Quarterly Update: Enrollment in Waiver Programs for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Brain Injury Surpasses 6,000

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For the first time ever, Maine is serving over 6,000 adults in its Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver programs for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Brain Injury. Since our last [update](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/Waitlist-6.30.21.pdf), the number enrolled increased by 81, to a total of 6,073. The new total includes:

* One individual added to the Section 20 program (Other Related Conditions Services);
* Ten individuals added to the Section 21 program (Comprehensive Services for Individuals with IDD); and
* 73 individuals added to the Section 29 program (Support Services for Individuals with IDD).

During this period (July-September 2021) the wait lists for these services also increased, adding 70 individuals.

The budget proposed by Governor Mills and enacted by the Legislature in 2021 included funding to add 30 additional people to Section 29 each month, so we expect enrollment in that program to continue growing throughout the biennium than ends on June 30, 2023.

Table 1. Developmental Disabilities and Brain Injury Program Participants and Wait Lists, as of 09/30/2021

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| Waiver Program | Participants | Waitlist | With Other Coverage | Without Other Coverage(Percent of Current Participants) |
| Brain Injury (Section 18) | 209 | 148 | 72 | 76 (36%) |
| Other related Conditions (Section 20) | 40 | 23 | 7 | 16 (40%) |
| Comprehensive Services for IDD/ASD (Section 21) | 3,272 | 1,968 | 1,481 | 487 (15%) |
| Support Services for IDD/ASD (Section 29) | 2,552 | 265 | 114 | 151 (6%) |
| Totals | 6,073 | 2,274 | 1,618 | 656 (11%) |