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# 12 Public hospitals

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### Attachment tables

Attachment tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by a '12A' prefix (for example, table 12A.1) and are available from the website at [www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2017](http://www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2017).

This chapter reports on the performance of State and Territory public hospitals, focusing on acute care services. Commencing with this edition of the Report, the performance of maternity services in public hospitals are no longer reported.

All abbreviations used in this Report are available in a complete list in volume A: Approach to performance reporting.

## 12.1 Profile of public hospitals

Public hospitals provide a range of services, including:

- acute care services to admitted patients
- subacute and non-acute services to admitted patients (for example, rehabilitation, palliative care and long stay maintenance care)
- emergency, outpatient and other services to non-admitted patients
- mental health services, including services provided to admitted patients by designated psychiatric/psychogeriatric units
- public health services

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- teaching and research activities.

This chapter focuses on services (acute, subacute and non-acute) provided to admitted patients and services provided to non-admitted patients in public hospitals. These services comprise the bulk of public hospital activity.

In some instances, data for stand-alone psychiatric hospitals are included in this chapter. The performance of psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric units of public hospitals is examined more closely in the ‘Mental health management’ chapter of this Report (chapter 13).

## **Funding**

Total recurrent expenditure on public hospitals (excluding depreciation) was \$55.0 billion in 2014-15 (table 12A.1), with 90.8 per cent funded by the Australian, State and Territory governments and 9.2 per cent funded by non-government sources (including depreciation) (AIHW 2016b).

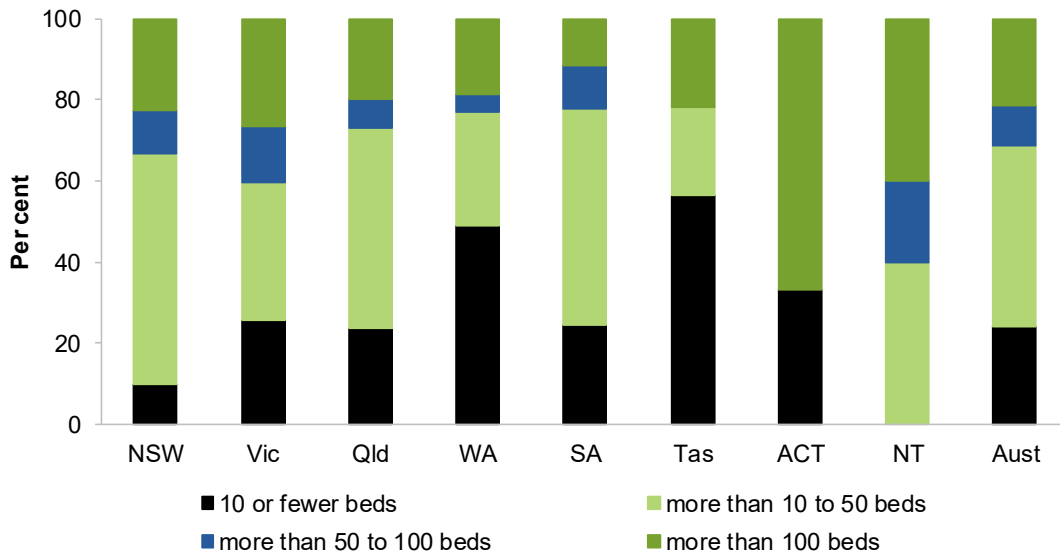
Government real recurrent expenditure on public hospitals per person has increased from \$1850.9 per person in 2010-11 to \$2321.1 in 2014-15 (table 12A.2).

## **Size and scope of sector**

### **Hospitals**

In 2014-15, Australia had 698 public hospitals (table 12A.3). Although 68.9 per cent of hospitals had 50 or fewer beds (figure 12.1), these smaller hospitals represented only 14.3 per cent of total available beds (table 12A.3).

Figure 12.1 Public hospitals, by size, 2014-15<sup>a, b</sup>



<sup>a</sup> See table 12A.3 for detailed footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> The ACT did not have hospitals with more than 10 to 50 beds or more than 50 to 100 beds. The NT did not have hospitals with 10 or fewer beds.

Source: AIHW (2016), *Hospital resources 2014-15: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series no. 71. Cat. no. HSE 176; table 12A.3.

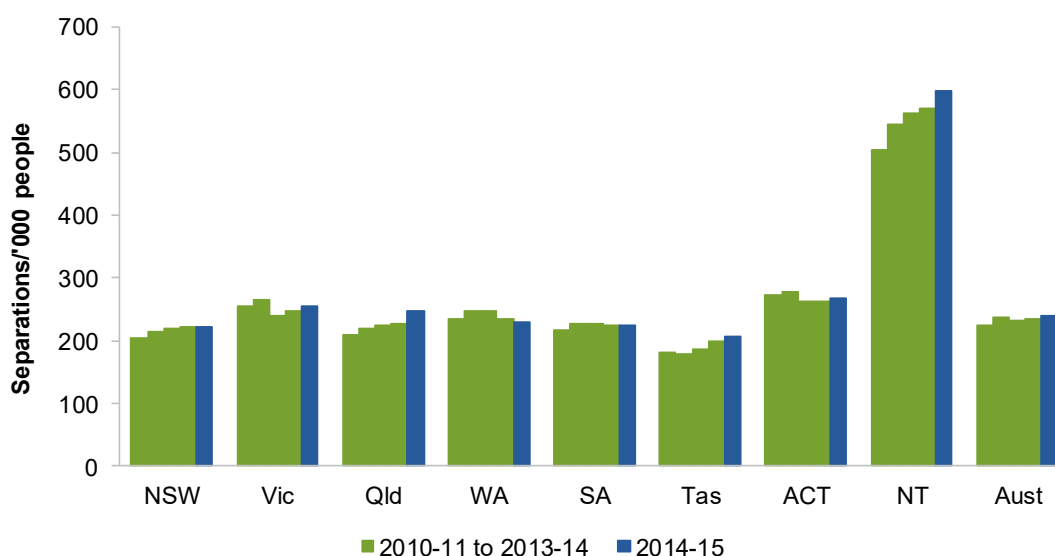
## Hospital beds

There were 60 340 available beds for admitted patients in public hospitals in 2014-15, equivalent to 2.6 beds per 1000 people (table 12A.3 and table 12A.4). The concept of an available bed is becoming less important in the overall context of hospital activity, particularly given the increasing significance of same day hospitalisations and hospital-in-the-home care (AIHW 2011). Nationally, more beds were available per 1000 people in remote areas (table 12A.4).

## Admitted patient care

There were approximately 6.0 million separations from public (non-psychiatric) hospitals in 2014-15, of which just over half were same day patients (table 12A.5). Nationally, this translates into 239.8 separations per 1000 people (figure 12.2). Acute separations accounted for the majority of separations from public hospitals (table 12A.10).

Figure 12.2 Separation rates in public (non-psychiatric) hospitals<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> See table 12A.6 for detailed footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Australian Hospital Statistics*, Health Services Series, Cat. nos HSE 117, 134 and 145; AIHW (various years), *Admitted patient care: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series Cat. no. HSE 156 and 172; table 12A.6.

Variations in admission rates can reflect different practices in classifying patients as either admitted same day patients or non-admitted outpatients. The extent of differences in classification practices can be inferred from the variation in the proportion of same day separations across jurisdictions for certain conditions or treatments. This is particularly true of medical separations. Significant variation across jurisdictions in the proportion of same day medical separations was evident in 2014-15 (table 12A.7).

In 2014-15, on an age standardised basis, public hospital separations (including same day separations) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians were markedly higher than the corresponding rate for all Australians (table 12A.8).

### Non-admitted patient services

Non-admitted patient services include outpatient services, which may be provided on an individual or group basis, and emergency department services. A total of 33.8 million individual service events were provided to outpatients in public hospitals in 2014-15 and around one million group service events (table 12A.11). Differing admission practices across states and territories lead to variation among jurisdictions in the services reported (AIHW 2016c). There were 7.4 million presentations to emergency departments in 2014-15 (table 12A.12).

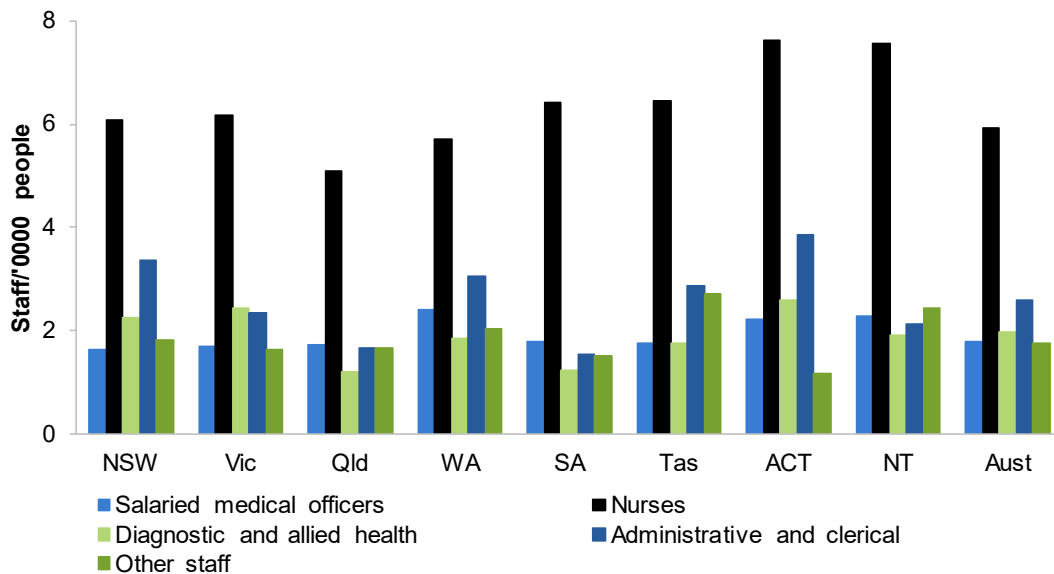
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## Staff

In 2014-15, nurses comprised the single largest group of full time equivalent (FTE) staff employed in public hospitals (figure 12.3). Comparing data on FTE staff across jurisdictions should be undertaken with care, as these data are affected by jurisdictional differences in the recording and classification of staff.

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Figure 12.3 **Average FTE staff per 1000 people, public hospital services, 2014-15<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See table 12A.9 for detailed footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (2016), *Hospital resources 2014-15: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series no. 71. Cat. no. HSE 176; ABS (unpublished), Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2014, Cat. no. 3101.0; tables 12A.9 and 2A.2.

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## 12.2 Framework of performance indicators for public hospitals

Performance is reported against objectives that are common to public hospitals in all jurisdictions (box 12.1).

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### Box 12.1      **Objectives for public hospitals**

Public hospitals aim to alleviate or manage illness and the effects of injury and rehabilitate where necessary by providing universal access to acute, non and sub-acute care along with emergency, outpatient and community care that is:

- timely, affordable and accessible
- appropriate and responsive to the needs of individuals and communities
- high quality and safe
- well co-ordinated to ensure continuity of care where more than one service type, and/or ongoing service provision is required
- sustainable in terms of workforce, infrastructure, innovation and capacity to respond to emerging needs.

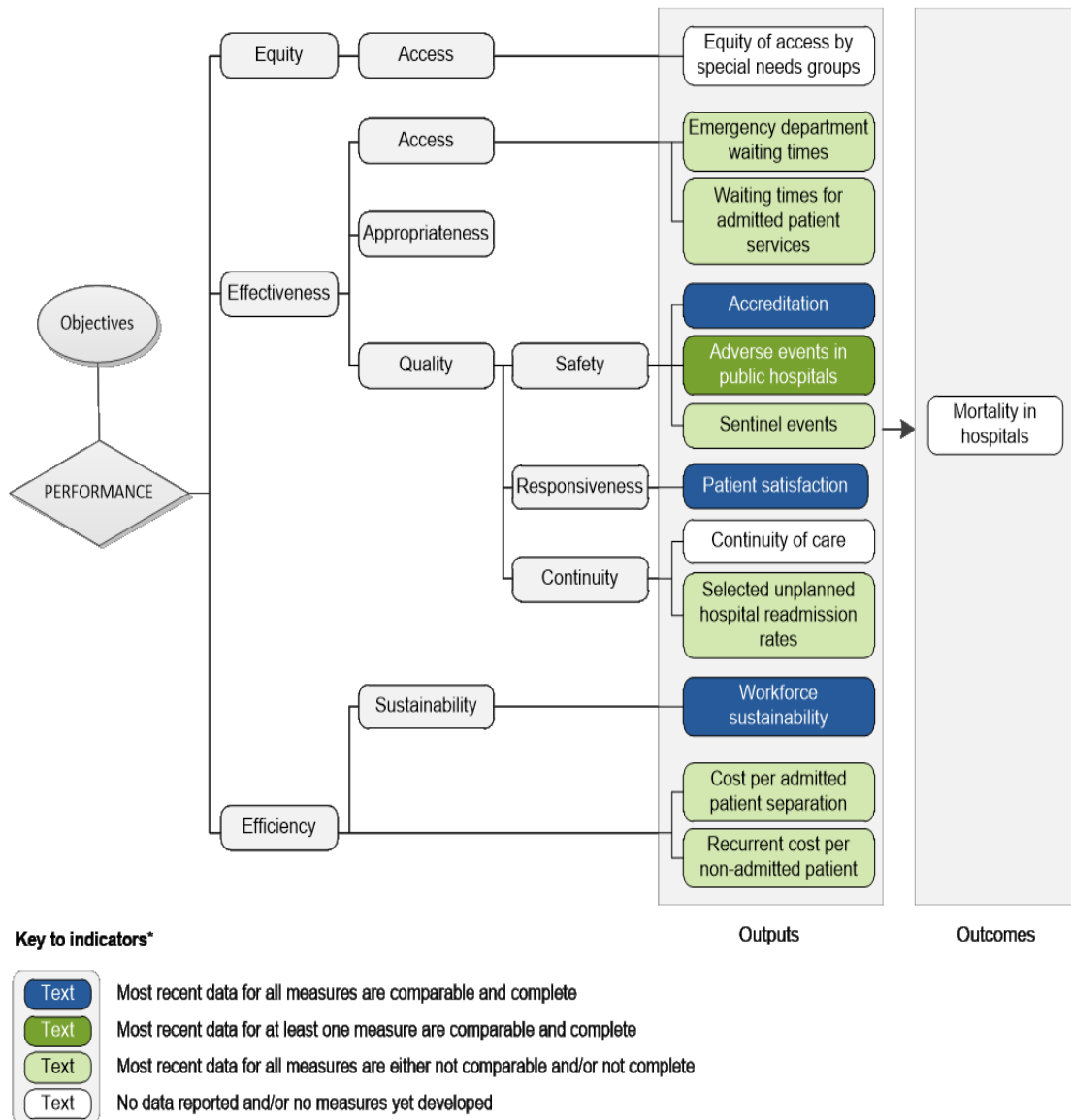
Governments aim for public hospital services to meet these objectives in an equitable and efficient manner.

The performance indicator framework provides information on equity, efficiency and effectiveness, and distinguishes the outputs and outcomes of public hospital services (figure 12.4).

The performance indicator framework shows which data are complete and comparable in the 2017 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary. Chapter 1 discusses data comparability, data completeness and information on data quality from a Report-wide perspective. In addition to section 12.1, the Report's Statistical context chapter (chapter 2) contains data that may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in this chapter.

Improvements to performance reporting for public hospitals are ongoing and will include identifying indicators to fill gaps in reporting against key objectives, improving the comparability and completeness of data and reviewing proxy indicators to see if more direct measures can be developed.

Figure 12.4 Public hospitals performance indicator framework



\* A description of the comparability and completeness of each measure is provided in indicator interpretation boxes within the chapter

## 12.3 Key performance indicator results for public hospitals

Different delivery contexts, locations and types of client can affect the equity, effectiveness and efficiency of health services.

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## Outputs

Outputs are the services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group) (see chapter 1). Output information is also critical for equitable, efficient and effective management of government services.

## Equity

### Access — Equity of access by special needs groups

‘Equity of access by special needs groups’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide hospital services in an equitable manner (box 12.2).

#### Box 12.2 **Equity of access by special needs groups**

‘Equity of access by special needs groups’ measures the performance of agencies providing services for identified special needs groups including: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians; people living in communities outside the capital cities (that is, people living in other metropolitan areas, or rural and remote communities); and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Equity of access by special needs groups has been identified as a key area for development in future Reports. Data for the emergency department waiting times and waiting times for admitted patient services indicators are reported by Indigenous status, remoteness and socioeconomic status.

## Effectiveness

### Access — Emergency department waiting times

‘Emergency department waiting times’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide timely and accessible services (box 12.3).



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### Box 12.3      **Emergency department waiting times**

'Emergency department waiting times' is defined by the following two measures:

- Emergency department waiting times by triage category, defined as the proportion of patients seen within the benchmarks set by the Australasian Triage Scale. The Australasian Triage Scale is a scale for rating clinical urgency, designed for use in hospital-based emergency services in Australia and New Zealand. The benchmarks, set according to triage category, are as follows:
  - triage category 1: need for resuscitation — patients seen immediately
  - triage category 2: emergency — patients seen within 10 minutes
  - triage category 3: urgent — patients seen within 30 minutes
  - triage category 4: semi-urgent — patients seen within 60 minutes
  - triage category 5: non-urgent — patients seen within 120 minutes.
- Length of stay for emergency department care, proportion of patients staying for four hours or less, is defined as the percentage of presentations to public hospital emergency departments where the time from presentation to admission, transfer or discharge is less than or equal to four hours. It is a measure of the duration of the emergency department service rather than a waiting time for emergency department care.

High or increasing proportions for both measures is desirable.

Data reported for both measures are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2015-16 data were not available for the ACT.

#### *Emergency department waiting times by triage category*

Nationally, in 2015-16 (excluding the ACT), all patients in triage category 1 were seen within the clinically appropriate timeframe. For all triage categories combined, around three-quarters of patients were seen within triage category timeframes (table 12.1). The comparability of emergency department waiting times data across jurisdictions can be influenced by differences in data coverage and clinical practices — in particular, the allocation of cases to urgency categories. The proportion of patients in each triage category who were subsequently admitted can indicate the comparability of triage categorisations across jurisdictions and thus the comparability of the waiting times data (table 12A.13).

Emergency department waiting times by hospital peer group, Indigenous status, remoteness and socioeconomic status for public hospitals are reported in the attachment (tables 12A.14–17).

**Table 12.1 Proportion of emergency department patients seen within triage category timeframes, public hospitals, 2015-16<sup>a</sup>**

Triage category	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT <sup>b</sup>	NT	Aust <sup>b</sup>
1 — Resuscitation	100	100	100	100	100	100	na	100	100
2 — Emergency	82	78	74	77	70	80	na	63	77
3 — Urgent	76	71	61	53	56	59	na	53	67
4 — Semi-urgent	80	72	74	67	70	64	na	60	74
5 — Non-urgent	94	89	94	93	92	87	na	89	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>74</b>

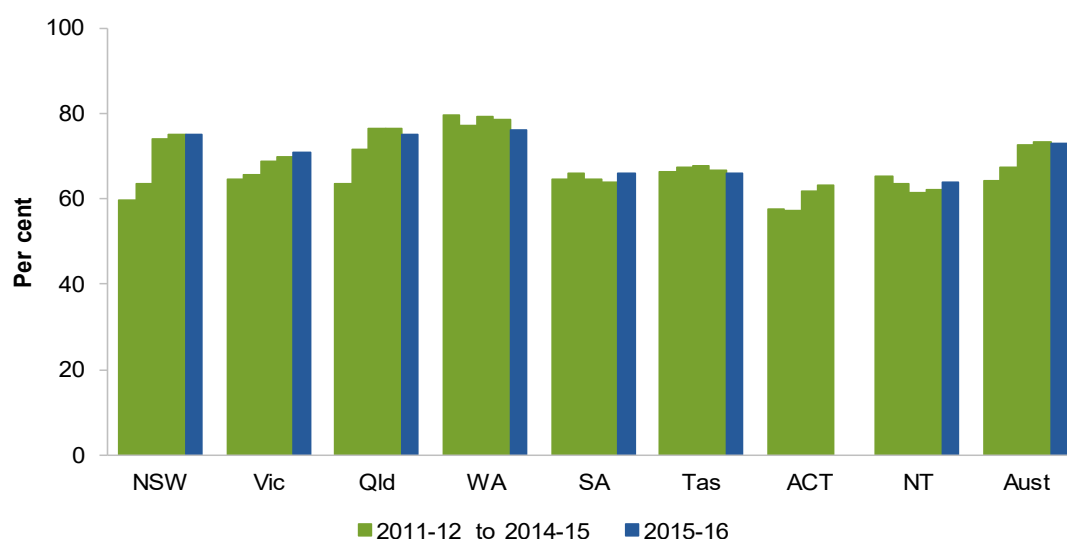
<sup>a</sup> See box 12.3 and table 12A.13 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply. Australian totals exclude the ACT. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW (2016), *Emergency department care 2015-16: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series no. 72. Cat. no. HSE 182; table 12A.13.

### Proportion of patients staying for four hours or less

The proportion of patients staying for four hours or less in an emergency department has increased from 64.3 per cent in 2011-12 to 73.2 per cent in 2015-16 (figure 12.5).

**Figure 12.5 Length of stay for emergency department care, proportion of patients staying for four hours or less<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.3 and table 12A.18 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Data for the ACT for 2015-16 were not available at the time of data supply. The Australian total for 2015-16 excludes the ACT.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Emergency department care: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series no. 45, 52, 58, 65 and 72 Cat. no. HSE 126, 142, 153, 168 and 182; table 12A.18.

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## Waiting times for admitted patient services

‘Waiting times for admitted patient services’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide timely and accessible services (box 12.4).

### Box 12.4 **Waiting times for admitted patient services**

‘Waiting times for admitted patient services’ is defined by the following three measures:

- Overall elective surgery waiting times
- Elective surgery waiting times by clinical urgency category
- Presentations to emergency departments with a length of stay of 4 hours or less ending in admission

Data reported for these three measures are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2015-16 data were not available for the ACT.

#### *Overall elective surgery waiting times*

‘Overall elective surgery waiting times’ are calculated by comparing the date patients are added to a waiting list with the date they were admitted. Days on which the patient was not ready for care are excluded. ‘Overall waiting times’ are presented as the number of days within which 50 per cent of patients are admitted and the number of days within which 90 per cent of patients are admitted. Patients on waiting lists who were not subsequently admitted to hospital are excluded.

For overall elective surgery waiting times, a low or decreasing number of days waited are desirable.

#### *Elective surgery waiting times by clinical urgency category*

‘Elective surgery waiting times by clinical urgency category’ reports the proportion of patients who were admitted from waiting lists after an extended wait. In general, at the time of being placed on the public hospital waiting list, a clinical assessment is made of the urgency with which the patient requires elective surgery. The clinical urgency categories are:

- Category 1 — procedures that are clinically indicated within 30 days
- Category 2 — procedures that are clinically indicated within 90 days
- Category 3 — procedures that are clinically indicated within 365 days.

The term ‘extended wait’ is used for patients in the categories 1, 2 and 3 waiting longer than specified times (30 days, 90 days and 365 days respectively).

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Box 12.4 (continued)

For elective surgery waiting times by clinical urgency category, a low or decreasing proportion of patients who have experienced extended waits at admission is desirable. However, variation in the way patients are classified to urgency categories should be considered. Rather than comparing jurisdictions, the results for individual jurisdictions should be viewed in the context of the proportions of patients assigned to each of the three urgency categories.

*Presentations to emergency departments with a length of stay of 4 hours or less ending in admission*

'Presentations to emergency departments with a length of stay of 4 hours or less ending in admission' is defined as the percentage of presentations to public hospital emergency departments where the time from presentation to admission to hospital is less than or equal to four hours.

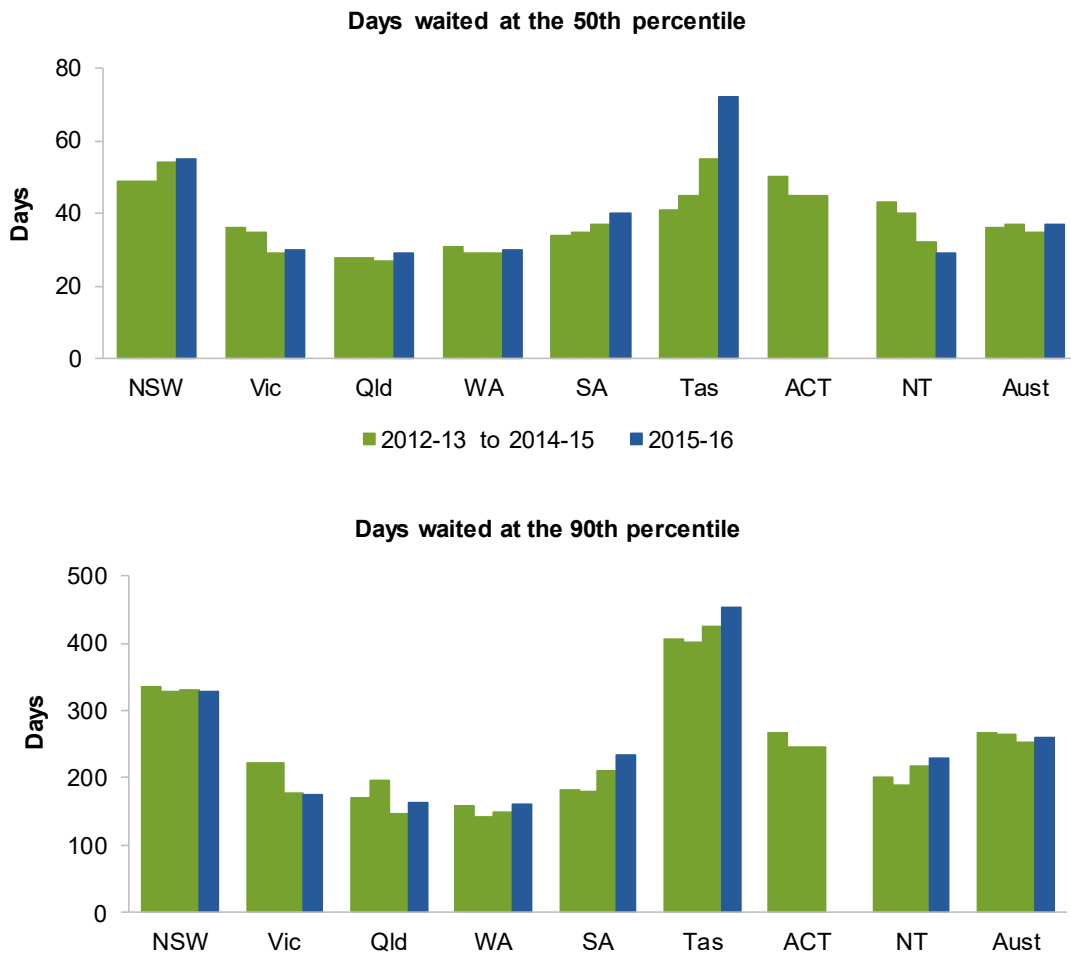
A high or increasing proportion of presentations to emergency departments with a length of stay of 4 hours or less ending in admission is desirable.

*Overall elective surgery waiting times*

Nationally in 2015-16 (excluding the ACT), 50 per cent of patients were admitted within 37 days and 90 per cent of patients were admitted within 260 days (figure 12.6 and table 12A.19). Attachment 12A includes data on elective surgery waiting times by hospital peer group and indicator procedure. It also includes waiting times by Indigenous status, remoteness and socioeconomic status (tables 12A.19–22).

Comparisons across jurisdictions should be made with caution, due to differences in clinical practices and classification of patients across Australia. The measures are also affected by variations across jurisdictions in the method used to calculate waiting times for patients who transferred from a waiting list managed by one hospital to a waiting list managed by another hospital, with the time waited on the first list included in the waiting time reported in NSW, WA, SA and the NT. This approach can have the effect of increasing the apparent waiting times for admissions in these jurisdictions compared with other jurisdictions (AIHW 2016a).

Figure 12.6 **Waiting times for elective surgery, public hospitals<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.4 and table 12A.19 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Data for the ACT for 2015-16 were not available at the time of data supply. The Australian total for 2015-16 excludes the ACT.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Elective surgery waiting times: Australian hospital statistics*, Cat. nos. HSE 127, 140, 151, 166 and 183; table 12A.19.

### *Elective surgery waiting times by clinical urgency category*

Elective surgery waiting times by urgency category not only provide an indication of the extent to which patients are seen within a clinically desirable time, but also draw attention to the variation in the way in which patients are classified across jurisdictions. Jurisdictional differences in the classification of patients by urgency category in 2015-16 are shown in table 12.2. The proportion of patients on waiting lists who already had an extended wait at the date of assessment are reported in tables 12A.24, 12A.25, 12A.26, 12A.27, 12A.28, 12A.29, 12A.30 and 12A.31.

**Table 12.2 Elective surgery waiting times by clinical urgency category, 2015-16 (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Patients on waiting lists</i>	<i>Patients admitted from waiting lists</i>	<i>Patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits</i>
<b><i>New South Wales</i></b>			
Category 1	2.4	22.4	0.2
Category 2	15.4	33.3	2.9
Category 3	82.2	44.3	4.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b><i>Victoria</i></b>			
Category 1	4.7	29.8	–
Category 2	47.7	46.3	22.9
Category 3	47.6	23.9	6.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b><i>Queensland</i></b>			
Category 1	5.9	36.2	2.4
Category 2	27.4	40.0	5.3
Category 3	66.7	23.8	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b><i>Western Australia</i></b>			
Category 1	5.9	24.6	8.2
Category 2	24.9	34.7	10.7
Category 3	69.2	40.7	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b><i>South Australia</i></b>			
Category 1	4.3	25.6	10.0
Category 2	21.8	36.6	11.6
Category 3	73.8	37.8	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b><i>Tasmania</i></b>			
Category 1	6.6	31.9	22.9
Category 2	37.5	41.7	56.6
Category 3	55.9	26.4	37.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>40.7</b>

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	<i>Patients on waiting lists</i>	<i>Patients admitted from waiting lists</i>	<i>Patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits</i>
<b>Australian Capital Territory<sup>b</sup></b>			
Category 1	na	na	na
Category 2	na	na	na
Category 3	na	na	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Northern Territory</b>			
Category 1	4.9	37.5	6.8
Category 2	32.9	44.0	33.1
Category 3	62.2	18.5	19.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.8</b>

<sup>a</sup> See box 12.4 and tables 12A.23, 12A.24, 12A.25, 12A.26, 12A.27, 12A.28, 12A.29, 12A.30 and 12A.31 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply. **na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection; tables 12A.23, 12A.24, 12A.25, 12A.26, 12A.27, 12A.28, 12A.29, 12A.30 and 12A.31.

*Emergency department presentations with stay of 4 hours or less ending in admission*

Nationally in 2015-16 (excluding the ACT), almost half of those who presented to an emergency department and were admitted, waited 4 hours or less to be admitted to a public hospital (table 12.3).

Table 12.3 **Proportion of emergency department presentations with a length of stay 4 hours or less ending in admission, 2015-16<sup>a</sup>**

<i>Triage category</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust<sup>b</sup></i>
1 — Resuscitation	52	57	59	66	59	58	na	46	57
2 — Emergency	45	53	56	58	45	34	na	28	50
3 — Urgent	41	51	55	48	40	24	na	25	47
4 — Semi-urgent	46	55	58	50	47	28	na	28	50
5 — Non-urgent	66	65	65	60	67	48	na	36	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>

<sup>a</sup> See box 12.4 and table 12A.32 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply and have not been included in the Australian totals. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW (2016), *Emergency department care 2015-16: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series no. 72. Cat. no. HSE 182; table 12A.32.

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## Quality — Safety — hospital accreditation

‘Accreditation’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide public hospital services that are high quality and safe (box 12.5).

### Box 12.5      **Accreditation**

‘Accreditation’ is defined by the proportion of hospitals accredited to the National Safety and Quality Health Service standards. The standards are:

- Governance for safety and quality in health service organisations
- Partnering with consumers
- Preventing and controlling healthcare associated infections
- Medication safety
- Patient identification and procedure matching
- Clinical handover
- Blood and blood products
- Preventing and managing pressure injuries
- Recognising and responding to clinical deterioration in acute health care
- Preventing falls and harm from falls.

A high or increasing rate of accreditation is desirable. However, it is not possible to draw conclusions about the quality of care in those hospitals that are not accredited to all standards.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions but not over time. Data for 2013-14 and 2014-15 are not comparable with prior years.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2015 data are available for all jurisdictions.

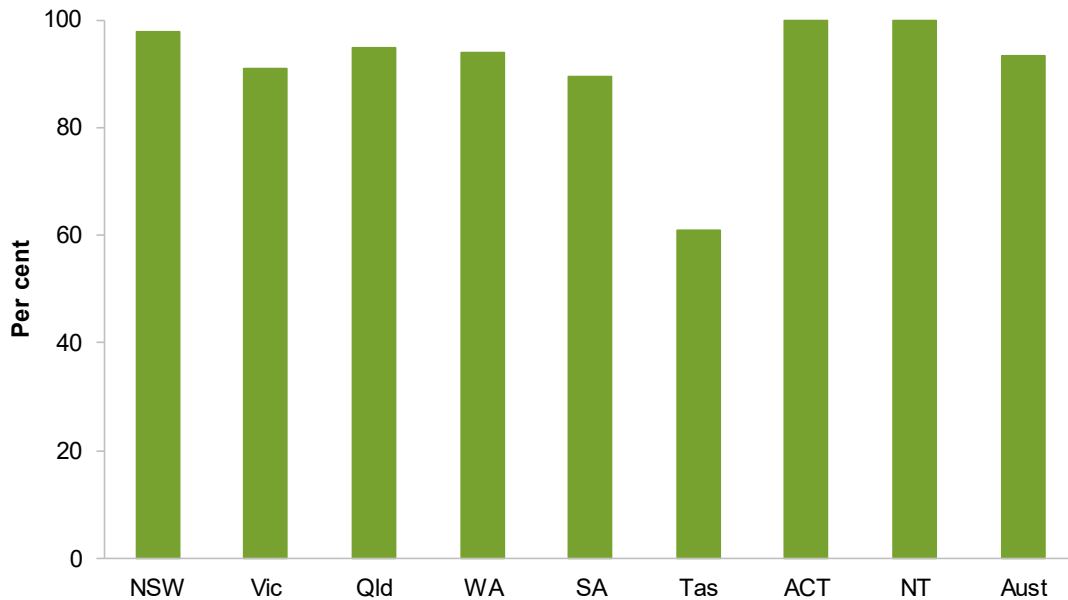
The proportion of accredited public hospitals is reported in figure 12.7.

Accreditation is provided by a number of bodies, including the Australian Healthcare Standards’ Evaluation and Quality Improvement Program, Business Excellence Australia, and the Quality Improvement Council. Hospitals can also be certified as compliant with the International Organization for Standardization’s (ISO) 9000 quality family.



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Figure 12.7 **Proportion of public hospitals accredited to the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards, 30 June 2015<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.5 and table 12A.33 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (2016), *Hospital resources 2014-15: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series no. 71. Cat. no. HSE 176; SA government (unpublished); table 12A.33.

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Australian Health Ministers have mandated accreditation in all public and private hospitals and day procedure services in Australia from 1 January 2013. From this date health services are to be assessed to the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards by accrediting agencies approved by the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care. By end 2016 it is anticipated all Australian hospitals will have been accredited to all 10 NSQHS standards.

### Quality — Safety — adverse events in public hospitals

‘Adverse events in public hospitals’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide public hospital services that are high quality and safe (box 12.6). Sentinel events, which are a subset of adverse events that result in death or very serious harm to the patient, are reported as a separate output indicator.

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## Box 12.6 Adverse events in public hospitals

'Adverse events in public hospitals' is defined by the following three measures:

- selected healthcare-associated infections
- adverse events treated in hospitals
- falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals.

### *Selected healthcare-associated infections*

'Selected healthcare-associated infections' is the number of *Staphylococcus aureus* (including Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* [MRSA]) bacteraemia (SAB) patient episodes associated with public hospitals (admitted and non-admitted patients), expressed as a rate per 10 000 patient days for public hospitals.

A patient episode of SAB is defined as a positive blood culture for SAB. Only the first isolate per patient is counted, unless at least 14 days has passed without a positive blood culture, after which an additional episode is recorded.

SAB is considered to be healthcare-associated if the first positive blood culture is collected more than 48 hours after hospital admission or less than 48 hours after discharge, or if the first positive blood culture is collected 48 hours or less after admission and one or more of the following key clinical criteria was met for the patient episode of SAB:

- SAB is a complication of the presence of an indwelling medical device
- SAB occurs within 30 days of a surgical procedure where SAB is related to the surgical site
- an invasive instrumentation or incision related to the SAB was performed within 48 hours
- SAB is associated with neutropenia contributed to by cytotoxic therapy. Neutropenia is defined as at least two separate calendar days with values of absolute neutrophil count (ANC)  $<500 \text{ cell/mm}^3$  ( $0.5 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ ) on or within a seven-day time period which includes the date the positive blood specimen was collected (Day 1), the three calendar days before and the three calendar days after.

Cases where a known previous positive test has been obtained within the last 14 days are excluded. Patient days for unqualified newborns, hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement are excluded.

A low or decreasing rate of selected healthcare-associated infections is desirable.

Data reported for this measure are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2015-16 data are available for all jurisdictions.

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Box 12.6 (continued)

*Adverse events treated in hospitals*

'Adverse events treated in hospitals' are incidents in which harm resulted to a person during hospitalisation and are measured by separations that had an adverse event (including infections, falls resulting in injuries and problems with medication and medical devices) that occurred during hospitalisation. Hospital separations data include information on diagnoses and place of occurrence that can indicate that an adverse event was treated and/or occurred during the hospitalisation, but some adverse events are not identifiable using these codes.

Low or decreasing adverse events treated in hospitals is desirable.

Data reported for this measure are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2014-15 data are available for all jurisdictions.

*Falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals*

'Falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals' is defined as the number of separations with an external cause code for fall and a place of occurrence of health service area, expressed as a rate per 1000 hospital separations. It is not possible to determine if the place of occurrence was a public hospital, only that it was a health service area.

A low or decreasing rate of falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals is desirable.

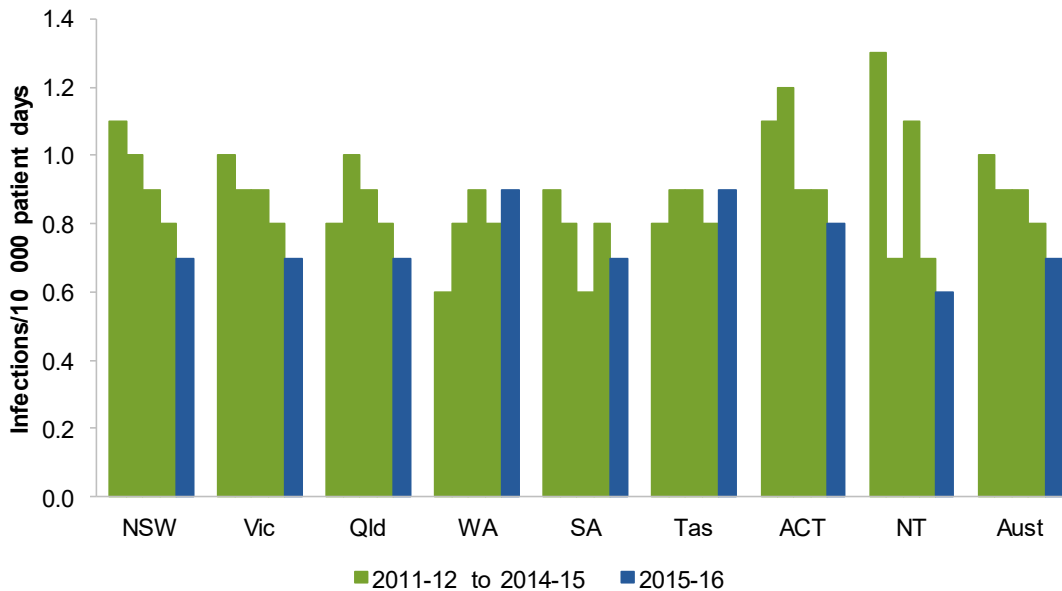
Data reported for this measure are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2014-15 data are available for all jurisdictions.

*Selected healthcare-associated infections*

Selected healthcare-associated infections per 10 000 patient days is reported in figure 12.8.

Figure 12.8 Selected healthcare-associated infections, public hospitals<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.6 and table 12A.34 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW 2016 *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia in Australian public hospitals 2015-16 Australian hospital statistics. Health services series; table 12A.34.

### Adverse events treated in hospitals

In 2014-15, 6.7 per cent of separations in public hospitals had an adverse event reported during hospitalisation (table 12.4). A separation may be recorded against more than one category, as some adverse events are reported as diagnoses and others as external causes or places of occurrence (of the injury or poisoning) — results by category are in table 12A.35.

Table 12.4 Separations with an adverse event per 100 separations, public hospitals, 2014-15<sup>a</sup>

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>Total</b>	6.8	6.6	6.4	7.1	7.5	8.0	7.3	3.5	6.7

<sup>a</sup> See box 12.6 and table 12A.35 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 12A.35.

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### Falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals

Falls resulting in patient harm per 1000 hospital separations, where the place of occurrence was a health service area, varied across states and territories in 2014-15 (figure 12.9). Data are reported by Indigenous status and remoteness in table 12A.36.

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Figure 12.9 **Separations for falls resulting in patient harm in public hospitals, 2014-15<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.6 and table 12A.36 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (2016), *Admitted patient care 2014-15: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series no. 68. Cat. no. HSE 172; table 12A.36.

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### Quality — Safety — Sentinel events

‘Sentinel events’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to deliver public hospital services that are high quality and safe (box 12.7). Sentinel events are a subset of adverse events that result in death or very serious harm to the patient. Adverse events are reported as a separate output indicator.

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### Box 12.7 **Sentinel events**

'Sentinel events' is defined as the number of reported adverse events that occur because of hospital system and process deficiencies, and which result in the death of, or serious harm to, a patient. Sentinel events occur relatively infrequently and are independent of a patient's condition.

Australian health ministers have agreed on a national core set of sentinel events for which all public hospitals are required to provide data. The eight agreed core sentinel events are:

1. Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.
2. Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.
3. Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.
4. Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.
5. Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.
6. Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.
7. Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium.
8. Infant discharged to the wrong family.

A low or decreasing number of sentinel events is desirable.

Over time, an increase in the number of sentinel events reported might reflect improvements in incident reporting mechanisms and organisational cultural change, rather than an increase in the frequency of such events. However, trends need to be monitored to establish whether this is the underlying reason.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2014-15 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Sentinel event programs have been implemented by all State and Territory governments. The purpose of these programs is to facilitate a safe environment for patients by reducing the frequency of these events. The programs are not punitive, and are designed to facilitate self-reporting of errors so that the underlying causes of the events can be examined, and action taken to reduce the risk of these events re-occurring.

Numbers of sentinel events for 2014-15 are reported below. As larger states and territories will tend to have more sentinel events than smaller jurisdictions, the numbers of separations are also presented to provide context.

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In 2014-15:

- In NSW public hospitals there was a total of 50 sentinel events (table 12A.37) compared to around 1.8 million separations (table 12A.5).
- In Victorian public hospitals there was a total of 19 sentinel events (table 12A.38) compared to around 1.6 million separations (table 12A.5).
- In Queensland public hospitals there was a total of 10 sentinel events (table 12A.39) compared to around 1.2 million separations (table 12A.5).
- In WA public hospitals there was a total of 5 sentinel events (table 12A.40) compared to around 601 000 separations (table 12A.5).
- In SA public hospitals there was a total of 9 sentinel events (table 12A.41) compared to around 422 000 separations (table 12A.5).
- In Tasmanian public hospitals there were no reported sentinel events (table 12A.42) compared to around 120 000 separations (table 12A.5).
- In ACT public hospitals there were 4 reported sentinel events (table 12A.43). There were around 101 000 separations (table 12A.5).
- In NT public hospitals there was a total of 2 sentinel events (table 12A.44) compared to around 132 000 separations (table 12A.5).

Data for 2010-11 to 2014-15 are reported in tables 12A.37–44, along with disaggregation by the type of sentinel event. Australian totals are reported in table 12A.45.

### Quality — Responsiveness — Patient satisfaction

‘Patient satisfaction’ provides a proxy measure of governments’ objective to deliver services that are high quality and responsive to individual patient needs (box 12.8).

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## Box 12.8 Patient satisfaction

'Patient satisfaction' is defined by the following six measures for the purposes of this report:

- Proportion of people who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting that the emergency department doctors, specialists or nurses 'always' or 'often':
  - listened carefully to them
  - showed respect to them
  - spent enough time with them
- Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting that the hospital doctors, specialists or nurses 'always' or 'often':
  - listened carefully to them
  - showed respect to them
  - spent enough time with them.

A high or increasing proportion of patients who were satisfied is desirable, as it suggests the hospital care was of high quality and better met the expectations and needs of patients.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2015-16 data are available for all jurisdictions.

The Patient Experience Survey does not include people living in discrete Indigenous communities and very remote areas, which affects the comparability of the NT results.

Patient satisfaction surveys are different from other sources of hospital quality data, because they provide information on hospital quality from the patient's perspective. Surveys can be useful for obtaining information on patient views of both clinical and non-clinical hospital care (such as whether patients feel they were treated with respect and provided with appropriate information regarding their treatment).

In 2015-16, nationally for all measures, the satisfaction rate was above 80 per cent, with satisfaction generally higher for nurses compared to doctors/specialists (table 12.5). To assist interpretation of these results, associated relative standard errors and confidence intervals are reported in attachment tables 12A.46–49.



**Table 12.5 Patient satisfaction, hospitals, 2015-16<sup>a, b</sup>**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Emergency department patients</b>									
Proportion of people who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the emergency department doctors, specialists or nurses always or often listened carefully to them									
Doctors or specialists	86.2	86.7	87.5	90.0	84.5	84.4	81.5	90.9	87.0
Nurses	87.8	91.2	91.9	91.2	87.3	91.8	#88.4	88.9	90.3
Proportion of people who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the emergency department doctors, specialists or nurses always or often showed respect to them									
Doctors or specialists	88.6	88.6	88.9	88.7	86.4	85.7	81.8	92.0	88.3
Nurses	89.5	92.2	93.6	91.4	87.1	91.8	#86.8	88.9	91.5
Proportion of people who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the emergency department doctors, specialists or nurses always or often spent enough time with them									
Doctors or specialists	81.6	83.9	86.2	86.7	80.6	83.7	74.8	90.3	83.6
Nurses	84.5	87.4	90.2	90.4	82.6	89.2	#79.0	89.1	87.1
<b>Admitted hospital patients</b>									
Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital doctors, specialists or nurses always or often listened carefully to them									
Doctors or specialists	92.3	93.0	92.8	93.2	90.1	89.9	#85.1	#91.9	92.2
Nurses	90.7	92.1	93.5	94.3	88.7	90.7	85.5	88.9	92.0
Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital doctors, specialists or nurses always or often showed respect to them									
Doctors or specialists	91.3	92.9	93.2	94.1	92.3	90.6	87.5	93.9	92.5
Nurses	90.3	94.2	93.6	94.3	90.9	93.3	86.7	88.8	92.6
Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital doctors, specialists or nurses always or often spent enough time with them									
Doctors or specialists	88.3	90.0	90.8	89.3	86.7	84.6	81.0	#87.5	88.9
Nurses	89.7	90.3	92.2	91.0	86.8	89.6	85.7	89.4	90.2

<sup>a</sup> See box 12.8 and tables 12A.46–49 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> # indicates the proportion should be used with caution as it has a margin of error greater than 10 percentage points.

Source: ABS (unpublished) *Patient Experience Survey 2015-16*; tables 12A.46–49.

## Quality — Continuity — Continuity of care

‘Continuity of care’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide public hospital services that are of high quality and well coordinated to ensure continuity of care (box 12.9).

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**Box 12.9      Continuity of care**

‘Continuity of care’ measures the provision of uninterrupted, timely, coordinated healthcare, interventions and actions across programs, practitioners and organisations.

Continuity of care has been identified as a key area for development in future Reports.

**Quality — Continuity — Selected unplanned hospital readmission rates**

‘Selected unplanned hospital readmission rates’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide public hospital services that are of high quality and well coordinated to ensure continuity of care (box 12.10).

**Box 12.10      Selected unplanned hospital readmission rates**

‘Selected unplanned hospital readmission rates’ is defined as the rate at which patients unexpectedly return to the same hospital within 28 days for further treatment where the original admission involved one of a selected set of procedures, and the readmission is identified as a post-operative complication. It is expressed as a rate per 1000 separations in which one of the selected surgical procedures was performed. The indicator is an underestimate of all possible unplanned/unexpected readmissions.

The selected surgical procedures are knee replacement, hip replacement, tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy, hysterectomy, prostatectomy, cataract surgery and appendectomy. Unplanned readmissions are those having a principal diagnosis of a post-operative adverse event for which a specified ICD-10-AM diagnosis code has been assigned.

Low or decreasing rates of unplanned readmissions are desirable. Conversely, high or increasing rates suggest the quality of care provided by hospitals, or post-discharge care or planning, should be examined, because there may be scope for improvement.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2014-15 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Selected unplanned hospital readmission rates in public hospitals are reported in table 12.6.

**Table 12.6 Selected unplanned hospital readmission rates per 1000 separations, by selected surgical procedure, 2014-15<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Total</i>
Knee replacement	19.4	19.4	36.3	28.1	18.6	18.3	7.0	np	22.7
Hip replacement	16.9	16.1	23.5	16.7	7.1	21.6	8.5	np	17.1
Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	31.7	26.0	49.5	41.3	53.9	34.9	31.3	105.0	35.7
Hysterectomy	28.6	28.4	40.9	38.6	25.5	27.5	78.3	np	31.6
Prostatectomy	23.0	23.4	33.0	12.6	13.0	–	np	np	24.3
Cataract surgery	2.5	2.9	5.1	3.1	2.5	4.1	0.9	10.1	3.1
Appendicectomy	20.5	19.8	23.9	35.1	26.7	36.5	14.3	37.7	22.0

<sup>a</sup> See box 12.10 and table 12A.50 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. **np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Hospital Morbidity Database; WA Health (unpublished); table 12A.50.

Patients might be re-admitted unexpectedly if the initial care or treatment was ineffective or unsatisfactory, if post-discharge planning was inadequate, or for reasons outside the control of the hospital (for example poor post-discharge care). Selected unplanned hospital readmission rates are reported by hospital peer group, Indigenous status, remoteness and socioeconomic status in table 12A.51.

## Efficiency

### Sustainability — Workforce sustainability

‘Workforce sustainability’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide sustainable public hospital services (box 12.11).

### Box 12.11 Workforce sustainability

'Workforce sustainability' reports age profiles for nurse (including midwives) and medical practitioner workforces. It shows the proportions of registered nurses and medical practitioners in ten year age brackets, by jurisdiction and by region.

High or increasing proportions of the workforce that are new entrants and/or low or decreasing proportions of the workforce that are close to retirement is desirable.

All nurses (including midwives) and medical practitioners in the workforce are included in these measures, as crude indicators of the potential respective workforces for public hospitals.

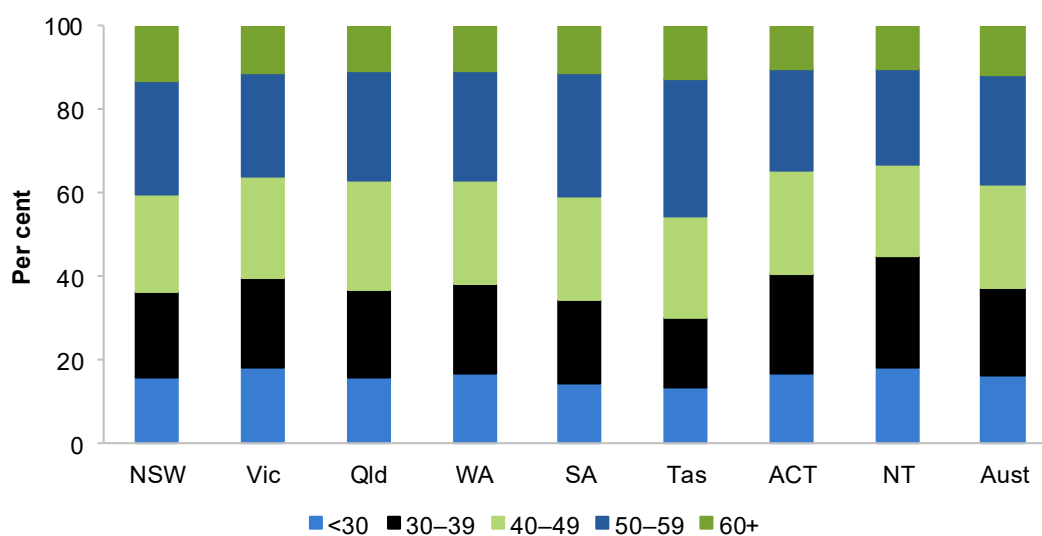
These measures are not a substitute for a full workforce analysis that allows for migration, trends in full-time work and expected demand increases. They can, however, indicate that further attention should be given to workforce sustainability for public hospitals.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2015 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2015, 17.4 per cent of the medical practitioner workforce and 11.6 per cent of the nursing workforce were aged 60 years and over (figures 12.10 and 12.11), reflecting a gradual increase from 2007 for nurses (table 12A.52) and 2009 for medical practitioners (table 12A.54). Data disaggregated by remoteness area are available in tables 12A.53 (nursing) and 12A.55 (medical practitioner).

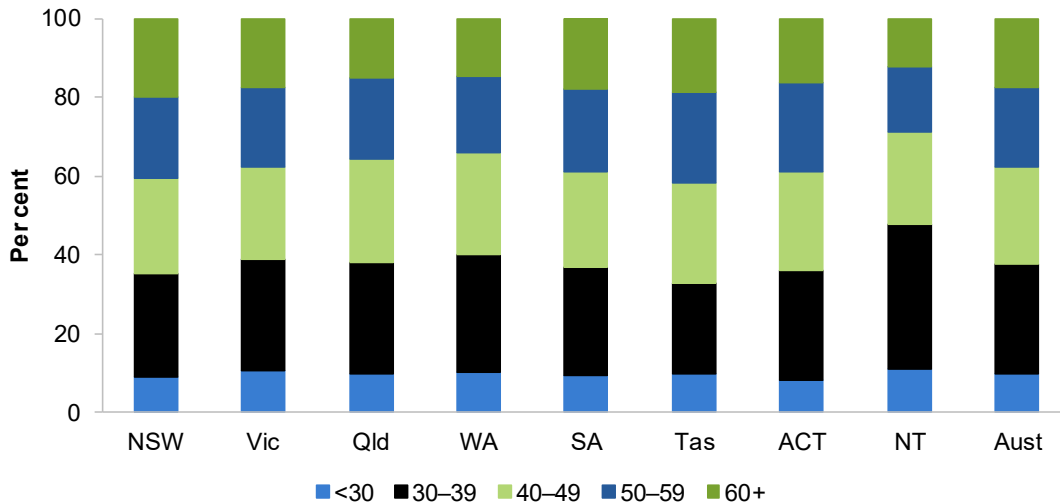
Figure 12.10 Nursing workforce, by age group, 2015<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.11 and table 12A.53 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Health Workforce Data Set; table 12A.53.

Figure 12.11 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group, 2015<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.11 and table 12A.55 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Health Workforce Data Set; table 12A.55.

## Efficiency — Cost per admitted patient separation

‘Cost per admitted patient separation’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to deliver services in an efficient manner (box 12.12).

### Box 12.12 **Cost per admitted patient separation**

‘Cost per admitted patient separation’ is defined by the following two measures:

- Recurrent cost per weighted separation
- Capital cost per weighted separation.

A low or decreasing recurrent cost per weighted separation or capital cost per weighted separation can reflect more efficient service delivery in public hospitals. However, this indicator needs to be viewed in the context of the set of performance indicators as a whole, as decreasing cost could also be associated with decreasing quality and effectiveness.

#### *Recurrent cost per weighted separation*

‘Recurrent cost per weighted separation’ is the average cost of providing care for an admitted patient (overnight stay or same day) adjusted for casemix. Casemix adjustment takes account of variation in the relative complexity of the patient’s clinical condition and of the hospital services provided, but not other influences on length of stay.

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Data reported for this measure are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions but not over time. Data prior to 2013-14 are not comparable with data after this time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2014-15 data are available for all jurisdictions.

*Capital cost per weighted separation*

'Capital cost per separation' is calculated as capital, labour and material costs divided by the number of weighted separations.

Capital costs include depreciation and the user cost of capital for buildings and equipment. This measure allows the full cost of hospital services to be considered. Depreciation is defined as the cost of consuming an asset's services. It is measured by the reduction in value of an asset over the financial year. The user cost of capital is the opportunity cost of the capital invested in an asset, and is equivalent to the return foregone from not using the funds to deliver other services or to retire debt. Interest payments represent a user cost of capital, so are deducted from capital costs to avoid double counting.

Data reported for this measure are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions. Data prior to 2013-14 are not comparable with data after this time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2014-15 data are available for all jurisdictions.

*Recurrent cost per weighted separation*

Nationally in 2014-15, the recurrent cost per weighted separation was \$5025 (figure 12.12). Comparable data are available for 2013-14 but have not been adjusted for inflation (table 12A.56).

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Figure 12.12 **Recurrent cost per weighted separation, 2014-15<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.12 and table 12A.56 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: IHPA (unpublished) National Hospital Cost Data Collection; table 12A.56.

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Average cost per admitted acute emergency department presentation for 2014-15 are reported in table 12A.58.

The ‘Relative stay index’ can provide useful context for interpreting the cost per separation indicator as the length of stay per separation can influence cost. The relative stay index is defined as the actual number of acute care patient days divided by the expected number of acute care patient days, adjusted for casemix. The relative stay index for Australia for all hospitals (public and private) is one. A relative stay index greater than one indicates that average length of patient stay is higher than expected given the jurisdiction’s casemix distribution. A relative stay index of less than one indicates that the number of bed days used was less than expected. The relative stay index for public hospitals is reported in table 12A.59.

#### *Capital cost per weighted separation*

Costs associated with non-current physical assets (such as depreciation and the user cost of capital) are potentially important components of the total costs of many services delivered by government agencies. Capital costs are reported in table 12A.57. This is an interim indicator reported until ‘Total cost per casemix adjusted separation’ data again become available.

The Steering Committee’s approach is to report the full costs of a service where they are available. Where the full costs of a service cannot be accurately measured, the Steering

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Committee seeks to report estimated costs that are comparable. Where differences in comparability remain, the differences are documented. The Steering Committee has identified financial reporting issues that have affected the accuracy and comparability of unit costs for acute care services. These include the treatment of payroll tax, superannuation, depreciation and the user cost of capital associated with buildings and equipment. A number of issues remain to improve further the quality of these estimates.

## Recurrent cost per non-admitted patient

‘Recurrent cost per non-admitted patient’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to deliver services in an efficient manner (box 12.13).

### Box 12.13 Recurrent cost per non-admitted patient

‘Recurrent cost per non-admitted patient’ is defined by the following two measures:

- Average cost per non-admitted acute emergency department presentation
- Average cost per non-admitted service event.

A low or decreasing recurrent cost per non-admitted patient can reflect more efficient service delivery in public hospitals. However, this indicator should be viewed in the context of the set of performance indicators as a whole, as decreasing cost could also be associated with decreasing quality and effectiveness. This indicator does not adjust for the complexity of service.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions but not over time. Data for 2014-15 are not comparable with previous years
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2014-15 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2014-15, the average cost per non-admitted emergency department presentation was \$449 (table 12A.60). Nationally, non-admitted service events had an average cost of \$272 in 2014-15 (table 12A.61). These data are reported for the first time this year and are not comparable with data reported for this indicator in previous editions.

## Outcomes

Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (see chapter 1).

### Mortality in hospitals

‘Mortality in hospitals’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to manage illness and the effects of injury in a safe manner (box 12.14).



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**Box 12.14 Mortality in hospitals**

'Mortality in hospitals' is defined by the following three measures:

- Hospital standardised mortality ratio
- Death in low-mortality diagnostic related groups
- In-hospital mortality rates.

Mortality in hospitals has been identified as a key area for development in future Reports.

## 12.4 Definitions of key terms

<b>Accreditation</b>	Professional recognition awarded to hospitals and other healthcare facilities that meet defined industry standards. Public hospitals can seek accreditation through the ACHS Evaluation and Quality Improvement Program, the Australian Quality Council (now known as Business Excellence Australia), the Quality Improvement Council, the International Organisation for Standardization 9000 Quality Management System or other equivalent programs.
<b>Acute care</b>	Clinical services provided to admitted or non-admitted patients, including managing labour, curing illness or treating injury, performing surgery, relieving symptoms and/or reducing the severity of illness or injury, and performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Most episodes involve a relatively short hospital stay.
<b>Admitted patient</b>	A patient who has undergone a formal admission process in a public hospital to begin an episode of care. Admitted patients can receive acute, subacute or non-acute care services.
<b>Allied health (non-admitted)</b>	Occasions of service to non-admitted patients at units/clinics providing treatment/counselling to patients. These include units providing physiotherapy, speech therapy, family planning, dietary advice, optometry and occupational therapy.
<b>AR-DRG</b>	Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Group - a patient classification system that hospitals use to match their patient services (hospital procedures and diagnoses) with their resource needs. AR-DRG version 6.0x is based on the ICD-10-AM classification.
<b>Casemix adjusted</b>	Adjustment of data on cases treated to account for the number and type of cases. Cases are sorted by AR-DRG into categories of patients with similar clinical conditions and requiring similar hospital services. Casemix adjustment is an important step to achieving comparable measures of efficiency across hospitals and jurisdictions.
<b>Casemix adjusted separations</b>	The number of separations adjusted to account for differences across hospitals in the complexity of episodes of care.
<b>Community health services</b>	Health services for individuals and groups delivered in a community setting, rather than via hospitals or private facilities.
<b>Comparability</b>	Data are considered comparable if (subject to caveats) they can be used to inform an assessment of comparative performance. Typically, data are considered comparable when they are collected in the same way and in accordance with the same definitions. For comparable indicators or measures, significant differences in reported results allow an assessment of differences in performance, rather than being the result of anomalies in the data.
<b>Completeness</b>	Data are considered complete if all required data are available for all jurisdictions that provide the service.

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<b>Cost of capital</b>	The return foregone on the next best investment, estimated at a rate of 8 per cent of the depreciated replacement value of buildings, equipment and land. Also called the 'opportunity cost' of capital.
<b>Elective surgery waiting times</b>	Elective surgery waiting times are calculated by comparing the date on which patients are added to a waiting list with the date on which they are admitted for the awaited procedure. Days on which the patient was not ready for care are excluded.
<b>Emergency department waiting time to commencement of clinical care</b>	The time elapsed for each patient from presentation to the emergency department (that is, the time at which the patient is clerically registered or triaged, whichever occurs earlier) to the commencement of service by a treating medical officer or nurse.
<b>Emergency department waiting times to admission</b>	The time elapsed for each patient from presentation to the emergency department to admission to hospital.
<b>ICD-10-AM</b>	The Australian modification of the International Standard Classification of Diseases and Related Health Conditions. This is the current classification of diagnoses in Australia.
<b>Hospital boarder</b>	A person who is receiving food and/or accommodation but for whom the hospital does not accept responsibility for treatment and/or care.
<b>Length of stay</b>	The period from admission to separation less any days spent away from the hospital (leave days).
<b>Medicare</b>	Australian Government funding of private medical and optometrical services (under the Medicare Benefits Schedule). Sometimes defined to include other forms of Australian Government funding such as subsidisation of selected pharmaceuticals (under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) and public hospital funding (under the Australian Health Care Agreements), which provides public hospital services free of charge to public patients.
<b>Mortality rate</b>	The number of deaths per 100 000 people.
<b>Newborn qualification status</b>	<p>A newborn qualification status is assigned to each patient day within a newborn episode of care.</p> <p>A newborn patient day is qualified if the infant meets at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is the second or subsequent live born infant of a multiple birth, whose mother is currently an admitted patient,</li> <li>• is admitted to an intensive care facility in a hospital, being a facility approved by the Commonwealth Minister for the purpose of the provision of special care,</li> <li>• is admitted to, or remains in hospital without its mother.</li> </ul> <p>A newborn patient day is unqualified if the infant does not meet any of the above criteria.</p> <p>The day on which a change in qualification status occurs is counted as a day of the new qualification status.</p> <p>If there is more than one qualification status in a single day, the day is counted as a day of the final qualification status for that day.</p>
<b>Nursing workforce</b>	Registered and enrolled nurses who are employed in nursing, on extended leave or looking for work in nursing.
<b>Medical practitioner workforce</b>	Registered medical practitioners who are employed as medical practitioners, on extended leave or looking for work as a medical practitioner.
<b>Non-acute care</b>	Includes maintenance care and newborn care (where the newborn does not require acute care).
<b>Non-admitted occasions of service</b>	Occasion of examination, consultation, treatment or other service provided to a non-admitted patient in a functional unit of a health service establishment. Services can include emergency department visits, outpatient services (such as pathology, radiology and imaging, and allied health services, including

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	speech therapy and family planning) and other services to non-admitted patients. Hospital non-admitted occasions of service are not yet recorded consistently across states and territories, and relative differences in the complexity of services provided are not yet documented.
<b>Non-admitted patient</b>	A patient who has not undergone a formal admission process, but who may receive care through an emergency department, outpatient or other non-admitted service.
<b>Public hospital</b>	A hospital that provides free treatment and accommodation to eligible admitted persons who elect to be treated as public patients. It also provides free services to eligible non-admitted patients and can provide (and charge for) treatment and accommodation services to private patients. Charges to non-admitted patients and admitted patients on discharge can be levied in accordance with the Australian Health Care Agreements (for example, aids and appliances).
<b>Real expenditure</b>	Actual expenditure adjusted for changes in prices.
<b>Relative stay index</b>	The actual number of patient days for acute care separations in selected AR-DRGs divided by the expected number of patient days adjusted for casemix. Includes acute care separations only. Excludes: patients who died or were transferred within 2 days of admission, or separations with length of stay greater than 120 days, AR-DRGs which are for 'rehabilitation', AR-DRGs which are predominantly same day (such as R63Z chemotherapy and L61Z admit for renal dialysis), AR-DRGs which have a length of stay component in the definition, and error AR-DRGs.
<b>Same day patients</b>	A patient whose admission date is the same as the separation date.
<b>Sentinel events</b>	Adverse events that cause serious harm to patients and that have the potential to undermine public confidence in the healthcare system.
<b>Separation</b>	A total hospital stay (from admission to discharge, transfer or death) or a portion of a hospital stay beginning or ending in a change in the type of care for an admitted patient (for example, from acute to rehabilitation). Includes admitted patients who receive same day procedures (for example, renal dialysis).
<b>Subacute care</b>	Specialised multidisciplinary care in which the primary need for care is optimisation of the patient's functioning and quality of life. A person's functioning may relate to their whole body or a body part, the whole person, or the whole person in a social context, and to impairment of a body function or structure, activity limitation and/or participation restriction. Subacute care comprises the defined care types of rehabilitation, palliative care, geriatric evaluation and management and psychogeriatric care.
<b>Triage category</b>	The urgency of the patient's need for medical and nursing care: category 1 — resuscitation (immediate within seconds) category 2 — emergency (within 10 minutes) category 3 — urgent (within 30 minutes) category 4 — semi-urgent (within 60 minutes) category 5 — non-urgent (within 120 minutes).
<b>Urgency category for elective surgery</b>	Category 1 patients — admission within 30 days is desirable for a condition that has the potential to deteriorate quickly to the point that it can become an emergency. Category 2 patients — admission within 90 days is desirable for a condition that is causing some pain, dysfunction or disability, but that is not likely to deteriorate quickly or become an emergency. Category 3 patients — admission at some time in the future is acceptable for a condition causing minimal or no pain, dysfunction or disability, that is unlikely to deteriorate quickly and that does not have the potential to become an emergency.

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# 12A Public hospitals — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 12.4 of the chapter. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

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(a), (b), (c)

	NSW (d)	Vic	Qld (e)	WA (f)	SA (g)	Tas (h)	ACT	NT (i)	Aust
2005-06									
Salary and wages	6 840	5 018	3 073	1 822	1 465	409	329	279	19 235
Non-salary	4 243	3 023	1 872	1 010	944	305	218	146	11 761
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 083</b>	<b>8 042</b>	<b>4 945</b>	<b>2 832</b>	<b>2 409</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>30 996</b>
2006-07									
Salary and wages	6 942	5 247	3 509	2 049	1 526	432	335	294	20 335
Non-salary	4 375	3 076	1 991	1 154	932	318	240	156	12 242
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 317</b>	<b>8 322</b>	<b>5 501</b>	<b>3 203</b>	<b>2 458</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>32 577</b>
2007-08									
Salary and wages	7 008	5 585	3 996	2 264	1 658	419	375	303	21 609
Non-salary	4 654	3 234	2 201	1 234	1 145	336	254	163	13 221
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 662</b>	<b>8 819</b>	<b>6 198</b>	<b>3 498</b>	<b>2 803</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>34 829</b>
2008-09									
Salary and wages	7 297	5 850	4 360	2 491	1 759	475	414	337	22 982
Non-salary	4 616	3 383	2 355	1 311	1 120	333	270	180	13 568
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 912</b>	<b>9 233</b>	<b>6 715</b>	<b>3 802</b>	<b>2 879</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>36 549</b>
2009-10									
Salary and wages	7 175	6 077	4 749	2 519	1 831	572	422	363	23 707
Non-salary	4 785	3 496	2 507	1 439	1 133	352	287	167	14 165
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 959</b>	<b>9 573</b>	<b>7 256</b>	<b>3 958</b>	<b>2 964</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>37 872</b>
2010-11									
Salary and wages	7 511	6 507	5 369	2 719	1 922	604	459	390	25 482
Non-salary	5 313	3 731	2 691	1 629	1 335	372	314	181	15 567
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 824</b>	<b>10 238</b>	<b>8 060</b>	<b>4 348</b>	<b>3 257</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>41 048</b>
2011-12									



TABLE 12A.1

Table 12A.1 **Recurrent expenditure on public hospital services (including psychiatric hospitals), (2014-15 dollars, million)**  
**(a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW (d)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (e)</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas (h)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (i)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Salary and wages	8 160	6 778	5 556	3 006	2 084	616	619	425	27 244
Non-salary	5 822	3 782	2 793	1 740	1 415	376	392	190	16 510
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 982</b>	<b>10 560</b>	<b>8 349</b>	<b>4 746</b>	<b>3 499</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>1 011</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>43 753</b>
2012-13									
Salary and wages	8 204	6 777	5 181	3 218	1 989	616	681	441	27 107
Non-salary	5 958	3 847	2 878	1 824	1 373	392	359	199	16 831
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 162</b>	<b>10 624</b>	<b>8 059</b>	<b>5 042</b>	<b>3 362</b>	<b>1 007</b>	<b>1 040</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>43 937</b>
2013-14									
Salary and wages	8 434	6 921	5 655	3 306	2 146	637	688	443	28 230
Non-salary	5 959	3 996	3 091	1 808	1 455	388	361	192	17 251
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 393</b>	<b>10 917</b>	<b>8 746</b>	<b>5 115</b>	<b>3 601</b>	<b>1 025</b>	<b>1 049</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>45 481</b>
2014-15									
Salary and wages	10 882	7 849	5 674	4 368	2 109	775	660	489	32 804
Non-salary	7 461	5 761	3 193	3 957	1 594	457	429	307	23 159
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 343</b>	<b>12 682</b>	<b>8 866</b>	<b>8 325</b>	<b>3 702</b>	<b>1 232</b>	<b>1 089</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>55 036</b>

(a) Expenditure data exclude depreciation.

(b) Recurrent expenditure on the purchase of public hospitals services at the State, or area health service-level, from privately owned and/or operated hospitals is excluded.

(c) For 2014–15, recurrent expenditure reported to the AIHW by most jurisdictions (excludes Queensland) included expenditure on public hospital services by public hospitals, local hospital networks and by state/territory health authorities. The recurrent expenditure data for 2014–15 are not comparable with recurrent expenditure reported in previous years, which did not include expenditure by local hospital networks and by state/territory health authorities.

(d) NSW hospital expenditure recorded against special purposes and trust funds is excluded.

(e) Queensland pathology services were purchased from a statewide pathology service rather than being provided by hospital employees.

(f) In WA, expenditure on public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses is included from 2006-07 figures but not in those for previous years.

Table 12A.1 **Recurrent expenditure on public hospital services (including psychiatric hospitals), (2014-15 dollars, million)**  
**(a), (b), (c)**

	NSW (d)	Vic	Qld (e)	WA (f)	SA (g)	Tas (h)	ACT	NT (i)	Aust
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(g) In SA in 2011-12 there were significant once-off revaluations of other employee related expenses. This reflects as an artificial reduction in expenditure, including for salaries and wages expenditure components, for 2012-13 results.

(h) For 2005-06 data for one hospital are not included.

(i) Interest payments for the NT were not reported.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series; AIHW (various years), *Hospital resources: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series; AIHW (2016), *Health expenditure Australia 2014–15*, Health and Welfare Expenditure Series No. 57, Cat. no. HWE 67.

**Table 12A.2 Recurrent expenditure per person, public hospital services (including psychiatric) (2014-15 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld (e)	WA (f)	SA (g)	Tas (h)	ACT (i)	NT	Aust
2005-06	1 648.5	1 601.0	1 247.4	1 387.9	1 557.8	1 462.2	1 636.6	2 055.9	1 525.0
2006-07	1 666.5	1 630.6	1 356.1	1 536.5	1 573.1	1 526.3	1 701.0	2 134.5	1 578.4
2007-08	1 678.9	1 695.9	1 489.9	1 634.1	1 776.2	1 523.1	1 828.0	2 145.9	1 651.9
2008-09	1 699.9	1 737.7	1 570.4	1 715.6	1 801.3	1 611.2	1 948.1	2 316.9	1 701.1
2009-10	1 682.7	1 766.6	1 661.5	1 745.8	1 830.8	1 825.3	1 979.9	2 322.0	1 731.6
2010-11	1 785.1	1 862.9	1 816.5	1 873.2	1 992.8	1 914.2	2 117.6	2 485.0	1 850.9
2011-12	1 919.2	1 891.4	1 847.5	1 982.9	2 121.5	1 937.4	2 724.1	2 638.9	1 940.8
2012-13	1 918.2	1 870.1	1 748.6	2 032.3	2 021.6	1 967.6	2 751.1	2 678.1	1 914.8
2013-14	1 921.2	1 887.1	1 866.9	2 016.1	2 146.2	1 994.6	2 738.6	2 613.9	1 950.6
2014-15	2 409.8	2 137.4	1 867.0	3 228.5	2 187.3	2 392.5	2 806.3	3 274.5	2 321.1

(a) Expenditure data exclude depreciation and interest payments.

(b) Recurrent expenditure on the purchase of public hospitals services at the State, or area health service-level, from privately owned and/or operated hospitals is not included.

(c) Expenditure data are deflated using the hospital/nursing home care price index from the AIHW publication *Health Expenditure Australia*.

(d) For 2014–15, recurrent expenditure reported to the AIHW by most jurisdictions (excludes Queensland) included expenditure on public hospital services by public hospitals, local hospital networks and by state/territory health authorities. The recurrent expenditure data for 2014–15 are not comparable with recurrent expenditure reported in previous years, which did not include expenditure by local hospital networks and by state/territory health authorities.

(e) Queensland pathology services were purchased from a statewide pathology service rather than being provided by hospital employees.

(f) In WA, recurrent expenditure per person from 2006-07 includes expenditure on public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses. Expenditure for these patients is not included in previous years.

(g) In SA in 2011-12 there were significant once-off revaluations of other employee related expenses. This reflects as an artificial reduction in expenditure, including for salaries and wages expenditure components, for 2012-13 results.

(h) In Tasmania, for 2005-06, data for one hospital are not included.

(i) The expenditure numbers for the ACT include substantial expenditures for NSW residents, and so the ACT expenditure is overstated.

*Source:* AIHW (various years), *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series; AIHW (various years), *Hospital resources: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series; AIHW (2016), *Health expenditure Australia 2014–15*, Health and Welfare Expenditure Series No. 57, Cat. no. HWE 67.

TABLE 12A.3

Table 12A.3 **Public hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals) by hospital size (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (e,f)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2010-11									
No. of hospitals									
10 or fewer beds	29	38	74	43	11	14	1	–	212
more than 10 to 50 beds	118	53	62	31	54	5	–	2	322
more than 50 to 100 beds	30	20	10	3	6	1	–	1	73
more than 100 to 200 beds	22	20	9	10	3	1	–	1	65
more than 200 to 500 beds	18	16	10	5	4	1	1	1	56
more than 500 beds	9	4	5	2	2	1	1	–	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>752</b>
Proportion of total hospitals (%)									
10 or fewer beds	12.8	25.2	43.5	45.7	13.8	60.9	33.3	0.0	28.2
more than 10 to 50 beds	52.2	35.1	36.5	33.0	67.5	21.7	0.0	40.0	42.8
more than 50 to 100 beds	13.3	13.2	5.9	3.2	7.5	4.3	0.0	20.0	9.7
more than 100 beds	21.7	26.5	14.1	18.1	11.3	13.0	66.7	40.0	19.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
No. of available beds									
10 or fewer beds	122	221	224	239	51	76	10	–	930
more than 10 to 50 beds	3 026	1 270	1 394	761	1 328	81	–	52	7 862
more than 50 to 100 beds	2 146	1 463	697	226	452	87	–	60	5 263
more than 100 to 200 beds	3 278	2 942	1 505	1 496	519	116	–	183	9 936
more than 200 to 500 beds	5 473	5 098	3 111	1 469	1 262	333	223	367	17 303
more than 500 beds	5 887	2 480	4 186	1 302	1 428	503	693	–	16 478
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 931</b>	<b>13 474</b>	<b>11 117</b>	<b>5 492</b>	<b>5 040</b>	<b>1 196</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>57 772</b>
Proportion of total beds (%)									
10 or fewer beds	0.6	1.6	2.0	4.4	1.0	6.4	1.1	0.0	1.6
more than 10 to 50 beds	15.2	9.4	12.5	13.9	26.3	6.8	0.0	7.9	13.6
more than 50 to 100 beds	10.8	10.9	6.3	4.1	9.0	7.3	0.0	9.1	9.1
more than 100 beds	73.4	78.1	79.2	77.7	63.7	79.6	98.9	83.1	75.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2011-12									
No. of hospitals									
10 or fewer beds	32	38	74	44	12	14	1	–	217
more than 10 to 50 beds	116	52	62	32	51	5	–	2	318
more than 50 to 100 beds	27	20	10	3	8	1	–	1	71
more than 100 to 200 beds	22	21	8	10	3	1	–	1	65
more than 200 to 500 beds	19	16	10	5	4	1	1	1	57
more than 500 beds	9	4	6	2	2	1	1	–	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>753</b>
Proportion of total hospitals (%)									
10 or fewer beds	14.2	25.2	43.5	45.8	15.0	60.9	33.3	0.0	28.8

TABLE 12A.3

Table 12A.3 **Public hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals) by hospital size (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (e,f)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
more than 10 to 50 beds	51.6	34.4	36.5	33.3	63.8	21.7	0.0	40.0	42.2
more than 50 to 100 beds	12.0	13.2	5.9	3.1	10.0	4.3	0.0	20.0	9.4
more than 100 beds	22.2	27.2	14.1	17.7	11.3	13.0	66.7	40.0	19.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
No. of available beds									
10 or fewer beds	125	206	223	243	89	76	10	–	958
more than 10 to 50 beds	2 970	1 212	1 415	785	1 279	81	–	54	7 776
more than 50 to 100 beds	1 915	1 431	720	227	639	89	–	60	5 130
more than 100 to 200 beds	3 198	2 947	1 300	1 579	482	115	–	195	9 709
more than 200 to 500 beds	5 868	5 159	2 853	1 521	1 280	324	225	387	17 584
more than 500 beds	5 996	2 540	4 734	1 321	1 464	503	704	–	17 261
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 073</b>	<b>13 495</b>	<b>11 245</b>	<b>5 677</b>	<b>5 232</b>	<b>1 188</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>58 420</b>
Proportion of total beds (%)									
10 or fewer beds	0.6	1.5	2.0	4.3	1.7	6.4	1.1	0.0	1.6
more than 10 to 50 beds	14.8	9.0	12.6	13.8	24.4	6.8	0.0	7.8	13.3
more than 50 to 100 beds	9.5	10.6	6.4	4.0	12.2	7.5	0.0	8.6	8.8
more than 100 beds	75.0	78.9	79.0	77.9	61.7	79.3	98.9	83.6	76.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2012-13									
No. of hospitals									
10 or fewer beds	31	39	76	42	22	14	1	–	225
more than 10 to 50 beds	119	50	61	28	41	5	–	2	306
more than 50 to 100 beds	26	23	8	3	8	1	–	1	70
more than 100 to 200 beds	21	18	8	10	3	1	–	1	62
more than 200 to 500 beds	19	15	12	5	4	2	1	1	59
more than 500 beds	9	5	5	2	2	–	1	–	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>746</b>
Proportion of total hospitals (%)									
10 or fewer beds	13.8	26.0	44.7	46.7	27.5	60.9	33.3	0.0	30.2
more than 10 to 50 beds	52.9	33.3	35.9	31.1	51.3	21.7	0.0	40.0	41.0
more than 50 to 100 beds	11.6	15.3	4.7	3.3	10.0	4.3	0.0	20.0	9.4
more than 100 beds	21.8	25.3	14.7	18.9	11.3	13.0	66.7	40.0	19.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
No. of available beds									
10 or fewer beds	103	226	244	233	137	76	10	–	1 029
more than 10 to 50 beds	3 045	1 199	1 448	723	1 018	82	–	54	7 569
more than 50 to 100 beds	1 944	1 699	621	226	580	89	–	60	5 218
more than 100 to 200 beds	3 123	2 589	1 294	1 547	444	115	–	183	9 295
more than 200 to 500 beds	5 964	4 663	3 880	1 590	1 280	826	235	367	18 804
more than 500 beds	6 003	3 073	3 786	1 330	1 464	–	741	–	16 396

TABLE 12A.3

Table 12A.3 **Public hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals) by hospital size (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (e,f)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 181</b>	<b>13 449</b>	<b>11 273</b>	<b>5 648</b>	<b>4 922</b>	<b>1 188</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>58 311</b>
Proportion of total beds (%)									
10 or fewer beds	0.5	1.7	2.2	4.1	2.8	6.4	1.0	0.0	1.8
more than 10 to 50 beds	15.1	8.9	12.8	12.8	20.7	6.9	0.0	8.1	13.0
more than 50 to 100 beds	9.6	12.6	5.5	4.0	11.8	7.5	0.0	9.0	8.9
more than 100 beds	74.8	76.8	79.5	79.1	64.8	79.2	99.0	82.8	76.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2013-14									
No. of hospitals									
10 or fewer beds	33	39	76	44	22	14	1	–	229
more than 10 to 50 beds	118	52	60	28	41	5	–	2	306
more than 50 to 100 beds	23	22	8	3	8	1	–	1	66
more than 100 to 200 beds	23	18	8	9	3	1	–	1	63
more than 200 to 500 beds	19	15	11	5	4	2	1	1	58
more than 500 beds	9	5	6	2	2	–	1	–	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>747</b>
Proportion of total hospitals (%)									
10 or fewer beds	14.7	25.8	45.0	48.4	27.5	60.9	33.3	–	30.7
more than 10 to 50 beds	52.4	34.4	35.5	30.8	51.3	21.7	–	40.0	41.0
more than 50 to 100 beds	10.2	14.6	4.7	3.3	10.0	4.3	–	20.0	8.8
more than 100 beds	22.7	25.2	14.8	17.6	11.3	13.0	66.7	40.0	19.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
No. of available beds									
10 or fewer beds	112	234	238	219	135	80	10	–	1 029
more than 10 to 50 beds	3 053	1 225	1 413	689	1 014	85	–	54	7 533
more than 50 to 100 beds	1 657	1 675	609	222	564	81	–	60	4 867
more than 100 to 200 beds	3 366	2 588	1 319	1 386	417	117	–	183	9 377
more than 200 to 500 beds	5 987	4 799	3 411	1 646	1 259	824	258	367	18 551
more than 500 beds	6 068	3 062	4 518	1 314	1 487	–	762	–	17 211
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 242</b>	<b>13 583</b>	<b>11 508</b>	<b>5 477</b>	<b>4 876</b>	<b>1 187</b>	<b>1 030</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>58 567</b>
Proportion of total beds (%)									
10 or fewer beds	0.6	1.7	2.1	4.0	2.8	6.7	1.0	0.0	1.8
more than 10 to 50 beds	15.1	9.0	12.3	12.6	20.8	7.2	0.0	8.1	12.9
more than 50 to 100 beds	8.2	12.3	5.3	4.1	11.6	6.8	0.0	9.0	8.3
more than 100 beds	76.2	76.9	80.4	79.4	64.9	79.3	99.0	82.8	77.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2014-15									
No. of hospitals									
10 or fewer beds	22	39	29	45	19	13	1	–	168
more than 10 to 50 beds	128	51	60	26	41	5	–	2	313

TABLE 12A.3

Table 12A.3 **Public hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals) by hospital size (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (e,f)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
more than 50 to 100 beds	24	21	9	4	8	–	–	1	67
more than 100 to 200 beds	24	19	6	8	3	3	–	1	64
more than 200 to 500 beds	18	17	12	7	4	2	1	1	62
more than 500 beds	9	4	6	2	2	–	1	–	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>698</b>
Proportion of total hospitals (%)									
10 or fewer beds	9.8	25.8	23.8	48.9	24.7	56.5	33.3	–	24.1
more than 10 to 50 beds	56.9	33.8	49.2	28.3	53.2	21.7	–	40.0	44.8
more than 50 to 100 beds	10.7	13.9	7.4	4.3	10.4	0.0	–	20.0	9.6
more than 100 beds	22.7	26.5	19.7	18.5	11.7	21.7	66.7	40.0	21.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
No. of available beds									
10 or fewer beds	68	237	207	217	123	70	10	..	931
more than 10 to 50 beds	3 355	1 138	1 375	677	985	85	..	54	7 669
more than 50 to 100 beds	1 725	1 579	667	268	587	..	..	60	4 886
more than 100 to 200 beds	3 674	2 685	956	1 211	422	337	..	183	9 468
more than 200 to 500 beds	5 945	5 685	3 904	2 095	1 314	807	265	367	20 382
more than 500 beds	6 252	2 584	4 662	1 221	1 492	..	793	..	17 003
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 018</b>	<b>13 908</b>	<b>11 771</b>	<b>5 689</b>	<b>4 923</b>	<b>1 299</b>	<b>1 068</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>60 340</b>
Proportion of total beds (%)									
10 or fewer beds	0.3	1.7	1.8	3.8	2.5	5.4	0.9	..	1.5
more than 10 to 50 beds	16.0	8.2	11.7	11.9	20.0	6.5	..	8.1	12.7
more than 50 to 100 beds	8.2	11.4	5.7	4.7	11.9	..	..	9.0	8.1
more than 100 beds	75.5	78.8	80.9	79.6	65.6	88.1	99.1	82.8	77.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) The number of hospitals reported can be affected by administrative and/or reporting arrangements and is not necessarily a measure of the number of physical hospital buildings or campuses.

(b) Size is based on the average number of available beds.

(c) The comparability of bed numbers can be affected by the casemix of hospitals including the extent to which hospitals provide same day admitted services and other specialised services.

(d) A change in definition of average available beds may affect comparison over time.

(e) The count of hospitals in Victoria is a count of the campuses that report data separately to the National Hospital Morbidity Database.

(f) For Victoria for 2009-10 to 2011-12, the numbers of available beds have been adjusted to correct reporting anomalies and to include Secure Extended Care Unit beds. These beds meet the definition of an available bed but were incorrectly excluded from the submissions of some health services to the NPHED. Comparisons of bed numbers published in previous years are not valid for Victoria.

(g) In 2012-13 a large number of SA state-funded aged care beds in country hospitals converted into Commonwealth multi-purpose service places. This has resulted in an apparent decrease in the numbers of available beds between 2011-12 and 2012-13. This has also resulted in hospitals shifting categories, there are more hospitals with 10 or fewer beds in 2012-13.

**Table 12A.3 Public hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals) by hospital size (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (e,f)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series; AIHW (various years), *Hospital resources: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series.



TABLE 12A.4

Table 12A.4 Available beds per 1000 people, by region, public hospitals (including psychiatric) (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA (f)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2005-06									
Metropolitan	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.8	..	2.2	..	2.5
Rural	3.3	2.6	2.5	2.4	3.6	2.7	–	2.7	2.8
Remote	6.5	2.4	5.7	3.9	7.6	2.5	..	2.9	4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>
2006-07									
Major cities	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.7	..	2.4	..	2.5
Regional	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.6	2.8	–	2.8	3.0
Remote	7.5	2.1	5.6	3.8	7.8	3.0	..	2.9	4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>
2007-08									
Major cities	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.8	..	2.6	..	2.5
Regional	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.5	3.7	2.6	–	2.9	3.0
Remote	7.7	2.9	4.9	3.2	7.7	3.0	..	2.9	4.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>
2008-09									
Major cities	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.7	..	2.5	..	2.5
Regional	3.3	2.7	2.8	2.3	3.4	2.6	..	2.8	2.9
Remote	6.9	3.0	4.9	2.9	7.3	2.1	..	2.8	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>
2009-10									
Major cities	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.7	..	2.6	..	2.5
Regional	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.2	3.3	2.7	..	3.1	2.8
Remote	5.7	3.0	4.4	2.9	7.0	2.1	..	3.0	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>
2010-11									
Metropolitan	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.8	..	2.6	..	2.5
Rural	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.2	3.3	2.4	..	2.9	2.8
Remote	5.6	3.0	4.2	2.8	6.7	2.1	..	2.9	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>
2011-12									
Major cities	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.9	..	2.6	..	2.5
Regional	3.1	2.7	2.8	2.2	3.6	2.3	..	3.0	2.8
Remote	5.3	2.5	4.1	2.6	6.6	2.2	..	3.1	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>
2012-13									
Major cities	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.8	..	2.6	..	2.5
Regional	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.3	3.2	2.3	–	2.8	2.7
Remote	5.3	2.2	4.0	2.5	4.7	2.0	..	2.9	3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>

**Table 12A.4 Available beds per 1000 people, by region, public hospitals (including psychiatric) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA (f)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14									
Major cities	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.7	..	2.7	..	2.4
Regional	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.2	3.2	2.3	–	2.7	2.7
Remote	5.1	1.7	3.8	2.2	4.7	2.1	..	2.8	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>
2014-15									
Major cities	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.8	..	2.8	..	2.5
Regional	3.2	2.7	2.5	2.2	3.1	2.5	..	2.6	2.8
Remote	6.4	2.4	3.6	2.5	4.4	2.1	..	2.8	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>

- (a) Population calculated based on a crude rate. Data need to be viewed in the context of the age and sex structure and morbidity and mortality of the population in each jurisdiction. The age and sex structure of the population in each jurisdiction is provided in the 'Statistical appendix' and mortality rates in the 'Health sector summary'.
- (b) Available beds includes both average available beds for overnight and same day accommodation. Average available overnight beds is the number of beds available to provide overnight accommodation for patients (other than neonatal cots (nonspecial-care) and beds occupied by hospital-in-the-home patients), averaged over the counting period. Average available same day beds is the number of beds, chairs or trolleys available to provide accommodation for same-day patients, averaged over the counting period.
- (c) The comparability of bed numbers can be affected by the casemix of hospitals including the extent to which hospitals provide same day admitted services and other specialised services.
- (d) Analysis by remoteness area is of less relevance to geographically smaller jurisdictions and those jurisdictions with small populations residing in remote areas (such as Victoria).
- (e) In WA, beds available for public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses are included from 2006-07 figures but not in those for previous years.
- (f) In 2012-13 a large number of SA state-funded aged care beds in country hospitals converted into Commonwealth multi-purpose service places. This has resulted in an apparent decrease in the numbers of available beds between 2011-12 and 2012-13.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series; AIHW (various years), *Hospital resources: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series.

TABLE 12A.5

Table 12A.5 Summary of separations, public hospitals (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2010-11										
Separations										
Public hospitals	no.	1 582 804	1 496 041	964 349	548 272	390 154	99 333	93 745	104 434	5 279 132
Public acute hospitals	no.	1 576 866	1 495 555	964 025	546 785	388 483	99 118	93 745	104 434	5 269 011
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 938	486	324	1 487	1 671	215	..	..	10 121
Overnight separations										
Public hospitals	no.	875 005	645 995	472 812	255 849	212 421	49 703	43 849	38 350	2 593 984
Public acute hospitals	no.	869 273	645 515	472 492	254 433	211 101	49 496	43 849	38 350	2 584 509
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 732	480	320	1 416	1 320	207	..	..	9 475
Same day separations										
Public hospitals	no.	707 799	850 046	491 537	292 423	177 733	49 630	49 896	66 084	2 685 148
Public acute hospitals	no.	707 593	850 040	491 533	292 352	177 382	49 622	49 896	66 084	2 684 502
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	206	6	4	71	351	8	..	..	646
Same day separations (per cent of total)										
Public hospitals	%	44.7	56.8	51.0	53.3	45.6	50.0	53.2	63.3	50.9
Public acute hospitals	%	44.9	56.8	51.0	53.5	45.7	50.1	53.2	63.3	50.9
Public psychiatric hospitals	%	3.5	1.2	1.2	4.8	21.0	3.7	..	..	6.4
Separations per 1000 population (d)										
Public hospitals	no.	205.7	255.7	209.4	235.2	217.2	181.4	272.3	504.5	225.9
Public acute hospitals	no.	204.8	255.6	209.3	234.6	216.2	180.9	272.3	504.5	225.5
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
2011-12										
Separations										
Public hospitals	no.	1 660 602	1 543 773	1 001 215	588 143	407 315	99 632	97 455	113 357	5 511 492
Public acute hospitals	no.	1 655 276	1 543 310	1 000 832	586 745	405 462	99 276	97 455	113 357	5 501 713
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 326	463	383	1 398	1 853	356	..	..	9 779

TABLE 12A.5

Table 12A.5 Summary of separations, public hospitals (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Overnight separations										
Public hospitals	no.	924 308	660 844	496 615	270 866	218 944	49 120	45 138	38 864	2 704 699
Public acute hospitals	no.	919 191	660 387	496 235	269 498	217 482	48 772	45 138	38 864	2 695 567
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 117	457	380	1 368	1 462	348	–	–	9 132
Same day separations										
Public hospitals	no.	736 294	882 929	504 600	317 277	188 371	50 512	52 317	74 493	2 806 793
Public acute hospitals	no.	736 085	882 923	504 597	317 247	187 980	50 504	52 317	74 493	2 806 146
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	209	6	3	30	391	8	..	..	647
Same day separations (per cent of total)										
Public hospitals	%	44.3	57.2	50.4	53.9	46.2	50.7	53.7	65.7	50.9
Public acute hospitals	%	44.5	57.2	50.4	54.1	46.4	50.9	53.7	65.7	51.0
Public psychiatric hospitals	%	3.9	1.3	0.8	2.1	21.1	2.2	..	..	6.6
Separations per 1000 population (d)										
Public hospitals	no.	216.1	264.9	220.3	248.8	227.6	179.9	278.8	544.7	236.4
Public acute hospitals	no.	215.3	264.8	220.2	248.2	226.5	179.2	278.8	544.7	236.0
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.4
2012-13										
Separations										
Public hospitals	no.	1 716 789	1 429 453	1 044 011	606 809	413 756	106 358	94 712	118 307	5 530 195
Public acute hospitals	no.	1 711 419	1 429 009	1 043 492	605 499	412 239	105 263	94 712	118 307	5 519 940
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 370	444	519	1 310	1 517	1 095	..	..	10 255
Overnight separations										
Public hospitals	no.	947 449	641 888	520 905	279 791	222 508	50 532	44 624	38 818	2 746 515
Public acute hospitals	no.	942 265	641 446	520 432	278 502	221 256	49 453	44 624	38 818	2 736 796
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 184	442	473	1 289	1 252	1 079	..	..	9 719
Same day separations										

TABLE 12A.5

Table 12A.5 Summary of separations, public hospitals (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Public hospitals	no.	769 340	787 565	523 106	327 018	191 248	55 826	50 088	79 489	2 783 680
Public acute hospitals	no.	769 154	787 563	523 060	326 997	190 983	55 810	50 088	79 489	2 783 144
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	186	2	46	21	265	16	..	..	536
Same day separations (per cent of total)										
Public hospitals	%	44.8	55.1	50.1	53.9	46.2	52.5	52.9	67.2	50.3
Public acute hospitals	%	44.9	55.1	50.1	54.0	46.3	53.0	52.9	67.2	50.4
Public psychiatric hospitals	%	3.5	0.5	8.9	1.6	17.5	1.5	..	..	5.2
Separations per 1000 population (d)										
Public hospitals	no.	219.6	239.5	224.3	247.9	228.0	189.5	263.7	561.6	232.1
Public acute hospitals	no.	218.9	239.5	224.2	247.3	227.1	187.4	263.7	561.6	231.6
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.9	2.1	..	..	0.5
2013-14										
Separations										
Public hospitals	no.	1 771 521	1 509 766	1 087 073	595 884	415 778	114 033	96 968	123 847	5 714 870
Public acute hospitals	no.	1 766 334	1 509 348	1 086 658	594 793	414 535	112 997	96 968	123 847	5 705 480
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 187	418	415	1 091	1 243	1 036	..	..	9 390
Overnight separations										
Public hospitals	no.	966 448	641 912	534 791	278 209	220 485	53 974	44 812	40 154	2 780 785
Public acute hospitals	no.	961 398	641 497	534 403	277 130	219 550	52 953	44 812	40 154	2 771 897
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 050	415	388	1 079	935	1 021	..	..	8 888
Same day separations										
Public hospitals	no.	805 073	867 854	552 282	317 675	195 293	60 059	52 156	83 693	2 934 085
Public acute hospitals	no.	804 936	867 851	552 255	317 663	194 985	60 044	52 156	83 693	2 933 583
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	137	3	27	12	308	15	..	..	502
Same day separations (per cent of total)										
Public hospitals	%	45.4	57.5	50.8	53.3	47.0	52.7	53.8	67.6	51.3

TABLE 12A.5

Table 12A.5 Summary of separations, public hospitals (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Public acute hospitals	%	45.6	57.5	50.8	53.4	47.0	53.1	53.8	67.6	51.4
Public psychiatric hospitals	%	2.6	0.7	6.5	1.1	24.8	1.4	..	..	5.3
Separations per 1000 population (d)										
Public hospitals	no.	221.9	247.4	228.1	234.7	225.8	201.9	262.0	571.1	234.4
Public acute hospitals	no.	221.2	247.4	228.0	234.2	225.0	200.0	262.0	571.1	234.0
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	2.0	..	..	0.4
2014-15										
Separations										
Public hospitals	no.	1 813 998	1 587 951	1 202 798	600 723	422 295	119 506	100 784	132 283	5 980 338
Public acute hospitals	no.	1 808 679	1 587 510	1 202 496	599 474	420 870	118 419	100 784	132 283	5 970 515
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 319	441	302	1 249	1 425	1 087	..	..	9 823
Overnight separations										
Public hospitals	no.	983 352	672 286	558 410	276 646	222 732	55 946	47 316	41 243	2 857 931
Public acute hospitals	no.	978 234	671 847	558 108	275 409	221 688	54 875	47 316	41 243	2 848 720
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 118	439	302	1 237	1 044	1 071	..	..	9 211
Same day separations										
Public hospitals	no.	830 646	915 665	644 388	324 077	199 563	63 560	53 468	91 040	3 122 407
Public acute hospitals	no.	830 445	915 663	644 388	324 065	199 182	63 544	53 468	91 040	3 121 795
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	201	2	-	12	381	16	..	..	612
Same day separations (per cent of total)										
Public hospitals	%	45.8	57.7	53.6	53.9	47.3	53.2	53.1	68.8	52.2
Public acute hospitals	%	45.9	57.7	53.6	54.1	47.3	53.7	53.1	68.8	52.3
Public psychiatric hospitals	%	3.8	0.5	0.0	1.0	26.7	1.5	..	..	6.2
Separations per 1000 population (d)										
Public hospitals	no.	222.6	254.9	246.7	231.0	225.6	208.3	267.2	598.0	240.2
Public acute hospitals	no.	221.9	254.8	246.6	230.5	224.8	206.1	267.2	598.0	239.8

Table 12A.5 **Summary of separations, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.9	2.1	..	..	0.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as newborn with no qualified days, and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement have been excluded.

(b) There was a change in Victorian admission policy from 1 July 2012 that has impacted the separation time series.

(c) Data on state of hospitalisation should be interpreted with caution because of cross-border flows of patients. This is particularly the case for the ACT. In 2009–10, about 18 per cent of separations for ACT hospitals were for patients who resided in NSW.

(d) Figures are directly age-standardised to the June 2001 Australian population.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Australian Hospital Statistics*, Health Services Series; AIHW (various years), *Admitted patient care: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series.

TABLE 12A.6

Table 12A.6 **Separations, public (non-psychiatric) hospitals (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA (d)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (e)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total separations (no.)										
2005-06	'000	1 409	1 272	750	393	376	94	72	83	4 451
2006-07	'000	1 451	1 314	784	449	389	97	76	86	4 646
2007-08	'000	1 457	1 351	832	457	366	96	81	90	4 729
2008-09	'000	1 500	1 379	883	466	372	94	90	95	4 880
2009-10	'000	1 537	1 424	923	504	381	101	88	100	5 058
2010-11	'000	1 577	1 496	964	547	388	99	94	104	5 269
2011-12	'000	1 655	1 543	1 001	587	405	99	97	113	5 502
2012-13	'000	1 711	1 429	1 043	605	412	105	95	118	5 520
2013-14	'000	1 766	1 509	1 087	595	415	113	97	124	5 705
2014-15	'000	1 809	1 588	1 202	599	421	118	101	132	5 971
Overnight separations (no.)										
2005-06	'000	792	561	383	194	192	48	33	34	2 237
2006-07	'000	814	577	398	213	197	48	35	34	2 315
2007-08	'000	819	584	424	221	203	45	37	34	2 368
2008-09	'000	838	590	440	226	205	45	41	36	2 420
2009-10	'000	847	615	453	235	208	50	41	37	2 485
2010-11	'000	869	646	472	254	211	49	44	38	2 585
2011-12	'000	919	660	496	269	217	49	45	39	2 696
2012-13	'000	942	641	520	279	221	49	45	39	2 737
2013-14	'000	961	641	534	277	220	53	45	40	2 772
2014-15	'000	978	672	558	275	222	55	47	41	2 849
Same day separations (no.)										
2005-06	'000	617	711	367	200	184	46	39	50	2 214
2006-07	'000	637	737	386	236	192	49	41	52	2 331
2007-08	'000	638	767	408	235	163	51	44	56	2 362
2008-09	'000	662	790	443	240	168	50	49	60	2 460
2009-10	'000	690	809	469	270	173	51	48	63	2 573
2010-11	'000	708	850	492	292	177	50	50	66	2 685
2011-12	'000	736	883	505	317	188	51	52	74	2 806
2012-13	'000	769	788	523	327	191	56	50	79	2 783
2013-14	'000	805	868	552	318	195	60	52	84	2 934
2014-15	'000	830	916	644	324	199	64	53	91	3 122
Same day separations as a percentage of total separations (%)										
2005-06	%	43.8	55.9	48.9	50.8	48.9	49.0	54.7	59.6	49.7
2006-07	%	43.9	56.1	49.2	52.6	49.4	50.5	54.4	60.6	50.2
2007-08	%	43.8	56.8	49.0	51.5	44.6	52.8	54.0	62.0	49.9
2008-09	%	44.1	57.2	50.2	51.5	45.0	52.6	54.2	62.7	50.4
2009-10	%	44.9	56.8	50.9	53.4	45.4	50.7	53.9	63.2	50.9
2010-11	%	44.9	56.8	51.0	53.5	45.7	50.1	53.2	63.3	50.9
2011-12	%	44.5	57.2	50.4	54.1	46.4	50.9	53.7	65.7	51.0



Table 12A.6 **Separations, public (non-psychiatric) hospitals (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA (d)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (e)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012-13	%	44.9	55.1	50.1	54.0	46.3	53.0	52.9	67.2	50.4
2013-14	%	45.6	57.5	50.8	53.4	47.0	53.1	53.8	67.6	51.4
2014-15	%	45.9	57.7	53.6	54.1	47.3	53.7	53.1	68.8	52.3
Total separations (rate per 1000) (f)										
2005-06	no.	199.8	243.7	187.9	195.7	228.4	185.8	238.4	483.0	212.8
2006-07	no.	204.4	246.6	190.1	217.7	231.5	187.5	244.8	480.1	218.0
2007-08	no.	201.4	247.7	195.6	214.3	215.1	182.7	256.1	486.4	216.9
2008-09	no.	203.4	247.2	202.0	212.0	215.1	177.7	275.4	487.9	218.8
2009-10	no.	203.4	248.7	204.7	222.1	216.2	186.7	263.6	486.8	220.9
2010-11	no.	204.8	255.6	209.3	234.6	216.2	180.9	272.3	504.5	225.5
2011-12	no.	215.3	264.8	220.2	248.2	226.5	179.2	278.8	544.7	236.0
2012-13	no.	218.9	239.5	224.2	247.3	227.1	187.4	263.7	561.6	231.6
2013-14	no.	221.2	247.4	228.0	234.2	225.0	200.0	262.0	571.1	234.0
2014-15	no.	221.9	254.8	246.6	230.5	224.8	206.1	267.2	598.0	239.8

(a) Excludes separations for which the care type was reported as 'newborn with no qualified days' and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement.

(b) There was a change in Victorian admission policy from 1 July 2012 that has impacted the separation time series.

(c) In WA, separations for public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses are included from 2006-07 figures but not in those for previous years.

(d) In SA as of 1 July 2007, all sameday chemotherapy and scopes patients were treated on an outpatient basis. This resulted in a drop in sameday inpatient activity from 2007-08 onwards. In addition to this flexible bronchoscopy patients were treated as outpatients from 1 July 2009.

(e) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up a high proportion of the population in the NT which contributes to the high level of separations in the NT. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more likely than other Australians to experience poor health.

(f) Rates per 1000 people are directly age standardised to the Australian population at June 2001.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Australian Hospital Statistics*, Health Services Series; AIHW (various years), *Admitted patient care: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series.

TABLE 12A.7

Table 12A.7 **Acute same-day and overnight separations by broad category of service, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2011-12									
Same-day separations									
Childbirth	2 921	1 104	2 070	673	564	124	369	209	8 034
Specialist mental health	8 351	930	4 856	491	1 180	5	101	53	15 967
Emergency									
Surgical	8 436	6 486	2 494	2 372	1 298	522	656	139	22 403
Medical	133 043	182 590	124 801	63 325	34 079	3 559	9 847	9 210	560 454
Other	1 873	762	734	588	231	119	133	17	4 457
Non-emergency									
Surgical	102 433	108 908	55 086	38 606	36 677	8 120	4 674	4 004	358 508
Medical	409 794	492 295	282 218	170 483	105 379	30 260	32 984	58 879	1 582 292
Other	69 443	89 854	32 341	40 739	8 963	7 803	3 553	1 982	254 678
Total same-day separations	736 294	882 929	504 600	317 277	188 371	50 512	52 317	74 493	2 806 793
Overnight separations									
Childbirth	69 968	53 259	41 364	20 943	14 581	3 731	4 040	2 983	210 869
Specialist mental health	32 074	20 562	18 626	10 059	7 640	2 169	1 343	857	93 330
Emergency									
Surgical	76 568	56 058	40 147	26 938	18 950	5 381	5 944	4 491	234 477
Medical	469 321	308 907	247 201	139 147	112 626	22 154	19 924	22 416	1 341 696
Other	20 473	12 655	8 398	5 781	4 954	1 245	1 108	893	55 507
Non-emergency									
Surgical	102 891	92 821	63 338	33 019	29 735	6 460	5 822	2 645	336 731
Medical	146 616	110 235	71 888	33 398	28 225	7 568	6 762	4 270	408 962
Other	6 397	6 347	5 653	1 581	2 233	412	195	309	23 127
Total overnight separations	924 308	660 844	496 615	270 866	218 944	49 120	45 138	38 864	2 704 699

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Table 12A.7 **Acute same-day and overnight separations by broad category of service, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total separations									
Childbirth	72 889	54 363	43 434	21 616	15 145	3 855	4 409	3 192	218 903
Specialist mental health	40 425	21 492	23 482	10 550	8 820	2 174	1 444	910	109 297
Emergency									
Surgical	85 004	62 544	42 641	29 310	20 248	5 903	6 600	4 630	256 880
Medical	602 364	491 497	372 002	202 472	146 705	25 713	29 771	31 626	1 902 150
Other	22 346	13 417	9 132	6 369	5 185	1 364	1 241	910	59 964
Non-emergency									
Surgical	205 324	201 729	118 424	71 625	66 412	14 580	10 496	6 649	695 239
Medical	556 410	602 530	354 106	203 881	133 604	37 828	39 746	63 149	1 991 254
Other	75 840	96 201	37 994	42 320	11 196	8 215	3 748	2 291	277 805
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 660 602</b>	<b>1 543 773</b>	<b>1 001 215</b>	<b>588 143</b>	<b>407 315</b>	<b>99 632</b>	<b>97 455</b>	<b>113 357</b>	<b>5 511 492</b>
Same day separations (% of total separations)									
Childbirth	4.0	2.0	4.8	3.1	3.7	3.2	8.4	6.5	3.7
Specialist mental health	20.7	4.3	20.7	4.7	13.4	0.2	7.0	5.8	14.6
Emergency									
Surgical	9.9	10.4	5.8	8.1	6.4	8.8	9.9	3.0	8.7
Medical	22.1	37.1	33.5	31.3	23.2	13.8	33.1	29.1	29.5
Other	8.4	5.7	8.0	9.2	4.5	8.7	10.7	1.9	7.4
Non-emergency									
Surgical	49.9	54.0	46.5	53.9	55.2	55.7	44.5	60.2	51.6
Medical	73.6	81.7	79.7	83.6	78.9	80.0	83.0	93.2	79.5
Other	91.6	93.4	85.1	96.3	80.1	95.0	94.8	86.5	91.7

TABLE 12A.7

Table 12A.7 **Acute same-day and overnight separations by broad category of service, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012-13									
Same-day separations									
Childbirth	2 986	1 263	2 402	742	619	193	459	172	8 836
Specialist mental health	7 982	1 782	4 382	453	936	8	115	54	15 712
Emergency									
Surgical	8 614	5 183	2 747	2 244	1 469	621	733	130	21 741
Medical	144 356	82 596	160 619	63 585	37 051	4 479	9 617	9 915	512 218
Other	2 257	677	946	684	242	137	106	10	5 059
Non-emergency									
Surgical	104 578	108 729	55 371	40 481	36 417	7 958	4 929	4 345	362 808
Medical	428 746	497 409	268 829	176 215	105 138	35 621	30 183	62 570	1 604 711
Other	69 821	89 926	27 810	42 614	9 376	6 809	3 946	2 293	252 595
Total same-day separations	769 340	787 565	523 106	327 018	191 248	55 826	50 088	79 489	2 783 680
Overnight separations									
Childbirth	70 511	54 836	41 693	22 043	14 883	3 650	4 340	3 022	214 978
Specialist mental health	33 461	21 596	19 923	10 878	6 835	2 913	1 438	949	97 993
Emergency									
Surgical	77 439	56 624	42 864	27 707	19 213	5 200	5 789	4 303	239 139
Medical	481 991	286 679	265 820	142 674	115 703	23 095	19 479	22 127	1 357 568
Other	21 019	13 040	9 698	6 097	4 949	1 370	1 163	1 036	58 372
Non-emergency									
Surgical	104 352	92 269	61 634	33 778	28 808	6 351	5 675	2 825	335 692
Medical	151 938	110 432	74 368	35 034	30 032	7 562	6 530	4 261	420 157
Other	6 738	6 412	4 905	1 580	2 085	391	210	295	22 616
Total overnight separations	947 449	641 888	520 905	279 791	222 508	50 532	44 624	38 818	2 746 515

TABLE 12A.7

Table 12A.7 **Acute same-day and overnight separations by broad category of service, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total separations									
Childbirth	73 497	56 099	44 095	22 785	15 502	3 843	4 799	3 194	223 814
Specialist mental health	41 443	23 378	24 305	11 331	7 771	2 921	1 553	1 003	113 705
Emergency									
Surgical	86 053	61 807	45 611	29 951	20 682	5 821	6 522	4 433	260 880
Medical	626 347	369 275	426 439	206 259	152 754	27 574	29 096	32 042	1 869 786
Other	23 276	13 717	10 644	6 781	5 191	1 507	1 269	1 046	63 431
Non-emergency									
Surgical	208 930	200 998	117 005	74 259	65 225	14 309	10 604	7 170	698 500
Medical	580 684	607 841	343 197	211 249	135 170	43 183	36 713	66 831	2 024 868
Other	76 559	96 338	32 715	44 194	11 461	7 200	4 156	2 588	275 211
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 716 789</b>	<b>1 429 453</b>	<b>1 044 011</b>	<b>606 809</b>	<b>413 756</b>	<b>106 358</b>	<b>94 712</b>	<b>118 307</b>	<b>5 530 195</b>
Same day separations (% of total separations)									
Childbirth	4.1	2.3	5.4	3.3	4.0	5.0	9.6	5.4	3.9
Specialist mental health	19.3	7.6	18.0	4.0	12.0	0.3	7.4	5.4	13.8
Emergency									
Surgical	10.0	8.4	6.0	7.5	7.1	10.7	11.2	2.9	8.3
Medical	23.0	22.4	37.7	30.8	24.3	16.2	33.1	30.9	27.4
Other	9.7	4.9	8.9	10.1	4.7	9.1	8.4	1.0	8.0
Non-emergency									
Surgical	50.1	54.1	47.3	54.5	55.8	55.6	46.5	60.6	51.9
Medical	73.8	81.8	78.3	83.4	77.8	82.5	82.2	93.6	79.3
Other	91.2	93.3	85.0	96.4	81.8	94.6	94.9	88.6	91.8

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14									
Same-day separations									
Childbirth	3 063	1 400	2 472	808	659	251	468	198	9 319
Specialist mental health	7 078	2 004	4 276	475	1 141	15	67	–	15 056
Emergency									
Surgical	8 205	6 006	2 938	2 422	1 474	615	461	140	22 261
Medical	154 709	131 069	185 802	46 487	37 585	7 290	10 537	10 203	583 682
Other	1 976	1 065	1 095	1 304	251	206	135	17	6 049
Non-emergency									
Surgical	102 360	115 851	55 212	40 966	35 708	7 801	5 390	4 190	367 478
Medical	433 861	507 036	256 477	179 151	98 970	36 456	29 753	66 276	1 607 980
Other	80 095	103 153	30 981	45 814	13 030	7 377	4 729	2 619	287 798
Total same-day separations	791 347	867 584	539 253	317 427	188 818	60 011	51 540	83 643	2 899 623
Overnight separations									
Childbirth	69 938	55 536	41 778	22 472	14 858	3 821	4 528	3 033	215 964
Specialist mental health	32 583	21 899	18 717	10 373	6 439	2 182	1 299	991	94 483
Emergency									
Surgical	79 281	57 118	44 060	28 114	19 026	5 629	5 425	4 703	243 356
Medical	487 939	273 532	277 702	139 979	113 623	25 163	20 708	22 969	1 361 615
Other	22 173	14 009	11 052	6 414	4 854	1 538	1 222	1 046	62 308
Non-emergency									
Surgical	105 287	97 576	63 814	35 054	28 091	6 342	6 085	2 629	344 878
Medical	106 054	73 799	42 771	19 920	21 977	6 111	2 915	3 604	277 151
Other	7 100	7 003	4 853	1 792	2 120	491	207	312	23 878
Total overnight separations	910 355	600 472	504 747	264 118	210 988	51 277	42 389	39 287	2 623 633

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total separations									
Childbirth	73 001	56 936	44 250	23 280	15 517	4 072	4 996	3 231	225 283
Specialist mental health	39 661	23 903	22 993	10 848	7 580	2 197	1 366	991	109 539
Emergency									
Surgical	87 486	63 124	46 998	30 536	20 500	6 244	5 886	4 843	265 617
Medical	642 648	404 601	463 504	186 466	151 208	32 453	31 245	33 172	1 945 297
Other	24 149	15 074	12 147	7 718	5 105	1 744	1 357	1 063	68 357
Non-emergency									
Surgical	207 647	213 427	119 026	76 020	63 799	14 143	11 475	6 819	712 356
Medical	539 915	580 835	299 248	199 071	120 947	42 567	32 668	69 880	1 885 131
Other	87 195	110 156	35 834	47 606	15 150	7 868	4 936	2 931	311 676
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 701 702</b>	<b>1 468 056</b>	<b>1 044 000</b>	<b>581 545</b>	<b>399 806</b>	<b>111 288</b>	<b>93 929</b>	<b>122 930</b>	<b>5 523 256</b>
Same day separations (% of total separations)									
Childbirth	4.2	2.5	5.6	3.5	4.2	6.2	9.4	6.1	4.1
Specialist mental health	17.8	8.4	18.6	4.4	15.1	0.7	4.9	0.0	13.7
Emergency									
Surgical	9.4	9.5	6.3	7.9	7.2	9.8	7.8	2.9	8.4
Medical	24.1	32.4	40.1	24.9	24.9	22.5	33.7	30.8	30.0
Other	8.2	7.1	9.0	16.9	4.9	11.8	9.9	1.6	8.8
Non-emergency									
Surgical	49.3	54.3	46.4	53.9	56.0	55.2	47.0	61.4	51.6
Medical	80.4	87.3	85.7	90.0	81.8	85.6	91.1	94.8	85.3
Other	91.9	93.6	86.5	96.2	86.0	93.8	95.8	89.4	92.3

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2014-15									
Same-day separations									
Childbirth	3 120	1 368	2 395	873	778	276	427	155	9 392
Specialist mental health	6 161	1 418	5 688	613	1 310	15	60	–	15 265
Emergency									
Surgical	8 295	6 602	2 981	2 447	1 648	593	459	136	23 161
Medical	164 205	160 632	206 307	46 108	42 028	8 139	10 647	11 960	650 026
Other	1 733	1 470	1 306	1 164	234	274	130	24	6 335
Non-emergency									
Surgical	105 422	116 787	59 911	40 733	36 153	7 952	5 604	4 117	376 679
Medical	443 353	518 981	308 524	188 154	98 030	37 984	30 449	71 832	1 697 307
Other	83 821	108 149	44 066	43 829	12 042	8 274	4 998	2 730	307 909
Total same-day separations	816 110	915 407	631 178	323 921	192 223	63 507	52 774	90 954	3 086 074
Overnight separations									
Childbirth	69 803	56 251	42 214	22 710	14 672	4 071	4 754	3 116	217 591
Specialist mental health	34 225	23 202	19 276	11 593	7 899	2 270	1 236	957	100 658
Emergency									
Surgical	80 787	60 198	45 233	27 917	19 479	5 884	5 490	4 651	249 639
Medical	496 582	292 925	293 116	141 005	115 148	26 399	21 802	24 186	1 411 163
Other	23 188	14 414	11 884	6 533	4 818	1 554	1 315	1 045	64 751
Non-emergency									
Surgical	107 118	99 159	66 347	32 605	27 240	6 683	6 068	2 663	347 883
Medical	107 560	75 576	43 762	19 387	21 783	5 521	3 477	3 465	280 531
Other	7 641	7 294	5 206	1 696	1 960	425	230	297	24 749
Total overnight separations	926 904	629 019	527 038	263 446	212 999	52 807	44 372	40 380	2 696 965



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Table 12A.7 **Acute same-day and overnight separations by broad category of service, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total separations									
Childbirth	72 923	57 619	44 609	23 583	15 450	4 347	5 181	3 271	226 983
Specialist mental health	40 386	24 620	24 964	12 206	9 209	2 285	1 296	957	115 923
<i>Emergency</i>									
Surgical	89 082	66 800	48 214	30 364	21 127	6 477	5 949	4 787	272 800
Medical	660 787	453 557	499 423	187 113	157 176	34 538	32 449	36 146	2 061 189
Other	24 921	15 884	13 190	7 697	5 052	1 828	1 445	1 069	71 086
Non-emergency									
Surgical	212 540	215 946	126 258	73 338	63 393	14 635	11 672	6 780	724 562
Medical	550 913	594 557	352 286	207 541	119 813	43 505	33 926	75 297	1 977 838
Other	91 462	115 443	49 272	45 525	14 002	8 699	5 228	3 027	332 658
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 813 998</b>	<b>1 587 951</b>	<b>1 202 798</b>	<b>600 723</b>	<b>422 295</b>	<b>119 506</b>	<b>100 784</b>	<b>132 283</b>	<b>5 980 338</b>
Same day separations (% of total separations)									
Childbirth	4.3	2.4	5.4	3.7	5.0	6.3	8.2	4.7	4.1
Specialist mental health	15.3	5.8	22.8	5.0	14.2	0.7	4.6	0.0	13.2
<i>Emergency</i>									
Surgical	9.3	9.9	6.2	8.1	7.8	9.2	7.7	2.8	8.5
Medical	24.8	35.4	41.3	24.6	26.7	23.6	32.8	33.1	31.5
Other	7.0	9.3	9.9	15.1	4.6	15.0	9.0	2.2	8.9
Non-emergency									
Surgical	49.6	54.1	47.5	55.5	57.0	54.3	48.0	60.7	52.0
Medical	80.5	87.3	87.6	90.7	81.8	87.3	89.8	95.4	85.8
<b>Other</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>93.7</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>86.0</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>92.6</b>

Table 12A.7 **Acute same-day and overnight separations by broad category of service, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as Acute or Newborn (with at least one qualified day) and separations for which care type was not reported.

(b) There was a change in Victorian admission policy from 1 July 2012 that has impacted the separation time series.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Australian Hospital Statistics*, Health Services Series; AIHW (various years), *Admitted patient care: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series.

**Table 12A.8 Separations per 1000 people, by Indigenous status of patient (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (e)</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT (e)</i>	<i>Total (f)</i>
2005-06									
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	495.6	np	745.4	845.2	875.0	np	np	1 548.0	792.1
All people	203.2	243.4	186.2	196.4	228.4	np	np	479.1	213.6
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
All people	108.6	136.4	175.2	157.2	129.2	np	np	np	np
2006-07									
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	528.0	624.3	756.7	876.5	929.3	np	np	1 584.8	787.5
All people	206.0	246.7	190.2	218.4	232.6	np	np	480.1	218.8
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
All people	112.9	141.3	177.9	138.4	132.5	np	np	np	141.4
2007-08									
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	550.5	629.8	785.7	869.4	908.9	np	np	1 670.7	807.7
All people	202.8	247.8	195.7	215.1	216.4	np	np	486.4	217.6
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	15.0	53.7	82.0	315.3	91.3	np	np	np	95.1
All people	117.6	145.5	181.5	150.9	138.3	np	np	np	147.0
2008-09									
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	511.5	535.8	732.5	817.3	950.5	np	np	1 656.0	763.3
All people	205.6	249.5	204.4	215.8	217.7	np	np	495.5	221.3
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	17.3	44.1	64.6	373.1	67.4	np	np	np	81.7
All people	122.9	145.3	186.6	165.3	143.4	np	np	np	145.6
2009-10									

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Table 12A.8 **Separations per 1000 people, by Indigenous status of patient (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (e)</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT (e)</i>	<i>Total (f)</i>
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	522.5	558.1	752.8	901.8	1 005.2	np	np	1 663.8	813.4
All people	207.1	251.4	206.7	225.4	219.9	np	np	500.2	224.3
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	15.4	62.5	47.4	411.8	52.0	np	np	np	84.0
All people	127.7	155.4	188.0	168.8	149.0	np	np	np	152.6
2010-11									
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	540.7	636.4	765.2	986.6	1 059.5	np	np	1 704.3	848.0
All people	207.3	258.0	211.5	238.3	218.2	np	np	510.6	227.9
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	18.5	135.5	40.5	453.0	37.7	np	np	np	93.3
All people	131.3	149.6	186.5	180.4	152.8	np	np	np	152.4
2011-12									
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	589.6	715.3	794.9	1 074.5	1 129.1	223.5	652.5	1 778.7	877.4
All people	216.1	264.9	220.3	248.8	227.6	179.9	278.8	544.7	236.4
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	24.6	91.9	43.7	488.0	33.2	np	np	np	95.5
All people	137.7	155.9	195.2	183.1	155.5	np	np	np	158.2
2012-13									
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	650.2	701.3	874.8	1 095.8	1 193.5	244.5	626.6	1 906.4	938.6
All people	223.2	244.7	229.7	256.7	231.1	191.0	271.9	579.7	237.0
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	29.6	79.0	45.1	523.1	42.9	np	np	np	103.1
All people	139.2	160.0	202.5	189.6	159.2	np	np	np	162.3
2013-14									

**Table 12A.8 Separations per 1000 people, by Indigenous status of patient (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (e)</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT (e)</i>	<i>Total (f)</i>
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	527.0	597.9	751.0	1 032.8	885.7	191.7	483.9	1 863.4	800.6
All people	221.9	247.4	228.1	234.7	225.8	201.9	262.0	571.1	234.4
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	25.5	55.0	44.2	520.9	41.3	np	np	np	95.6
All people	135.9	158.7	202.4	186.0	159.7	np	np	np	160.7
2014-15									
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	554.0	647.8	777.6	1 096.9	871.4	238.2	489.3	1 981.2	842.1
All people	222.6	254.9	246.7	231.0	225.6	208.3	267.2	598.0	240.2
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	32.0	48.7	56.1	547.6	46.7	np	np	np	105.3
All people	143.0	160.2	207.4	183.9	159.7	np	np	np	164.4

(a) Directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001.

(b) Identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients has varied among jurisdictions and over time. From 2011-12 Indigenous data are of acceptable quality for all states and territories in public hospitals. From 2006-07 data for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, WA and the NT (public only) were of acceptable quality. For 2005-06 NSW, Queensland, SA, WA and the NT (public only) were of acceptable quality. Prior to this Queensland, SA, WA and the NT (public only) were of acceptable quality. Data should be interpreted with caution as there are jurisdictional differences in data quality and changes in hospitalisation rates for Indigenous people over time may include a component due to improved identification.

(c) Excludes separations with a care type of Newborn without qualified days, and records for Hospital boarders and Posthumous organ procurement.

(d) In WA, separations for public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses are included from 2006-07 public hospitals figures but not in those for previous years.

(e) Private hospital data are suppressed for confidentiality reasons.

(f) The totals include data only for the states and territories that had acceptable data quality. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality.

**np** Not published.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), National Hospital Morbidity Database.

TABLE 12A.9

Table 12A.9 **Average full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 1000 persons, public hospital services (including psychiatric hospitals) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW (d)</i>	<i>Vic (e)</i>	<i>Qld (f)</i>	<i>WA(g)</i>	<i>SA Tas (h)</i>	<i>ACT (i)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	
<b>2005-06</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.1
Nurses	5.3	5.0	4.0	4.3	5.7	4.7	5.0	5.7	4.9
Registered nurses	na	na	3.4	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.3	5.0	na
Other nurses	na	na	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.5	0.8	0.7	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	0.2	na	na	0.2	0.5	0.1	na
Diagnostic and allied health	1.6	2.4	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.6
Administrative and clerical	1.8	1.9	1.2	1.6	1.9	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.7
Domestic and other staff	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.9	1.5	2.1	0.5	2.6	1.6
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>10.9</b>
<b>2006-07</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.2
Nurses	5.4	5.2	4.3	4.6	5.6	4.6	5.2	5.7	5.0
Registered nurses	na	na	3.7	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.3	5.1	na
Other nurses	na	na	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.5	0.9	0.7	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	na
Diagnostic and allied health	1.7	2.4	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.7
Administrative and clerical	1.8	2.0	1.4	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.7	2.1	1.8
Domestic and other staff	1.7	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.3	2.0	0.5	2.6	1.6
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>11.4</b>
<b>2007-08</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.3
Nurses	5.3	5.2	4.6	4.5	5.8	4.5	5.7	5.6	5.1
Registered nurses	na	na	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.0	4.7	5.0	na
Other nurses	na	na	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.5	1.0	0.6	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	0.2	na	0.5	na	0.5	0.1	na
Diagnostic and allied health	1.8	2.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.7
Administrative and clerical	1.6	2.1	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.8
Domestic and other staff	1.4	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.2	2.0	0.5	2.6	1.5
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>11.4</b>
<b>2008-09</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.4
Nurses	5.4	5.4	4.6	4.7	6.1	4.9	5.8	6.1	5.2
Registered nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	0.2	na	0.5	na	0.5	0.1	na
Diagnostic and allied health	1.7	2.4	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.7
Administrative and clerical	1.6	2.1	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.0	1.8
Domestic and other staff	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.9	1.2	2.2	0.5	2.6	1.4
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>11.5</b>

TABLE 12A.9

Table 12A.9 **Average full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 1000 persons, public hospital services (including psychiatric hospitals) (a), (b), (c)**

	NSW (d)	Vic (e)	Qld (f)	WA(g)	SA	Tas (h)	ACT (i)	NT	Aust
<b>2009-10</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.4
Nurses	5.2	5.5	4.6	4.7	6.3	5.3	5.8	6.7	5.2
Registered nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	0.2	na	0.5	na	0.5	0.0	0.1
Diagnostic and allied health	1.6	2.5	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.6
Administrative and clerical	1.6	2.1	1.5	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.7
Domestic and other staff	1.3	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.1	2.1	0.5	2.7	1.4
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>11.5</b>
<b>2010-11</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.5
Nurses	5.2	5.7	5.1	4.8	6.4	5.5	5.9	6.7	5.4
Registered nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	0.3	na	0.6	na	0.6	0.0	0.1
Diagnostic and allied health	1.5	2.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.7
Administrative and clerical	1.6	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9
Domestic and other staff	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.1	2.1	0.5	2.7	1.4
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>
<b>2011-12</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.5
Nurses	5.4	5.7	5.1	4.9	6.5	5.3	6.7	6.9	5.5
Registered nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	0.3	na	0.5	na	0.6	0.0	0.1
Diagnostic and allied health	1.4	2.6	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1	2.5	1.7	1.7
Administrative and clerical	1.6	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.6	2.1	1.9
Domestic and other staff	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.0	2.1	0.0	2.8	1.4
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>12.0</b>
<b>2012-13</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.5	2.1	2.1	1.5
Nurses	5.6	5.6	4.7	5.0	6.5	5.1	7.2	7.1	5.4
Registered nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other personal care staff	na	–	0.2	–	0.5	na	0.8	0.0	0.1
Diagnostic and allied health	1.6	2.5	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	2.8	1.7	1.7
Administrative and clerical	1.7	2.1	1.5	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9
Domestic and other staff	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.9	0.9	2.1	0.2	2.7	1.4
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>12.0</b>

**Table 12A.9 Average full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 1000 persons, public hospital services (including psychiatric hospitals) (a), (b), (c)**

	NSW (d)	Vic (e)	Qld (f)	WA(g)	SA	Tas (h)	ACT (i)	NT	Aust
<b>2013-14</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.6	2.3	2.1	1.6
Nurses	5.7	5.7	5.0	5.0	6.6	5.5	7.5	7.0	5.6
Registered nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Diagnostic and allied health	1.7	2.6	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.3	3.0	1.7	1.8
Administrative and clerical	1.8	2.2	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.3	3.0	2.0	1.9
Domestic and other staff	1.2	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.5	2.2	1.5	2.8	1.5
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>
<b>2014-15</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.4	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.8
Nurses	6.1	6.2	5.1	5.7	6.4	6.4	7.6	7.6	5.9
Registered nurses	na	5.3	4.5	5.7	5.2	5.8	7.0	7.1	3.5
Other nurses	na	0.9	0.6	–	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4
Diagnostic and allied health	2.2	2.4	1.2	1.8	1.2	1.7	2.6	1.9	2.0
Administrative and clerical	3.3	2.3	1.6	3.0	1.5	2.9	3.8	2.1	2.6
Other personal care staff, domestic and other	1.8	1.6	1.7	2.0	1.5	2.7	1.2	2.4	1.7
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>14.0</b>

- (a) Staff per 1000 people are calculated from ABS population data at 31 December 2013 (table 2A.2). Population data used to derive rates are revised to the final 2011 Census rebased estimates and projections. Population data for All Australians for all years are estimates. See chapter 2 (table 2A.2) for details.
- (b) Where average FTE staff numbers are not available for a financial year, staff numbers on the last day of the financial year are used (for example, 30 June 2009, for 2008-09). Staff contracted to provide products (rather than labour) are not included.
- (c) For 2014–15, average full-time equivalent staff reported to the AIHW by most jurisdictions (excludes Queensland) included staff employed in providing public hospital services by public hospitals, local hospital networks and by state/territory health authorities. The staffing data for 2014–15 are not comparable with staffing data reported in previous years, which did not include staff employed by local hospital networks and by state/territory health authorities.
- (d) For NSW, 'other personal care staff' are included in 'diagnostic and allied health' and 'domestic and other staff'.
- (e) For Victoria, FTEs may be slightly understated. 'Other personal care staff' are included in 'domestic and other staff'.
- (f) Queensland pathology services staff employed by the state pathology service are not included.
- (g) Many WA hospitals were unable to provide a split between nurse categories and these have been reported as registered nurses.
- (h) In Tasmania in 2006-07 data for two small hospitals are not included. Tasmanian 'other personal care' staff are included in 'domestic and other staff'.



Table 12A.9 **Average full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 1000 persons, public hospital services (including psychiatric hospitals) (a), (b), (c)**

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	<i>NSW (d)</i>	<i>Vic (e)</i>	<i>Qld (f)</i>	<i>WA (g)</i>	<i>SA Tas (h)</i>	<i>ACT (i)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(i) Caution should be used in comparing data for the ACT with other jurisdictions as the ACT workforce serves many residents of southern NSW in addition to ACT residents, while only ACT residents are captured in the denominator.

**na** Not available.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series; AIHW (various years), *Hospital resources: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series.

TABLE 12A.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (including psychiatric), 2014-15 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2010-11										
Number of separations										
Acute care	no.	1 510 980	1 446 301	919 598	529 774	371 880	96 124	86 828	102 340	5 063 825
Rehabilitation care	no.	30 832	14 776	19 385	9 496	7 664	1 114	2 718	441	86 426
Palliative care	no.	10 919	6 659	6 599	1 234	1 678	217	629	320	28 255
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	no.	5 624	15 293	2 172	804	1 701	141	707	42	26 484
Psychogeriatric care	no.	808	–	596	730	288	1	21	1	2 445
Maintenance care	no.	7 919	621	5 863	1 384	2 803	437	1 570	292	20 889
Newborn total	no.	77 737	56 535	45 530	23 273	15 693	4 548	4 557	3 545	231 418
Newborn — unqualified										
days only	no.	62 019	44 278	35 563	18 423	11 553	3 267	3 286	2 623	181 012
Other admitted care	no.	–	–	169	–	–	14	1	76	260
Not reported	no.	4	134	–	–	–	4	–	–	142
<b>Total (c)</b>	no.	<b>1 644 823</b>	<b>1 540 319</b>	<b>999 912</b>	<b>566 695</b>	<b>401 707</b>	<b>102 600</b>	<b>97 031</b>	<b>107 057</b>	<b>5 460 144</b>
<b>Total (d)</b>	no.	<b>1 582 804</b>	<b>1 496 041</b>	<b>964 349</b>	<b>548 272</b>	<b>390 154</b>	<b>99 333</b>	<b>93 745</b>	<b>104 434</b>	<b>5 279 132</b>
Proportion of total separations										
Acute care	%	95.5	96.7	95.4	96.6	95.3	96.8	92.6	98.0	95.9
Rehabilitation care	%	1.9	1.0	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.1	2.9	0.4	1.6
Palliative care	%	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.5
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	%	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.8	–	0.5
Psychogeriatric care	%	0.1	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	–	–	–	–
Maintenance care	%	0.5	–	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.7	0.3	0.4
Newborn excluding unqualified days	%	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.0

TABLE 12A.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (including psychiatric), 2014-15 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Other admitted care	%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	–
Not reported	%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total (d)</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2011-12										
Number of separations										
Acute care	no.	1 564 100	1 490 776	947 980	566 072	387 421	95 999	91 177	111 520	5 255 045
Rehabilitation care	no.	31 964	14 954	24 068	11 511	9 205	910	2 603	347	95 562
Palliative care	no.	12 371	7 191	7 333	1 456	1 492	476	648	293	31 260
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	no.	5 907	16 963	3 712	1 554	1 597	324	374	20	30 451
Psychogeriatric care	no.	827	–	472	732	255	54	42	–	2 382
Maintenance care	no.	8 671	553	6 859	1 411	3 037	384	1 210	146	22 271
Newborn total	no.	78 731	58 981	46 498	24 112	16 258	4 132	4 862	3 704	237 278
Newborn — unqualified										
days only	no.	42 116	45 672	35 804	18 705	11 950	2 670	3 483	2 806	163 206
Other admitted care	no.	135	–	97	–	–	13	22	133	400
Not reported	no.	12	27	–	–	–	10	–	–	49
<b>Total (c)</b>	no.	<b>1 702 718</b>	<b>1 589 445</b>	<b>1 037 019</b>	<b>606 848</b>	<b>419 265</b>	<b>102 302</b>	<b>100 938</b>	<b>116 163</b>	<b>5 674 698</b>
<b>Total (d)</b>	no.	<b>1 660 602</b>	<b>1 543 773</b>	<b>1 001 215</b>	<b>588 143</b>	<b>407 315</b>	<b>99 632</b>	<b>97 455</b>	<b>113 357</b>	<b>5 511 492</b>
Proportion of total separations										
Acute care	%	94.2	96.6	94.7	96.2	95.1	96.4	93.6	98.4	95.3
Rehabilitation care	%	1.9	1.0	2.4	2.0	2.3	0.9	2.7	0.3	1.7
Palliative care	%	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	%	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	–	0.6
Psychogeriatric care	%	–	–	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	–	–	–

TABLE 12A.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (including psychiatric), 2014-15 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Maintenance care	%	0.5	–	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.1	0.4
Newborn excluding unqualified days	%	2.2	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.4	0.8	1.3
Other admitted care	%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	–
Not reported	%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total (d)</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2012-13										
Number of separations										
Acute care	no.	1 614 570	1 375 204	984 757	583 629	393 762	102 023	88 879	116 574	5 259 398
Rehabilitation care	no.	35 533	15 264	27 012	11 564	10 069	911	2 608	259	103 220
Palliative care	no.	13 129	7 342	8 404	1 518	1 411	553	600	315	33 272
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	no.	6 497	17 920	4 606	1 964	1 479	266	456	96	33 284
Psychogeriatric care	no.	809	–	472	792	268	114	28	2	2 485
Maintenance care	no.	9 590	470	7 494	1 412	2 290	866	777	163	23 062
Newborn total	no.	78 805	60 763	47 382	25 544	16 726	4 045	5 166	3 665	242 096
Newborn — unqualified										
days only	no.	42 145	47 510	36 118	19 614	12 249	2 467	3 807	2 832	166 742
Other admitted care	no.	1	–	2	–	–	6	5	65	79
Not reported	no.	–	–	–	–	–	41	–	–	41
<b>Total (c)</b>	no.	<b>1 758 934</b>	<b>1 476 963</b>	<b>1 080 129</b>	<b>626 423</b>	<b>426 005</b>	<b>108 825</b>	<b>98 519</b>	<b>121 139</b>	<b>5 696 937</b>
<b>Total (d)</b>	no.	<b>1 716 789</b>	<b>1 429 453</b>	<b>1 044 011</b>	<b>606 809</b>	<b>413 756</b>	<b>106 358</b>	<b>94 712</b>	<b>118 307</b>	<b>5 530 195</b>
Proportion of total separations										
Acute care	%	94.0	96.2	94.3	96.2	95.2	95.9	93.8	98.5	95.1
Rehabilitation care	%	2.1	1.1	2.6	1.9	2.4	0.9	2.8	0.2	1.9
Palliative care	%	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6

TABLE 12A.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (including psychiatric), 2014-15 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	%	0.4	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.6
Psychogeriatric care	%	–	–	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	–	–	–
Maintenance care	%	0.6	–	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.4
Newborn excluding unqualified days	%	2.1	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.4	0.7	1.4
Other admitted care	%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	–
Not reported	%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total (d)</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2013-14										
Number of separations										
Acute care	no.	1 664 642	1 454 287	1 032 739	575 631	395 472	109 829	92 628	122 016	5 447 244
Rehabilitation care	no.	39 096	15 627	24 168	7 136	10 264	895	1 657	248	99 091
Palliative care	no.	12 235	7 353	8 051	1 604	1 896	569	550	327	32 585
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	no.	7 344	18 286	3 825	3 000	1 337	245	168	116	34 321
Psychogeriatric care	no.	893	–	486	881	3	132	21	–	2 416
Maintenance care	no.	10 251	444	6 543	1 718	2 472	895	643	157	23 123
Newborn total	no.	79 099	62 041	47 923	25 859	16 808	4 326	5 352	3 773	245 181
Newborn — unqualified days only	no.	42 041	48 272	36 662	19 945	12 474	2 875	4 051	2 908	169 228
Other admitted care	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not reported	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total (c)</b>	no.	<b>1 813 562</b>	<b>1 558 038</b>	<b>1 123 735</b>	<b>615 829</b>	<b>428 252</b>	<b>116 908</b>	<b>101 019</b>	<b>126 755</b>	<b>5 884 098</b>
<b>Total (d)</b>	no.	<b>1 771 521</b>	<b>1 509 766</b>	<b>1 087 073</b>	<b>595 884</b>	<b>415 778</b>	<b>114 033</b>	<b>96 968</b>	<b>123 847</b>	<b>5 714 870</b>
Proportion of total separations										

TABLE 12A.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (including psychiatric), 2014-15 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Acute care	%	94.0	96.3	95.0	96.6	95.1	96.3	95.5	98.5	95.3
Rehabilitation care	%	2.2	1.0	2.2	1.2	2.5	0.8	1.7	0.2	1.7
Palliative care	%	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6
Geriatric evaluation and management	%	0.4	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6
Psychogeriatric care	%	0.1	–	–	0.1	–	0.1	–	–	–
Maintenance care	%	0.6	–	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.4
Newborn excluding unqualified days	%	2.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.7	1.3
Other admitted care	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not reported	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

2014-15

## Number of separations

Acute care	no.	1 705 432	1 530 126	1 147 041	581 455	400 864	115 269	95 516	130 236	5 705 939
Rehabilitation care	no.	38 950	17 855	25 052	6 381	11 245	1 061	1 955	316	102 815
Palliative care	no.	13 429	7 387	8 379	1 792	1 989	669	639	310	34 594
Geriatric evaluation and management	no.	6 136	17 495	4 075	2 675	1 481	270	227	87	32 446
Psychogeriatric care	no.	803	–	318	597	20	142	10	5	1 895
Maintenance care	no.	11 666	788	6 757	1 911	2 338	1 047	807	158	25 472
Newborn total	no.	79 225	62 956	48 437	26 215	16 755	4 649	5 626	3 992	247 855
Newborn — unqualified days only	no.	41 649	48 656	37 262	20 303	12 397	3 605	3 996	2 894	170 762
Other admitted care	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not reported	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

TABLE 12A.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (including psychiatric), 2014-15 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>Total (c), (e)</b>	no.	<b>1 855 647</b>	<b>1 636 607</b>	<b>1 240 060</b>	<b>621 026</b>	<b>434 692</b>	<b>123 111</b>	<b>104 780</b>	<b>135 177</b>	<b>6 151 100</b>
<b>Total (d), (e)</b>	no.	<b>1 813 998</b>	<b>1 587 951</b>	<b>1 202 798</b>	<b>600 723</b>	<b>422 295</b>	<b>119 506</b>	<b>100 784</b>	<b>132 283</b>	<b>5 980 338</b>
Proportion of total separations										
Acute care	%	94.0	96.4	95.4	96.8	94.9	96.5	94.8	98.5	95.4
Rehabilitation care	%	2.1	1.1	2.1	1.1	2.7	0.9	1.9	0.2	1.7
Palliative care	%	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	%	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5
Psychogeriatric care	%	–	–	–	0.1	–	0.1	–	–	–
Maintenance care	%	0.6	–	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.4
Newborn excluding unqualified days	%	2.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.6	0.8	1.3
Other admitted care	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not reported	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total (d), (e)</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Excludes records for hospital boarders or posthumous organ procurement.

(b) There was a change in Victorian admission policy from 1 July 2012 that has impacted the separation time series.

(c) Total separations include 'newborn unqualified days only', which are not normally included as admitted patient care.

(d) Total separations exclude 'newborn unqualified days only', which are not normally included as admitted patient care.

(e) Includes separations for which the care type was Other admitted or was not reported.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Australian Hospital Statistics*, Health Services Series; AIHW (various years), *Admitted patient care: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series.

TABLE 12A.11

Table 12A.11 Individual and group service events, by Tier 2 clinic classes, states and territories, 2014-15

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (a)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (a), (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Individual service events										
Procedural clinics	<i>no.</i>	2 000 491	1 066 804	784 419	215 423	318 537	51 198	28 100	28 668	4 493 640
Medical consultation clinics	<i>no.</i>	4 275 965	2 304 971	1 389 455	906 415	935 419	212 202	221 279	151 265	10 396 971
Stand-alone diagnostic clinics	<i>no.</i>	3 258 743	na	67 701	25 985	249 148	5 235	23 497	na	3 630 309
Allied health and/or clinical nurse spe	<i>no.</i>	8 041 891	2 368 659	1 892 169	1 196 169	640 039	212 273	678 413	99 562	15 129 175
Clinic type not reported	<i>no.</i>	162 560	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	162 560
Total	<i>no.</i>	17 739 650	5 740 434	4 133 744	2 343 992	2 143 143	480 908	951 289	279 495	33 812 655
Group service events										
Procedural clinics	<i>no.</i>	462	–	2 234	–	23	–	–	na	2 719
Medical consultation clinics	<i>no.</i>	50 027	5 479	5 593	1 746	3 915	685	663	na	68 108
Stand-alone diagnostic clinics	<i>no.</i>	202	n.a.	–	–	29	–	–	na	231
Allied health and/or clinical nurse spe	<i>no.</i>	599 156	165 881	132 347	35 677	41 446	5 543	27 306	na	1 007 356
Clinic type not reported	<i>no.</i>	14 266	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	14 266
Total	<i>no.</i>	664 113	171 360	140 174	37 423	45 413	6 228	27 969	na	1 092 680
Total service events										
Procedural clinics	<i>no.</i>	2 000 953	1 066 804	786 653	215 423	318 560	51 198	28 100	28 668	4 496 359
Medical consultation clinics	<i>no.</i>	4 325 992	2 310 450	1 395 048	908 161	939 334	212 887	221 942	151 265	10 465 079
Stand-alone diagnostic clinics	<i>no.</i>	3 258 945	na	67 701	25 985	249 177	5 235	23 497	na	3 630 540
Allied health and/or clinical nurse spe	<i>no.</i>	8 641 047	2 534 540	2 024 516	1 231 846	681 485	217 816	705 719	99 562	16 136 531
Clinic type not reported	<i>no.</i>	176 826	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	176 826
Total	<i>no.</i>	18 403 763	5 911 794	4 273 918	2 381 415	2 188 556	487 136	979 258	279 495	34 905 335

(a) Victoria and the NT did not report service events that occurred in Stand-alone diagnostic clinics, although they were provided.

(b) The NT did not report group service events, although they were provided.



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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (a)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (a), (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (2016), *Non-admitted patient care 2014–15: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series no. 69. Cat. no. HSE 174.

TABLE 12A.12

Table 12A.12 **Emergency department presentations, public hospital emergency departments, states and territories, 2014-15**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals (a)	<i>no.</i>	807 007	514 270	447 261	267 406	195 621	56 390	73 622	64 481	2 426 058
Public acute group A hospitals (b)	<i>no.</i>	845 818	649 782	624 916	244 439	146 738	67 892	56 339	44 446	2 680 370
Public acute group B hospitals (c)	<i>no.</i>	451 689	321 209	306 706	210 016	83 666	25 794	..	..	1 399 080
Public acute group C hospitals (d)	<i>no.</i>	360 826	84 885	–	81 960	43 343	–	..	33 317	604 331
Other hospitals	<i>no.</i>	216 126	40 477	–	–	–	–	..	..	256 603
<b>Total</b>	<i>no.</i>	<b>2 681 466</b>	<b>1 610 623</b>	<b>1 378 883</b>	<b>803 821</b>	<b>469 368</b>	<b>150 076</b>	<b>129 961</b>	<b>142 244</b>	<b>7 366 442</b>

- (a) Principal referral hospitals are public acute hospitals that provide a very broad range of services, have a range of highly specialised service units, and have very large patient volumes. The term 'referral' recognises that these hospitals have specialist facilities not typically found in smaller hospitals.
- (b) Public acute group A hospitals are public acute hospitals that provide a wide range of services typically including a 24-hour emergency department, intensive care unit, coronary care unit and oncology unit, but do not provide the breadth of services provided by Principal referral hospitals.
- (c) Public acute group B hospitals are those public acute hospitals that do not have the service profile of the Principal referral hospitals and Group A hospitals, but do have a 24-hour emergency department; they typically provide elective surgery and have specialised service units such as obstetric, paediatric and psychiatric units.
- (d) Public acute group C hospitals include those public acute hospitals that provide a more limited range of services than Principal referral hospitals or Public acute group A and B hospitals, but do have an obstetric unit, provide surgical services and/or some form of emergency facility (emergency department, or accident and emergency service).

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (2016), *Emergency department care 2014–15: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series no. 65. Cat. no. HSE 168. Canberra: AIHW.

Table 12A.13 **Emergency department waiting times, by triage category, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2006-07										
Proportion of patients seen on time (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	98	98	99	96	100	100	99
2 – Emergency	%	87	82	67	71	72	72	77	56	78
3 – Urgent	%	71	73	57	59	56	62	47	54	65
4 – Semi-urgent	%	74	67	60	61	63	61	49	48	66
5 – Non-urgent	%	89	88	87	87	87	87	81	87	88
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>76</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>70</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	81	92	71	67	71	82	73	70	79
2 – Emergency	%	64	74	56	46	58	57	58	64	62
3 – Urgent	%	43	53	31	33	40	38	42	43	42
4 – Semi-urgent	%	18	22	10	11	13	13	14	14	16
5 – Non-urgent	%	5	5	3	4	6	3	4	7	5
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>
Proportion of presentations (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	8	8	9	10	12	8	7	6	8
3 – Urgent	%	32	29	37	29	36	34	33	29	32
4 – Semi-urgent	%	45	48	46	51	47	50	48	52	47
5 – Non-urgent	%	15	15	8	9	4	7	11	12	12
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (g)	%	81	89	64	72	69	96	100	100	78
Hospitals reporting emergency department episode-level data	no.	71	38	21	16	8	3	2	5	164
2007-08										
Proportion of patients seen on time (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	98	99	100	99	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	81	79	69	69	72	74	81	59	76
3 – Urgent	%	69	71	56	56	54	54	52	47	63
4 – Semi-urgent	%	75	65	61	59	60	58	51	47	66
5 – Non-urgent	%	90	86	87	86	80	86	78	86	87
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>76</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>69</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	80	92	71	65	73	84	73	67	78
2 – Emergency	%	61	75	55	45	60	58	60	64	61

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
3 – Urgent	%	40	53	32	33	42	38	42	42	41
4 – Semi-urgent	%	16	21	10	11	14	13	13	13	16
5 – Non-urgent	%	5	4	3	4	6	5	3	5	4
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>
Proportion of presentations (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	8	8	9	10	11	8	8	6	9
3 – Urgent	%	31	30	37	29	35	35	32	30	32
4 – Semi-urgent	%	45	47	44	52	46	50	45	53	46
5 – Non-urgent	%	15	14	9	8	6	7	14	10	12
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (g)	%	81	89	64	72	67	88	100	100	78
Hospitals reporting emergency department episode-level data	no.	71	38	22	16	8	3	2	5	165
2008-09										
Proportion of patients seen on time (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	99	99	100	99	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	80	82	72	69	75	76	86	62	77
3 – Urgent	%	68	74	59	53	59	54	53	48	64
4 – Semi-urgent	%	73	68	65	62	62	61	53	49	67
5 – Non-urgent	%	90	86	88	89	83	87	78	89	88
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>70</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	81	92	69	67	78	82	77	72	79
2 – Emergency	%	62	74	53	48	58	58	63	61	61
3 – Urgent	%	41	52	30	34	42	38	44	43	40
4 – Semi-urgent	%	17	21	10	12	15	13	15	14	16
5 – Non-urgent	%	5	4	3	4	5	5	3	4	5
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>
Proportion of presentations (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	8	9	10	11	12	7	9	7	9
3 – Urgent	%	31	30	39	30	35	34	31	30	32
4 – Semi-urgent	%	44	47	43	51	44	50	44	53	46
5 – Non-urgent	%	16	13	8	8	8	8	15	10	12
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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Table 12A.13 **Emergency department waiting times, by triage category, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (g)	%	83	88	72	72	67	89	100	100	80
Hospitals reporting emergency department episode-level data	no.	85	38	26	16	8	4	2	5	184
2009-10										
Proportion of patients seen on time (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	99	99	100	99	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	82	80	77	71	78	71	83	63	78
3 – Urgent	%	70	71	60	55	63	52	57	49	65
4 – Semi-urgent	%	73	67	66	64	63	63	56	51	68
5 – Non-urgent	%	89	85	89	92	85	88	77	91	88
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>75</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	81	90	69	68	78	79	72	72	78
2 – Emergency	%	62	73	54	49	59	54	55	61	61
3 – Urgent	%	41	51	32	35	41	32	38	44	40
4 – Semi-urgent	%	17	21	10	11	16	10	13	14	16
5 – Non-urgent	%	5	4	3	4	7	4	3	6	5
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Proportion of presentations (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	8	9	10	11	12	8	9	7	9
3 – Urgent	%	30	31	40	31	36	35	31	28	33
4 – Semi-urgent	%	45	47	42	50	44	46	46	53	45
5 – Non-urgent	%	16	13	7	7	7	11	13	10	12
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (g)	%	83	90	72	73	67	89	100	100	81
Hospitals reporting emergency department episode-level data	no.	84	39	26	16	8	4	2	5	184
2010-11										
Proportion of patients seen on time (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	83	81	78	71	78	72	78	65	79

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Table 12A.13 **Emergency department waiting times, by triage category, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
3 – Urgent	%	71	70	60	50	66	55	48	53	65
4 – Semi-urgent	%	73	65	67	65	70	63	48	54	68
5 – Non-urgent	%	88	86	90	92	88	83	75	90	88
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>76</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>70</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	81	87	67	72	76	77	75	76	77
2 – Emergency	%	62	69	52	54	58	53	54	62	60
3 – Urgent	%	41	49	32	38	40	32	37	46	40
4 – Semi-urgent	%	18	21	10	13	16	11	14	15	16
5 – Non-urgent	%	6	5	3	4	8	4	4	5	5
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>
Proportion of presentations (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	9	9	11	11	13	7	10	6	10
3 – Urgent	%	30	32	41	32	37	35	31	26	33
4 – Semi-urgent	%	45	47	41	49	42	48	46	56	45
5 – Non-urgent	%	15	11	6	7	7	9	13	10	11
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (g)	%	83	90	72	74	68	93	100	100	81
Hospitals reporting emergency department episode-level data	no.	86	39	26	16	8	4	2	5	186
2011-12										
Proportion of patients seen on time (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	82	83	82	76	79	77	76	64	80
3 – Urgent	%	71	72	63	52	70	64	50	49	66
4 – Semi-urgent	%	74	67	69	67	77	71	47	49	70
5 – Non-urgent	%	89	87	90	94	92	88	81	89	89
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>76</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>72</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	88	93	69	69	78	83	77	71	80
2 – Emergency	%	64	75	50	53	59	51	56	58	61
3 – Urgent	%	42	54	30	36	40	33	38	44	41
4 – Semi-urgent	%	18	23	9	13	15	11	15	16	17
5 – Non-urgent	%	6	6	3	4	6	4	3	5	5
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>
Proportion of presentations (e)										

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Table 12A.13 **Emergency department waiting times, by triage category, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	9	9	11	11	12	8	11	7	10
3 – Urgent	%	32	33	42	32	36	34	33	29	34
4 – Semi-urgent	%	44	48	40	48	43	48	44	54	45
5 – Non-urgent	%	14	10	6	7	7	10	11	9	10
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (g)	%	88	91	72	78	80	92	100	100	84
Hospitals reporting emergency department episode-level data	no.	95	40	26	17	14	4	2	5	203
2012-13										
Proportion of patients seen on time (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	83	84	84	81	75	83	74	66	82
3 – Urgent	%	73	72	68	52	66	65	43	52	68
4 – Semi-urgent	%	77	68	74	67	78	70	46	52	72
5 – Non-urgent	%	92	87	92	93	92	90	79	89	91
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>78</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>73</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	80	74	72	69	79	80	81	72	76
2 – Emergency	%	63	58	52	50	59	52	56	57	58
3 – Urgent	%	42	41	32	35	41	33	36	44	38
4 – Semi-urgent	%	18	17	10	13	15	11	16	16	15
5 – Non-urgent	%	6	4	3	4	6	4	4	5	5
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Proportion of presentations (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	11	10	12	12	13	8	11	9	11
3 – Urgent	%	32	34	42	33	36	35	34	28	35
4 – Semi-urgent	%	44	47	40	47	42	48	45	53	44
5 – Non-urgent	%	12	9	5	7	7	9	10	9	9
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (g)	%	88	92	74	78	83	92	100	100	85

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Hospitals reporting emergency department episode-level data	no.	95	40	27	17	14	4	2	5	204
2013-14										
Proportion of patients seen on time (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	83	84	80	86	74	85	83	61	82
3 – Urgent	%	76	73	67	58	65	66	50	51	70
4 – Semi-urgent	%	80	71	75	71	77	71	57	53	75
5 – Non-urgent	%	94	88	92	94	92	90	86	89	92
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>75</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	79	74	78	68	80	77	80	74	77
2 – Emergency	%	62	60	60	50	59	58	58	56	59
3 – Urgent	%	41	43	39	35	40	37	39	43	40
4 – Semi-urgent	%	16	19	13	12	15	13	17	16	16
5 – Non-urgent	%	5	5	4	3	6	4	5	5	5
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>
Proportion of presentations (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	11	10	12	12	13	8	10	10	11
3 – Urgent	%	32	35	42	34	37	35	34	29	35
4 – Semi-urgent	%	44	45	40	46	42	47	42	51	44
5 – Non-urgent	%	13	9	5	7	7	9	13	9	9
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (g)	%	99	92	74	78	83	92	100	100	88
Hospitals reporting emergency department episode-level data	no.	180	40	27	17	14	4	2	5	289
2014-15										
Proportion of patients seen on time (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	82	80	77	83	69	83	78	62	79
3 – Urgent	%	76	73	64	57	57	64	48	54	68
4 – Semi-urgent	%	81	73	74	69	69	67	53	59	74
5 – Non-urgent	%	95	89	93	93	89	89	86	88	92
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>74</b>



Table 12A.13 **Emergency department waiting times, by triage category, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	79	74	79	68	81	80	81	84	77
2 – Emergency	%	61	61	62	53	60	58	60	60	60
3 – Urgent	%	41	45	41	37	41	38	40	45	42
4 – Semi-urgent	%	16	21	14	14	16	14	17	18	17
5 – Non-urgent	%	5	6	4	4	7	5	4	6	5
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Proportion of presentations (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	12	10	13	12	14	8	9	12	12
3 – Urgent	%	32	36	43	34	37	35	34	29	36
4 – Semi-urgent	%	43	45	38	46	41	47	42	50	43
5 – Non-urgent	%	12	9	5	7	7	10	15	9	9
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (g)	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Hospitals reporting emergency department episode-level data	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2015-16										
Proportion of patients seen on time (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	na	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	82	78	74	77	70	80	na	63	77
3 – Urgent	%	76	71	61	53	56	59	na	53	67
4 – Semi-urgent	%	80	72	74	67	70	64	na	60	74
5 – Non-urgent	%	94	89	94	93	92	87	na	89	93
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>74</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	70	74	79	69	83	81	na	87	75
2 – Emergency	%	53	63	63	53	61	58	na	64	58
3 – Urgent	%	36	47	42	37	41	38	na	48	40
4 – Semi-urgent	%	14	22	15	14	17	15	na	19	16
5 – Non-urgent	%	4	6	5	4	8	5	na	9	5
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>25</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>
Proportion of presentations (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	1	1	1	1	1	na	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	12	11	14	13	14	9	na	13	12
3 – Urgent	%	33	36	44	35	39	35	na	31	37

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
4 – Semi-urgent	%	43	44	36	45	39	45	na	47	42
5 – Non-urgent	%	11	9	4	7	6	9	na	9	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (g)	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Hospitals reporting emergency department episode-level data	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (a) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.
- (b) For 2014-15, waiting times information could not be calculated for 8 months of data (about 27 000 emergency department presentations) for a Public acute group B hospital in WA. For 2015-16, waiting times information could not be calculated for about 43 000 emergency department presentations for a Public acute group B hospital in WA.
- (c) For 2014-15, waiting times information could not be calculated for one Public acute group B hospital in SA, that reported about 40 000 emergency department presentations.
- (d) The proportion of occasions of service for which the waiting time to service delivery was within the time specified in the definition of the triage category. For the triage category Resuscitation, an occasion of service was classified as 'seen on time' if the waiting time to service was reported as less than or equal to 2 minutes.
- (e) Values are derived from all hospitals that reported to the non-admitted patient emergency department care database.
- (f) The proportion of occasions of service for which the emergency department departure status was reported as 'admitted to this hospital'.
- (g) Data coverage is estimated as the number of occasions of service with waiting times data divided by the number of emergency department occasions of service. This can underestimate coverage because some occasions of service are for other than emergency presentations. For some jurisdictions, the number of emergency department occasions of service reported to the Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database exceeded the number of accident and emergency occasions of service reported to the National Public Hospital Establishments Database. For these jurisdictions the coverage has been estimated as 100 per cent.

**na** Not available.

*Source:* AIHW (various years), *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series; AIHW (various years), *Emergency department care: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series.

TABLE 12A.14

Table 12A.14 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by hospital peer group, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA (e)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (f)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
2013-14										
<b>Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100	100	24 045
Triage category 2	81	84	79	83	69	87	80	55	79	298 351
Triage category 3	73	72	67	62	63	56	42	30	68	844 244
Triage category 4	77	69	76	71	80	64	49	35	72	891 924
Triage category 5	93	88	95	95	93	87	81	66	91	139 951
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2 198 515</b>
Total number (g), (h)	730 215	476 059	413 291	216 475	186 207	51 019	66 282	59 084	2 198 632	
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	16 397
Triage category 2	86	85	81	87	77	85	89	72	84	315 055
Triage category 3	77	73	69	42	57	71	60	67	69	952 477
Triage category 4	80	73	75	60	61	73	67	63	73	1 035 951
Triage category 5	93	90	91	90	86	93	91	91	91	175 970
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2 495 850</b>
Total number (g), (h)	764 324	606 438	584 642	245 773	138 354	63 510	52 854	40 045	2 495 940	
<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	99	100	np	–	–	100	4 085
Triage category 2	85	84	80	86	89	79	–	–	83	116 333
Triage category 3	77	72	62	70	86	75	–	–	71	409 001

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA (e)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (f)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 4	80	70	71	81	88	79	–	–	76	569 559
Triage category 5	94	89	91	96	99	95	–	–	93	116 561
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1 215 539</b>
Total number (g), (h)	398 076	271 845	288 611	191 213	40 792	25 054	–	–	1 215 591	
<b>Other hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	–	100	100	–	–	np	100	1 683
Triage category 2	80	88	–	94	98	–	–	74	83	44 714
Triage category 3	81	83	–	89	94	–	–	76	83	174 035
Triage category 4	85	72	–	84	96	–	–	74	83	336 691
Triage category 5	96	85	–	95	99	–	–	94	94	141 021
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>698 144</b>
Total number (g), (h)	449 435	119 247	–	59 030	40 501	–	–	30 356	698 569	
<b>All hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	46 210
Triage category 2	83	84	80	86	74	85	83	61	82	774 453
Triage category 3	76	73	67	58	65	66	50	51	70	2 379 757
Triage category 4	80	71	75	71	77	71	57	53	75	2 834 125
Triage category 5	94	88	92	94	92	90	86	89	92	573 503
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>6 608 048</b>
Total number (g), (h)	2 342 050	1 473 589	1 286 544	712 491	405 854	139 583	119 136	129 485	6 608 732	

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA (e)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (f)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
2014-15										
<b>Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	25 294
Triage category 2	77	78	75	81	66	84	77	56	75	321 562
Triage category 3	70	73	66	59	54	51	39	37	65	891 688
Triage category 4	76	72	77	68	65	58	43	50	71	922 657
Triage category 5	92	89	95	94	90	86	80	79	90	146 965
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2 308 166</b>
Total number (g), (h)	755 637	489 503	432 418	259 596	189 097	53 274	69 512	59 162	2 308 199	
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	17 170
Triage category 2	84	80	79	85	69	84	81	74	81	333 726
Triage category 3	76	72	65	41	49	72	59	67	67	990 809
Triage category 4	81	74	73	59	54	72	66	57	73	1 038 293
Triage category 5	94	92	91	88	80	91	92	88	92	175 283
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2 555 281</b>
Total number (g), (h)	796 207	630 293	600 708	233 405	137 424	63 535	53 478	40 316	2 555 366	
<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	98	99	100	np	–	–	99	4 240
Triage category 2	85	81	77	85	83	78	–	–	82	124 084
Triage category 3	77	71	59	67	86	69	–	–	69	416 261

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA (e)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (f)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 4	81	70	73	76	88	72	–	–	76	552 823
Triage category 5	94	88	93	94	98	95	–	–	93	105 682
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1 203 090</b>
Total number (g), (h)	405 088	276 158	286 674	171 628	39 543	24 079	–	–	1 203 170	
<b>Other hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	–	99	100	–	–	np	100	1 849
Triage category 2	87	89	–	80	97	–	–	67	86	50 157
Triage category 3	85	84	–	87	93	–	–	74	85	187 897
Triage category 4	87	76	–	86	95	–	–	76	85	350 792
Triage category 5	97	87	–	96	98	–	–	92	95	134 997
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>725 692</b>
Total number (g), (h)	457 739	119 086	–	78 055	42 580	–	–	28 703	726 163	
<b>All hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	48 553
Triage category 2	82	80	77	83	69	83	78	62	79	829 529
Triage category 3	76	73	64	57	57	64	48	54	68	2 486 655
Triage category 4	81	73	74	69	69	67	53	59	74	2 864 565
Triage category 5	95	89	93	93	89	89	86	88	92	562 927
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>6 792 229</b>
Total number (g), (h)	2 414 671	1 515 040	1 319 800	742 684	408 644	140 888	122 990	128 181	6 792 898	

TABLE 12A.14

Table 12A.14 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by hospital peer group, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA (e)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (f)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
2015-16										
<b>Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	na	100	100	27 577
Triage category 2	76	76	72	77	67	77	na	57	74	340 278
Triage category 3	71	70	61	52	54	42	na	36	64	928 518
Triage category 4	75	70	77	65	66	52	na	52	71	923 017
Triage category 5	91	88	96	93	92	84	na	81	90	146 898
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2 366 288</b>
Total number (g), (h)	777 635	507 210	453 141	310 551	197 567	56 220	na	63 995	2 366 319	
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	na	100	100	18 096
Triage category 2	84	79	75	75	73	82	na	78	79	360 045
Triage category 3	76	72	62	39	51	71	na	67	66	1 040 378
Triage category 4	80	75	72	58	59	70	na	59	73	1 017 742
Triage category 5	94	92	92	89	86	91	na	89	92	164 896
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2 601 157</b>
Total number (g), (h)	827 303	660 158	630 032	236 591	141 750	63 983	na	41 384	2 601 201	
<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	99	100	100	n.p	na	–	100	4 606
Triage category 2	84	77	76	80	69	80	na	–	79	135 393
Triage category 3	77	68	60	67	58	68	na	–	68	434 150

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Table 12A.14 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by hospital peer group, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA (e)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (f)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 4	81	68	73	74	75	73	na	–	75	561 213
Triage category 5	94	87	94	92	97	94	na	–	93	97 448
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1 232 810</b>
Total number (g), (h)	414 332	293 232	294 880	129 334	76 759	24 316	na	–	1 232 853	
<b>Other hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	–	100	100	–	na	100	100	2 025
Triage category 2	87	89	–	81	96	–	na	65	86	53 020
Triage category 3	85	85	–	86	94	–	na	74	85	196 834
Triage category 4	88	78	–	85	94	–	na	77	86	358 499
Triage category 5	97	90	–	97	98	–	na	92	95	130 604
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>740 982</b>
Total number (g), (h)	467 932	121 920	–	78 843	43 052	–	na	29 748	741 495	
<b>All hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	na	100	100	52 304
Triage category 2	82	78	74	77	70	80	na	63	77	888 736
Triage category 3	76	71	61	53	56	59	na	53	67	2 599 880
Triage category 4	80	72	74	67	70	64	na	60	74	2 860 471
Triage category 5	94	89	94	93	92	87	na	89	93	539 846
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>6 941 237</b>
Total number (g), (h)	2 487 202	1 582 520	1 378 053	755 319	459 128	144 519	na	135 127	6 941 868	



Table 12A.14 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by hospital peer group, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA (e)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (f)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
(a)	The proportion of presentations for which the waiting time to commencement of clinical care was within the time specified in the definition of the triage category. Records were excluded from the calculation of waiting time statistics if the triage category was unknown, if the patient did not wait or was dead on arrival, or if the waiting time could not be calculated due to missing or invalid time fields.									
(b)	It should be noted that the data presented here are not necessarily representative of the hospitals not included in the NNAPEDCD.									
(c)	For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.									
(d)	For 2014-15, waiting times information could not be calculated for 8 months of data (about 27 000 emergency department presentations) for a Public acute group B hospital in WA. For 2015–16, waiting times information could not be calculated for about 43 000 emergency department presentations for a Public acute group B hospital in WA.									
(e)	For 2014-15, waiting times information could not be calculated for one Public acute group B hospital in SA, that reported about 40 000 emergency department presentations.									
(f)	Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply and have not been included in the totals for 2015-16.									
(g)	The totals exclude records for which the waiting time to service could not be calculated, and records for which the episode end status was either 'Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional' or 'Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department'.									
(h)	The totals include records for which the triage category was not assigned or not reported.									
	<b>na</b> Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero. <b>np</b> Not published.									

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database.

TABLE 12A.15

Table 12A.15 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by Indigenous status, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA (f)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (g)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
2013-14											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	np	np	100	100	2 572
Triage category 2	%	83	85	83	86	76	85	81	64	80	35 268
Triage category 3	%	76	74	72	71	70	62	48	58	71	119 095
Triage category 4	%	80	72	75	79	82	72	52	58	74	157 452
Triage category 5	%	94	89	92	96	94	90	82	88	93	34 463
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>348 850</b>
Total number (h), (i)	no.	114 632	22 585	77 236	53 284	17 072	6 329	3 205	54 533	348 876	
Other Australians											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	43 638
Triage category 2	%	83	84	80	86	74	85	83	59	82	739 185
Triage category 3	%	76	73	67	57	65	66	50	45	70	2260 662
Triage category 4	%	80	71	75	70	77	71	57	50	75	2676 673
Triage category 5	%	94	88	93	94	92	90	86	89	92	539 040
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>6 259 198</b>
Total number (h), (i)	no.	2 227 418	1 451 004	1 209 308	659 207	388 782	133 254	115 931	74 952	6 259 856	
2014-15											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians											

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Table 12A.15 Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by Indigenous status, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA (f)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (g)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	99	100	np	np	100	100	2 672
Triage category 2	%	82	79	80	87	68	85	79	63	78	40 239
Triage category 3	%	75	72	68	73	63	62	48	60	70	128 936
Triage category 4	%	81	73	75	79	76	68	49	60	75	167 052
Triage category 5	%	94	90	92	95	93	90	83	85	92	36 424
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>375 323</b>
Total number (h), (i)	no.	127 391	24 367	81 895	57 947	17 922	6 522	3 489	55 834	375 367	
Other Australians											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	45 881
Triage category 2	%	82	80	77	83	69	83	78	61	79	789 290
Triage category 3	%	76	73	64	56	57	64	48	49	68	2 357 719
Triage category 4	%	81	73	74	68	69	67	53	58	74	2 697 513
Triage category 5	%	95	89	93	93	89	89	86	90	92	526 503
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>6 416 906</b>
Total number (h), (i)	no.	2 287 280	1 490 673	1 237 905	684 737	390 722	134 366	119 501	72 347	6 417 531	
2015-16											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	np	na	100	100	3 098
Triage category 2	%	82	77	77	80	71	78	na	65	77	47 221
Triage category 3	%	75	68	67	68	61	60	na	59	68	146 166

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Table 12A.15 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by Indigenous status, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA (f)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (g)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 4	%	81	71	76	76	77	64	na	61	75	179 350
Triage category 5	%	94	91	94	95	93	89	na	87	93	40 203
<b>Total (h)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>	na	<b>63</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>416 038</b>
Total number (h), (i)	<i>no.</i>	148 324	27 206	92 026	61 563	20 585	7 071	na	59 319	416 094	
Other Australians											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	na	100	100	49 206
Triage category 2	%	82	78	74	77	70	80	na	62	78	841 515
Triage category 3	%	76	71	61	51	56	59	na	49	67	2453 714
Triage category 4	%	80	73	74	66	70	64	na	59	74	2681 121
Triage category 5	%	94	89	94	93	92	87	na	90	92	499 643
<b>Total (h)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	na	<b>59</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>6 525 199</b>
Total number (h), (i)	<i>no.</i>	2 338 878	1 555 314	1 286 027	693 756	438 543	137 448	na	75 808	6 525 774	

(a) The proportion of presentations for which the waiting time to commencement of clinical care was within the time specified in the definition of the triage category. Records were excluded from the calculation of waiting time statistics if the triage category was unknown, if the patient did not wait or was dead on arrival, or if the waiting time could not be calculated due to missing or invalid time fields.

(b) It should be noted that the data presented here are not necessarily representative of the hospitals not included in the NNAPEDCD.

(c) The quality of the identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients in National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database has not been assessed. Identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients is not considered to be complete, and completeness may vary among the states and territories.

(d) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.

Table 12A.15 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by Indigenous status, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA (f)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (g)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
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(e) For 2014-15, waiting times information could not be calculated for 8 months of data (about 27 000 emergency department presentations) for a Public acute group B hospital in WA. For 2015–16, waiting times information could not be calculated for about 43 000 emergency department presentations for a Public acute group B hospital in WA.

(f) For 2014-15, waiting times information could not be calculated for one Public acute group B hospital in SA, that reported about 40 000 emergency department presentations.

(g) Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply and have not been included in the totals for 2015-16.

(h) The totals exclude records for which the waiting time to service could not be calculated, and records for which the episode end status was either 'Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional' or 'Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department'.

(i) The totals include records for which the triage category was not assigned or not reported.

**na** Not available. **np** Not published.

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TABLE 12A.16

Table 12A.16 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by remoteness, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
2013-14											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Major cities											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	np	99	np	100	30 848
Triage category 2	%	83	85	77	85	72	86	83	61	82	534 475
Triage category 3	%	75	73	62	52	61	65	50	49	67	1 573 492
Triage category 4	%	79	71	72	67	73	72	57	52	73	1 735 729
Triage category 5	%	94	87	93	93	89	92	86	91	91	305 912
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>79</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>4 180 456</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	1 461 571	1 018 644	768 835	504 131	310 762	2 346	110 524	3 876	4 180 689	
Inner regional											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	np	np	100	8 144
Triage category 2	%	85	84	84	91	74	85	85	66	85	144 752
Triage category 3	%	78	72	76	68	65	61	51	45	74	487 243
Triage category 4	%	81	71	77	77	82	67	59	54	76	647 381
Triage category 5	%	94	90	93	94	94	89	89	89	92	141 780
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>82</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1 429 300</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	580 724	357 851	316 409	56 551	22 292	87 465	6 459	1 860	1 429 611	
Outer regional											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	99	100	100	np	100	100	4 563
Triage category 2	%	81	86	85	84	87	84	82	54	80	68 036

TABLE 12A.16

Table 12A.16 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by remoteness, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 3	%	79	79	75	76	85	74	53	32	74	223 594
Triage category 4	%	84	77	79	84	90	78	57	37	78	297 955
Triage category 5	%	95	93	94	96	98	93	82	73	94	74 659
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>84</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>668 807</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	212 232	85 131	145 924	73 923	54 554	47 794	1 509	47 827	668 894	
Remote											
Triage category 1	%	np	np	99	100	np	np	–	100	100	653
Triage category 2	%	86	87	90	92	79	87	np	69	82	9 240
Triage category 3	%	82	77	82	84	87	76	np	65	77	36 381
Triage category 4	%	86	76	76	83	94	78	np	63	77	63 832
Triage category 5	%	97	88	90	95	99	np	np	90	94	16 564
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>86</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>79</b>	np	<b>66</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>126 670</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	7 312	1 520	20 158	50 578	8 315	1 285	45	37 459	126 672	
Very remote											
Triage category 1	%	np	np	100	np	np	np	–	100	100	433
Triage category 2	%	84	np	91	85	66	np	–	69	77	5 627
Triage category 3	%	79	np	82	77	69	66	np	64	72	20 293
Triage category 4	%	80	79	76	83	87	np	np	65	71	30 735
Triage category 5	%	93	np	89	96	98	np	np	92	92	8 594
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>	np	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>65 682</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	1 591	260	15 714	9 884	1 125	233	11	36 865	65 683	

TABLE 12A.16

Table 12A.16 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by remoteness, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
2014-15											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Major cities											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	np	100	np	100	32 419
Triage category 2	%	80	79	74	82	67	87	78	62	78	572 742
Triage category 3	%	74	72	59	51	53	64	48	50	65	1 643 728
Triage category 4	%	79	72	72	64	62	68	53	57	72	1 752 110
Triage category 5	%	94	88	93	92	85	88	86	88	91	300 250
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>79</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>4 301 394</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	1 506 584	1 054 879	796 547	515 539	308 504	2 288	113 665	3 388	4 301 394	
Inner regional											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	100	np	np	100	8 624
Triage category 2	%	85	81	84	84	70	82	80	56	83	153 748
Triage category 3	%	78	71	74	67	58	58	49	49	73	510 389
Triage category 4	%	81	73	76	77	74	62	54	59	76	658 468
Triage category 5	%	94	92	94	95	90	87	89	92	93	139 787
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>83</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1 471 238</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	598 045	362 117	317 391	73 989	22 790	88 423	6 764	1 719	1 471 238	
Outer regional											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	99	100	100	np	100	100	4 740



TABLE 12A.16

Table 12A.16 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by remoteness, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 2	%	86	87	82	84	83	84	84	56	81	72 180
Triage category 3	%	81	79	71	76	84	73	50	38	74	235 949
Triage category 4	%	85	77	77	81	89	75	56	51	79	304 075
Triage category 5	%	96	92	92	95	97	92	90	82	95	74 389
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>86</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>691 406</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	219 785	85 117	152 175	73 738	64 089	48 155	1 549	46 798	691 406	
Remote											
Triage category 1	%	np	np	100	99	np	np	–	100	100	710
Triage category 2	%	88	90	91	91	80	81	np	71	83	10 870
Triage category 3	%	82	81	82	85	84	75	np	65	78	36 724
Triage category 4	%	89	78	79	84	93	77	np	62	78	63 888
Triage category 5	%	97	93	92	95	99	np	np	92	95	16 698
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>88</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>128 915</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	11 207	1 414	18 377	50 667	9 031	1 300	52	36 867	128 915	
Very remote											
Triage category 1	%	np	–	100	np	np	–	–	100	100	486
Triage category 2	%	84	np	90	88	64	np	–	66	75	6 733
Triage category 3	%	82	np	81	80	66	70	np	64	71	20 966
Triage category 4	%	85	67	79	84	82	71	np	65	72	31 220
Triage category 5	%	96	np	92	96	97	np	np	88	91	7 683
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>86</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>67 088</b>

TABLE 12A.16

Table 12A.16 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by remoteness, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	2 076	243	14 935	10 205	1 348	274	17	37 990	67 088	
2015-16											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Major cities											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	n.p	na	np	100	<b>35 079</b>
Triage category 2	%	80	78	70	76	69	87	na	65	76	<b>608 522</b>
Triage category 3	%	75	72	56	46	52	57	na	50	65	<b>1 712 424</b>
Triage category 4	%	79	73	72	62	64	65	na	60	73	<b>1 747 310</b>
Triage category 5	%	94	88	93	92	90	87	na	92	91	<b>282 671</b>
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>79</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>68</b>	na	<b>61</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4 386 119</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	1 553 533	1 105 242	842 787	524 838	353 668	2 437	na	3 614	4 386 119	
Inner regional											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	na	np	100	<b>9 211</b>
Triage category 2	%	85	78	82	81	70	78	na	67	82	<b>169 547</b>
Triage category 3	%	77	68	71	63	57	54	na	54	71	<b>539 094</b>
Triage category 4	%	81	71	76	75	73	60	na	59	76	<b>651 686</b>
Triage category 5	%	94	92	94	95	93	86	na	92	93	<b>139 649</b>
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>82</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	na	<b>62</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1 509 392</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	620 479	374 180	321 227	76 266	25 803	89 585	na	1 852	1 509 392	
Outer regional											

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Table 12A.16 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by remoteness, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	99	100	99	na	100	100	<b>4 986</b>
Triage category 2	%	86	86	80	77	82	81	na	58	80	<b>78 144</b>
Triage category 3	%	81	78	72	70	84	68	na	37	73	<b>249 052</b>
Triage category 4	%	86	77	78	76	89	71	na	53	79	<b>314 978</b>
Triage category 5	%	95	93	95	92	97	90	na	85	94	<b>73 442</b>
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>86</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>72</b>	na	<b>50</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>720 696</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	237 570	88 612	156 566	73 594	65 400	49 168	na	49 786	720 696	
Remote											
Triage category 1	%	np	np	100	99	100	np	na	100	100	<b>763</b>
Triage category 2	%	90	84	91	88	80	79	na	72	83	<b>12 243</b>
Triage category 3	%	83	74	83	84	84	66	na	65	77	<b>39 687</b>
Triage category 4	%	90	76	84	83	93	71	na	63	79	<b>66 754</b>
Triage category 5	%	96	88	98	97	97	n.p	na	89	96	<b>18 452</b>
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>89</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>72</b>	na	<b>67</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>137 919</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	18 602	1 552	19 467	49 984	8 889	1 272	na	38 153	137 919	
Very remote											
Triage category 1	%	np	np	100	np	np	np	na	100	100	<b>577</b>
Triage category 2	%	86	np	90	85	70	np	na	66	74	<b>7 771</b>
Triage category 3	%	81	np	83	79	66	np	na	63	71	<b>23 392</b>
Triage category 4	%	92	74	84	82	82	np	na	66	75	<b>33 046</b>
Triage category 5	%	97	np	96	96	95	np	na	90	93	<b>9 346</b>

TABLE 12A.16

Table 12A.16 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by remoteness, by State and Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
<b>Total (i)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>68</b>	na	<b>68</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>74 152</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	5 408	215	15 891	10 625	1 461	225	na	40 327	74 152	

(a) The proportion of presentations for which the waiting time to commencement of clinical care was within the time specified in the definition of the triage category. Records were excluded from the calculation of waiting time statistics if the triage category was unknown, if the patient did not wait or was dead on arrival, or if the waiting time could not be calculated due to missing or invalid time fields.

(b) It should be noted that the data presented here are not necessarily representative of the hospitals not included in the NNAPEDCD.

(c) Area of usual residence was not reported or not mappable to SEIFA categories for approximately 2 per cent of records.

(d) Remoteness areas are based on the usual residential address of the patient. Not all remoteness areas are represented in each State or Territory. The remoteness area 'Major city' does not exist within Tasmania or the NT, 'Inner regional' does not exist within the NT, 'Outer regional' does not exist in the ACT, 'Remote' does not exist in the ACT and 'Very remote' does not exist in Victoria or the ACT. However, data are reported for the state/territory where the hospital was located. This means, for example, that although there is no 'major city' classification in Tasmania, Tasmanian hospitals may treat some patients whose usual residence is a major city in another jurisdiction.

(e) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.

(f) For 2014-15, waiting times information could not be calculated for 8 months of data (about 27 000 emergency department presentations) for a Public acute group B hospital in WA. For 2015-16, waiting times information could not be calculated for about 43 000 emergency department presentations for a Public acute group B hospital in WA.

(g) For 2014-15, waiting times information could not be calculated for one Public acute group B hospital in SA, that reported about 40 000 emergency department presentations.

(h) Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply and have not been included in the totals for 2015-16.

(i) The totals exclude records for which the waiting time to service could not be calculated, and records for which the episode end status was either 'Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional' or 'Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department'.

(j) The totals include records for which the triage category was not assigned or not reported.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database.

TABLE 12A.17

Table 12A.17 Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by State and Territory, by SEIFA IRSD quintiles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
2013-14											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Quintile 1											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	99	100	100	np	100	100	11 586
Triage category 2	%	84	83	80	88	76	84	84	65	82	192 241
Triage category 3	%	76	72	69	63	65	68	53	60	71	606 253
Triage category 4	%	79	70	74	73	77	73	59	61	75	721 325
Triage category 5	%	94	86	91	93	92	90	86	90	92	146 668
<b>Total (i)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1 678 073</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	660 024	291 625	377 623	90 799	131 478	75 094	2 088	49 522	1 678 253	
Quintile 2											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	np	np	100	100	10 179
Triage category 2	%	83	85	79	86	74	86	86	57	82	166 757
Triage category 3	%	77	76	65	64	65	67	56	44	71	517 293
Triage category 4	%	80	72	74	75	76	72	59	44	76	632 608
Triage category 5	%	94	90	92	95	92	90	88	84	93	137 878
<b>Total (i)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1 464 715</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	584 273	346 473	234 496	140 911	118 099	21 268	3 887	15 556	1 464 963	
Quintile 3											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	99	100	100	np	100	100	8 553
Triage category 2	%	83	85	80	85	72	85	84	64	82	150 272

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	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 3	%	74	73	65	58	63	64	49	59	68	458 528
Triage category 4	%	78	70	74	71	76	69	55	58	73	539 761
Triage category 5	%	93	88	93	94	91	91	83	90	92	97 536
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>79</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1 254 650</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	386 417	314 342	272 443	172 661	48 788	23 913	7 857	28 327	1 254 748	
Quintile 4											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	99	100	100	99	100	100	7 817
Triage category 2	%	84	85	79	85	73	86	82	56	82	136 195
Triage category 3	%	77	72	66	55	63	59	50	32	68	421 001
Triage category 4	%	80	71	75	69	78	66	55	38	73	476 506
Triage category 5	%	94	88	93	94	92	88	85	74	91	84 188
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1 125 707</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	276 665	331 034	241 634	130 213	72 653	16 680	37 017	19 859	1 125 755	
Quintile 5											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	np	100	100	100	6 499
Triage category 2	%	84	84	83	85	71	87	83	58	83	116 548
Triage category 3	%	77	75	71	54	63	56	50	41	69	337 524
Triage category 4	%	81	73	79	68	79	71	57	51	75	404 845
Triage category 5	%	94	88	95	94	93	93	86	93	92	81 050
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>946 466</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	355 895	179 846	140 635	160 325	25 968	2 147	67 093	14 617	946 526	

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Table 12A.17 Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by State and Territory, by SEIFA IRSD quintiles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
2014-15											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Quintile 1											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	100	np	100	100	12 023
Triage category 2	%	81	78	77	87	73	83	83	65	79	204 794
Triage category 3	%	76	70	66	64	61	66	50	62	70	625 277
Triage category 4	%	80	70	73	72	73	69	54	64	75	716 717
Triage category 5	%	94	87	91	93	90	89	86	88	92	144 683
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1 703 494</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	684 887	297 347	372 557	84 035	137 254	74 877	2 141	50 560	1 703 658	
Quintile 2											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	np	np	100	100	10 659
Triage category 2	%	83	81	77	83	68	84	81	59	80	179 628
Triage category 3	%	76	74	63	63	56	66	53	48	69	543 253
Triage category 4	%	81	73	75	72	66	69	57	53	76	645 586
Triage category 5	%	95	91	92	94	89	89	90	84	93	135 748
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1 514 874</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	601 277	352 396	245 565	155 462	119 488	21 968	3 977	14 907	1 515 040	
Quintile 3											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	100	np	100	100	8 921
Triage category 2	%	81	81	77	83	68	82	78	67	79	160 291
Triage category 3	%	73	73	62	56	57	61	46	60	67	481 052

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	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 4	%	79	72	73	69	66	65	51	57	73	546 322
Triage category 5	%	94	89	93	93	88	89	87	91	92	94 450
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>79</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1 291 036</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	399 020	326 731	282 843	174 017	48 418	24 177	8 164	27 737	1 291 107	
Quintile 4											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	8 301
Triage category 2	%	82	80	76	82	66	85	78	57	78	146 493
Triage category 3	%	76	72	63	53	54	54	48	38	66	444 300
Triage category 4	%	80	73	74	67	68	60	52	51	73	484 589
Triage category 5	%	94	89	94	93	90	87	85	83	91	83 171
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1 166 854</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	285 419	342 050	253 401	137 813	73 859	17 194	37 674	19 466	1 166 876	
Quintile 5											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	np	100	np	100	7 067
Triage category 2	%	82	81	80	82	66	84	78	57	80	124 935
Triage category 3	%	76	75	68	52	54	56	48	43	68	353 466
Triage category 4	%	82	75	77	67	68	69	54	58	74	415 960
Triage category 5	%	95	90	95	93	92	87	86	90	93	80 545
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>981 973</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	366 939	185 154	144 869	172 657	26 702	2 212	69 393	14 089	982 015	

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	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Quintile 1											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	na	100	100	13 173
Triage category 2	%	82	78	74	81	72	80	na	64	78	225 626
Triage category 3	%	76	69	63	59	60	62	na	60	68	667 738
Triage category 4	%	81	71	74	70	73	65	na	65	75	725 204
Triage category 5	%	94	87	93	92	92	88	na	88	92	143 706
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1 775 619</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	723 872	313 057	376 227	79 952	152 588	76 158	na	53 765	1 775 619	
Quintile 2											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	na	100	100	11 538
Triage category 2	%	82	80	74	76	71	79	na	63	78	190 999
Triage category 3	%	76	73	59	59	55	59	na	48	68	569 116
Triage category 4	%	81	73	73	69	68	65	na	56	75	647 391
Triage category 5	%	94	91	93	93	91	87	na	87	93	135 643
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1 554 849</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	631 611	360 795	233 250	158 434	133 134	22 277	na	15 348	1 554 849	
Quintile 3											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	99	na	100	100	9 811
Triage category 2	%	81	79	74	76	69	81	na	71	77	173 710
Triage category 3	%	73	72	61	51	54	62	na	60	66	512 350
Triage category 4	%	79	73	73	67	66	65	na	59	73	558 388

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Table 12A.17 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by State and Territory, by SEIFA IRSD quintiles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 5	%	93	89	93	94	93	89	na	91	92	94 717
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>79</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1 349 039</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	411 738	343 646	306 223	173 908	60 624	24 248	na	28 652	1 349 039	
Quintile 4											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	na	100	100	8 772
Triage category 2	%	82	77	73	77	69	78	na	59	76	154 753
Triage category 3	%	76	71	61	49	54	46	na	38	65	458 989
Triage category 4	%	80	73	75	65	69	56	na	54	73	480 063
Triage category 5	%	94	89	94	92	93	85	na	87	92	77 764
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>80</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1 180 358</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	293 325	346 043	280 928	142 724	79 884	17 617	na	19 837	1 180 358	
Quintile 5											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	n.p	na	np	100	7 320
Triage category 2	%	81	77	78	77	67	81	na	58	78	131 043
Triage category 3	%	77	72	64	49	54	47	na	44	67	355 217
Triage category 4	%	81	74	77	66	68	59	na	60	75	402 446
Triage category 5	%	95	90	95	94	93	85	na	91	93	71 690
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>967 754</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	374 848	206 204	159 155	180 124	28 911	2 383	na	16 129	967 754	

(a) The proportion of presentations for which the waiting time to commencement of clinical care was within the time specified in the definition of the triage category. Records were excluded from the calculation of waiting time statistics if the triage category was unknown, if the patient did not wait or was dead on arrival, or if the waiting time could not be calculated due to missing or invalid time fields.

Table 12A.17 **Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by State and Territory, by SEIFA IRSD quintiles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
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(b) SEIFA quintiles are based on the SEIFA IRSD, with quintile 1 being the most disadvantaged and quintile 5 being the least disadvantaged. The SEIFA quintiles represent approximately 20 per cent of the national population, but do not necessarily represent 20 per cent of the population in each state or territory. Disaggregation by SEIFA is based on the patient's usual residence, not the location of the hospital.

(c) It should be noted that the data presented here are not necessarily representative of the hospitals not included in the NNAPEDCD.

(d) Area of usual residence was not reported or not mappable to SEIFA categories for approximately 2 per cent of records.

(e) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.

(f) For 2014-15, waiting times information could not be calculated for 8 months of data (about 27 000 emergency department presentations) for a Public acute group B hospital in WA. For 2015-16, waiting times information could not be calculated for about 43 000 emergency department presentations for a Public acute group B hospital in WA.

(g) For 2014-15, waiting times information could not be calculated for one Public acute group B hospital in SA, that reported about 40 000 emergency department presentations.

(h) Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply and have not been included in the totals for 2015-16.

(i) The totals exclude records for which the waiting time to service could not be calculated, and records for which the episode end status was either 'Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional' or 'Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department'.

(j) The totals include records for which the triage category was not assigned or not reported.

**na** Not available. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database.

TABLE 12A.18

Table 12A.18 **Length of stay for emergency department care, proportion of patients staying for four hours or less (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2011-12										
Number of ED presentations where ED Stay is less than or equal to four hours	no.	1 331 758	975 275	789 155	577 182	275 963	94 076	68 357	94 403	4 206 169
Total number of ED presentations	no.	2 231 891	1 509 052	1 238 522	725 840	427 011	141 700	118 396	144 842	6 537 254
<b>ED Stay length is within four hours</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>64.3</b>
2012-13										
Number of ED presentations where ED Stay is less than or equal to four hours	no.	1 447 210	1 002 616	921 527	581 873	300 787	98 992	68 172	92 578	4 513 755
Total number of ED presentations	no.	2 275 808	1 528 608	1 284 158	754 119	455 220	147 064	118 931	145 532	6 709 440
<b>ED Stay length is within four hours</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>67.3</b>
2013-14										
Number of ED presentations where ED Stay is less than or equal to four hours	no.	1 946 951	1 084 460	1 031 765	590 031	298 650	100 372	77 844	89 438	5 219 511
Total number of ED presentations	no.	2 634 923	1 572 787	1 351 573	742 615	463 171	148 278	125 888	145 176	7 184 411
<b>ED Stay length is within four hours</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>76.3</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>72.7</b>

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Table 12A.18 **Length of stay for emergency department care, proportion of patients staying for four hours or less (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2014-15										
Number of ED presentations where ED Stay is less than or equal to four hours	<b>no.</b>	2 005 126	1 126 336	1 057 255	632 713	299 542	99 899	81 989	88 315	5 391 175
Total number of ED presentations	<b>no.</b>	2 675 845	1 610 614	1 378 883	803 821	469 368	150 076	129 961	142 244	7 360 812
<b>ED Stay length is within four hours</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>73.2</b>
2015-16										
Number of ED presentations where ED Stay is less than or equal to four hours	<b>no.</b>	2 039 955	1 195 831	1 082 725	630 193	318 104	101 754	na	94 356	5 462 918
Total number of ED presentations	<b>no.</b>	2 726 943	1 679 874	1 439 140	829 431	481 889	153 541	na	148 459	7 459 277
<b>ED Stay length is within four hours</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>75.2</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>73.2</b>

(a) Invalid records are excluded from the numerator and denominator. Invalid records are records for which: the length of stay is less than zero (0), the presentation date or time is missing or the physical departure date or time is missing.

(b) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.

(c) Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply and have not been included in the totals for 2015-16.

**na** Not available.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Emergency department care: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series.

TABLE 12A.19

Table 12A.19 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by State and Territory, by procedure and hospital peer group (days) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
2012-13									
<b>Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	88	88	42	153	68	159	np	154	76
Cholecystectomy	43	61	34	47	48	164	62	71	48
Coronary artery bypass graft	28	19	4	13	16	31	np	–	16
Cystoscopy	21	22	28	50	39	51	29	42	26
Haemorrhoidectomy	61	104	np	np	np	np	np	119	85
Hysterectomy	35	50	34	33	51	44	np	np	39
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	44	51	48	52	41	129	62	np	50
Myringoplasty	290	np	84	np	np	np	np	np	167
Myringotomy	57	91	44	53	56	np	np	np	54
Prostatectomy	49	25	46	48	40	np	np	np	42
Septoplasty	307	165	38	np	182	np	np	np	224
Tonsillectomy	295	136	42	77	71	173	141	127	87
Total hip replacement	177	120	85	100	88	np	np	np	119
Total knee replacement	319	163	147	114	137	np	np	np	221
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	91	224	35	52	np	np	127	np	85
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	304	220	309	340	309	343	np	230	295
Cholecystectomy	170	243	143	216	90	452	207	292	203
Coronary artery bypass graft	85	84	68	41	56	93	np	–	76
Cystoscopy	100	113	168	339	101	179	149	138	133

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Haemorrhoidectomy	345	344	np	np	np	np	np	278	356
Hysterectomy	310	191	154	127	155	134	np	np	191
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	336	248	162	184	208	637	204	np	288
Myringoplasty	399	np	355	np	np	np	np	np	410
Myringotomy	241	212	98	96	92	np	np	np	126
Prostatectomy	131	188	189	164	105	np	np	np	147
Septoplasty	378	532	440	np	352	np	np	np	424
Tonsillectomy	369	442	141	226	332	483	372	375	363
Total hip replacement	363	300	362	235	215	np	np	np	362
Total knee replacement	374	352	475	293	285	np	np	np	395
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	356	357	136	166	np	np	545	np	336
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>219</b>
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	305	65	37	38	115	728	157	174	159
Cholecystectomy	69	66	54	20	41	55	67	np	57
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	np	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	28	21	23	22	45	27	40	np	25
Haemorrhoidectomy	80	99	74	27	np	68	np	np	69
Hysterectomy	76	58	65	54	65	86	np	np	68
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	87	78	66	26	37	114	np	np	72
Myringoplasty	305	np	85	np	np	np	np	np	104
Myringotomy	85	33	33	30	34	np	np	np	36
Prostatectomy	56	26	32	48	66	np	np	np	40

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Septoplasty	346	220	103	np	111	np	np	np	242
Tonsillectomy	269	97	77	90	68	68	np	np	106
Total hip replacement	224	122	91	90	111	297	np	np	128
Total knee replacement	323	162	169	92	153	441	138	np	225
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	76	203	99	np	115	np	np	np	113
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>90th percentile</b>									
Cataract extraction	361	199	250	148	370	867	305	395	359
Cholecystectomy	320	194	155	84	126	407	238	np	213
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	np	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	111	90	88	117	109	265	188	np	106
Haemorrhoidectomy	311	343	227	119	np	716	np	np	308
Hysterectomy	335	232	165	150	192	283	np	np	245
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	347	247	212	103	145	692	np	np	320
Myringoplasty	364	np	290	np	np	np	np	np	356
Myringotomy	329	183	119	97	93	np	np	np	160
Prostatectomy	272	156	173	156	119	np	np	np	169
Septoplasty	379	806	365	np	323	np	np	np	400
Tonsillectomy	367	342	288	265	229	161	np	np	362
Total hip replacement	364	329	355	276	323	621	np	np	361
Total knee replacement	372	376	468	315	349	762	355	np	379
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	359	498	357	np	361	np	np	np	370
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>311</b>

**Public acute group B hospitals**



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Table 12A.19 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by State and Territory, by procedure and hospital peer group (days) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	221	37	84	55	71	293	–	–	125
Cholecystectomy	52	49	61	30	15	np	–	–	48
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	29	22	np	10	13	23	–	–	20
Haemorrhoidectomy	66	62	59	37	np	np	–	–	55
Hysterectomy	76	78	77	26	26	np	–	–	56
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	71	60	80	35	19	np	–	–	60
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	151
Myringotomy	np	78	np	64	np	–	–	–	70
Prostatectomy	59	26	–	18	np	–	–	–	26
Septoplasty	329	127	np	140	np	np	–	–	197
Tonsillectomy	203	120	np	116	96	np	–	–	124
Total hip replacement	252	83	92	114	np	–	–	–	154
Total knee replacement	280	122	113	154	126	–	–	–	238
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	161	84	np	np	np	np	–	–	92
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>46</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	347	69	170	284	201	427	–	–	337
Cholecystectomy	182	151	109	122	57	np	–	–	141
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	104	91	np	64	54	107	–	–	85
Haemorrhoidectomy	258	195	142	118	np	np	–	–	183
Hysterectomy	328	194	329	77	67	np	–	–	245

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	315	168	175	122	76	np	–	–	232
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	357
Myringotomy	np	152	np	161	np	–	–	–	160
Prostatectomy	322	155	–	83	np	–	–	–	160
Septoplasty	375	386	np	390	np	np	–	–	376
Tonsillectomy	352	350	np	354	295	np	–	–	349
Total hip replacement	356	407	153	301	np	–	–	–	351
Total knee replacement	356	453	203	329	265	–	–	–	355
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	343	303	np	np	np	np	–	–	326
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>Other hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	269	44	–	32	74	–	–	np	61
Cholecystectomy	48	90	np	35	17	–	–	np	39
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	23	21	np	23	12	–	–	np	20
Haemorrhoidectomy	38	85	np	41	3	–	–	np	37
Hysterectomy	54	np	np	34	28	–	–	–	37
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	65	83	np	36	21	–	–	np	47
Myringoplasty	np	111	–	104	np	–	–	np	113
Myringotomy	np	19	–	41	np	–	–	np	28
Prostatectomy	np	97	–	np	13	–	–	–	51
Septoplasty	295	46	–	81	np	–	–	–	84
Tonsillectomy	210	29	–	70	61	–	–	np	61

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Total hip replacement	40	np	–	85	177	–	–	–	79
Total knee replacement	47	np	–	101	195	–	–	–	90
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	93	np	np	np	np	–	–	np	82
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>36</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	350	265	–	147	279	–	–	np	314
Cholecystectomy	94	230	np	85	63	–	–	np	112
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	82	106	np	127	57	–	–	np	96
Haemorrhoidectomy	274	249	np	99	34	–	–	np	148
Hysterectomy	178	np	np	105	87	–	–	–	118
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	303	254	np	99	82	–	–	np	205
Myringoplasty	np	349	–	278	np	–	–	np	323
Myringotomy	np	82	–	182	np	–	–	np	128
Prostatectomy	np	192	–	np	93	–	–	–	188
Septoplasty	349	251	–	278	np	–	–	–	329
Tonsillectomy	331	112	–	202	174	–	–	np	265
Total hip replacement	225	np	–	243	353	–	–	–	284
Total knee replacement	165	np	–	288	349	–	–	–	301
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	247	np	np	np	np	–	–	np	257
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>All hospitals (f)</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	238	51	45	44	82	277	157	156	89

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Cholecystectomy	56	61	48	29	31	71	64	58	50
Coronary artery bypass graft	28	19	4	13	16	31	np	–	16
Cystoscopy	25	22	25	22	31	34	35	50	24
Haemorrhoidectomy	65	81	63	37	20	70	np	75	60
Hysterectomy	60	60	55	35	43	70	55	np	53
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	71	69	65	34	29	104	81	53	59
Myringoplasty	304	131	84	87	np	np	np	140	123
Myringotomy	68	50	38	50	42	72	59	73	49
Prostatectomy	54	28	37	30	36	np	63	np	39
Septoplasty	327	124	78	125	99	272	np	np	193
Tonsillectomy	260	101	56	88	69	96	142	75	97
Total hip replacement	197	117	89	92	108	371	121	np	123
Total knee replacement	297	161	156	105	154	610	154	np	206
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	97	140	56	70	88	39	146	98	95
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	355	249	266	206	301	753	305	307	339
Cholecystectomy	234	189	143	112	90	392	217	170	182
Coronary artery bypass graft	85	84	68	45	56	93	np	–	76
Cystoscopy	103	98	103	137	97	179	171	161	109
Haemorrhoidectomy	306	289	226	121	90	750	np	244	266
Hysterectomy	316	213	172	120	134	237	189	np	218
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	336	222	184	120	116	633	232	133	281
Myringoplasty	383	375	327	278	np	np	np	355	364

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Myringotomy	328	170	102	133	97	260	201	175	141
Prostatectomy	198	178	176	147	106	np	139	np	167
Septoplasty	377	540	376	390	331	584	np	np	386
Tonsillectomy	366	353	216	259	279	447	374	363	359
Total hip replacement	361	322	351	272	319	809	347	np	358
Total knee replacement	367	380	459	313	343	961	440	np	373
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	353	375	318	342	338	np	506	np	353
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>266</b>

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50th percentile

Cataract extraction	77	65	51	106	85	91	np	105	70
Cholecystectomy	51	49	34	36	43	94	66	52	47
Coronary artery bypass graft	26	21	7	14	19	17	np	–	18
Cystoscopy	26	22	27	36	36	33	27	40	26
Haemorrhoidectomy	61	115	75	np	np	np	np	89	82
Hysterectomy	28	44	32	28	48	24	np	np	34
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	45	49	44	41	44	84	56	np	47
Myringoplasty	305	np	90	np	np	np	np	np	174
Myringotomy	63	115	36	49	44	np	np	np	53
Prostatectomy	61	26	50	33	57	np	np	np	48
Septoplasty	315	192	56	np	np	np	np	np	262
Tonsillectomy	254	179	42	72	73	135	324	np	92

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Total hip replacement	159	136	76	77	60	np	np	np	102
Total knee replacement	297	194	127	89	94	763	np	np	209
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	88	125	51	np	np	np	69	np	85
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	250	169	336	315	329	146	np	203	292
Cholecystectomy	180	176	122	117	84	316	220	168	158
Coronary artery bypass graft	79	91	93	63	81	74	np	–	83
Cystoscopy	100	112	161	242	113	116	98	184	122
Haemorrhoidectomy	315	377	355	np	np	np	np	187	340
Hysterectomy	187	189	163	118	130	136	np	np	167
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	310	215	167	126	134	296	200	np	251
Myringoplasty	455	np	340	np	np	np	np	np	439
Myringotomy	305	235	100	93	87	np	np	np	175
Prostatectomy	160	157	193	127	103	np	np	np	156
Septoplasty	365	588	364	np	np	np	np	np	399
Tonsillectomy	363	512	312	276	332	311	407	np	361
Total hip replacement	362	319	423	175	162	np	np	np	365
Total knee replacement	365	403	482	284	241	953	np	np	403
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	358	410	196	np	np	np	431	np	345
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>222</b>
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	291	48	29	65	84	608	125	127	152

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Cholecystectomy	61	47	49	18	45	69	64	np	50
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	np	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	29	21	22	20	48	28	31	np	25
Haemorrhoidectomy	71	67	57	25	np	np	np	np	62
Hysterectomy	80	56	69	41	61	113	np	np	69
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	85	64	71	21	49	125	np	np	66
Myringoplasty	329	96	89	np	np	np	np	np	104
Myringotomy	87	39	63	72	np	np	np	np	56
Prostatectomy	61	29	30	41	51	np	np	np	44
Septoplasty	339	170	127	np	229	np	np	np	255
Tonsillectomy	240	83	83	170	69	np	np	np	110
Total hip replacement	244	112	82	75	108	275	92	np	120
Total knee replacement	316	163	184	85	165	372	126	np	217
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	110	211	86	71	75	np	np	np	122
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	360	145	264	155	330	810	303	252	356
Cholecystectomy	306	143	128	78	88	394	156	np	156
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	np	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	120	91	88	89	107	234	157	np	105
Haemorrhoidectomy	287	279	217	113	np	np	np	np	244
Hysterectomy	297	257	163	112	253	246	np	np	248
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	349	196	181	84	104	564	np	np	300
Myringoplasty	372	361	363	np	np	np	np	np	368

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Myringotomy	338	153	235	228	np	np	np	np	230
Prostatectomy	135	210	140	89	130	np	np	np	149
Septoplasty	365	675	405	np	337	np	np	np	393
Tonsillectomy	360	305	330	308	290	np	np	np	351
Total hip replacement	361	320	364	248	327	497	344	np	357
Total knee replacement	364	385	436	287	318	733	346	np	376
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	362	561	436	340	215	np	np	np	374
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>301</b>
<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	211	np	92	34	68	64	–	–	103
Cholecystectomy	53	42	36	28	20	np	–	–	42
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	29	22	np	7	21	36	–	–	19
Haemorrhoidectomy	63	59	36	41	np	np	–	–	56
Hysterectomy	81	86	68	36	24	np	–	–	61
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	69	48	58	38	20	np	–	–	55
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	154
Myringotomy	np	90	np	63	np	–	–	–	79
Prostatectomy	64	42	–	15	np	–	–	–	28
Septoplasty	328	139	np	144	np	np	–	–	196
Tonsillectomy	211	132	np	124	77	np	–	–	133
Total hip replacement	232	88	73	70	np	–	–	–	133
Total knee replacement	278	195	104	84	168	–	–	–	230



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Varicose veins stripping & ligation	179	76	np	np	np	np	–	–	95
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>43</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	351	np	210	224	232	400	–	–	348
Cholecystectomy	195	117	97	107	65	np	–	–	127
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	98	69	np	50	68	177	–	–	74
Haemorrhoidectomy	154	195	133	192	np	np	–	–	161
Hysterectomy	339	280	209	99	72	np	–	–	239
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	314	147	116	133	82	np	–	–	206
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	357
Myringotomy	np	228	np	165	np	–	–	–	206
Prostatectomy	324	223	–	70	np	–	–	–	194
Septoplasty	364	361	np	413	np	np	–	–	364
Tonsillectomy	349	351	np	336	287	np	–	–	348
Total hip replacement	344	354	181	266	np	–	–	–	336
Total knee replacement	351	401	267	332	314	–	–	–	349
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	323	339	np	np	np	np	–	–	326
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>274</b>
<b>Other hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	266	37	–	37	78	–	–	175	56
Cholecystectomy	48	54	np	38	18	–	–	np	40
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Cystoscopy	23	15	np	19	12	–	–	np	16
Haemorrhoidectomy	41	85	np	48	3	–	–	np	44
Hysterectomy	56	np	np	29	36	–	–	–	39
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	60	69	np	43	20	–	–	np	47
Myringoplasty	np	128	–	81	np	–	–	130	111
Myringotomy	np	23	–	26	30	–	–	np	26
Prostatectomy	np	60	–	np	13	–	–	–	36
Septoplasty	315	39	–	101	92	–	–	–	111
Tonsillectomy	196	34	–	74	56	–	–	np	63
Total hip replacement	40	np	–	54	191	–	–	–	60
Total knee replacement	47	190	–	77	195	–	–	–	78
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	125	np	np	np	np	–	–	np	94
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>37</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	350	250	–	163	308	–	–	429	314
Cholecystectomy	139	160	np	85	69	–	–	np	111
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	83	95	np	81	52	–	–	np	82
Haemorrhoidectomy	271	207	np	94	44	–	–	np	147
Hysterectomy	194	np	np	92	110	–	–	–	125
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	261	335	np	95	105	–	–	np	187
Myringoplasty	np	449	–	210	np	–	–	331	369
Myringotomy	np	130	–	167	98	–	–	np	140
Prostatectomy	np	172	–	np	48	–	–	–	161

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Septoplasty	356	362	–	290	332	–	–	–	348
Tonsillectomy	329	187	–	246	178	–	–	np	297
Total hip replacement	137	np	–	139	337	–	–	–	261
Total knee replacement	139	493	–	181	344	–	–	–	312
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	262	np	np	np	np	–	–	np	239
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>All hospitals (f)</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	231	41	49	43	78	166	125	116	82
Cholecystectomy	55	46	43	28	35	71	65	50	47
Coronary artery bypass graft	26	21	7	20	19	17	np	–	18
Cystoscopy	27	21	24	19	31	31	29	47	23
Haemorrhoidectomy	65	70	52	40	21	np	np	70	59
Hysterectomy	56	62	58	33	47	70	63	np	52
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	69	56	58	35	33	84	59	41	56
Myringoplasty	316	141	89	81	np	np	np	154	131
Myringotomy	71	62	47	55	35	72	78	61	55
Prostatectomy	61	33	41	26	41	np	np	np	43
Septoplasty	325	136	100	139	138	np	np	np	220
Tonsillectomy	236	104	63	99	70	114	309	67	102
Total hip replacement	192	116	78	68	105	371	95	np	109
Total knee replacement	289	171	154	83	160	546	138	np	198
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	122	125	65	79	60	75	75	68	97
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>

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90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	352	213	312	191	309	715	303	295	335
Cholecystectomy	221	146	122	90	83	335	195	188	147
Coronary artery bypass graft	79	91	93	60	81	74	np	–	83
Cystoscopy	106	90	103	103	99	141	131	184	102
Haemorrhoidectomy	224	265	246	116	88	np	np	171	226
Hysterectomy	269	251	166	103	144	230	206	np	211
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	335	194	166	105	104	452	205	138	249
Myringoplasty	403	435	353	238	np	np	np	440	385
Myringotomy	324	197	198	169	88	215	200	195	192
Prostatectomy	165	192	148	91	97	np	np	np	157
Septoplasty	365	449	385	354	336	np	np	np	379
Tonsillectomy	360	355	321	291	279	321	410	274	354
Total hip replacement	357	323	370	202	313	761	382	np	355
Total knee replacement	362	393	434	276	321	881	458	np	365
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	353	409	340	295	182	np	306	np	353
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>265</b>

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50th percentile

Cataract extraction	120	58	67	68	104	202	np	127	83
Cholecystectomy	52	35	30	39	41	54	81	59	42
Coronary artery bypass graft	27	18	8	11	14	12	np	–	14

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Cystoscopy	27	20	24	27	40	37	26	34	24
Haemorrhoidectomy	82	63	56	np	np	np	np	34	65
Hysterectomy	29	35	42	34	42	40	np	np	36
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	53	37	40	31	48	56	70	np	45
Myringoplasty	280	np	87	np	np	np	np	np	188
Myringotomy	73	58	67	55	60	98	np	np	64
Prostatectomy	56	31	40	36	86	np	np	np	44
Septoplasty	306	267	70	np	np	np	np	np	266
Tonsillectomy	254	146	86	70	76	204	298	171	135
Total hip replacement	173	99	55	96	92	208	139	np	98
Total knee replacement	288	126	99	118	135	325	253	np	167
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	112	106	34	np	np	np	np	np	90
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	230	126	275	207	332	360	np	239	254
Cholecystectomy	209	130	88	132	94	364	342	217	154
Coronary artery bypass graft	93	83	38	53	60	60	np	–	73
Cystoscopy	97	82	77	123	165	144	140	179	98
Haemorrhoidectomy	302	185	275	np	np	np	np	273	274
Hysterectomy	210	192	175	104	125	293	np	np	179
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	302	178	184	125	192	404	263	np	251
Myringoplasty	362	np	347	np	np	np	np	np	402
Myringotomy	315	176	291	133	93	313	np	np	222
Prostatectomy	152	89	85	165	209	np	np	np	125

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Septoplasty	359	456	347	np	np	np	np	np	401
Tonsillectomy	357	346	362	329	339	313	584	593	358
Total hip replacement	356	238	259	277	236	588	512	np	334
Total knee replacement	361	354	329	317	276	776	599	np	360
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	309	414	253	np	np	np	np	np	322
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	295	13	33	72	109	551	107	143	119
Cholecystectomy	59	37	41	24	47	64	52	np	46
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	np	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	33	19	21	21	41	27	31	np	23
Haemorrhoidectomy	65	58	54	45	np	np	np	np	56
Hysterectomy	84	55	69	48	77	125	np	np	70
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	79	46	50	29	51	140	np	np	57
Myringoplasty	337	88	77	np	np	np	–	np	110
Myringotomy	90	45	42	84	np	np	np	np	51
Prostatectomy	61	28	29	36	47	np	np	np	39
Septoplasty	339	150	91	np	224	np	np	np	230
Tonsillectomy	293	78	69	157	148	253	np	np	117
Total hip replacement	254	108	52	90	126	324	np	np	111
Total knee replacement	313	148	88	106	236	440	195	np	206
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	126	132	np	57	117	np	np	np	112
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>

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90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	357	75	169	185	218	645	252	315	351
Cholecystectomy	286	124	86	93	133	392	140	np	134
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	np	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	161	76	76	106	113	490	87	np	100
Haemorrhoidectomy	230	228	129	111	np	np	np	np	191
Hysterectomy	323	267	189	100	324	436	np	np	267
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	349	156	98	111	141	619	np	np	274
Myringoplasty	378	344	285	np	np	np	–	np	359
Myringotomy	348	125	159	244	np	np	np	np	217
Prostatectomy	156	95	88	87	119	np	np	np	119
Septoplasty	365	488	290	np	358	np	np	np	381
Tonsillectomy	363	221	261	337	416	441	np	np	355
Total hip replacement	362	287	300	189	335	553	np	np	350
Total knee replacement	365	340	348	257	358	775	450	np	362
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	362	637	np	271	308	np	np	np	381
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>290</b>
<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	259	27	83	34	113	97	–	–	147
Cholecystectomy	59	34	38	30	19	np	–	–	42
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	31	20	np	8	21	30	–	–	19
Haemorrhoidectomy	66	56	47	37	np	np	–	–	55

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Hysterectomy	70	64	68	36	30	np	–	–	55
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	77	39	44	33	22	np	–	–	52
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	–	106
Myringotomy	np	57	np	74	np	–	–	–	64
Prostatectomy	56	26	–	16	np	–	–	–	27
Septoplasty	323	126	np	205	np	–	–	–	236
Tonsillectomy	231	147	np	159	np	np	–	–	155
Total hip replacement	248	142	83	76	83	–	–	–	169
Total knee replacement	284	259	126	82	166	–	–	–	236
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	238	107	np	np	np	np	–	–	132
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>43</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	353	69	306	309	273	427	–	–	350
Cholecystectomy	223	89	85	106	59	np	–	–	134
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	99	77	np	64	82	97	–	–	78
Haemorrhoidectomy	250	160	87	127	np	np	–	–	169
Hysterectomy	320	174	178	85	67	np	–	–	181
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	321	103	106	110	61	np	–	–	216
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	–	338
Myringotomy	np	174	np	185	np	–	–	–	173
Prostatectomy	280	87	–	83	np	–	–	–	135
Septoplasty	356	349	np	373	np	–	–	–	359
Tonsillectomy	349	328	np	353	np	np	–	–	343



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Total hip replacement	350	372	225	341	329	–	–	–	346
Total knee replacement	352	462	266	330	332	–	–	–	352
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	346	618	np	np	np	np	–	–	357
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>Other hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	223	34	–	37	70	–	–	166	53
Cholecystectomy	40	np	41	44	23	–	–	np	37
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	24	50	–	17	14	–	–	np	19
Haemorrhoidectomy	41	57	np	56	np	–	–	np	46
Hysterectomy	56	np	np	46	35	–	–	–	44
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	56	np	np	46	23	–	–	np	42
Myringoplasty	np	131	–	129	np	–	–	np	137
Myringotomy	np	24	–	47	np	–	–	np	28
Prostatectomy	np	56	–	np	np	–	–	–	36
Septoplasty	294	41	–	123	110	–	–	–	79
Tonsillectomy	166	30	–	121	37	–	–	np	55
Total hip replacement	58	–	–	76	167	–	–	–	76
Total knee replacement	56	–	–	102	243	–	–	–	83
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	137	np	np	np	np	–	–	np	88
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>37</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	349	133	–	191	307	–	–	418	300

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Cholecystectomy	146	np	84	85	59	–	–	np	98
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	84	173	–	95	46	–	–	np	84
Haemorrhoidectomy	317	113	np	213	np	–	–	np	161
Hysterectomy	190	np	np	166	101	–	–	–	133
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	314	np	np	100	74	–	–	np	174
Myringoplasty	np	499	–	265	np	–	–	np	432
Myringotomy	np	64	–	161	np	–	–	np	118
Prostatectomy	np	91	–	np	np	–	–	–	107
Septoplasty	355	96	–	291	314	–	–	–	336
Tonsillectomy	317	74	–	296	185	–	–	np	271
Total hip replacement	182	–	–	197	325	–	–	–	265
Total knee replacement	185	–	–	200	342	–	–	–	308
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	258	np	np	np	np	–	–	np	279
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>228</b>
<b>All hospitals (f)</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	221	35	57	41	99	273	107	143	83
Cholecystectomy	56	36	38	32	35	59	70	50	43
Coronary artery bypass graft	27	18	8	11	14	12	np	–	14
Cystoscopy	29	20	22	19	27	32	29	42	22
Haemorrhoidectomy	67	58	50	48	30	np	np	32	56
Hysterectomy	60	51	62	38	46	86	73	np	55
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	70	42	47	35	32	106	73	54	51

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Myringoplasty	309	121	79	85	np	np	np	243	137
Myringotomy	78	47	51	65	56	135	73	113	56
Prostatectomy	59	29	34	28	42	np	np	np	40
Septoplasty	322	131	84	183	170	np	np	np	214
Tonsillectomy	260	106	73	118	76	219	251	80	124
Total hip replacement	206	105	57	84	117	274	128	np	109
Total knee replacement	290	147	92	102	212	374	232	np	191
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	142	112	40	73	77	np	119	np	105
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	351	126	265	202	299	589	252	281	331
Cholecystectomy	229	118	86	97	92	359	264	204	137
Coronary artery bypass graft	93	83	38	56	60	60	np	–	73
Cystoscopy	119	78	77	98	104	184	101	180	93
Haemorrhoidectomy	269	184	147	129	240	np	np	267	208
Hysterectomy	288	225	182	104	145	316	175	np	217
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	334	149	107	110	111	481	240	149	242
Myringoplasty	364	432	321	279	np	np	np	792	383
Myringotomy	331	145	195	173	96	313	246	394	190
Prostatectomy	180	90	87	113	149	np	np	np	121
Septoplasty	363	422	331	357	358	np	np	np	370
Tonsillectomy	359	293	332	338	343	373	592	506	353
Total hip replacement	356	287	277	251	323	564	450	np	344
Total knee replacement	361	356	340	271	347	775	526	np	359

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Varicose veins stripping & ligation	347	546	196	304	295	np	305	np	357
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>253</b>
2015-16									
<b>Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	140	69	63	75	174	137	na	180	89
Cholecystectomy	49	26	38	29	45	103	na	55	39
Coronary artery bypass graft	27	19	7	7	13	32	na	–	13
Cystoscopy	33	19	26	34	41	28	na	31	26
Haemorrhoidectomy	73	71	70	np	np	np	na	30	68
Hysterectomy	37	36	29	30	29	80	na	np	34
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	47	33	52	24	56	167	na	np	44
Myringoplasty	317	np	104	np	np	np	na	np	203
Myringotomy	76	39	64	64	67	102	na	149	64
Prostatectomy	60	29	38	40	76	np	na	np	43
Septoplasty	302	190	169	np	245	np	na	np	252
Tonsillectomy	266	70	120	86	89	142	na	83	108
Total hip replacement	188	95	60	108	85	126	na	np	96
Total knee replacement	307	122	85	142	163	163	na	np	162
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	102	153	45	np	83	np	na	np	96
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	261	158	334	148	316	248	na	331	299

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Cholecystectomy	207	91	88	112	88	538	na	186	133
Coronary artery bypass graft	89	80	48	26	39	105	na	–	70
Cystoscopy	111	82	81	162	115	221	na	239	105
Haemorrhoidectomy	365	198	313	np	np	np	na	325	315
Hysterectomy	252	243	121	111	110	488	na	np	193
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	327	117	186	110	113	596	na	np	258
Myringoplasty	379	np	350	np	np	np	na	np	393
Myringotomy	257	113	253	158	114	252	na	331	204
Prostatectomy	170	113	87	146	140	np	na	np	125
Septoplasty	365	386	354	np	366	np	na	np	376
Tonsillectomy	363	215	336	346	381	300	na	377	352
Total hip replacement	362	241	220	348	273	276	na	np	343
Total knee replacement	365	357	304	409	318	357	na	np	363
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	346	361	338	np	365	np	na	np	353
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	279	25	67	36	135	453	na	114	131
Cholecystectomy	61	35	45	25	54	74	na	np	45
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	np	–	–	–	–	na	–	np
Cystoscopy	28	19	24	21	42	37	na	np	23
Haemorrhoidectomy	70	51	57	33	np	np	na	np	55
Hysterectomy	77	52	66	40	86	145	na	np	67
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	83	47	56	31	55	93	na	np	57

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Myringoplasty	338	106	111	np	np	np	na	np	174
Myringotomy	66	63	40	124	np	np	na	np	49
Prostatectomy	62	28	34	35	51	np	na	–	40
Septoplasty	333	155	96	np	341	np	na	np	226
Tonsillectomy	274	108	63	167	174	257	na	np	142
Total hip replacement	252	127	66	71	160	263	na	np	123
Total knee replacement	313	154	89	82	266	427	na	np	197
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	117	125	92	36	150	np	na	np	113
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	357	128	293	155	335	621	na	209	354
Cholecystectomy	281	117	108	64	103	287	na	np	149
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	np	–	–	–	–	na	–	np
Cystoscopy	128	77	77	141	111	342	na	np	94
Haemorrhoidectomy	317	180	215	90	np	np	na	np	207
Hysterectomy	319	213	196	106	362	365	na	np	259
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	346	154	166	83	203	384	na	np	259
Myringoplasty	383	363	320	np	np	np	na	np	362
Myringotomy	347	169	218	322	np	np	na	np	251
Prostatectomy	259	106	87	97	159	np	na	–	126
Septoplasty	365	548	317	np	412	np	na	np	379
Tonsillectomy	361	308	280	348	399	629	na	np	356
Total hip replacement	358	337	294	176	372	489	na	np	352
Total knee replacement	365	377	333	269	389	672	na	np	364

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Varicose veins stripping & ligation	352	378	335	219	348	np	na	np	352
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>292</b>
<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	279	23	83	32	117	328	na	–	195
Cholecystectomy	57	26	50	30	21	np	na	–	41
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Cystoscopy	34	20	35	9	25	41	na	–	20
Haemorrhoidectomy	57	43	70	26	np	np	na	–	47
Hysterectomy	77	62	71	41	30	np	na	–	58
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	75	35	64	36	20	np	na	–	55
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	–	107
Myringotomy	np	75	np	60	np	–	na	–	62
Prostatectomy	69	35	–	23	np	–	na	–	37
Septoplasty	318	146	np	170	np	–	na	–	226
Tonsillectomy	195	123	np	112	np	np	na	–	128
Total hip replacement	234	204	62	69	np	–	na	–	159
Total knee replacement	276	266	90	96	164	–	na	–	224
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	184	38	np	np	np	np	na	–	79
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>44</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	344	86	347	195	294	417	na	–	343
Cholecystectomy	209	84	141	99	64	np	na	–	136
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–

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Cystoscopy	111	74	79	80	81	174	na	–	82
Haemorrhoidectomy	217	148	308	119	np	np	na	–	159
Hysterectomy	329	160	189	108	77	np	na	–	192
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	304	104	182	106	62	np	na	–	208
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	–	349
Myringotomy	np	153	np	109	np	–	na	–	141
Prostatectomy	309	89	–	114	np	–	na	–	121
Septoplasty	358	310	np	359	np	–	na	–	355
Tonsillectomy	335	315	np	341	np	np	na	–	331
Total hip replacement	350	444	216	244	np	–	na	–	348
Total knee replacement	347	449	236	364	288	–	na	–	349
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	349	249	np	np	np	np	na	–	340
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Other hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	234	57	57	36	70	–	na	np	69
Cholecystectomy	39	84	34	41	19	–	na	np	40
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Cystoscopy	27	np	np	28	13	–	na	np	23
Haemorrhoidectomy	44	76	np	55	np	–	na	np	48
Hysterectomy	53	np	51	60	34	–	na	–	48
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	55	75	32	50	21	–	na	np	44
Myringoplasty	np	211	–	127	np	–	na	np	146
Myringotomy	np	28	np	35	np	–	na	np	31



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Prostatectomy	np	76	np	np	13	–	na	–	43
Septoplasty	267	37	np	125	119	–	na	np	59
Tonsillectomy	160	39	np	118	68	–	na	np	68
Total hip replacement	48	–	–	77	190	–	na	–	69
Total knee replacement	62	–	np	110	236	–	na	–	89
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	163	np	np	np	np	–	na	np	106
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>42</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	351	154	153	203	285	–	na	np	298
Cholecystectomy	134	112	97	114	55	–	na	np	112
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Cystoscopy	97	np	np	98	54	–	na	np	88
Haemorrhoidectomy	216	268	np	223	np	–	na	np	217
Hysterectomy	247	np	115	129	85	–	na	–	127
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	268	172	113	168	92	–	na	np	174
Myringoplasty	np	635	–	294	np	–	na	np	549
Myringotomy	np	90	np	198	np	–	na	np	126
Prostatectomy	np	132	np	np	54	–	na	–	129
Septoplasty	465	87	np	314	334	–	na	np	316
Tonsillectomy	314	90	np	316	291	–	na	np	286
Total hip replacement	197	–	–	268	349	–	na	–	308
Total knee replacement	232	–	np	286	353	–	na	–	328
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	311	np	np	np	np	–	na	np	288
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>233</b>

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
<b>All hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	240	56	64	37	119	301	na	158	93
Cholecystectomy	56	31	43	29	39	83	na	43	42
Coronary artery bypass graft	27	19	7	7	13	32	na	–	13
Cystoscopy	30	20	24	24	29	32	na	38	23
Haemorrhoidectomy	63	55	59	37	31	np	na	37	54
Hysterectomy	62	48	54	36	45	110	na	np	52
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	69	40	55	35	34	110	na	55	52
Myringoplasty	317	154	109	90	np	np	na	202	173
Myringotomy	69	52	50	63	57	105	na	117	57
Prostatectomy	62	32	35	33	41	np	na	np	42
Septoplasty	317	123	97	173	273	383	na	np	209
Tonsillectomy	253	87	80	111	87	180	na	58	120
Total hip replacement	212	115	63	78	144	178	na	np	114
Total knee replacement	290	148	88	94	222	299	na	np	188
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	135	121	58	61	80	np	na	np	104
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	349	153	330	184	310	562	na	342	334
Cholecystectomy	232	103	100	87	90	414	na	170	139
Coronary artery bypass graft	89	80	48	26	39	105	na	–	70
Cystoscopy	116	79	78	124	100	260	na	232	95
Haemorrhoidectomy	310	175	226	152	91	np	na	317	225

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Table 12A.19 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by State and Territory, by procedure and hospital peer group (days) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (d)</i>
Hysterectomy	296	210	164	111	187	399	na	np	216
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	327	132	163	105	111	477	na	255	233
Myringoplasty	378	505	346	317	np	np	na	865	382
Myringotomy	312	142	226	202	117	257	na	343	196
Prostatectomy	201	110	87	115	139	np	na	np	125
Septoplasty	364	366	332	344	387	700	na	np	365
Tonsillectomy	361	280	310	342	368	447	na	279	350
Total hip replacement	356	328	270	246	355	459	na	np	348
Total knee replacement	362	383	324	333	365	659	na	np	361
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	347	358	336	249	363	np	na	np	348
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>260</b>

(a) The data presented for this indicator are sourced from the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

(b) Data are suppressed where there are fewer than 100 elective surgery admissions in the category.

(c) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.

(d) Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply and have not been included in the calculation of Australian waiting times for 2015-16.

(e) Total includes all removals for elective surgery procedures, including but not limited to the procedures listed above.

(f) Other hospitals data includes hospitals categorised as peer groups not observed in individual peer group breakdowns (that is, not Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals, Public acute group A or Public acute group B hospitals).

**np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.20

Table 12A.20 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by Indigenous status and procedure, by State and Territory (days) (a), (b)**

	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)</i>									<i>Other Australians (d)</i>								
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2011-12																		
<b>All hospitals</b>																		
50th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	272	60	67	87	84	198	162	168	126	231	60	49	35	78	244	162	176	89
Cholecystectomy	64	63	63	43	31	111	np	86	60	60	55	45	27	42	89	57	52	51
Coronary artery bypass graft	24	21	20	65	32	np	np	–	24	23	18	5	22	18	21	21	–	15
Cystoscopy	36	23	33	44	31	29	83	71	35	26	22	25	28	32	28	52	47	25
Haemorrhoidectomy	31	np	40	46	np	np	np	121	46	71	63	57	33	38	65	83	135	58
Hysterectomy	66	59	50	35	48	109	np	47	54	57	57	53	40	40	51	60	92	52
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	47	76	57	16	33	80	np	53	43	73	60	51	29	34	57	73	79	56
Myringoplasty	314	np	86	92	8	np	–	90	91	315	106	78	77	74	114	393	92	109
Myringotomy	86	48	55	57	34	92	99	43	57	76	49	29	47	43	90	113	40	48
Prostatectomy	98	np	45	54	np	np	–	np	56	57	33	39	34	36	43	45	63	42
Septoplasty	262	np	178	np	np	np	np	np	135	322	98	56	100	137	200	321	110	154
Tonsillectomy	150	95	83	118	78	169	133	62	95	230	97	57	78	63	98	168	74	91
Total hip replacement	292	101	188	np	np	np	–	np	182	195	109	88	96	133	224	196	107	120
Total knee replacement	334	np	134	87	np	np	np	np	256	300	135	118	118	172	495	226	121	185
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	136	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	144	99	106	77	65	123	64	230	223	99
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>
90th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	362	232	394	217	261	480	292	295	355	360	173	368	193	324	554	291	268	346
Cholecystectomy	239	204	164	147	112	645	np	274	201	248	161	126	139	103	525	169	267	172

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	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)</i>									<i>Other Australians (d)</i>								
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Coronary artery bypass graft	86	36	75	181	131	np	np	–	104	85	84	55	61	78	73	71	–	75
Cystoscopy	101	120	97	188	83	134	138	194	131	102	100	96	158	93	135	224	157	107
Haemorrhoidectomy	174	np	127	112	np	np	np	234	195	304	262	163	182	122	797	314	227	246
Hysterectomy	283	184	138	93	98	217	np	145	175	306	171	167	123	176	198	229	162	205
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	325	448	208	148	359	331	np	156	265	338	173	147	151	141	524	198	330	270
Myringoplasty	376	np	323	263	296	np	–	400	349	376	352	286	238	302	565	529	381	365
Myringotomy	331	112	137	172	163	180	280	131	161	322	141	102	113	98	197	270	105	135
Prostatectomy	191	np	169	77	np	np	–	np	169	183	185	139	139	88	106	188	129	160
Septoplasty	365	np	326	np	np	np	np	np	360	372	367	296	358	316	601	543	413	369
Tonsillectomy	363	328	290	336	327	373	267	280	354	370	327	223	238	254	331	330	320	355
Total hip replacement	372	281	289	np	np	np	–	np	378	364	300	301	266	335	660	441	239	356
Total knee replacement	378	np	328	328	np	np	np	np	377	370	352	361	342	362	868	488	477	370
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	352	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	358	342	384	349	379	363	667	627	562	361
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>247</b>

2012-13

**All hospitals**

## 50th percentile

Cataract extraction	269	np	80	76	np	np	np	174	140	238	52	43	44	81	277	157	150	88
Cholecystectomy	55	np	39	np	np	np	np	np	48	56	60	46	29	30	70	66	56	50
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	15	28	19	8	13	15	43	np	–	16
Cystoscopy	34	np	27	30	np	np	np	np	30	25	21	24	22	30	34	34	48	23

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	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)</i>									<i>Other Australians (d)</i>								
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	68	79	56	35	19	68	np	86	59
Hysterectomy	np	np	57	np	np	np	np	np	59	59	59	55	35	43	69	55	np	53
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	49	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	41	72	71	65	34	29	104	85	54	61
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	97	np	np	–	150	121	311	132	82	83	np	np	np	np	124
Myringotomy	np	np	53	39	np	np	np	np	54	68	50	35	54	41	71	64	np	49
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	np	54	28	36	31	36	np	65	np	39
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	238	328	129	75	124	99	269	np	np	196
Tonsillectomy	237	np	79	np	np	np	np	np	105	259	105	51	89	68	98	176	74	98
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	158	196	105	78	92	108	380	136	np	115
Total knee replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	297	296	141	152	105	153	616	177	np	195
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	np	np	97	145	56	70	87	np	157	np	97
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>
90th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	360	np	334	214	np	np	np	399	357	356	248	217	208	301	755	305	239	339
Cholecystectomy	303	np	167	np	np	np	np	np	197	234	188	139	112	90	399	217	190	181
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	88	85	85	68	44	54	127	np	–	76
Cystoscopy	111	np	108	99	np	np	np	np	127	103	96	100	137	97	185	168	146	107
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	310	284	211	121	90	750	np	222	257
Hysterectomy	np	np	168	np	np	np	np	np	240	315	213	172	120	130	237	189	np	217
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	284	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	225	338	232	181	120	119	636	235	145	286
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	279	np	np	–	400	348	383	375	330	279	np	np	np	np	367
Myringotomy	np	np	106	165	np	np	np	np	177	337	170	102	128	95	251	254	np	139
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	np	211	179	170	146	107	np	139	np	167
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	399	378	571	377	390	330	584	np	np	390

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	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)</i>									<i>Other Australians (d)</i>								
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Tonsillectomy	362	np	246	np	np	np	np	np	358	366	355	212	261	271	455	377	371	359
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	372	362	308	346	271	317	831	373	np	357
Total knee replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	406	368	365	462	312	343	964	445	np	373
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	np	np	353	403	308	342	339	np	545	np	356
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>264</b>

2013-14

**All hospitals**

50th percentile

Cataract extraction	242	np	70	55	np	np	np	133	112	231	41	48	42	78	170	125	110	81
Cholecystectomy	56	np	42	np	np	np	np	np	46	55	46	43	27	35	71	65	np	47
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	17	26	21	6	20	21	17	np	–	18
Cystoscopy	32	np	24	32	np	np	np	np	29	27	21	24	18	31	31	29	49	23
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	np	64	69	52	40	21	np	np	61	59
Hysterectomy	np	np	64	np	np	np	np	np	57	55	62	57	33	47	69	65	np	52
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	58	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	45	69	56	58	35	33	84	59	42	56
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	74	np	np	–	156	119	320	141	87	83	np	np	np	np	134
Myringotomy	np	np	70	41	np	np	np	np	59	71	63	42	57	35	72	76	np	54
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	64	61	33	41	26	41	np	np	np	43
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	325	136	98	135	138	np	np	np	218
Tonsillectomy	205	98	84	np	np	np	np	np	108	240	104	60	100	70	115	275	69	102
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	129	192	117	78	68	104	371	96	np	109
Total knee replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	243	289	171	154	83	160	535	138	np	197

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	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)</i>									<i>Other Australians (d)</i>								
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	np	np	121	125	65	79	61	np	75	np	97
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>
90th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	359	np	335	183	np	np	np	378	349	352	213	311	192	310	716	302	231	335
Cholecystectomy	154	np	141	np	np	np	np	np	146	223	146	121	90	84	342	195	np	147
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	77	79	91	93	63	81	74	np	–	83
Cystoscopy	133	np	106	117	np	np	np	np	140	106	90	102	102	99	140	126	188	101
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	np	224	265	246	116	88	np	np	160	224
Hysterectomy	np	np	168	np	np	np	np	np	197	268	251	166	104	145	224	205	np	212
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	339	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	281	335	194	166	105	104	446	205	134	249
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	221	np	np	–	440	392	422	434	345	255	np	np	np	np	383
Myringotomy	np	np	274	154	np	np	np	np	232	325	196	171	180	87	182	200	np	187
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	151	165	192	147	91	98	np	np	np	157
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	365	449	384	360	336	np	np	np	379
Tonsillectomy	358	335	339	np	np	np	np	np	353	360	355	317	293	278	321	405	334	354
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	377	357	325	368	202	313	761	400	np	355
Total knee replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	390	362	393	433	277	321	879	458	np	365
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	np	np	353	409	332	295	182	np	306	np	353
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>264</b>

2014-15

**All hospitals**

50th percentile



TABLE 12A.20

Table 12A.20 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by Indigenous status and procedure, by State and Territory (days) (a), (b)**

	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)</i>									<i>Other Australians (d)</i>								
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Cataract extraction	245	np	82	78	np	np	np	160	142	221	35	56	41	100	273	107	127	83
Cholecystectomy	54	np	40	43	np	np	np	np	46	56	36	38	30	34	59	70	39	43
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	-	11	28	18	8	11	14	13	np	-	14
Cystoscopy	29	18	23	18	np	np	np	54	26	29	20	22	19	27	34	29	39	22
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	-	np	68	67	58	50	48	30	np	np	30	56
Hysterectomy	np	np	70	np	np	np	np	np	69	60	51	62	38	45	84	73	np	54
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	63	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	48	70	42	47	35	32	109	73	51	51
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	68	np	np	np	245	149	307	121	81	107	np	np	np	np	134
Myringotomy	np	np	51	62	np	np	np	np	62	78	47	51	66	56	141	np	np	55
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	-	np	np	-	np	58	29	35	28	42	np	np	np	40
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	323	132	84	183	170	np	np	np	215
Tonsillectomy	201	102	78	np	np	np	np	np	111	265	106	73	120	77	219	266	70	124
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	151	206	105	57	84	117	275	128	np	109
Total knee replacement	314	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	263	289	147	92	102	214	373	233	np	190
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	142	112	40	73	77	np	117	np	105
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>
90th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	355	np	303	233	np	np	np	358	345	351	126	264	200	299	588	252	238	331
Cholecystectomy	246	np	86	98	np	np	np	np	166	229	118	87	97	92	358	264	140	136
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	-	61	94	83	37	56	60	60	np	-	74
Cystoscopy	153	65	76	115	np	np	np	200	132	117	78	77	98	104	185	101	177	92
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	-	np	282	271	183	148	127	240	np	np	266	207

TABLE 12A.20

Table 12A.20 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by Indigenous status and procedure, by State and Territory (days) (a), (b)**

	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)</i>									<i>Other Australians (d)</i>								
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Hysterectomy	np	np	258	np	np	np	np	np	299	286	226	181	104	145	285	175	np	213
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	324	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	195	334	149	107	110	111	481	240	133	243
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	254	np	np	np	802	492	365	431	328	313	np	np	np	np	367
Myringotomy	np	np	181	170	np	np	np	np	243	329	145	225	176	95	323	np	np	185
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	-	np	np	-	np	180	90	87	113	149	np	np	np	121
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	363	422	336	357	358	np	np	np	370
Tonsillectomy	355	253	348	np	np	np	np	np	354	359	294	330	338	343	373	592	489	353
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	358	356	287	276	252	323	564	441	np	344
Total knee replacement	368	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	371	361	356	339	271	347	776	526	np	358
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	347	541	196	304	293	np	305	np	357
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>252</b>

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All hospitals

50th percentile

Cataract extraction	264	np	76	67	101	np	na	168	140	239	56	63	36	119	301	na	155	92
Cholecystectomy	45	np	50	38	np	np	na	np	46	56	30	43	28	39	83	na	40	42
Coronary artery bypass c	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	-	8	27	19	7	7	12	32	na	-	13
Cystoscopy	33	20	26	24	np	np	na	47	28	30	20	24	24	29	31	na	37	23
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	44	63	55	60	37	31	np	na	40	54
Hysterectomy	71	np	51	np	np	np	na	np	55	62	48	55	37	45	111	na	np	52
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	59	np	43	np	np	np	na	np	47	69	40	55	35	34	110	na	56	52
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	89	np	np	na	206	122	317	157	118	93	np	np	na	np	185
Myringotomy	np	np	42	43	np	np	na	np	55	70	52	51	67	56	102	na	np	57

TABLE 12A.20

Table 12A.20 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by Indigenous status and procedure, by State and Territory (days) (a), (b)**

	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)</i>									<i>Other Australians (d)</i>								
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	np	62	32	35	33	42	np	na	np	42
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	283	317	123	96	173	273	395	na	np	207
Tonsillectomy	253	94	86	141	np	np	na	np	140	254	87	79	109	88	183	na	47	119
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	133	211	115	63	78	145	178	na	np	113
Total knee replacement	307	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	259	290	148	88	94	221	299	na	np	186
Varicose veins stripping (i)	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	-	np	135	120	57	60	80	np	na	np	104
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>
90th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	355	np	336	230	307	np	na	430	350	349	153	329	181	310	564	na	285	333
Cholecystectomy	174	np	113	106	np	np	na	np	157	232	102	100	86	90	414	na	133	138
Coronary artery bypass graft (j)	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	-	40	92	79	50	26	39	105	na	-	71
Cystoscopy	113	84	81	101	np	np	na	232	139	116	79	78	124	100	258	na	232	95
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	307	312	175	226	152	91	np	na	315	222
Hysterectomy	324	np	151	np	np	np	na	np	251	295	208	167	111	188	404	na	np	216
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	309	np	178	np	np	np	na	np	249	327	132	162	105	111	489	na	263	233
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	267	np	np	na	865	458	379	509	347	342	np	np	na	np	376
Myringotomy	np	np	174	146	np	np	na	np	236	316	143	233	225	119	257	na	np	191
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	np	202	110	87	115	139	np	na	np	125
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	365	364	366	332	344	387	713	na	np	365
Tonsillectomy	359	247	322	347	np	np	na	np	352	361	281	309	342	366	461	na	280	350
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	346	356	329	267	244	356	465	na	np	348
Total knee replacement	359	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	363	362	383	324	333	365	659	na	np	361
Varicose veins stripping (i)	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	-	np	347	358	338	250	363	np	na	np	348
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>259</b>

Table 12A.20 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by Indigenous status and procedure, by State and Territory (days) (a), (b)**

<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)</i>										<i>Other Australians (d)</i>								
<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>

- (a) Data are suppressed where there are fewer than 100 elective surgery admissions in the category.
- (b) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.
- (c) The quality of the data reported for Indigenous status in the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection (NESWTDC) has not been formally assessed; therefore, caution should be exercised when interpreting these data.
- (d) Other Australians includes records for which the Indigenous status was Not reported.
- (e) Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply and have not been included in the calculation of Aust waiting times for 2015-16.
- (f) Total includes all removals for elective surgery procedures, including but not limited to the procedures listed above.
- na** Not available. **np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) linked National Hospital Morbidity Database; AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.21

Table 12A.21 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by State and Territory, by remoteness area (days) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>All hospitals</b>									
2010-11									
50th percentile									
Major cities	42	37	28	31	41	48	77	4	36
Inner regional	56	32	29	27	33	35	63	np	38
Outer regional	61	28	34	29	29	38	np	29	39
Remote	43	36	28	32	28	38	np	33	32
Very remote	27	32	35	27	26	55	np	50	35
90th percentile									
Major cities	316	176	140	162	221	222	367	50	229
Inner regional	345	177	157	138	162	353	370	np	289
Outer regional	349	189	166	165	156	342	np	236	303
Remote	338	195	157	182	150	350	np	173	223
Very remote	233	182	185	156	151	425	np	278	221
2011-12									
50th percentile									
Major cities	46	37	28	30	38	np	59	8	36
Inner regional	58	35	28	28	32	37	66	np	38
Outer regional	65	29	32	31	30	39	46	40	36
Remote	38	35	27	29	26	31	np	39	29
Very remote	46	30	28	33	21	48	–	56	35
90th percentile									
Major cities	322	188	147	161	210	np	283	320	232
Inner regional	349	182	143	152	215	384	291	np	287
Outer regional	350	179	182	160	147	304	290	236	267
Remote	341	216	166	137	119	269	np	174	166
Very remote	315	207	161	165	127	296	–	247	186
2012-13									
50th percentile									
Major cities	45	36	27	31	38	np	51	np	36
Inner regional	57	36	28	30	31	42	43	np	40
Outer regional	62	29	32	31	27	40	np	39	37
Remote	52	28	28	30	21	36	np	40	30
Very remote	62	np	28	30	16	np	np	56	35
90th percentile									
Major cities	326	224	161	160	194	np	269	np	248

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Table 12A.21 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by State and Territory, by remoteness area (days) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Inner regional	343	223	175	156	214	413	231	np	305
Outer regional	345	218	218	166	165	403	np	185	293
Remote	344	181	194	132	106	383	np	180	171
Very remote	341	np	214	173	119	np	np	272	222
2013-14									
50th percentile									
Major cities	46	36	28	28	41	np	48	np	36
Inner regional	57	35	28	28	33	45	42	np	40
Outer regional	62	28	29	34	27	45	33	33	37
Remote	54	29	28	30	21	43	np	36	30
Very remote	72	np	30	35	19	np	–	61	41
90th percentile									
Major cities	322	226	190	142	182	np	249	np	249
Inner regional	336	209	166	120	208	401	238	np	294
Outer regional	340	212	265	182	167	406	220	168	295
Remote	350	258	221	133	118	297	np	176	178
Very remote	367	np	320	143	126	np	–	261	229
2014-15									
50th percentile									
Major cities	49	29	27	28	43	np	42	np	35
Inner regional	62	31	29	28	34	56	31	np	40
Outer regional	66	28	28	35	28	54	30	30	38
Remote	58	35	29	32	24	52	np	35	31
Very remote	61	np	27	35	25	np	np	56	36
90th percentile									
Major cities	321	180	154	148	222	np	210	np	234
Inner regional	342	179	144	121	214	428	203	np	295
Outer regional	343	211	194	175	199	422	167	211	294
Remote	348	104	168	156	112	364	np	183	183
Very remote	336	np	227	160	130	np	np	315	233

(a) The data presented for this indicator are sourced from linked records in the National Hospital Morbidity Database and National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection. The linked records represent about 97 per cent of all records in the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection for 2010-11 and 2011-12 and about 96 per cent of all records for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. For the NT, a higher number of records were identified in the National Hospital Morbidity Database than were reported to the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

Table 12A.21 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by State and Territory, by remoteness area (days) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(b) Disaggregation by remoteness area is by the patient's usual residence, not the location of hospital. Data are reported by jurisdiction of hospitalisation, regardless of the jurisdiction of usual residence. Hence, the data represent the waiting times for patients living in each remoteness area (regardless of their jurisdiction of residence) in the reporting jurisdiction.

(c) Data are suppressed where there are fewer than 100 elective surgery admissions in the category.

(d) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.

**np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished) linked National Hospital Morbidity Database and National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.22

Table 12A.22 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by State and Territory, by SEIFA IRSD quintiles (days) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>All hospitals</b>									
2010-11									
50th percentile									
Quintile 1	52	41	30	29	40	37	61	42	41
Quintile 2	56	35	28	30	40	37	75	39	41
Quintile 3	42	38	29	29	37	34	72	29	35
Quintile 4	43	35	29	31	35	32	78	30	35
Quintile 5	28	30	25	29	35	np	73	34	30
90th percentile									
Quintile 1	338	196	159	170	225	353	370	278	286
Quintile 2	343	180	153	163	211	336	379	237	297
Quintile 3	322	176	146	147	207	352	388	150	209
Quintile 4	319	175	145	168	173	323	367	235	214
Quintile 5	207	150	129	164	183	np	364	223	184
2011-12									
50th percentile									
Quintile 1	56	41	28	34	32	39	64.5	50	40
Quintile 2	59	37	28	29	36	35	52	45	41
Quintile 3	43	38	29	30	31	38	64	38	34
Quintile 4	45	34	28	30	34	36	65	36	34
Quintile 5	32	32	25	30	35	np	57	40	31
90th percentile									
Quintile 1	343	200	154	178	192	322	283	254	285
Quintile 2	346	195	158	150	207	304	298	223	290
Quintile 3	321	185	151	155	176	430	305	186	210
Quintile 4	318	183	145	159	182	462	289	225	204
Quintile 5	215	156	142	161	170	np	277	229	184
2012-13									
50th percentile									
Quintile 1	56	40	29	29	34	41	37	50	41
Quintile 2	55	37	29	33	33	42	48	40	39
Quintile 3	47	36	28	30	33	40	52	40	35
Quintile 4	45	35	28	31	35	35	52	41	35
Quintile 5	35	29	24	29	32	38	49	37	31
90th percentile									
Quintile 1	342	245	188	160	196	409	220	258	301
Quintile 2	340	224	186	167	176	387	261	175	282



TABLE 12A.22

Table 12A.22 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by State and Territory, by SEIFA IRSD quintiles (days) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Quintile 3	335	221	154	155	176	451	289	177	246
Quintile 4	320	217	163	162	179	326	273	189	230
Quintile 5	273	203	154	152	167	305	256	170	210
2013-14									
50th percentile									
Quintile 1	56	39	29	29	35	47	38	54	42
Quintile 2	55	36	28	32	36	47	42	35	39
Quintile 3	48	36	28	29	34	42	47	34	35
Quintile 4	44	34	28	28	38	40	49	35	35
Quintile 5	36	29	25	28	33	38	44	31	31
90th percentile									
Quintile 1	334	235	222	136	189	401	265	252	296
Quintile 2	335	222	207	148	185	430	238	167	280
Quintile 3	330	228	175	138	168	448	247	146	249
Quintile 4	317	216	182	149	169	292	255	173	229
Quintile 5	270	194	185	140	145	263	240	162	206
2014-15									
50th percentile									
Quintile 1	62	33	28	29	37	56	28	49	41
Quintile 2	58	32	29	33	37	58	34	34	39
Quintile 3	51	29	28	28	36	50	40	32	34
Quintile 4	48	28	28	28	41	49	43	29	33
Quintile 5	37	27	24	28	36.5	46	41	34	30
90th percentile									
Quintile 1	336	189	168	148	212	428	171	291	290
Quintile 2	339	187	176	159	217	407	182	225	279
Quintile 3	329	184	149	146	203	486	213	167	236
Quintile 4	319	174	149	145	211	333	206	211	213
Quintile 5	274	156	113	142	174.5	271	212	210	194

(a) The data presented for this indicator are sourced from linked records in the National Hospital Morbidity Database and National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection. The linked records represent about 97 per cent of all records in the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection for 2010-11 and 2011-12 and about 96 per cent of all records for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. For the NT, a higher number of records were identified in the National Hospital Morbidity Database than were reported to the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

Table 12A.22 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by State and Territory, by SEIFA IRSD quintiles (days) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(b) Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) quintiles are based on the ABS Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD), with quintile 1 being the most disadvantaged and quintile 5 being the least disadvantaged. Each SEIFA quintile represents approximately 20 per cent of the national population, but does not necessarily represent 20 per cent of the population in each state or territory. Disaggregation by SEIFA is by the patient's usual residence, not the location of the hospital. Data are reported by jurisdiction of hospitalisation, regardless of the jurisdiction of usual residence. Hence, the data represent the waiting times for patients in each SEIFA quintile (regardless of their jurisdiction of residence) in the reporting jurisdiction.

(c) Data are suppressed where there are fewer than 100 elective surgery admissions in the category.

(d) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.

**np** Not published.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished) linked National Hospital Morbidity Database and National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

Table 12A.23 **Classification of elective surgery patients, by clinical urgency category (per cent) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (b)</i>	<i>NT</i>
2006-07								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	4.1	2.5	8.5	7.9	7.9	6.6	2.7	10.1
Category 2	28.3	43.9	39.3	34.7	24.6	49.6	50.2	41.6
Category 3	67.7	53.6	52.3	57.4	67.5	43.8	47.1	48.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	33.2	24.5	38.1	33.0	33.8	42.2	29.7	47.7
Category 2	33.0	47.8	43.8	29.2	27.7	37.5	47.5	35.1
Category 3	33.8	27.7	18.1	37.8	38.5	20.3	22.8	17.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2007-08								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	3.7	2.8	9.2	6.2	8.6	6.9	3.1	9.4
Category 2	22.1	47.4	42.1	34.2	23.8	48.4	53.7	43.2
Category 3	74.2	49.8	48.7	59.6	67.5	44.7	43.2	47.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	30.1	26.1	38.6	31.8	35.8	44.5	28.7	42.7
Category 2	35.0	46.4	43.5	33.7	29.9	35.8	49.7	39.9
Category 3	34.9	27.5	17.9	34.5	34.3	19.7	21.6	17.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2008-09								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	3.4	3.3	8.6	8.5	5.1	7.5	2.3	12.6
Category 2	17.7	47.3	46.1	35.5	23.3	54.5	54.0	47.2
Category 3	78.9	49.4	45.3	56.0	71.6	38.0	43.7	40.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	28.3	27.6	39.6	30.6	33.2	36.6	28.3	45.6
Category 2	32.4	46.3	44.0	34.0	31.6	35.9	50.1	36.6
Category 3	39.3	26.1	16.4	35.4	35.1	27.5	21.6	17.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2009-10								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	3.0	4.0	9.2	6.1	5.1	9.5	2.8	9.4
Category 2	16.6	46.3	53.7	34.2	23.4	53.7	53.6	38.2
Category 3	80.4	49.7	37.1	59.6	71.5	36.8	43.6	52.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								

Table 12A.23 **Classification of elective surgery patients, by clinical urgency category (per cent) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (b)</i>	<i>NT</i>
Category 1	27.7	26.6	39.0	28.4	31.8	39.3	29.8	42.4
Category 2	31.6	48.1	44.3	35.7	34.5	40.9	49.7	39.4
Category 3	40.7	25.3	16.7	35.9	33.6	19.8	20.4	18.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2010-11								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	3.1	4.0	10.1	6.4	6.4	9.8	4.1	7.7
Category 2	16.8	45.8	48.0	30.6	25.0	54.9	54.9	38.7
Category 3	80.2	50.2	41.9	62.9	68.6	35.3	41.0	53.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	26.9	28.2	39.0	26.1	33.6	40.8	29.1	42.3
Category 2	32.3	47.6	45.6	35.3	34.2	42.5	48.6	38.3
Category 3	40.8	24.2	15.4	38.6	32.2	16.7	22.3	19.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2011-12								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	2.8	3.5	8.9	5.5	5.0	6.2	3.5	4.7
Category 2	16.4	46.6	47.1	31.0	23.0	52.5	47.2	42.9
Category 3	80.8	49.9	44.0	63.5	72.0	41.3	49.3	52.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	25.5	30.3	40.0	23.4	27.1	39.0	30.2	38.8
Category 2	33.2	46.9	44.6	34.8	33.3	44.0	48.6	41.4
Category 3	41.3	22.8	15.4	41.8	39.6	17.0	21.2	19.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2012-13								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Category 2	2.6	3.6	5.5	4.4	5.1	6.0	4.2	4.8
Category 3	16.7	48.8	41.0	28.8	24.0	52.6	39.3	35.8
Category 3	80.7	47.6	53.5	66.7	70.9	41.4	56.5	59.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	24.2	31.1	40.5	25.1	26.4	39.5	31.6	29.1
Category 2	32.4	46.5	43.7	35.0	35.7	40.6	44.8	49.3
Category 3	43.3	22.4	15.8	39.9	37.9	19.9	23.6	21.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.1</b>

Table 12A.23 **Classification of elective surgery patients, by clinical urgency category (per cent) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (b)</i>	<i>NT</i>
2013-14								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	2.5	4.1	7.6	5.1	4.2	5.7	4.4	5.3
Category 2	16.0	50.1	34.9	27.7	22.4	50.9	35.9	41.0
Category 3	81.5	45.8	57.5	67.1	73.4	43.4	59.7	53.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	23.5	28.9	39.0	24.9	25.5	38.2	29.3	29.8
Category 2	33.2	47.7	41.8	37.1	36.0	42.0	44.5	48.5
Category 3	43.3	23.3	19.1	38.0	38.5	19.8	26.3	21.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2014-15								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	2.5	4.4	2.7	5.4	3.7	5.5	4.0	4.3
Category 2	15.9	49.6	29.0	28.5	22.5	49.0	35.4	39.7
Category 3	81.6	46.0	68.2	66.0	73.7	45.5	60.6	56.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.1</b>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	22.6	30.3	39.7	25.5	25.9	37.4	32.5	37.0
Category 2	33.0	46.9	41.9	34.7	35.4	42.1	41.8	44.6
Category 3	44.3	22.8	18.4	39.8	38.7	20.5	25.7	18.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.1</b>
2015-16								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	2.4	4.7	5.9	5.9	4.3	6.6	na	4.9
Category 2	15.4	47.7	27.4	24.9	21.8	37.5	na	32.9
Category 3	82.2	47.6	66.7	69.2	73.8	55.9	na	62.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	22.4	29.8	36.2	24.6	25.6	31.9	na	37.5
Category 2	33.3	46.3	40.0	34.7	36.6	41.7	na	44.0
Category 3	44.3	23.9	23.8	40.7	37.8	26.4	na	18.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Data for 2010-11 and prior years were sourced from state and territory governments. Data for 2011-12 and after were sourced from the AIHW. Some differences in data may occur between these periods due to the different data sources.

(b) Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply and have not been included in the totals for 2015-16.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.24

Table 12A.24 **NSW elective surgery waiting times by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (d)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	5.1	1.5	3.3	0.1	0.3	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	–
Category 2 (over 90 days)	28.9	16.2	7.4	1.2	0.4	0.9	1.7	1.5	2.0	0.2
Category 3 (over 12 months)	0.2	0.1	1.3	2.0	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.2
All patients	8.5	3.7	2.5	1.8	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.2
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	12.9	7.9	7.2	7.9	7.4	6.3	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.2
Category 2 (over 90 days)	25.5	24.3	14.5	15.9	10.3	9.8	6.1	3.1	2.5	2.9
Category 3 (over 12 months)	4.4	4.6	6.4	12.1	8.8	8.4	6.5	4.1	3.5	4.4
All patients	14.2	12.5	9.2	12.1	8.9	8.3	5.4	2.9	2.4	2.9
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Waiting times are counted as the time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) Before 2015–16, there was no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term ‘extended wait’ was used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively. From 2015–16, the desirable wait for category 3 patients is defined as within 365 days.

(c) Data for 2010-11 and prior years are were sourced from the NSW Government. Data for 2011-12 and after were sourced from the AIHW. Some differences in data may occur between these periods due to the different data sources.

(d) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.25

Table 12A.25 **Victorian elective surgery waiting times by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (d)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Category 2 (over 90 days)	34.0	35.1	32.9	29.9	28.0	34.0	37.5	34.7	32.3	28.2
Category 3 (over 12 months)	10.5	9.3	9.3	6.8	6.8	9.4	17.0	14.0	7.8	7.3
All patients	20.5	21.3	20.3	17.4	16.3	20.6	26.4	23.8	19.6	16.9
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Category 2 (over 90 days)	25.3	29.9	27.0	27.0	25.4	27.7	34.3	31.4	24.2	22.9
Category 3 (over 12 months)	8.5	9.7	7.9	8.0	7.4	8.5	11.0	9.9	7.4	6.3
All patients	14.5	16.5	14.6	15.1	13.9	14.9	18.4	17.3	13.0	12.1
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	77.9	78.1	79.2	79.6	78.0	78.9	79.0	79.6	79.5	80.7

(a) Waiting times are counted as the time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) Before 2015–16, there was no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term ‘extended wait’ was used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively. From 2015–16, the desirable wait for category 3 patients is defined as within 365 days.

(c) Data for 2010-11 and prior years are were sourced from the Victorian Government. Data for 2011-12 and after were sourced from the AIHW. Some differences in data may occur between these periods due to the different data sources.

(d) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Victorian Government (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.26

Table 12A.26 **Queensland elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (e)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	6.4	8.0	6.4	8.4	10.4	7.8	7.2	1.1	0.5	0.2
Category 2 (over 90 days)	20.5	21.4	22.1	28.2	21.1	26.6	33.5	7.8	1.4	1.0
Category 3 (over 12 months)	32.5	24.4	15.5	1.1	3.4	8.0	9.9	0.9	0.1	0.2
All patients	25.6	21.6	17.8	16.3	12.6	16.8	19.4	3.3	0.5	0.5
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	13.2	14.7	13.0	12.8	13.5	12.3	8.3	5.0	2.2	2.4
Category 2 (over 90 days)	17.7	16.9	18.4	21.3	24.9	22.5	23.1	19.5	6.1	5.3
Category 3 (over 12 months)	11.7	11.2	8.7	11.3	6.2	10.2	12.1	11.4	2.6	1.6
All patients	14.9	15.0	14.7	16.3	17.6	16.5	15.4	12.3	3.9	3.4
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	95.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	89.3	97.9	98.2	91.0	97.9

(a) Waiting times are counted as the time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) Before 2015–16, there was no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term ‘extended wait’ was used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively. From 2015–16, the desirable wait for category 3 patients is defined as within 365 days.

(c) Data for 2010-11 and prior years are were sourced from the Queensland Government. Data for 2011-12 and after were sourced from the AIHW. Some differences in data may occur between these periods due to the different data sources.

(d) For 2014-15, Queensland was not able to provide data for 2 hospitals (that reported about 7000 admissions from elective surgery waiting lists in 2013–14) and 5 months of data for a third hospital (that reported about 3700 admissions in 2013–14).

(e) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June.

Source: Queensland Government (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.



TABLE 12A.27

Table 12A.27 **WA elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (d)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	26.2	13.9	21.1	11.7	16.4	14.5	3.8	1.8	6.7	17.3
Category 2 (over 90 days)	46.2	40.1	30.1	28.8	25.2	23.8	9.1	7.7	17.6	15.5
Category 3 (over 12 months)	6.5	4.1	3.1	2.6	3.5	4.1	1.6	0.8	2.5	1.9
All patients	21.9	17.0	14.2	12.1	11.0	10.8	3.9	2.8	7.0	6.2
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	28.8	12.3	14.1	14.5	12.7	15.4	8.2	2.2	4.0	8.2
Category 2 (over 90 days)	44.0	30.2	24.7	24.1	19.3	17.4	15.0	8.2	10.7	10.7
Category 3 (over 12 months)	24.3	5.4	4.5	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.3	1.7	1.7	1.9
All patients	31.6	16.0	14.3	13.8	11.3	11.1	8.6	4.2	5.4	6.5
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	67.0	79.0	78.0	79.0	92.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.6

(a) Waiting times are counted as the time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) Before 2015–16, there was no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' was used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively. From 2015–16, the desirable wait for category 3 patients is defined as within 365 days.

(c) Data for 2010-11 and prior years were sourced from the WA Government. Data for 2011-12 and after were sourced from the AIHW. Some differences in data may occur between these periods due to the different data sources.

(d) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June.

Source: WA Government (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.28

Table 12A.28 SA elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (a), (b)

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (c)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	21.6	26.0	0.8	2.5	0.1	–	–	–	–	–
Category 2 (over 90 days)	16.8	11.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	–	–	0.2	–	–
Category 3 (over 12 months)	11.3	6.5	0.1	0.1	–	–	–	0.0	–	–
All patients	13.5	9.3	0.3	0.5	–	–	–	0.1	–	–
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	22.5	21.5	17.4	11.2	13.2	9.9	7.8	6.7	8.0	10.0
Category 2 (over 90 days)	22.1	27.1	15.6	10.9	12.7	16.8	7.7	7.7	10.4	11.6
Category 3 (over 12 months)	9.5	11.4	7.2	3.1	6.1	3.9	2.6	2.1	2.7	4.7
All patients	17.4	19.2	13.2	8.4	10.7	7.8	5.8	5.3	6.8	8.6
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	61.6	67.7	70.6	70.7	70.7	96.7	96.8	96.4	96.5	96.4

(a) Before 2015–16, there was no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' was used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively. From 2015–16, the desirable wait for category 3 patients is defined as within 365 days.

(b) Data for 2010-11 and prior years are were sourced from the SA Government. Data for 2011-12 and after were sourced from the AIHW. Some differences in data may occur between these periods due to the different data sources. Country hospitals were also included for the first time in 2011-12.

(c) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SA Government (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.29

Table 12A.29 **Tasmanian elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (a), (b), (c)**

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (d)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	39.7	46.4	48.0	55.3	55.6	39.0	32.4	33.5	26.5	16.1
Category 2 (over 90 days)	64.8	68.5	68.6	66.7	66.7	70.0	66.9	61.6	62.2	40.9
Category 3 (over 12 months)	32.0	40.3	27.2	22.7	25.6	34.0	30.5	22.6	24.4	9.4
All patients	48.8	54.4	51.3	49.4	51.1	53.0	49.7	43.1	43.0	21.7
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	25.0	23.4	27.1	23.3	28.0	24.0	26.1	24.8	27.2	22.9
Category 2 (over 90 days)	46.1	51.2	48.2	45.3	39.0	40.0	42.5	50.3	57.2	56.6
Category 3 (over 12 months)	22.6	28.8	28.5	19.8	28.0	28.0	27.0	24.7	32.9	37.1
All patients	32.4	34.4	35.1	31.6	33.0	32.0	33.0	35.5	41.0	40.7
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Waiting times are counted as time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) Before 2015–16, there was no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' was used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively. From 2015–16, the desirable wait for category 3 patients is defined as within 365 days.

(c) Data for 2010-11 and prior years were sourced from the Tasmanian Government. Data for 2011-12 and after were sourced from the AIHW. Some differences in data may occur between these periods due to the different data sources.

(d) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.30

Table 12A.30 **ACT elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (e)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	6.8	6.6	0.8	6.6	1.1	–	1.2	0.5	16.2	na
Category 2 (over 90 days)	54.0	54.5	51.2	58.3	50.1	41.1	34.0	29.9	44.8	na
Category 3 (over 12 months)	24.3	20.9	15.4	20.2	14.6	5.7	8.0	11.0	18.2	na
All patients	38.7	38.5	34.4	40.2	33.5	22.2	17.9	17.3	27.5	na
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	7.2	4.1	5.9	6.4	9.8	2.5	1.6	1.5	4.6	na
Category 2 (over 90 days)	49.1	53.4	54.9	56.3	55.1	49.3	39.6	26.2	31.1	na
Category 3 (over 12 months)	30.4	29.0	24.8	22.0	23.6	14.7	9.7	12.8	16.7	na
All patients	32.4	34.0	34.5	34.4	34.9	27.9	20.5	15.4	18.8	na
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	na

(a) Waiting times are counted as time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) Before 2015–16, there was no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' was used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively. From 2015–16, the desirable wait for category 3 patients is defined as within 365 days.

(c) Data for 2010-11 and prior years were sourced from the ACT Government. Data for 2011-12 and after were sourced from the AIHW. Some differences in data may occur between these periods due to the different data sources.

(d) Data for the ACT for 2015-16 were not available at the time of data supply.

(e) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.31

Table 12A.31 **NT elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (a), (b), (c)**

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (d)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	53.7	57.0	49.7	37.2	23.7	15.6	15.7	14.8	13.4	14.2
Category 2 (over 90 days)	51.7	52.4	50.0	42.9	38.4	30.4	19.2	35.7	39.9	28.3
Category 3 (over 12 months)	39.3	35.8	24.2	15.0	16.7	6.1	13.3	20.0	23.4	24.8
All patients	45.9	44.9	39.1	27.7	25.6	17.0	15.5	26.2	29.5	25.4
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	19.2	19.6	24.3	23.5	18.6	16.1	9.5	9.8	12.4	6.8
Category 2 (over 90 days)	43.0	37.9	41.6	47.8	41.2	32.8	27.5	24.7	32.8	33.1
Category 3 (over 12 months)	39.9	29.1	19.7	19.1	17.9	16.3	13.2	12.5	18.2	19.6
All patients	31.1	28.6	29.8	32.2	27.1	23.0	19.2	17.6	22.5	20.8
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Waiting times are counted as time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) Before 2015–16, there was no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term ‘extended wait’ was used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively. From 2015–16, the desirable wait for category 3 patients is defined as within 365 days.

(c) Data for 2010-11 and prior years are were sourced from the NT Government. Data for 2011-12 and after were sourced from the AIHW. Some differences in data may occur between these periods due to the different data sources.

(d) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June.

Source: NT Government (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.32

Table 12A.32 Proportion of presentations to emergency departments with a length of stay of 4 hours or less ending in admission, public hospitals (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012-13									
Principal referral and specialist women's and children's hospitals (f)									
Resuscitation	43	57	54	59	53	56	62	49	51
Emergency	28	44	37	49	35	31	40	20	36
Urgent	23	36	36	42	29	18	24	19	31
Semi-urgent	27	35	43	44	32	19	28	16	33
Non-urgent	46	50	60	52	51	36	40	33	49
Total (d)	26	38	38	45	32	22	29	19	33
Large hospitals									
Resuscitation	44	44	54	54	39	69	..	..	48
Emergency	36	40	55	56	52	37	..	..	45
Urgent	29	31	51	42	44	34	..	..	37
Semi-urgent	31	33	57	41	44	42	..	..	36
Non-urgent	64	58	66	53	61	77	..	..	62
Total (d)	32	34	53	46	46	38	..	..	39
All hospitals (e)									
Resuscitation	44	56	54	59	55	56	62	48	52
Emergency	32	44	40	52	41	32	40	23	39
Urgent	27	36	39	43	38	22	24	23	34
Semi-urgent	30	36	45	45	43	24	28	24	35
Non-urgent	53	53	62	55	61	47	40	50	54
Total (d)	30	38	41	46	41	25	29	24	36
2013-14									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals (f)									
Resuscitation	52	61	62	72	52	55	66	49	58
Emergency	42	49	53	65	38	33	47	17	47
Urgent	38	49	51	62	33	24	29	11	44
Semi-urgent	44	50	58	63	38	27	32	11	47
Non-urgent	61	60	65	64	61	37	39	10	59
Total (d)	42	50	53	63	37	28	34	14	46
Public acute group A hospitals									
Resuscitation	48	53	56	55	50	64	53	40	52
Emergency	39	46	51	47	25	29	39	21	43
Urgent	33	39	51	34	21	22	30	21	38
Semi-urgent	35	41	57	36	24	26	37	19	40
Non-urgent	58	60	70	48	33	64	61	44	58
Total (d)	36	41	53	39	23	25	34	21	40
All hospitals (e)									

TABLE 12A.32

Table 12A.32 Proportion of presentations to emergency departments with a length of stay of 4 hours or less ending in admission, public hospitals (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Resuscitation	51	57	59	66	54	58	63	46	56
Emergency	43	49	53	58	37	33	45	21	47
Urgent	40	44	51	51	35	25	29	21	43
Semi-urgent	44	45	57	52	42	28	33	22	46
Non-urgent	65	60	68	60	59	44	45	50	62
Total (d)	42	46	53	53	38	28	34	22	45
2014-15									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals (f)									
Resuscitation	51	61	64	72	55	54	59	48	58
Emergency	38	49	51	66	41	36	46	23	45
Urgent	35	52	53	62	34	27	28	18	44
Semi-urgent	42	55	60	62	39	29	32	19	48
Non-urgent	56	66	62	67	63	35	36	16	58
Total (d)	38	53	54	63	38	30	34	20	46
Public acute group A hospitals									
Resuscitation	49	51	53	62	47	65	50	42	51
Emergency	43	46	54	50	22	28	46	18	45
Urgent	38	40	56	36	17	22	37	17	41
Semi-urgent	40	43	60	39	20	24	40	16	43
Non-urgent	61	64	68	57	27	62	53	21	59
Total (d)	40	43	56	41	20	25	40	17	43
All hospitals (e)									
Resuscitation	51	56	59	68	54	58	57	46	56
Emergency	43	49	56	60	37	35	46	24	48
Urgent	40	48	56	52	34	26	31	21	45
Semi-urgent	45	51	60	53	40	28	35	22	48
Non-urgent	65	64	66	63	58	45	42	29	63
Total (d)	43	49	57	55	37	29	36	23	47
2015-16									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals (f)									
Resuscitation	51	61	65	69	58	58	na	52	59
Emergency	39	50	57	61	44	38	na	28	47
Urgent	34	53	56	53	38	26	na	25	45
Semi-urgent	41	57	57	55	43	29	na	30	49
Non-urgent	56	64	61	58	69	39	na	39	59
Total (d)	38	54	57	56	42	30	na	28	47
Public acute group A hospitals									

Table 12A.32 **Proportion of presentations to emergency departments with a length of stay of 4 hours or less ending in admission, public hospitals (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Resuscitation	50	52	50	56	57	61	na	37	52
Emergency	45	51	53	50	39	25	na	22	48
Urgent	39	45	54	34	28	18	na	18	43
Semi-urgent	43	50	58	37	29	22	na	17	46
Non-urgent	64	67	66	45	44	57	na	24	61
Total (d)	42	48	54	39	32	22	na	19	45
All hospitals (e)									
Resuscitation	52	57	59	66	59	58	na	46	57
Emergency	45	53	56	58	45	34	na	28	50
Urgent	41	51	55	48	40	24	na	25	47
Semi-urgent	46	55	58	50	47	28	na	28	50
Non-urgent	66	65	65	60	67	48	na	36	64
Total (d)	44	53	56	51	44	28	na	27	49

(a) Includes presentations for all Types of visit.

(b) Length of stay is calculated as the length of time between presentation to the emergency department and physical departure.

(c) Data for the ACT were not available at the time of data supply and have not been included in the totals for 2015-16.

(d) The total includes presentations for which the triage category was not reported.

(e) Data for 2012-13 includes Principal referral and specialist women's and children's hospitals, Large hospitals and hospitals in other peer groups that reported to the National Non-Admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database. Data for 2013-14 includes Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals, Public acute group A hospitals, Public acute group B hospitals and hospitals in other peer groups that reported to the National Non-Admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database.

(f) Principal referral and Women's and Children's hospitals do not describe the same set of hospitals under the different peer group classifications. As there are two different peer group classifications used, this constitutes a break in series between 2012-13 and 2013-14.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Emergency department care: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series.



TABLE 12A.33

**Table 12A.33 Public hospital accreditation, 30 June 2015**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Number of hospitals(a)	<i>no.</i>	225	151	122	92	77	23	3	5	698
Accredited against NSQHSS standards 1 to 3(b)	<i>no.</i>	58	48	22	70	36	5	–	–	239
Accredited against NSQHSS standards 1 to 10(b)	<i>no.</i>	163	89	94	16	33	9	3	5	412
Public hospitals—total NSQHSS accredited	<i>no.</i>	221	137	116	86	69	14	3	5	651
Not assessed as at 30 June 2015(b)	<i>no.</i>	4	14	6	6	8	9	–	–	47
Proportion assessed at 30 June 2015(b)	<i>%</i>	98	91	95	94	90	61	100	100	93

(a) Information sourced from the NPHEd. The number of public hospitals accredited to the NSQHSS was based on unpublished data supplied by the ACSQHC, the AIHW limited the data to only those public hospitals that were also reported to the NPHEd

(b) Information sourced from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards (unpublished data).

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (2016), *Hospital resources 2014–15: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series no. 71. Cat. no. HSE 176; SA government (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.34

Table 12A.34 **Episodes of Staphylococcus aureus (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA (a), (b)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (f)</i>
2010-11										
<i>Infection rates</i>										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b><i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i></b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Number of infections										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	<i>no.</i>	233	118	72	21	31	6	7	16	504
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	<i>no.</i>	536	322	209	112	91	37	34	27	1 368
<i>Total</i>	<i>no.</i>	<b>769</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1 872</b>
Coverage (h)	<i>%</i>	98	99	77	95	81	100	98	100	93
2011-12										
<i>Infection rates</i>										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	1	0.8	0.7
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b><i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i></b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Number of infections										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	<i>no.</i>	201	82	51	22	40	5	6	15	422
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	<i>no.</i>	473	379	220	75	86	22	31	24	1 310

TABLE 12A.34

Table 12A.34 **Episodes of Staphylococcus aureus (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA (a), (b)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (f)</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1 732</b>
Coverage (h)	%	97	99	98	96	80	100	98	100	96
2012-13										
Infection rates										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.7
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b><i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i></b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Number of infections										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	no.	206	81	47	22	23	2	3	7	391
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	no.	447	345	260	105	90	29	36	15	1 327
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1 718</b>
Coverage (h)	%	100	99	95	96	92	100	100	100	98
2013-14										
Infection rates										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b><i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i></b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Number of infections										

TABLE 12A.34

Table 12A.34 **Episodes of Staphylococcus aureus (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA (a), (b)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (f)</i>
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	no.	180	95	46	23	24	3	6	11	388
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	no.	409	307	258	125	57	32	23	22	1 233
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1 621</b>
Coverage (h)	%	97	99	99	96	95	100	100	100	98
2014-15										
Infection rates										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.6
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b><i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i></b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Number of infections										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	no.	171	69	35	16	21	3	7	9	331
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	no.	367	295	240	104	91	27	23	13	1 160
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1 491</b>
Coverage (h)	%	98	99	100	96	93	100	100	100	98
2015-16 (i)										
Infection rates										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.6

TABLE 12A.34

Table 12A.34 **Episodes of Staphylococcus aureus (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA (a), (b)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW (c)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (f)</i>
	<i>rate per 10 000 patient days</i>									
<b>Total (g)</b>		<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Number of infections										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	no.	131	52	35	30	16	6	4	6	280
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	no.	367	296	245	102	83	29	25	13	1160
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1440</b>
Coverage (h)	%	99	99	100	95	95	100	100	100	98

- (a) The SAB patient episodes were associated with both admitted patient care and with non-admitted patient care (including emergency departments and outpatient clinics). The comparability of the SAB rates among jurisdictions and over time is limited because of coverage differences and because the count of patient days reflects the amount of admitted patient activity, but does not necessarily reflect the amount of non-admitted patient activity.
- (b) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.
- (c) NSW does not provide patient day data, but rather occupied bed day data for calculation of the denominator. There may be some difference between patient day and occupied bed day data.
- (d) For 2010-11, Qld data only include patients 14 years of age and over.
- (e) WA reported one case where both MRSA and MSSA were identified. This case is reported in the MRSA counts above for WA, and in the total.
- (f) Australian totals include NSW.
- (g) Total may not equal sum of components due to rounding.
- (h) Coverage is the number of patient days for hospitals included in the SAB surveillance arrangements as a proportion of total patient days for all public hospitals. Coverage estimates may be preliminary.
- (i) The definition of a SAB episode was updated for 2015-16 data reporting. The change is not considered to have resulted in counts of SAB cases for 2015-16 that are not comparable with counts for previous years.

Source: AIHW unpublished.

TABLE 12A.35

Table 12A.35 Separations with an adverse event, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2010-11										
Number of events										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
<i>Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances</i>	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<i>Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care</i>	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<i>Other external causes of adverse events</i>	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										
Place of occurrence: Health service area	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Infection following a procedure	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<i>Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care</i>	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total (any of the above) (e)	<i>no.</i>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Events per 100 separations (f)										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
<i>Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances</i>	<i>Rate</i>	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.8	np	2.1
<i>Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care</i>	<i>Rate</i>	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	np	0.3
<i>Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications</i>	<i>Rate</i>	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.6	4.1	3.5	np	3.2
<i>Other external causes of adverse events</i>	<i>Rate</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	np	0.1
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										

TABLE 12A.35

Table 12A.35 Separations with an adverse event, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Place of occurrence: Health service area	<i>Rate</i>	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.8	6.3	7.0	5.8	np	5.7
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	<i>Rate</i>	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	np	0.8
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	<i>Rate</i>	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	np	0.5
Infection following a procedure	<i>Rate</i>	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	np	0.4
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	<i>Rate</i>	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	np	1.2
<i>Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care</i>	<i>Rate</i>	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	np	0.8
Total (any of the above) (e)	<i>Rate</i>	6.1	5.8	5.7	6.0	6.6	7.1	6.0	np	5.9

2011-12

## Number of events

## External cause of injury and poisoning

Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances

*no.*

39 674 32 632 21 282 13 369 10 061 2 393 2 159 973 122 543

Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care

*no.*

3 864 5 188 3 257 1 482 1 012 422 285 159 15 669

Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications

*no.*

52 902 51 360 32 805 18 641 14 405 4 444 3 458 2 257 180 272

Other external causes of adverse events

*no.*

2 093 2 633 1 261 412 953 128 194 90 7 764

## Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning

Place of occurrence: Health service area

*no.*

101 761 91 565 59 278 34 598 26 368 7 544 5 968 3 444 330 526

## Diagnoses

Selected post-procedural disorders

*no.*

15 433 10 457 7 673 4 719 4 435 1 233 1 073 401 45 424

Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure

*no.*

7 731 8 025 4 419 2 746 1 797 487 502 326 26 033

Infection following a procedure

*no.*

8 185 5 709 4 514 2 369 1 578 488 351 437 23 631

Complications of internal prosthetic devices

*no.*

19 505 20 253 12 774 6 571 4 825 1 237 1 410 893 67 468

TABLE 12A.35

Table 12A.35 Separations with an adverse event, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	<i>no.</i>	11 387	16 630	8 262	4 474	3 344	1 065	721	704	46 587
Total (any of the above) (e)	<i>no.</i>	103 896	94 060	60 429	35 373	27 435	7 652	6 142	3 592	338 579
Events per 100 separations (f)										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	<i>Rate</i>	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.2	0.9	2.2
Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care	<i>Rate</i>	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	<i>Rate</i>	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.5	4.5	3.5	2.0	3.3
Other external causes of adverse events	<i>Rate</i>	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										
Place of occurrence: Health service area	<i>Rate</i>	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.5	7.6	6.1	3.0	6.0
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	<i>Rate</i>	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.8
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	<i>Rate</i>	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5
Infection following a procedure	<i>Rate</i>	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	<i>Rate</i>	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.2
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	<i>Rate</i>	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.8
Total (any of the above) (e)	<i>Rate</i>	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.7	7.7	6.3	3.2	6.1
Length of stay										
Same-day separations	<i>Rate</i>	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.1	3.5	1.5	0.7	1.8
Overnight separations	<i>Rate</i>	10.1	11.8	10.1	10.7	10.7	12.0	11.9	7.9	10.7
Type of care										
Acute care separations	<i>Rate</i>	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.7	6.7	7.6	6.0	3.1	5.9
Sub- and non-acute care separations	<i>Rate</i>	9.4	15.1	10.8	14.1	7.9	10.4	10.4	8.0	11.2



TABLE 12A.35

Table 12A.35 Separations with an adverse event, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Urgency of admission										
Emergency admission	<i>Rate</i>	9.1	8.9	7.9	9.0	9.8	11.5	10.1	6.9	8.9
Non-emergency admission	<i>Rate</i>	4.0	4.4	4.6	3.9	4.3	5.6	3.7	1.3	4.2
All separations	<i>Rate</i>	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.7	7.7	6.3	3.2	6.1
2012-13										
Number of events										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	<i>no.</i>	43 155	32 327	24 649	15 113	11 410	2 918	2 377	1 091	133 040
Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care	<i>no.</i>	4 186	5 173	3 138	1 674	1 225	426	321	134	16 277
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	<i>no.</i>	53 495	54 704	34 699	19 853	14 959	5 091	4 109	2 625	189 535
Other external causes of adverse events	<i>no.</i>	2 422	3 091	1 469	466	1 326	190	220	124	9 308
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										
Place of occurrence: Health service area	<i>no.</i>	106 563	94 097	64 065	37 828	28 319	8 630	6 836	3 921	350 259
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	<i>no.</i>	14 707	10 007	8 125	4 795	4 645	1 417	1 202	503	45 401
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	<i>no.</i>	7 820	7 639	4 668	2 927	1 773	572	535	315	26 249
Infection following a procedure	<i>no.</i>	8 079	5 068	4 499	2 443	1 511	520	410	464	22 994
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	<i>no.</i>	20 443	22 995	13 966	7 208	5 103	1 465	1 713	1 072	73 965
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	<i>no.</i>	11 916	18 627	9 036	5 072	3 700	1 172	950	704	51 177
Total (any of the above) (e)	<i>no.</i>	108 860	96 776	65 637	38 642	29 689	8 752	6 996	4 038	359 390
Events per 100 separations (f)										
External cause of injury and poisoning										

TABLE 12A.35

Table 12A.35 Separations with an adverse event, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	<i>Rate</i>	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.5	0.9	2.4
Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care	<i>Rate</i>	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	<i>Rate</i>	3.1	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.6	4.8	4.3	2.2	3.4
Other external causes of adverse events	<i>Rate</i>	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										
Place of occurrence: Health service area	<i>Rate</i>	6.2	6.6	6.1	6.2	6.8	8.1	7.2	3.3	6.3
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	<i>Rate</i>	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.8
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	<i>Rate</i>	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.5
Infection following a procedure	<i>Rate</i>	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	<i>Rate</i>	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.8	0.9	1.3
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	<i>Rate</i>	0.7	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.9
Total (any of the above) (e)	<i>Rate</i>	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.4	7.2	8.2	7.4	3.4	6.5

2013-14

Number of events

External cause of injury and poisoning

Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances

*no.*

46 855 33 751 26 073 15 787 11 553 3 300 2 529 1 386 141 234

Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care

*no.*

4 549 5 603 3 558 1 988 1 276 436 265 156 17 831

Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications

*no.*

54 043 60 951 36 612 21 724 15 267 5 403 3 892 2 927 200 819

Other external causes of adverse events

*no.*

2 779 3 705 1 630 631 1 591 224 329 166 11 055

Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning

Place of occurrence: Health service area

*no.*

111 634 101 609 67 317 40 749 29 008 9 468 6 850 4 496 371 131

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Table 12A.35 Separations with an adverse event, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	<i>no.</i>	13 488	10 754	8 404	5 098	4 478	1 499	990	536	45 247
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	<i>no.</i>	7 986	7 974	4 778	3 292	1 909	638	519	317	27 413
Infection following a procedure	<i>no.</i>	7 994	5 147	4 968	2 431	1 512	593	403	409	23 457
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	<i>no.</i>	21 077	26 162	14 652	7 921	5 290	1 645	1 669	1 364	79 780
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	<i>no.</i>	12 674	20 854	9 837	5 659	3 882	1 330	949	810	55 995
Total (any of the above) (e)	<i>no.</i>	114 176	105 014	69 127	41 602	30 515	9 624	7 064	4 627	381 749
Events per 100 separations (f)										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	<i>Rate</i>	2.6	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.6	1.1	2.5
Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care	<i>Rate</i>	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	<i>Rate</i>	3.1	4.0	3.4	3.6	3.7	4.7	4.0	2.4	3.5
Other external causes of adverse events	<i>Rate</i>	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										
Place of occurrence: Health service area	<i>Rate</i>	6.3	6.7	6.2	6.8	7.0	8.3	7.1	3.6	6.5
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	<i>Rate</i>	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.4	0.8
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	<i>Rate</i>	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5
Infection following a procedure	<i>Rate</i>	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	<i>Rate</i>	1.2	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.1	1.4
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	<i>Rate</i>	0.7	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.0
Total (any of the above) (e)	<i>Rate</i>	6.4	7.0	6.4	7.0	7.3	8.4	7.3	3.7	6.7

TABLE 12A.35

Table 12A.35 Separations with an adverse event, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2014-15										
Number of events										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	<i>no.</i>	50 866	34 889	28 998	16 200	11 981	3 425	2 645	1 593	150 597
Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care	<i>no.</i>	5 381	6 145	3 823	2 100	1 296	461	298	170	19 674
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	<i>no.</i>	58 776	57 188	39 944	21 775	15 227	5 230	3 977	2 788	204 905
Other external causes of adverse events	<i>no.</i>	3 508	4 117	2 057	885	2 047	249	326	159	13 348
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										
Place of occurrence: Health service area	<i>no.</i>	120 455	99 824	74 335	41 620	29 465	9 428	7 112	4 549	386 788
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	<i>no.</i>	15 051	12 116	8 987	5 452	4 305	1 358	974	558	48 801
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	<i>no.</i>	8 577	7 970	5 343	3 337	1 881	561	492	328	28 489
Infection following a procedure	<i>no.</i>	8 298	5 060	5 438	2 474	1 563	615	393	403	24 244
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	<i>no.</i>	22 431	22 845	15 603	7 733	5 427	1 731	1 744	1 274	78 788
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	<i>no.</i>	15 074	19 106	10 938	5 994	3 964	1 297	1 004	679	58 056
Total (any of the above) (e)	<i>no.</i>	123 619	104 020	76 551	42 619	31 526	9 616	7 396	4 688	400 035
Events per 100 separations (f)										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	<i>Rate</i>	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.6	1.2	2.5
Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care	<i>Rate</i>	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	<i>Rate</i>	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.6	4.4	3.9	2.1	3.4
Other external causes of adverse events	<i>Rate</i>	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										

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Table 12A.35 Separations with an adverse event, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Place of occurrence: Health service area	<i>Rate</i>	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.9	7.0	7.9	7.1	3.4	6.5
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	<i>Rate</i>	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.8
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	<i>Rate</i>	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5
Infection following a procedure	<i>Rate</i>	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	<i>Rate</i>	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.0	1.3
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	<i>Rate</i>	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.0
Total (any of the above) (e)	<i>Rate</i>	6.8	6.6	6.4	7.1	7.5	8.0	7.3	3.5	6.7

- (a) Public hospitals include public acute and public psychiatric hospitals.
- (b) Separations that included ICD-10-AM diagnosis and/or external cause codes that indicated an adverse event was treated and/or occurred during the hospitalisation.
- (c) These data can be interpreted as representing selected adverse events in health care that have resulted in, or have affected, hospital admissions, rather than all adverse events that occurred in hospitals. Some of the adverse events included in these tables may represent events that occurred before admission.
- (d) Some adverse events are not identifiable using the codes for an adverse event or a place of occurrence of hospital. Some other diagnosis codes may suggest that an adverse event has occurred when it has not.
- (e) Categories do not sum to the totals because multiple diagnoses and external causes can be recorded for each separation and external cause codes and diagnosis codes can be used together to describe an adverse event.
- (f) Age standardised rate.

**na** Not available. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Hospital Morbidity Database.

TABLE 12A.36

Table 12A.36 Separations for falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals, per 1000 separations, 2014-15 (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust	
									Rate	No.
Hospital sector										
Public	5.6	3.6	3.7	5.0	5.0	6.9	4.5	1.8	4.5	26 921
Private (c)	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.1	np	np	np	1.6	6 575
Indigenous status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians	2.0	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.5	5.0	2.9	1.2	1.5	683
Other Australians (d)	4.0	2.8	2.9	3.7	3.4	4.4	4.5	2.8	3.4	32 813
Remoteness area of residence (e)										
Major cities	4.2	2.6	2.9	3.6	3.4	6.5	4.7	5.0	3.4	23 431
Inner regional	3.4	3.4	2.8	3.1	2.8	4.5	3.3	1.4	3.3	6 403
Outer regional	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.9	3.6	4.2	2.4	2.3	3.2	2 978
Remote and Very remote	2.6	3.5	1.8	1.9	3.4	3.5	..	1.4	1.9	540
Socioeconomic status of area of residence (f)										
1—Lowest	4.1	2.8	3.2	3.8	4.1	5.0	3.8	1.2	3.5	7 778
2	3.9	3.2	3.3	4.0	3.5	4.5	4.1	3.2	3.6	7 370
3	4.2	2.8	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.8	3.4	2.3	3.3	6 606
4	4.3	2.6	2.3	3.3	3.0	3.7	4.7	1.9	3.1	5 859
5—Highest	3.6	2.5	2.3	3.2	2.1	1.8	4.6	2.5	3.0	5 736
Total (g)	4.0	2.8	2.9	3.5	3.3	np	np	np	3.3	33 496

- (a) Falls resulting in patient harm occurring in hospitals could be underestimated as the place of occurrence was not reported (or unspecified) for about a quarter of separations with an external cause of injury of falls.
- (b) Falls could also be overestimated, as it is not currently possible to identify falls specifically occurring in hospitals. Currently, the data identify falls occurring in any health service setting, including day surgery centres or hospices. However, to minimise the inclusion of falls that occurred before admission, separations with an injury or poisoning principal diagnosis are excluded.

Table 12A.36 **Separations for falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals, per 1000 separations, 2014-15 (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(c)	Cells have been suppressed to protect confidentiality where the presentation could identify a patient or a service provider or where rates are likely to be highly volatile, for example, where the denominator is very small. Rates were suppressed where the numerator was less than 5. Data for private hospitals in Tasmania, ACT and the NT were suppressed.								
(d)	Other Australians includes separations for non-Indigenous people and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.								
(e)	Disaggregation by remoteness area of usual residence, not remoteness of hospital. However, state/territory data are reported by jurisdiction of the hospital, regardless of the jurisdiction of usual residence.								
(f)	Disaggregation by socioeconomic group is based on the usual residence of the patient, not the location of the hospital.								
(g)	The total includes separations for which the place of usual residence was not reported.								
	<b>np</b> Not published. .. Not applicable.								

Source: AIHW (2016), *Admitted patient care 2014–15: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series no. 68. Cat. no. HSE 172.

TABLE 12A.37

Table 12A.37 **NSW selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	1	1	–	–	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	12	20	15	18	15
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	10	14	13	18	20
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	1	–	2	2	3
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	1	1	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	2	1	2	12	3
Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium. (b)	6	8	5	3	9
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

(b) Data are sourced from the NSW Maternal and Perinatal Mortality Review Committee. Data for all prior years included in the table have been updated to reflect the modified definition, and are not comparable to results published in the 2014 Report and prior versions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NSW government (unpublished).



Table 12A.38 **Victoria selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	1	1	–	–	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	9	8	9	7	4
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	5	7	6	6	6
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	1	–	–	1	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	1	–	–	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	2	4	1	3	7
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery (b).	2	–	1	3	2
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

(b) Victoria has supplied data using the sentinel event definition applicable to the data collection period. Most other jurisdictions have retrospectively applied the amended definition.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Victorian government (unpublished).

Table 12A.39 **Queensland selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	1	–	2	1
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	1	1	2	6	4
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	5	5	4	–	1
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–	–	–	1
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	–	–	–	1
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	4	–	–	3	–
Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium.	–	1	1	1	2
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Queensland government (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.40

Table 12A.40 **WA selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	1	1	1	2	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	5	5	7	2	2
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	1	3	3	1	1
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–	–	–	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	–	–	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	2	–	3	1	2
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery (b).	3	2	1	1	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	2	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

(b) WA has supplied data using the sentinel event definition applicable to the data collection period. Most other jurisdictions have retrospectively applied the amended definition.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: WA government (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.41

Table 12A.41 **SA selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	–	–	–	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	2	1	1	3	2
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	3	5	5	1	5
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–	–	1	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	–	1	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	1	1	–	1	2
Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium.	–	2	2	–	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SA government (unpublished).

Table 12A.42 **Tasmania selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	–	–	–	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	–	–	–	–	–
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	–	1	–	–	–
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–	–	1	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	–	–	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	–	–	–	–	–
Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium.	–	–	–	–	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	–	<b>1</b>	–	–	–

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tasmanian government (unpublished).

Table 12A.43 **ACT selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	np	np	np	np	np
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	np	np	np	np	3
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	np	np	np	np	np
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	np	np	np	np	np
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	np	np	np	np	np
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	np	np	np	np	np
Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium.	np	np	np	np	np
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	np	np	np	np	np
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>4</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

**np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ACT government (unpublished).

Table 12A.44 NT selected sentinel events (number) (a)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	–	–	–	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	–	–	1	1	–
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	2	–	–	1	–
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–	–	–	1
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	–	–	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	–	–	–	–	–
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery (b).	–	–	–	–	1
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

(b) The NT has supplied data using the sentinel event definition applicable to the data collection period. Most other jurisdictions have retrospectively applied the amended definition.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NT government (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.45

Table 12A.45 **Australia selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	3	4	1	4	1
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	29	35	35	37	30
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	26	35	31	27	33
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	2	–	2	5	5
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	1	1	2	–	1
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	11	6	6	20	14
Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium.	11	13	10	8	14
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	2	–
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>99</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

(b) The total includes sentinel events for the ACT which are not reported in the 8 sub categories of sentinel events due to confidentiality issues.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).



TABLE 12A.46

Table 12A.46 **Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED doctors or specialists always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by State and Territory, by remoteness, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED doctors or specialists always or often <u>listened carefully</u> to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	84.5	87.0	87.8	90.1	83.8	..	81.5	..	86.8
Other (c)	%	88.1	86.6	89.5	91.3	85.5	84.4	-	90.9	87.6
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>87.0</b>
		<i>relative standard error</i>								
Major cities	%	0.5	3.0	2.1	2.1	1.5	..	5.4	..	0.9
Other (c)	%	2.9	2.6	3.5	3.7	4.3	1.7	-	3.5	1.3
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	0.9	5.1	3.6	3.6	2.4	..	8.7	..	1.6
Other (c)	±	5.1	4.5	6.1	6.7	7.1	2.7	-	6.3	2.2
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED doctors or specialists always or often <u>showed respect</u> to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	87.1	89.9	88.5	87.4	87.3	..	81.8	..	88.3
Other (c)	%	89.6	87.2	90.1	91.3	87.8	85.7	-	92.0	88.9
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>81.8</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>88.3</b>
		<i>relative standard error</i>								
Major cities	%	1.5	2.6	1.3	3.0	2.1	..	4.6	..	1.1
Other (c)	%	2.5	1.3	3.2	3.7	3.4	1.8	-	3.0	1.4

TABLE 12A.46

Table 12A.46 **Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED doctors or specialists always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by State and Territory, by remoteness, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Total (d)</b>	%	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	2.6	4.6	2.3	5.1	3.7	..	7.4	..	1.9
Other (c)	±	4.5	2.3	5.6	6.7	5.8	3.1	-	5.5	2.5
<b>Total (d)</b>	±	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED doctors or specialists always or often <u>spent enough time with them</u>										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	80.9	83.3	84.6	86.4	80.8	..	74.8	..	83.1
Other (c)	%	82.8	83.9	89.6	85.0	82.8	83.7	-	90.3	84.9
<b>Total(d)</b>	%	<b>81.6</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>80.6</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>83.6</b>
		<i>relative standard error</i>								
Major cities	%	1.3	3.3	2.1	3.2	1.9	..	6.7	..	1.6
Other (c)	%	3.4	3.0	3.5	5.8	3.5	2.6	-	3.5	1.4
<b>Total(d)</b>	%	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	2.1	5.4	3.6	5.4	3.0	..	9.9	..	2.6
Other (c)	±	5.5	4.9	6.2	9.7	5.6	4.2	-	6.2	2.3
<b>Total(d)</b>	±	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>

(a) Persons 15 years and over who went to an emergency department for their own health in the last 12 months, excluding interviews by proxy. Excludes those who responded don't know.

(b) There are no very remote areas in Victoria; no major cities in Tasmania; no outer regional, remote or very remote areas in the ACT; and no inner regional or major cities in the NT.

Table 12A.46 **Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED doctors or specialists always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by State and Territory, by remoteness, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(c) Includes inner and outer regional, remote and very remote areas.

(d) Excludes didn't see any doctors or specialists.

(e) Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data. Discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

(f) Crude rates.

(g) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see the Patient Experience Survey (cat. no. 4839.0) on the ABS website.

(h) Data for the NT should be interpreted with caution as the Patient Experience Survey excluded discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, which comprise around 25 per cent of the estimated resident population of the NT living in private dwellings.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Patient Experience Survey 2015-16

TABLE 12A.47

Table 12A.47 **Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED nurses always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by remoteness, by State and Territory, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED nurses always or often <u>listened carefully</u> to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	87.2	93.0	93.8	88.3	87.9	..	#88.4	..	90.2
Other (c)	%	89.1	87.8	91.9	98.4	86.6	91.8	-	88.9	90.1
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>#88.4</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>90.3</b>
		<i>relative standard error</i>								
Major cities	%	2.8	1.8	1.3	3.3	1.6	..	6.1	..	1.4
Other (c)	%	1.5	2.1	1.4	2.2	4.1	1.8	-	2.8	1.1
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	4.8	3.2	2.4	5.7	2.8	..	10.5	..	2.5
Other (c)	±	2.6	3.6	2.6	4.3	7.0	3.3	-	4.8	1.9
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED nurses always or often <u>showed respect</u> to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	90.1	94.2	94.4	88.3	87.8	..	#86.8	..	91.3
Other (c)	%	90.1	88.7	94.5	98.4	84.4	91.8	-	88.9	91.4
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>#86.8</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>91.5</b>
		<i>relative standard error</i>								
Major cities	%	2.0	1.9	1.2	3.3	1.2	..	6.2	..	1.4
Other (c)	%	2.3	2.2	1.0	2.2	1.6	1.8	-	2.3	0.8
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>

TABLE 12A.47

Table 12A.47 **Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED nurses always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by remoteness, by State and Territory, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>										
Major cities	±	3.5	3.5	2.2	5.6	2.1	..	10.6	..	2.5
Other (c)	±	4.0	3.8	1.9	4.3	2.6	3.2	-	4.1	1.5
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<i>proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	83.0	89.7	87.9	86.5	82.3	..	#79.0	..	86.1
Other (c)	%	85.5	85.1	92.5	97.2	81.1	89.2	-	89.1	88.7
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>84.5 (d)</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>#79.0</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>87.1</b>
<i>relative standard error</i>										
Major cities	%	2.7	2.5	1.9	3.0	1.9	..	7.1	..	1.7
Other (c)	%	2.0	3.4	1.5	0.9	4.4	1.2	-	2.9	1.0
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>										
Major cities	±	4.3	4.4	3.3	5.1	3.1	..	10.9	..	2.8
Other (c)	±	3.4	5.6	2.7	1.8	7.1	2.0	-	5.1	1.8
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>

(a) Persons 15 years and over who went to an emergency department for their own health in the last 12 months, excluding interviews by proxy. Excludes those who responded don't know.

(b) There are no very remote areas in Victoria; no major cities in Tasmania; no outer regional, remote or very remote areas in the ACT; and no inner regional or major cities in the NT.

(c) Includes inner and outer regional, remote and very remote areas.

Table 12A.47 **Proportion of persons who went to an emergency department in the last 12 months reporting the ED nurses always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by remoteness, by State and Territory, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(d) Excludes didn't see any nurses.

(e) Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data. Discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

(f) Crude rates.

(g) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see the Patient Experience Survey (cat. no. 4839.0) on the ABS website.

(h) Data for the NT should be interpreted with caution as the Patient Experience Survey excluded discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, which comprise around 25 per cent of the estimated resident population of the NT living in private dwellings.

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Source: ABS (unpublished) Patient Experience Survey 2015-16

TABLE 12A.48

Table 12A.48 **Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital doctors or specialists always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by remoteness, by State and Territory, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital doctors or specialists always or often <u>listened carefully</u> to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	91.3	94.2	92.3	93.3	89.8	..	#85.1	..	92.8
Other (c)	%	89.8	89.8	91.6	97.5	85.7	89.9	-	#91.9	90.2
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>#85.1</b>	<b>#91.9</b>	<b>92.2</b>
		<i>relative standard error</i>								
Major cities	%	2.8	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.8	..	6.1	..	0.8
Other (c)	%	1.7	0.5	1.9	3.2	1.7	1.9	-	6.0	0.6
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	5.0	2.8	3.8	4.0	4.9	..	10.1	..	1.4
Other (c)	±	3.0	0.8	3.5	6.1	2.9	3.4	-	10.8	1.1
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital doctors or specialists always or often <u>showed respect</u> to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	90.7	94.0	93.6	93.4	90.2	..	87.5	..	92.7
Other (c)	%	92.2	92.7	91.4	#90.3	89.7	90.6	-	93.9	91.6
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>92.5</b>
		<i>relative standard error</i>								
Major cities	%	2.7	1.1	1.9	2.3	0.8	..	4.1	..	0.8
Other (c)	%	2.9	0.9	2.5	7.2	4.2	1.0	-	5.4	1.8

TABLE 12A.48

Table 12A.48 **Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital doctors or specialists always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by remoteness, by State and Territory, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Total(d)</b>	%	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	4.7	2.0	3.5	4.2	1.4	..	7.1	..	1.5
Other (c)	±	5.2	1.6	4.5	12.8	7.4	1.8	-	9.9	3.1
<b>Total(d)</b>	±	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital doctors or specialists always or often <u>spent enough time</u> with them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	88.2	91.8	90.5	88.3	86.2	..	81.0	..	89.4
Other (c)	%	88.7	88.7	91.8	92.5	85.8	84.6	-	#87.5	87.9
<b>Total(d)</b>	%	<b>88.3</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>81.0</b>	<b>#87.5</b>	<b>88.9</b>
		<i>relative standard error</i>								
Major cities	%	2.0	1.0	2.6	3.1	1.0	..	5.8	..	0.9
Other (c)	%	3.4	3.8	2.2	1.8	4.4	3.7	-	7.2	1.7
<b>Total(d)</b>	%	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	3.5	1.8	4.6	5.5	1.7	..	9.2	..	1.5
Other (c)	±	6.0	6.6	3.9	3.3	7.4	6.1	-	12.4	3.0
<b>Total(d)</b>	±	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>

(a) Persons 15 years and over who were admitted to hospital for their own health in the last 12 months, excluding interviews by proxy. Excludes those who responded don't know.

(b) There are no very remote areas in Victoria; no major cities in Tasmania; no outer regional, remote or very remote areas in the ACT; and no inner regional or major cities in the NT.



Table 12A.48 **Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital doctors or specialists always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by remoteness, by State and Territory, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(c) Includes inner and outer regional, remote and very remote areas.

(d) Excludes didn't see any doctors or specialists.

(e) Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data. Discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

(f) Crude rates.

(g) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see the Patient Experience Survey (cat. no. 4839.0) on the ABS website.

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Source: ABS (unpublished) Patient Experience Survey 2015-16

TABLE 12A.49

Table 12A.49 **Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital nurses always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by State and Territory, by remoteness, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital nurses always or often <u>listened carefully</u> to them										
<i>proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	90.9	91.9	93.0	92.8	87.6	..	85.5	..	91.7
Other (c)	%	90.5	94.5	94.9	96.6	89.1	90.7	–	88.9	92.3
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>92.0</b>
<i>relative standard error</i>										
Major cities	%	1.6	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.5	..	2.9	..	1.1
Other (c)	%	1.9	0.8	1.7	3.6	2.7	0.3	–	4.5	1.3
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>										
Major cities	±	2.8	4.5	3.9	4.0	4.3	..	4.9	..	2.0
Other (c)	±	3.4	1.6	3.1	6.8	4.7	0.5	–	7.9	2.4
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital nurses always or often <u>showed respect</u> to them										
<i>proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	90.9	92.7	94.0	92.5	91.6	..	86.7	..	92.4
Other (c)	%	91.4	96.6	94.1	97.7	89.4	93.3	–	88.8	92.9
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>92.6</b>
<i>relative standard error</i>										
Major cities	%	0.7	2.3	1.6	2.2	2.0	..	3.1	..	1.1
Other (c)	%	2.0	1.3	2.2	1.7	3.9	0.5	–	5.1	0.9
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>										

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Table 12A.49 **Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital nurses always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by State and Territory, by remoteness, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Major cities	±	1.3	4.1	2.9	4.0	3.7	..	5.2	..	1.9
Other (c)	±	3.5	2.4	3.9	3.3	6.8	0.9	-	8.9	1.6
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<i>proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	89.3	89.8	91.5	90.3	88.5	..	85.7	..	89.8
Other (c)	%	90.9	92.2	94.7	93.5	81.1	89.6	-	89.4	90.4
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>90.2</b>
<i>relative standard error</i>										
Major cities	%	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.8	2.1	..	4.3	..	0.6
Other (c)	%	3.2	2.8	2.2	2.5	4.1	2.1	-	5.1	1.0
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>										
Major cities	±	2.9	3.2	3.8	4.9	3.7	..	7.2	..	1.1
Other (c)	±	5.8	5.1	4.1	4.6	6.6	3.8	-	8.9	1.8
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>

- (a) Persons 15 years and over who were admitted to hospital for their own health in the last 12 months, excluding interviews by proxy. Excludes those who responded don't know.
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- (c) Includes inner and outer regional, remote and very remote areas.
- (d) Excludes didn't see any nurses.

Table 12A.49 **Proportion of persons who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months reporting the hospital nurses always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by State and Territory, by remoteness, 2015-16 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT (b),(h)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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- (f) Crude rates.
- (g) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see the Patient Experience Survey (cat. no. 4839.0) on the ABS website.
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TABLE 12A.50

Table 12A.50 Selected unplanned hospital readmissions rates (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (g)	Aust (g)
	rate per 1000 separations									no.
2010-11										
Surgical procedure prior to separation										
Knee replacement	21.7	22.0	37.5	31.1	19.6	31.7	np	np	24.4	242
Hip replacement	16.5	20.8	14.2	14.7	10.3	np	np	np	16.5	119
Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	22.9	23.9	31.0	34.4	31.3	37.6	19.3	np	26.3	516
Hysterectomy	29.1	28.9	34.7	33.5	28.1	40.1	np	np	30.5	284
Prostatectomy	27.2	20.9	25.8	38.0	21.9	np	np	np	25.1	174
Cataract surgery	3.2	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.0	–	–	np	3.5	166
Appendicectomy	24.8	25.6	19.6	30.8	22.8	19.9	37.7	40.2	24.2	548
2011-12										
Surgical procedure prior to separation										
Knee replacement	18.5	19.1	26.9	17.4	17.7	np	np	np	20.0	204
Hip replacement	17.7	17.4	14.2	22.5	23.7	np	np	np	17.7	129
Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	24.8	23.7	32.6	33.3	33.7	60.6	18.3	np	27.8	557
Hysterectomy	27.9	32.4	33.2	31.5	28.1	28.1	np	np	30.9	281
Prostatectomy	22.7	26.4	36.3	50.3	25.9	np	np	np	27.2	181
Cataract surgery	2.8	3.2	4.0	2.6	3.3	7.2	–	np	3.2	156
Appendicectomy	23.5	24.5	20.4	31.3	36.0	29.8	26.3	49.6	24.7	623
2012-13										
Surgical procedure prior to separation										
Knee replacement	21.6	15.1	35.1	22.3	18.6	37.0	–	np	22.4	227
Hip replacement	18.0	16.1	16.1	15.9	19.3	29.6	12.9	np	17.5	130
Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	30.3	29.1	35.7	42.4	37.5	51.9	44.7	83.0	33.1	673
Hysterectomy	31.6	25.9	31.8	43.6	28.7	52.0	23.1	np	30.6	277

TABLE 12A.50

Table 12A.50 Selected unplanned hospital readmissions rates (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (g)	Aust (g)
	rate per 1000 separations									no.
Prostatectomy	27.3	26.5	40.7	33.9	28.9	57.8	np	np	31.1	198
Cataract surgery	3.4	3.0	4.6	2.6	2.9	4.4	0.9	6.0	3.4	167
Appendicectomy	22.4	22.8	22.0	29.0	27.0	26.5	20.4	43.5	23.1	584
2013-14										
Surgical procedure prior to separation										
Knee replacement	21.4	21.2	31.3	34.4	18.5	33.8	30.6	np	23.7	264
Hip replacement	18.1	16.3	19.3	24.8	20.9	14.9	18.4	–	17.8	145
Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	28.5	30.1	43.4	45.4	35.7	35.3	27.3	58.5	33.0	683
Hysterectomy	28.6	26.0	34.8	37.3	30.9	8.4	64.1	np	29.8	281
Prostatectomy	25.8	19.8	30.4	29.6	29.3	30.5	np	np	25.5	165
Cataract surgery	2.7	3.7	4.3	2.1	1.7	2.1	–	9.3	3.1	162
Appendicectomy	18.3	20.3	19.7	32.9	25.7	19.1	30.2	34.9	20.3	538
2014-15										
Surgical procedure prior to separation										
Knee replacement	19.4	19.4	36.3	28.1	18.6	18.3	7.0	np	22.7	265
Hip replacement	16.9	16.1	23.5	16.7	7.1	21.6	8.5	np	17.1	151
Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	31.7	26.0	49.5	41.3	53.9	34.9	31.3	105.0	35.7	752
Hysterectomy	28.6	28.4	40.9	38.6	25.5	27.5	78.3	np	31.6	301
Prostatectomy	23.0	23.4	33.0	12.6	13.0	0	np	np	24.3	155
Cataract surgery	2.5	2.9	5.1	3.1	2.5	4.1	0.9	10.1	3.1	167
Appendicectomy	20.5	19.8	23.9	35.1	26.7	36.5	14.3	37.7	22.0	583

(a) The reported rate is the number of unplanned/unexpected readmissions per 1000 separations.

(b) This indicator is limited to public hospitals.

(c) Only the first readmission following surgery was included. A readmission was not included if there was an intervening unrelated separation.

Table 12A.50 **Selected unplanned hospital readmissions rates (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (g)</i>	<i>Aust (g)</i>
	<i>rate per 1000 separations</i>									<i>no.</i>

- (d) There are some difficulties in identifying readmissions that were unplanned. The indicator is likely to be an under-estimate because: it identifies only those patients readmitted to the same hospital, so does not include patients who go to another hospital; episodes of non-admitted patient care provided in outpatient clinics or emergency departments which may have been related to a previous admission are not included; and the unplanned and/or unexpected readmissions are limited to those having a principal diagnosis of a post-operative adverse event. This does not include all possible unplanned/unexpected readmissions.
- (e) Cells have been suppressed to protect confidentiality where the presentation could identify a patient or a service provider or where rates are likely to be highly volatile, for example where the denominator is very small. Rates were suppressed where the numerator was less than 5 and/or the denominator was less than 200. Rates were suppressed where the numerator was zero and the denominator was less than 200. Counts were suppressed when the number was less than 5.
- (f) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.
- (g) Total rates and numbers for Australia do not include WA.  
– Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished) National Hospital Morbidity Database; WA Health (unpublished).

Table 12A.51 **Unplanned hospital readmission rates, by Indigenous status, hospital peer group, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD quintiles, 2014-15 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
<b>Knee replacement</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	29.3	84
Public acute group A hospitals	23.3	138
Public acute group B hospitals	19.3	37
Other hospitals	6.2	6
Indigenous status (f)		
Indigenous	15.9	3
Other Australians	22.8	262
Remoteness of residence (g)		
Major cities	21.9	145
Inner regional	22.2	75
Outer regional	25.4	37
Remote & Very remote	44.2	8
SEIFA of residence (h)		
Quintile 1	24.8	92
Quintile 2	20.2	63
Quintile 3	26.4	59
Quintile 4	23.6	39
Quintile 5	12.9	12
<b>Hip replacement</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	23.3	60
Public acute group A hospitals	16.5	71
Public acute group B hospitals	14.2	18
Other hospitals	3.0	2
Indigenous status (f)		
Indigenous	19.0	2
Other Australians	17.1	149
Remoteness of residence (g)		
Major cities	16.4	82
Inner regional	18.6	48
Outer regional	17.5	19
Remote & Very remote	13.3	2
SEIFA of residence (h)		
Quintile 1	20.1	50
Quintile 2	12.8	30
Quintile 3	20.5	36



Table 12A.51 **Unplanned hospital readmission rates, by Indigenous status, hospital peer group, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD quintiles, 2014-15 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
Quintile 4	14.4	19
Quintile 5	17.8	16
<b>Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	51.7	385
Public acute group A hospitals	34.1	263
Public acute group B hospitals	20.1	57
Other hospitals	15.2	47
Indigenous status (f)		
Indigenous	51.9	73
Other Australians	34.5	679
Remoteness of residence (g)		
Major cities	40.3	497
Inner regional	27.0	155
Outer regional	30.4	78
Remote & Very remote	52.4	22
SEIFA of residence (h)		
Quintile 1	38.4	247
Quintile 2	31.7	171
Quintile 3	34.7	149
Quintile 4	33.9	107
Quintile 5	43.5	78
<b>Hysterectomy</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	31.0	118
Public acute group A hospitals	38.1	136
Public acute group B hospitals	21.2	28
Other hospitals	23.1	19
Indigenous status (f)		
Indigenous	35.1	12
Other Australians	31.5	289
Remoteness of residence (g)		
Major cities	34.2	191
Inner regional	29.2	74
Outer regional	25.9	31
Remote & Very remote	26.5	5
SEIFA of residence (h)		
Quintile 1	27.1	76

Table 12A.51 **Unplanned hospital readmission rates, by Indigenous status, hospital peer group, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD quintiles, 2014-15 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
Quintile 2	31.5	71
Quintile 3	35.7	71
Quintile 4	32.8	50
Quintile 5	35.3	33
<b>Prostatectomy</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	28.9	58
Public acute group A hospitals	26.0	82
Public acute group B hospitals	9.9	6
Other hospitals	14.8	9
Indigenous status (f)		
Indigenous	np	5
Other Australians	23.8	150
Remoteness of residence (g)		
Major cities	26.6	100
Inner regional	22.1	37
Outer regional	20.2	17
Remote & Very remote	np	1
SEIFA of residence (h)		
Quintile 1	23.2	45
Quintile 2	18.6	31
Quintile 3	23.9	30
Quintile 4	38.2	34
Quintile 5	24.2	15
<b>Cataract surgery</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	5.2	56
Public acute group A hospitals	2.6	34
Public acute group B hospitals	2.3	23
Other hospitals	2.6	54
Indigenous status (f)		
Indigenous	7.3	9
Other Australians	3.0	158
Remoteness of residence (g)		
Major cities	3.4	102
Inner regional	2.2	32
Outer regional	2.8	24
Remote & Very remote	5.6	8

Table 12A.51 **Unplanned hospital readmission rates, by Indigenous status, hospital peer group, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD quintiles, 2014-15 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
SEIFA of residence (h)		
Quintile 1	2.9	49
Quintile 2	3.1	46
Quintile 3	3.6	37
Quintile 4	2.4	18
Quintile 5	3.5	16
<b>Appendicectomy</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	20.9	215
Public acute group A hospitals	23.8	279
Public acute group B hospitals	18.9	72
Other hospitals	26.0	17
Indigenous status (f)		
Indigenous	25.9	28
Other Australians	21.9	555
Remoteness of residence (g)		
Major cities	21.2	368
Inner regional	24.0	136
Outer regional	22.3	57
Remote & Very remote	30.5	16
SEIFA of residence (h)		
Quintile 1	22.6	137
Quintile 2	20.1	113
Quintile 3	23.4	122
Quintile 4	25.4	130
Quintile 5	18.3	75

(a) This indicator is limited to public hospitals.

(b) Cells have been suppressed to protect confidentiality where the presentation could identify a patient or a service provider or where rates are likely to be highly volatile, for example where the denominator is very small. Rates were suppressed where the numerator was less than 5 and/or the denominator was less than 200. Rates were suppressed where the numerator was zero and the denominator was less than 200. Counts were suppressed when the number was less than 5.

(c) Total rates and numbers for Australia do not include WA.

(d) Only the first readmission following surgery was included. A readmission was not included if there was an intervening unrelated separation.

(e) For more information on data quality, including collection methodologies and data limitations, see METeOR on the AIHW website.

(f) Other Australians' includes separations for non-Indigenous people and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.

Table 12A.51 **Unplanned hospital readmission rates, by Indigenous status, hospital peer group, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD quintiles, 2014-15 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
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(g) Disaggregation by remoteness area is by the patient's usual residence, not the location of hospital. Hence, rates represent the number of separations for patients living in each remoteness area divided by the total number of separations for people living in that remoteness area and hospitalised in the reporting jurisdiction.

(h) Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) quintiles are based on the ABS Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD), with quintile 1 being the most disadvantaged and quintile 5 being the least disadvantaged. Each SEIFA quintile represents approximately 20 per cent of the national population, but does not necessarily represent 20 per cent of the population in each state or territory. Disaggregation by SEIFA is by the patient's usual residence, not the location of the hospital. Hence, rates represent the number of separations for patients in each SEIFA quintile divided by the total number of separations for people living in that SEIFA quintile and hospitalised in the reporting jurisdiction.

**np** Not Published.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished) National Hospital Morbidity Database; WA Health (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.52

Table 12A.52 **Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group and remoteness area (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
<b>Nurses (registered and enrolled) in workforce</b>											
<b>Major cities</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>174 214</b>	<b>176 797</b>	<b>176 286</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>213 669</b>	<b>220 210</b>	<b>225 614</b>	<b>230 750</b>	<b>237 233</b>
<b>Inner regional</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>55 701</b>	<b>56 742</b>	<b>59 076</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>59 342</b>	<b>56 716</b>	<b>57 522</b>	<b>58 141</b>	<b>59 154</b>
<b>Outer regional</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>24 479</b>	<b>25 342</b>	<b>26 404</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>26 115</b>	<b>26 657</b>	<b>26 896</b>	<b>27 012</b>	<b>27 315</b>
<b>Remote and very remote</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>5 867</b>	<b>6 680</b>	<b>6 579</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>7 064</b>	<b>7 334</b>	<b>7 098</b>	<b>7 127</b>	<b>6 932</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>277 297</b>	<b>282 968</b>	<b>291 246</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>306 414</b>	<b>311 176</b>	<b>317 988</b>	<b>323 711</b>	<b>331 015</b>
Proportion of Nurses aged under 30											
Major cities	%	na	15.0	15.0	14.7	na	16.5	16.6	17.4	17.6	17.9
Inner regional	%	na	10.2	9.9	10.6	na	10.9	10.9	11.7	12.3	12.5
Outer regional	%	na	10.2	10.5	11.0	na	11.7	12.2	12.9	13.0	13.5
Remote and very remote	%	na	11.3	12.5	12.0	na	13.4	13.7	14.2	14.1	14.2
Total	%	na	13.6	13.6	13.5	na	15.0	15.1	15.9	16.2	16.5
Proportion of Nurses aged 30 to 39											
Major cities	%	na	24.6	23.5	23.4	na	22.0	21.8	21.7	21.8	22.4
Inner regional	%	na	21.1	19.0	19.7	na	16.7	16.5	16.7	16.7	17.2
Outer regional	%	na	20.6	19.3	20.4	na	17.4	17.3	17.2	17.5	17.7
Remote and very remote	%	na	24.8	23.0	21.5	na	20.5	19.8	20.1	20.0	20.7
Total	%	na	23.6	22.3	22.1	na	20.5	20.4	20.4	20.5	21.0
Proportion of Nurses aged 40 to 49											
Major cities	%	na	29.3	28.6	28.0	na	26.5	25.8	25.3	24.8	24.4
Inner regional	%	na	33.6	32.6	30.6	na	28.4	27.1	25.9	25.4	24.5
Outer regional	%	na	33.5	32.8	31.0	na	27.3	26.5	25.6	24.6	23.8
Remote and very remote	%	na	30.6	29.2	29.8	na	24.5	24.4	23.5	23.1	21.8
Total	%	na	30.4	29.7	28.8	na	26.9	26.1	25.4	24.9	24.3
Proportion of Nurses aged 50 to 59											
Major cities	%	na	24.1	25.4	25.9	na	25.8	26.0	25.5	25.2	24.5
Inner regional	%	na	28.1	30.5	30.8	na	33.8	34.4	33.8	33.0	32.1
Outer regional	%	na	27.5	29.2	29.3	na	33.0	32.6	32.2	32.1	31.3

TABLE 12A.52

Table 12A.52 **Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group and remoteness area (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
Remote and very remote	%	na	26.7	27.4	28.8	na	31.5	30.9	30.6	30.7	29.7
Total	%	na	25.2	26.8	27.3	na	28.1	28.2	27.7	27.3	26.5
Proportion of Nurses aged 60+											
Major cities	%	na	7.0	7.4	7.9	na	9.2	9.8	10.1	10.5	10.8
Inner regional	%	na	7.0	7.9	8.4	na	10.3	11.1	11.9	12.7	13.7
Outer regional	%	na	8.2	8.1	8.3	na	10.7	11.3	12.1	12.7	13.7
Remote and very remote	%	na	6.7	7.9	8.0	na	10.2	11.1	11.6	12.1	13.6
Total	%	na	7.2	7.7	8.2	na	9.5	10.2	10.6	11.1	11.6

(a) No data collected for 2006 and 2010.

(b) In 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 total include 'Not Stated' for ASGC Remoteness areas. Numbers of 'Not Stated' are significantly higher in 2008 and 2009 than in later years.

(c) Nurses are allocated to a region based on postcode of main job where available; otherwise, postcode of principal practice is used as a proxy. If principal practice details are unavailable, postcode of residence is used. Records with no information on all 3 locations are coded to 'not stated'. For 2011, region is based on 2006 version Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) — Remoteness Areas. For 2012, 2013 and 2014, region is based on 2011 version Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) — Remoteness Areas. Previous versions of these data were supplied using a mix of 2001 and 2006 versions of the classification so these data may not match earlier supplies.

(d) In 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 data include registered and enrolled nurses in the workforce: those who are employed in nursing, on extended leave and looking for work in nursing.

(e) 2008 data has been revised due to the correction of an error in processing Victoria data.

**na** Not available. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW National Health Workforce Data Set; Nursing and midwifery labour force survey (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.53

Table 12A.53 **Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group, 2015 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Total</b>										
Major cities	no.	68 225	67 376	43 789	27 480	24 940	–	5 423	–	237 233
Inner regional	no.	19 054	18 417	11 523	2 307	1 723	6 116	14	–	59 154
Outer regional	no.	4 898	4 118	8 832	2 369	2 982	1 722	–	2 394	27 315
Remote and very remote	no.	507	87	1 658	2 049	861	149	–	1 621	6 932
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>92 719</b>	<b>90 030</b>	<b>65 890</b>	<b>34 215</b>	<b>30 513</b>	<b>7 995</b>	<b>5 446</b>	<b>4 032</b>	<b>331 015</b>
<b>Nurses aged under 30</b>										
Major cities	no.	12 013	13 186	7 511	4 981	3 848	–	904	–	42 443
Inner regional	no.	2 072	2 568	1 480	240	138	877	3	–	7 378
Outer regional	no.	520	549	1 266	292	350	196	–	507	3 680
Remote and very remote	no.	72	11	261	278	132	10	–	219	983
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>14 679</b>	<b>16 320</b>	<b>10 524</b>	<b>5 791</b>	<b>4 469</b>	<b>1 085</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>54 550</b>
<b>Nurses aged 30 to 39</b>										
Major cities	no.	15 241	15 644	9 714	5 918	5 263	–	1 283	–	53 063
Inner regional	no.	3 138	3 247	2 058	433	214	1 071	8	–	10 169
Outer regional	no.	693	629	1 728	446	447	235	–	662	4 840
Remote and very remote	no.	87	17	301	461	123	22	–	426	1 437
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>19 169</b>	<b>19 545</b>	<b>13 816</b>	<b>7 261</b>	<b>6 048</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>1 292</b>	<b>1 091</b>	<b>69 601</b>
<b>Nurses aged 40 to 49</b>										
Major cities	no.	15 878	16 169	11 543	6 886	6 160	–	1 356	–	57 992
Inner regional	no.	4 432	4 547	2 988	584	450	1 497	1	–	14 499
Outer regional	no.	1 069	953	2 267	572	739	393	–	519	6 512

TABLE 12A.53

Table 12A.53 **Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group, 2015 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Remote and very remote	no.	108	20	337	483	179	29	–	358	1 514
Total	no.	21 494	21 691	17 152	8 526	7 529	1 922	1 359	881	80 585
Nurses aged 50 to 59										
Major cities	no.	16 905	15 279	10 773	6 788	6 974	–	1 312	–	58 031
Inner regional	no.	6 439	5 697	3 504	750	644	1 959	2	–	18 995
Outer regional	no.	1 750	1 406	2 469	735	1 062	638	–	493	8 553
Remote and very remote	no.	158	28	528	571	302	53	–	418	2 058
Total	no.	25 263	22 424	17 309	8 849	8 985	2 651	1 318	917	87 749
Nurses aged 60+										
Major cities	no.	8 188	7 098	4 248	2 907	2 695	–	568	–	25 704
Inner regional	no.	2 973	2 358	1 493	300	277	712	–	–	8 113
Outer regional	no.	866	581	1 102	324	384	260	–	213	3 730
Remote and very remote	no.	82	11	231	256	125	35	–	200	940
Total	no.	12 114	10 050	7 089	3 788	3 482	1 008	568	415	38 530

(a) Data include registered and enrolled nurses in the workforce: those who are employed in nursing, on extended leave and looking for work in nursing.

(b) Data are by derived state, derived from state and territory of main job where available; otherwise, state and territory of principal practice is used as a proxy. If principal practice details unavailable, state and territory of residence is used. For records with no information on all three locations, they are coded to 'Not stated'.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW National Health Workforce Data Set; Nursing and midwifery labour force survey (unpublished).



TABLE 12A.54

Table 12A.54 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group and remoteness area (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
<b>Medical practitioners in workforce</b>											
<b>Major cities</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>49 835</b>	<b>50 981</b>	<b>52 639</b>	<b>56 655</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>64 430</b>	<b>64 641</b>	<b>66 774</b>	<b>69 046</b>	<b>71 289</b>
<b>Inner regional</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 816</b>	<b>8 141</b>	<b>8 686</b>	<b>9 258</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>11 106</b>	<b>11 029</b>	<b>11 388</b>	<b>11 899</b>	<b>12 300</b>
<b>Outer regional</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 061</b>	<b>3 258</b>	<b>3 516</b>	<b>3 924</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>4 649</b>	<b>4 964</b>	<b>4 988</b>	<b>5 281</b>	<b>5 437</b>
<b>Remote and very remote</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>1 001</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>1 095</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>1 221</b>	<b>1 197</b>	<b>1 219</b>	<b>1 270</b>	<b>1 266</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>63 688</b>	<b>68 812</b>	<b>70 193</b>	<b>74 260</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>81 751</b>	<b>81 910</b>	<b>84 613</b>	<b>87 693</b>	<b>90 383</b>
Medical practitioners under 30											
Major cities	%	10.2	10.2	10.8	10.6	na	10.7	9.6	10.1	10.1	9.9
Inner regional	%	7.4	8.2	8.1	8.8	na	9.3	7.8	9.1	9.0	9.0
Outer regional	%	8.8	7.1	8.0	10.3	na	11.0	9.1	9.5	9.5	9.2
Remote and very remote	%	13.0	9.6	5.9	15.5	na	8.9	9.6	10.0	8.8	7.8
Total	%	9.8	9.7	10.2	10.6	na	10.5	9.3	10.0	9.8	9.7
Medical practitioners aged 30 to 39											
Major cities	%	25.7	27.1	27.2	27.1	na	29.1	28.2	27.9	27.8	27.9
Inner regional	%	21.1	22.3	22.2	22.7	na	25.6	26.1	25.8	26.7	26.7
Outer regional	%	22.6	24.7	26.8	24.4	na	27.8	28.2	28.1	29.0	29.3
Remote and very remote	%	30.1	29.9	30.0	30.5	na	29.2	26.3	27.2	28.7	29.8
Total	%	25.0	26.3	26.5	26.7	na	28.6	27.9	27.6	27.8	27.8
Medical practitioners aged 40 to 49											
Major cities	%	27.0	26.2	26.0	26.0	na	23.9	24.6	24.3	24.3	24.4
Inner regional	%	29.8	29.0	27.7	27.1	na	25.4	25.4	25.3	24.7	25.3
Outer regional	%	30.3	30.0	28.1	28.0	na	26.1	26.9	26.2	26.0	26.3
Remote and very remote	%	27.2	28.8	32.4	27.9	na	25.4	27.0	25.4	25.6	23.6
Total	%	27.4	26.7	26.3	26.1	na	24.3	24.9	24.6	24.5	24.6
Medical practitioners aged 50 to 59											

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Table 12A.54 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group and remoteness area (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
Major cities	%	21.1	20.4	20.5	20.5	na	20.1	20.7	20.5	20.4	20.3
Inner regional	%	26.9	25.6	26.7	25.6	na	23.7	23.9	23.1	22.4	21.7
Outer regional	%	23.6	24.0	22.5	23.2	na	21.0	21.1	21.2	20.0	19.3
Remote and very remote	%	16.3	18.7	19.4	14.2	na	20.7	21.4	20.4	20.7	21.7
Total	%	21.7	21.0	21.3	21.0	na	20.6	21.1	20.9	20.7	20.4
Medical practitioners aged 60+											
Major cities	%	16.0	16.1	15.5	15.8	na	16.2	16.9	17.2	17.4	17.6
Inner regional	%	14.8	14.8	15.2	15.9	na	15.9	16.9	16.7	17.2	17.2
Outer regional	%	14.7	14.3	14.6	14.0	na	14.1	14.6	15.0	15.4	15.9
Remote and very remote	%	13.4	13.1	12.3	11.8	na	15.9	15.7	16.9	16.1	17.1
Total	%	16.0	16.2	15.8	15.7	na	16.0	16.8	17.0	17.2	17.4

(a) 2012 and subsequent years excludes provisional registrants.

(b) In 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 total include 'Not Stated' for ASGC Remoteness areas. Numbers of 'Not Stated' are significantly higher in 2008 and 2009 than in later years.

(c) In 2008 and 2009 data include employed medical practitioners, registered medical practitioners on extended leave and registered medical practitioners looking for work in medicine. In 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 data include employed medical practitioners.

(d) In 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 Remote and very remote areas include Migratory areas. Estimates for remote and very remote areas should be treated with caution due to the relatively small number of medical practitioners used to produce these estimates.

(e) Medical practitioners are allocated to a region based on postcode of main job where available; otherwise, postcode of principal practice is used as a proxy. If principal practice details are unavailable, postcode of residence is used. Records with no information on all 3 locations are coded to 'not stated'. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, region is based on 2006 version Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) — Remoteness Areas. In 2012 and 2013, region is based on 2011 version Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) — Remoteness Areas. Previous versions of these data were supplied using a mix of 2001 and 2006 versions of the classification so these data may not match earlier supplies.

**na** Not available. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW National Health Workforce Data Set; Medical labour force surveys (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.55

Table 12A.55 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group, 2015 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Total</b>										
Major cities	no.	23 808	19 033	12 703	7 845	6 125	–	1 774	–	71 289
Inner regional	no.	4 219	2 989	2 733	508	273	1 577	1	–	12 300
Outer regional	no.	762	482	2 298	432	392	343	–	728	5 437
Remote and very remote	no.	62	8	276	392	81	35	–	412	1 266
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>28 857</b>	<b>22 518</b>	<b>18 016</b>	<b>9 180</b>	<b>6 872</b>	<b>1 956</b>	<b>1 775</b>	<b>1 141</b>	<b>90 383</b>
<b>Medical practitioners under 30</b>										
Major cities	no.	2 227	2 072	1 148	843	610	–	146	–	7 046
Inner regional	no.	338	265	290	33	13	169	–	–	1 108
Outer regional	no.	48	36	258	29	25	18	–	86	500
Remote and very remote	no.	1	–	30	22	7	1	–	38	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 614</b>	<b>2 373</b>	<b>1 726</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>8 755</b>
<b>Medical practitioners aged 30 to 39</b>										
Major cities	no.	6 279	5 397	3 629	2 407	1 671	–	491	–	19 874
Inner regional	no.	1 079	881	765	122	71	361	–	–	3 279
Outer regional	no.	175	135	693	113	114	84	–	277	1 591
Remote and very remote	no.	16	1	79	113	16	8	–	144	377
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 551</b>	<b>6 417</b>	<b>5 166</b>	<b>2 756</b>	<b>1 872</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>25 154</b>
<b>Medical practitioners aged 40 to 49</b>										
Major cities	no.	5 731	4 412	3 305	1 986	1 501	–	449	–	17 385
Inner regional	no.	1 074	731	702	150	60	400	–	–	3 117
Outer regional	no.	209	119	599	137	103	90	–	174	1 431
Remote and very remote	no.	19	3	58	99	16	9	–	95	299

TABLE 12A.55

Table 12A.55 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group, 2015 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total	no.	7 033	5 266	4 666	2 372	1 680	499	449	269	22 246
Medical practitioners aged 50 to 59										
Major cties	no.	4 808	3 807	2 674	1 495	1 268	–	399	–	14 451
Inner regional	no.	901	658	556	124	70	365	1	–	2 675
Outer regional	no.	168	80	456	75	83	74	–	112	1 048
Remote and very remote	no.	9	2	63	96	20	12	–	73	275
Total	no.	5 890	4 547	3 751	1 790	1 442	451	400	186	18 468
Medical practitioners aged 60+										
Major cties	no.	4 763	3 345	1 947	1 114	1 075	–	289	–	12 533
Inner regional	no.	827	454	420	79	59	282	–	–	2 121
Outer regional	no.	162	112	292	78	67	77	–	79	867
Remote and very remote	no.	17	2	46	62	22	5	–	62	216
Total	no.	5 769	3 915	2 707	1 335	1 223	364	289	141	15 760

(a) Data is by derived state, derived from state and territory of main job where available; otherwise, state and territory of principal practice is used as a proxy. If principal practice details unavailable, state and territory of residence is used. For records with no information on all three locations, they are coded to 'Not stated'.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW National Health Workforce Data Set; Medical labour force surveys (unpublished).

**Table 12A.56 Average cost per admitted acute weighted separation, excluding depreciation, (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Separations									
2013-14	1 483	1 322	1 036	494	340	107	93	122	4 997
2014-15	1 522	1 429	1 149	467	343	111	96	131	5 249
Weighted separations									
2013-14	1 483	1 322	1 036	492	340	106	93	122	4 994
2014-15	1 522	1 425	1 149	466	343	111	96	131	5 243
Average cost per weighted separation									
2013-14	4 972	4 274	4 846	5 889	5 606	5 114	6 883	7 064	4 970
2014-15	4 943	4 442	4 897	6 124	5 708	5 165	6 637	6 734	5 025

(a) Average cost per weighted separation is calculated by multiplying the state's separations which have a Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) by the national public sector DRG cost weights. Only separations that have a DRG are included in the calculation. In Round 18, 2617 separations were excluded from the cost per weighted separation calculation and in Round 19, 6000 separations were excluded.

Source: IHPA, National Hospital Cost Data Collection, (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.57

Table 12A.57 **Indicative estimates of capital costs per weighted separation, 2014-15 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (d)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Land										
Asset value at 30 June	\$m	2 047	1 206	513	398	259	35	29	33	4 521
User cost of capital	\$m	164	96	41	32	21	3	2	3	362
Weighted separations	'000	1 522	1 425	1 149	466	343	111	96	131	5 243
Cost per weighted separation	\$	108	68	36	68	60	25	24	20	69
Buildings										
Asset value at 30 June	\$m	10 340	6 105	4 457	3 789	2 030	618	744	597	28 680
User cost of capital	\$m	827	488	357	303	162	49	60	48	2294
Annual depreciation	\$m	405	393	122	133	60	23	25	25	1186
Weighted separations	'000	1 522	1 425	1 149	466	343	111	96	131	5 243
Cost per weighted separation	\$	810	619	416	937	648	651	875	556	664
Equipment										
Asset value at 30 June	\$m	915	2 509	873	515	119	49	46	21	5 047
User cost of capital	\$m	73	201	70	41	10	4	4	2	404
Annual depreciation	\$m	180	253	81	62	31	9	16	5	637
Weighted separations	'000	1 522	1 425	1 149	466	343	111	96	131	5 243
Cost per weighted separation	\$	166	318	131	222	120	114	202	51	199
Interest payments	\$m	113.4	99.2	–	18.3	1.5	–	0.2	–	232.6
Interest payments per separation	\$	74.5	69.6	–	39.2	4.4	–	2.5	–	44.4
Total capital cost (excl. land) per weighted separation	\$	901	867	548	1 120	763	765	1 075	608	818

(a) Capital cost is defined as the user cost of capital (calculated at 8 per cent of the current value of non-current physical assets) plus the depreciation amount.

(b) Variation across jurisdictions in the collection of capital related data suggests the data are only indicative.

(c) The asset values and depreciation amounts for Victoria and WA relate to inpatients only.

(d) Interest payments are not reported.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); IHPA, National Hospital Cost Data Collection, (unpublished).

Table 12A.58 **Average cost per admitted acute emergency department presentation, 2014-15 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Hospitals	no.	73	38	35	29	13	4	2	5	199
Presentations	no.	605 531	508 260	443 280	193 895	140 446	37 606	35 542	42 252	2 006 812
Expenditure	\$m	675.6	435.6	423.5	170.1	121.7	47.4	56.4	39.8	1 970.1
Average cost per presentation	\$	1 115.72	857.13	955.37	877.28	866.63	1 259.23	1 585.60	942.58	981.70

(a) Data provided is based on the sample submitted to the National Hospital Cost Data Collection Round 19.

(b) Round 19 refers to the year 2014-15.

(c) 'Work in progress' admitted episodes and ED presentations, those that do not fall wholly within the financial year, have been excluded.

(d) Refer to the Australian Hospital Patient Costing Standards version 3.1 for cost allocation methodologies.

(e) Jurisdictions supply Data Quality Statements as part of their data submissions. These can be accessed via Round 19 NHCDC cost report on IHPA website when it is published in January 2017.

Source: IHPA, National Hospital Cost Data Collection, (unpublished).

Table 12A.59 **Relative stay index, indirectly standardised, patients in public hospitals, by medical, surgical and other type of diagnosis related group 2014-15 (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Medical	1.00	0.90	0.83	0.93	1.01	0.97	1.03	1.05	0.94
Surgical	1.10	0.93	0.96	1.00	1.09	1.01	1.07	1.33	1.01
Other	1.11	0.92	0.95	0.96	1.12	0.97	1.16	1.23	1.02
<b>All public hospitals</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>0.96</b>

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as acute or newborn with qualified days, or was not reported. Relative stay index based on all hospitals using AR-DRG version 7.0.

(b) The indirectly standardised relative stay index is not technically comparable between cells but is a comparison of the hospital group with the national average based on the casemix of that group.

Source: AIHW (2016), *Admitted patient care 2014–15: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series no. 68. Cat. no. HSE 172.



Table 12A.60 **Average cost per non-admitted acute emergency department presentation, 2014-15 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Hospitals	no.	73	38	35	29	13	4	2	5	199
Presentations	no.	1 641 828	1 048 339	1 012 323	546 157	306 830	112 620	94 325	99 894	4 862 316
Expenditure	\$m	619.3	410.6	537.2	315.2	153.4	44.8	54.5	49.6	2 184.7
Average cost per presentation	\$	377.17	391.68	530.69	577.14	500.07	397.83	578.01	496.96	449.32

(a) Data provided is based on the sample submitted to the National Hospital Cost Data Collection Round 19.

(b) Round 19 refers to the year 2014-15.

(c) 'Work in progress' admitted episodes and ED presentations, those that do not fall wholly within the financial year, have been excluded.

(d) Refer to the Australian Hospital Patient Costing Standards version 3.1 for cost allocation methodologies.

(e) Jurisdictions supply Data Quality Statements as part of their data submissions. These can be accessed via Round 19 NHCDC cost report on IHPA website when it is published in January 2017.

Source: IHPA, National Hospital Cost Data Collection, (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.61

Table 12A.61 **Average cost per non-admitted presentation, 2014-15 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Hospitals	no.	93	49	65	35	15	4	2	5	268
Service events	no.	6 598 192	2 597 886	3 462 444	1 610 210	1 380 154	268 844	1 060 804	215 116	17 193 650
Expenditure	\$m	1 355	708	1 178	507	502	65	257	96	4 668
Average cost per service event	\$	205.33	272.69	340.14	315.07	363.53	242.96	242.44	444.77	271.51

(a) Data provided is based on the sample submitted to the National Hospital Cost Data Collection Round 19.

(b) Round 19 refers to the year 2014-15.

(c) Refer to the Australian Hospital Patient Costing Standards version 3.1 for cost allocation methodologies.

(d) Jurisdictions supply Data Quality Statements as part of their data submissions. These can be accessed via Round 19 NHCDC cost report on IHPA website when it is published in January 2017.

Source: IHPA, National Hospital Cost Data Collection, (unpublished).