640	734,410
Receiving help but needing more	49,430	79,780
Not receiving help but needing some	31,880	58,060
Receiving all help needed	553,330	596,570
Total - Childcare	61,920	84,390
Receiving help but needing more	8,870	20,530 ^E
Not receiving help but needing some	16,270	22,070 ^E
Receiving all help needed	36,790	41,800
Total - Personal care	438,930	500,810
Receiving help but needing more	62,430	69,280
Not receiving help but needing some	37,280	56,740
Receiving all help needed	339,220	374,800
Total - Specialized nursing care	206,600	245,310
Receiving help but needing more	16,430 ^E	25,070 ^E
Not receiving help but needing some	44,210	52,150
Receiving all help needed	145,960	168,090
Total - Moving around within the home	160,750	244,080
Receiving help but needing more	17,950	39,360
Not receiving help but needing some	17,880 ^E	38,660
Receiving all help needed	124,920	166,070

Note(s):

The Canada total excludes the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The sum of the values for each category may differ from the total due to rounding.

Table 6
Reasons specified by respondents regarding unmet needs with everyday activities, Canada, 2006.

Reasons	All everyday activities taken into account	Meal	Everyday housework	Heavy household chores	Appoint- ments	Personal finances	Childcare	Personal Care	Speciali- zed nursing care	Moving around within the home
					percent					
Applied for home care were turned down	3.1	5.6 ^E	3.1 ^E	2.4 ^E	2.1 ^E	F	Х	F	6.3 ^E	F
Presently on waiting list	1.7	2.3 ^E	1.8 ^E	1.0 ^E	1.3 ^E	F	х	2.4 ^E	6.2 ^E	x
Not covered by insurance	5.1	8.6	5.2	4.3	4.0 ^E	2.6 ^E	F	4.7 ^E	3.6 ^E	F
Too expensive	29.4	26.5	36.9	29.5	19.3	19.6	43.6	22.3	21.4 ^E	12.8 ^E
Did not know where to obtain it	12.7	19.5	12.6	11.4	11.4	14.5	13.8 ^E	10.4 ^E	8.2 ^E	12.3 ^E
Help is not available in the area	5.9	6.5 ^E	4.5	5.2	5.1	3.4 ^E	4.9 ^E	4.5 ^E	F	F
Informal help is not available	12.4	13.4	7.9	9.8	12.1	7.2 ^E	10.5 ^E	5.4 ^E	F	6.2 ^E
Other	29.7	22.9	22.5	23.0	20.0	22.1	18.7 ^E	27.8	21.1 ^E	17.7 ^E
None selected	33.0	25.8	21.0	24.0	32.4	29.0	13.5 ^E	31.0	30.8 ^E	26.1 ^E

Note: This table use 2006 data only and include Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Table 7 Main help providers, Canada, 2006

Help providers	%
Family	83.1
Friends	13.5
Organisation	13.4
Employee	10.7
Other	4.2

Note(s):
This table use 2006 data only and include Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Respondents can indicate up to 3 help providers.

Technical notes

Derivation of variables on "help with everyday activities".

2001 and 2006: Table 1 to 5

Notice that the 2006 data regarding Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut have not been included in the following tables in order to maintain the comparability between these 2 years.

The Participation and activity limitation survey (PALS) respondents had to answer a series of questions that were used to determine if they were **receiving** help to accomplish some of their everyday activities because of their health condition. Respondents also had to indicate if they **needed** help for their everyday activities.

For these series of tables, we divided people that answered **needed help** for their everyday activities into three categories. The first category represents people that are receiving help, but need more. The second regroups people that are not receiving help but need some. These 2 groups represent people with unmet needs, i.e. partially or totally. Finally, the third category includes people that are receiving all the help needed. Therefore, this last category represents those who have needs that are entirely satisfied.

In the survey, help with everyday activities included the following 9 activities:

- (1) Meal preparation;
- (2) Everyday housework (e.g. dusting and tidying up);
- (3) Heavy household chores (e.g. spring cleaning and yard work);
- (4) Appointments (getting to appointments, running errands and grocery shopping);
- (5) Looking after personal finances (e.g. making bank transactions or paying bills);
- (6) Child care:
- (7) Personal care;
- (8) Specialized nursing care;
- (9) Moving about inside the home/residence.

In order to determine how persons with a limitation have access to the help they needed, the information concerning help received and help needed have been combined into a derived variable (we used different variables than those that were used in the 2001 publication).

RNHELP has been developed by using the 2 following derived variables:

AHEA D REC: Comes from the questions: Do you usually receive help with...each of the everyday activities.

AHEA_D_ND: Comes from the following questions: Do you need additional help with ...each of the everyday activities.

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If AHEA_D_REC = 1 (Yes) & AHEA_D_ND =1 (Yes) then RNHELP=1; If AHEA_D_REC =2 (No) & AHEA_D_ND=1 (Yes) then RNHELP=2; If AHEA_D_REC =1 (Yes) & AHEA_D_ND=2 (No) then RNHELP=3.
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RNHELP= 1 - Receiving help but needing more;

RNHELP= 2 - Not receiving help but needing some;

RNHELP= 3 - Receiving all help needed.

The sum of the three is then equal to the population with needs.

Part devoted only to 2006 data: Tables 6 & 7

Because the structure of questions were modified in 2006, comparison of this section with 2001 data was impossible at the analytic level. Furthermore, the 2 tables in this section included Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Unmet need (Table 6)

We ask respondents to choose amongst the 9 reasons proposed, indicating why they did not receive the help that they needed, for each of the everyday activities they identified.

List of possible reasons that were offer to the respondents:

- (1) You applied for home care and were turned down;
- (2) You are presently on a waiting list;
- (3) It is not covered by insurance;
- (4) It is too expensive;
- (5) You do not know where to obtain it;
- (6) Help is not available in the area;
- (7) Informal help, e.g., from family or friends, is not available;
- (8) Another reason (specify);
- (9) None selected.

Help providers

Group under 5 categories:

The respondent had to identify the person that was helping him. He could identify up to 3 help providers.

Subsequently, we asked the respondent what their relationship was with the help provider. Here are the possible relationships:

- 11 Spouse/partner of respondent
- 12 Ex-spouse/Ex-partner of respondent
- 13 Son of respondent
- 14 Daughter of respondent
- 15 Father of respondent
- 16 Mother of respondent
- 17 Brother of respondent
- 18 Sister of respondent
- 20 Grandson of respondent
- 21 Granddaughter of respondent
- 22 Grandfather of respondent
- 23 Grandmother of respondent
- 30 Son-in-law of respondent
- 31 Daughter-in-law of respondent
- 32 Father-in-law of respondent
- 33 Mother-in-law of respondent
- 34 Brother-in-law of respondent
- 35 Sister-in-law of respondent
- 40 Nephew of respondent
- 41 Niece of respondent
- 42 Uncle of respondent
- 43 Aunt of respondent
- 44 Cousin of respondent
- 70 Same sex partner of respondent
- 80 Close friend of respondent
- 81 Neighbour of respondent
- 82 Co-worker of respondent
- 83 Non-Governmental Organization (Includes clients and patients of self-employed professionals)
- 84 Paid employee/worker of respondent
- 85 Other (Do not include organizations here)
- 86 Governmental (All levels and taxes)

Subsequently, we have grouped together choices under 5 large themes or categories: Family, Friends, Organisations, Employees and Other and we created our derived variables:

<u>Family:</u> If Caregiver = 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23 or 30 or 31 or 32 or 33 or 34 or 35 or 40 or 41 or 42 or 43 or 44 or 70, then help provider is Family;

Friends: If Caregiver = 80 or 81 or 82, then help provider is Friend;

Employee: If Caregiver = 84, then help provider is Employee;

Organisation: If Caregiver = 83 or 86, then help provider is Organisation;

Other: If Caregiver = 85, then help provider is Other;