# Factsheet: 2017 State of the Disability Sector Report

## Key Statistics

NDS’s 2017 State of the Disability Sector Report, which is based on responses from over 500 disability service providers who took part in our Annual Market Survey, paints a picture of a sector under pressure. Here are some of the key findings.

* Only 58% of disability service providers are planning to increase their services in the next 12 months.
* Only 4 in 10 rate their financial condition as ‘strong’ or ‘very strong’, down from 53% last year.
* 50% per cent of disability service providers agree or strongly agree they will have to reduce the quality of their services due to NDIS prices.
* Growth in demand for disability services continues to outstrip supply. In the last 12 months, just 47% of disability service providers could meet all demand.
* 73% of disability service providers saw demand increase in the last 12 months.
* 47% of disability service providers are planning to provide services outside the disability sector next year. Aged care in-home services and mental health services are the top sectors to enter.
* Disability service providers report their key concerns are:
1. low NDIS prices
2. the costs of change
3. uncertainty about financial sustainability.
* Only one in 10 disability service providers have more than sufficient resources to fund transition or growth.
* 60% of respondents say they are worried about their ability to adjust to changes resulting from the NDIS.
* 74% don’t think the government is anticipating or responding to the needs of organisations – up from 62% last year.
* Average hours worked for disability support workers: 21 hours per week.
* Casual part-time work is the biggest employment growth area.