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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 <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>.

This chapter reports on the performance of State and Territory public hospitals.

Further information on the Report on Government Services including other reported service areas, the glossary and list of abbreviations is available at <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>.

## **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

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- public health services
  - 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 \$63.8 billion in 2016-17 (table 12A.1), with 91.6 per cent funded by the Australian, State and Territory governments and 8.4 per cent funded by non-government sources (including depreciation) (AIHW 2018b).

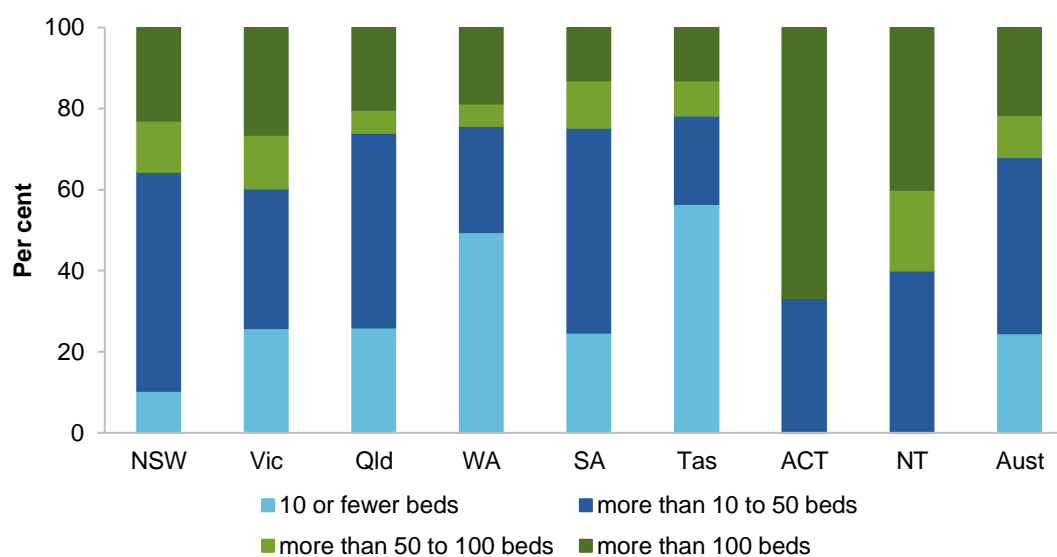
Government real recurrent expenditure (all sources) on public hospitals per person was \$2606 in 2016-17; similar to 2015-16 (\$2603, table 12A.2).

## **Size and scope of sector**

### Hospitals

In 2016-17, Australia had 695 public hospitals – 3 fewer than 2015-16 (table 12A.3). Although 68.1 per cent of hospitals had 50 or fewer beds (figure 12.1), these smaller hospitals represented only 13.4 per cent of total available beds (table 12A.3).

Figure 12.1 Public hospitals, by size, 2016-17<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 10 or fewer beds or more than 50 to 100 beds. The NT did not have hospitals with 10 or fewer beds.

Source: AIHW (2018), *Hospital resources 2016-17: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series no. 86. Cat. no. HSE 205; table 12A.3.

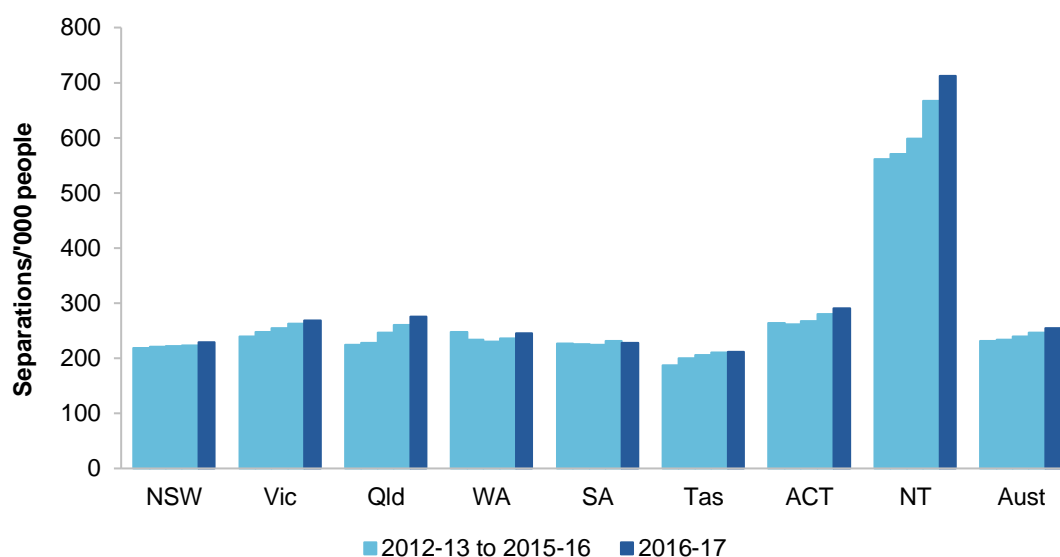
## Hospital beds

There were 61 797 available beds for admitted patients in public hospitals in 2016-17, equivalent to 2.6 beds per 1000 people (tables 12A.3–4). 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 (AIHW 2011). Nationally, the number of beds available per 1000 people increased as remoteness increased (table 12A.4).

## Admitted patient care

There were approximately 6.6 million separations from public (non-psychiatric) hospitals in 2016-17, of which just over half were same day patients (table 12A.5). Nationally, this translates into 254.2 separations per 1000 people (figure 12.2). Acute care 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, AIHW (various years), *Admitted patient care: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series; 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, where there was significant variation across jurisdictions in the proportion of same day medical separations in 2016-17 (table 12A.7).

In 2016-17, on an age-standardised basis, public hospital separation rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians were markedly higher than the corresponding rates for all Australians. For private hospital separations, rates were higher for all Australians compared to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (though separations are lower for private hospitals compared to public hospitals) (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 35.5 million individual service events were provided to outpatients in public hospitals in 2016-17 and around 1.2 million group service events (table 12A.11). Differing admission practices across states and territories lead to variation among jurisdictions in the services reported (AIHW 2018d). There were 7.8 million presentations to emergency departments in 2016-17 (table 12A.12).

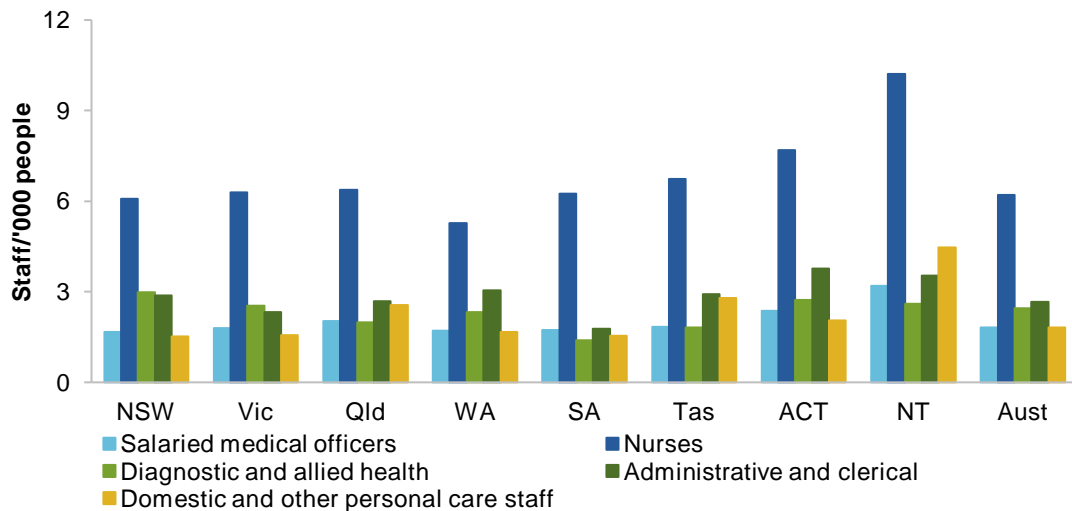
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## Staff

In 2016-17, 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, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**



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

Source: AIHW (2018), *Hospital resources 2016-17: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series no. 86. Cat. no. HSE 205; ABS (unpublished), Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2016, Cat. no. 3101.0; table 12A.9.

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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 by providing acute, non and sub-acute care along with emergency and outpatient care that is:

- timely and accessible to all
- appropriate and responsive to the needs of individuals throughout their lifespan and communities
- high quality and safe
- well coordinated to ensure continuity of care where more than one service type, and/or ongoing service provision is required
- sustainable.

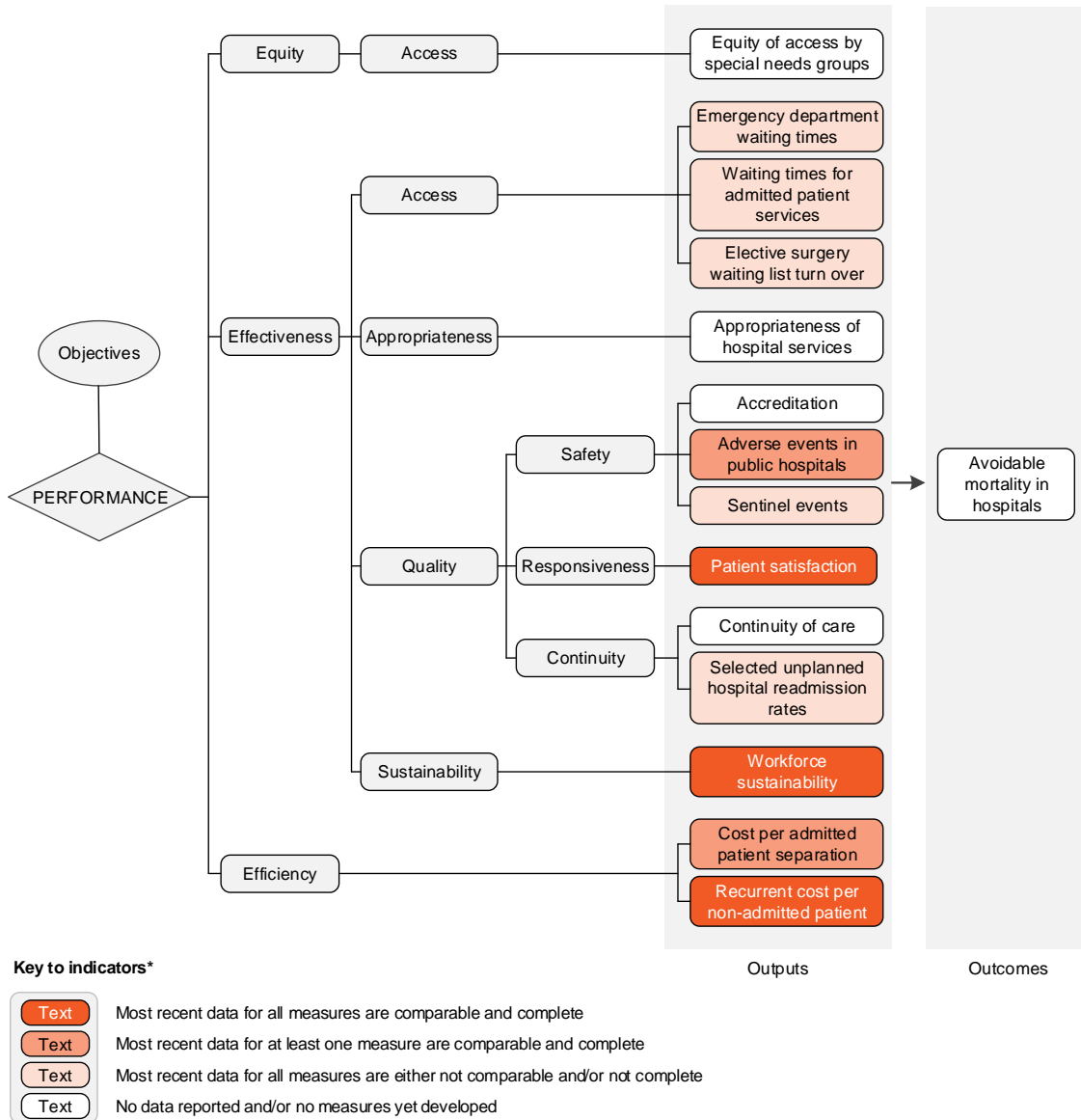
Governments aim for public hospital services to meet these objectives in an equitable and efficient manner.

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 2019 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. Chapters 1 and 2 are available from the website at <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>.

Improvements to performance reporting for public hospital services are ongoing and include identifying data sources to fill gaps in reporting for performance indicators and measures, and improving the comparability and completeness of data.

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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The comparability of performance indicator results are shaded in indicator interpretation boxes, figures and chapter and attachment tables as follows:



Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are either not comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time or are not comparable across jurisdictions or both.

The completeness of performance indicator results are shaded in indicator interpretation boxes, figures and chapter and attachment tables as follows:



Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required data are available for all jurisdictions

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. At least some data were not available.

## 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’ is measured for the special needs group of people living in remote and very remote areas and is defined as the percentage of people who delayed going to hospital due to distance from hospital, by region.

Similar rates across regions can indicate equity of access to hospital services across regions.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this measure.



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## Effectiveness

### Access — Emergency department waiting times

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

#### 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.
- 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:

- not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

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

Nationally in 2017-18, 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, 2017-18<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</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1 — Resuscitation	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
2 — Emergency	81	76	72	81	63	71	77	63	76
3 — Urgent	76	68	59	50	48	56	37	49	64
4 — Semi-urgent	80	72	73	65	66	66	48	56	73
5 — Non-urgent	94	89	93	92	89	89	81	87	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>72</b>

<sup>a</sup> See box 12.3 and table 12A.13 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

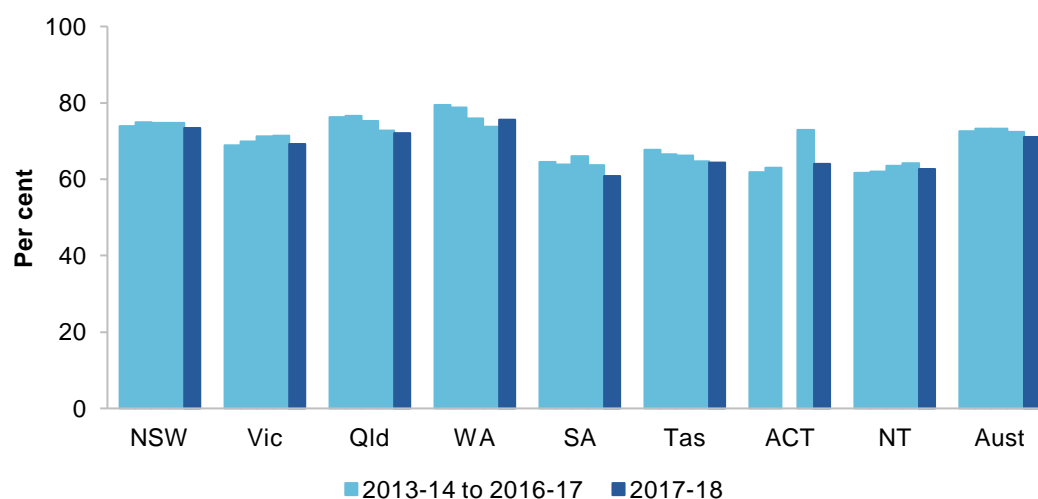
Source: AIHW (2018), *Emergency department care 2017-18: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series no. 89. Cat. no. HSE 216; table 12A.13.

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

The proportion of patients staying for four hours or less in an emergency department decreased from 72.7 per cent in 2013-14 to 71.1 per cent in 2017-18 (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>**

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.  
 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.3 and table 12A.18 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Data were not available for the ACT for 2015-16 and have not been included in the Australian total for that year.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Emergency department care: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series; table 12A.18.

## Access — Waiting times for admitted patient services

‘Waiting times for admitted patient services’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide timely and accessible services to all (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:

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## Box 12.4 (continued)

■ not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time

■ complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

### *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 are excluded.

For overall elective surgery waiting times, a low or decreasing number of days waited are desirable. 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 2018a).

### *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).

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 proportion of presentations to public hospital emergency departments where the time from presentation to admission to hospital is less than or equal to 4 hours.

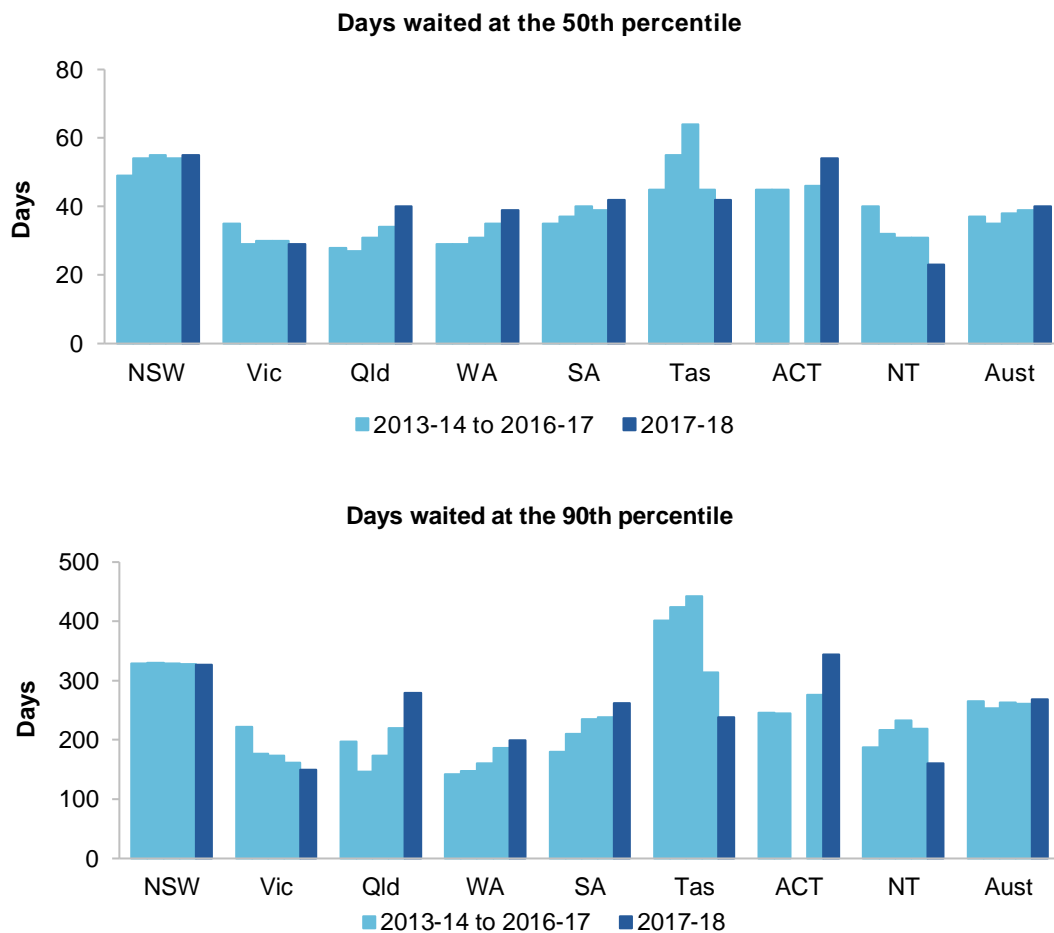
A high or increasing proportion of presentations to emergency departments with a length of stay of 4 hours or less ending in admission is desirable.

### Overall elective surgery waiting times

Nationally in 2017-18, 50 per cent of patients were admitted within 40 days and 90 per cent of patients were admitted within 268 days (figure 12.6 and table 12A.19). Data are available on elective surgery waiting times by hospital peer group and indicator procedure, Indigenous status, remoteness and socioeconomic status (tables 12A.19–22).

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

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.  
 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.4 and table 12A.19 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. <sup>b</sup> Data were not available for the ACT for 2015-16 and have not been included in the Australian total for that year.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Elective surgery waiting times: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series; 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 (table 12.2), 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 2017-18 are shown in table 12A.23. The proportions of patients on waiting lists who already had an extended wait at the date of assessment are reported in tables 12A.24–31.

**Table 12.2 Patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits, by clinical urgency category, 2017-18 (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Total
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New South Wales				
Total	0.2	2.7	3.8	2.6
Victoria				
Total	–	19.2	4.2	9.8
Queensland				
Total	2.8	6.9	4.9	5.0
Western Australia				
Total	14.2	13.0	4.0	9.4
South Australia				
Total	15.1	16.5	7.9	13.1
Tasmania				
Total	24.4	38.6	13.2	27.4
Australian Capital Territory				
Total	9.0	29.8	22.8	21.0
Northern Territory				
Total	4.5	7.6	4.0	5.7

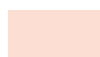
<sup>a</sup> See box 12.4 and tables 12A.24–31 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection; tables 12A.24–31.

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

Nationally in 2017-18, almost half of all people 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, 2017-18<sup>a</sup>**



Data are not comparable across jurisdictions.



Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

<i>Triage category</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>
1 — Resuscitation	49	57	55	68	56	50	61	45	55
2 — Emergency	43	53	56	60	45	33	50	32	50
3 — Urgent	41	51	54	50	36	25	36	30	46
4 — Semi-urgent	46	55	57	53	44	28	40	31	50
5 — Non-urgent	66	67	68	60	60	43	46	44	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>49</b>

<sup>a</sup> See box 12.4 and table 12A.32 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (2018), *Emergency department care 2017-18: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series no. 89. Cat. no. HSE 216; table 12A.32.

## Access — Elective surgery waiting list turn over

‘Elective surgery waiting list turn over’ is an indicator of government’s objective to provide timely and accessible services to all (box 12.5).

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## Box 12.5 Elective surgery waiting list turn over

'Elective surgery waiting list turn over' is defined as the number of additions to, and removals from, public hospital elective surgery waiting lists. It is measured by dividing the number of people removed from public hospital elective surgery waiting lists during the reference year by the number of people added to public hospital elective surgery waiting lists during the same year, multiplied by 100.

The number of people removed from public hospital elective surgery waiting lists includes only people removed following admission for surgery (as distinct from other reasons for removal including death, not contactable, treated elsewhere, surgery not required or declined, transferred to another hospital's waiting list and not reported).

Elective surgery waiting list turn over provides an indication of the extent to which the public hospital system is keeping pace with demand and thus maintaining or improving patient access.

When interpreting these data:

- 100 per cent indicates that an equal number of patients were added to public hospital elective surgery waiting lists as were removed following admission for surgery during the reporting period (therefore the number of patients on the waiting list will be largely unchanged)
- a figure *greater* than 100 per cent indicates that the number of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists exceeded the number of patients added to elective surgery waiting lists during the reporting period (therefore the number of patients on the waiting list will have decreased)
- a figure *less* than 100 per cent indicates that more patients were added to public hospital elective surgery waiting lists than were removed during the reporting period (therefore the number of patients on the waiting list will have increased).

Data for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2016-17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally, in 2016-17, 866 363 people were added to public hospital elective surgery waiting lists, while 748 091 people were removed following admission for surgery, resulting in a national public hospital elective surgery waiting list turn over of 86.3 per cent. Elective surgery waiting list turn over varied across jurisdictions (table 12.4).



**Table 12.4 Elective surgery waiting list turn over, 2016-17<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>
Additions (no.)	251 641	222 271	176 812	101 428	67 550	21 180	15 571	9 910	866 363
Removals (no.)	222 893	196 086	143 447	86 747	58 655	19 187	12 826	8 250	748 091
<b>Turn over (%)</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>86.3</b>

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

Source: AIHW (2017), *Elective surgery waiting times 2016-17: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series no. 82. Cat. no. HSE 197; table 12A.33.

## Appropriateness — Appropriateness of hospital services

‘Appropriateness of hospital services’ is an indicator of government’s objective to provide care that is appropriate and responsive to the needs of individuals throughout their lifespan and communities (box 12.6).

### Box 12.6 Appropriateness of hospital services

‘Appropriateness of hospital services’ is yet to be defined.

This indicator has been identified for development and future reporting.

## Quality — Safety — Accreditation

‘Accreditation’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide public hospital services that are high quality and safe (box 12.7).

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### Box 12.7      **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 measure are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. Data for 2017 were not available.

Data for 2017 were not available for this Report, and have not been available since the 2017 Report. The AIHW (2018c) provides some information on the number of hospitals accredited to various accreditation standards, but no longer produces a proportion of all public hospitals that are accredited due to data quality concerns. In future reports, this indicator will be reported as a proportion of all public hospitals that are accredited, subject to the identification of a suitable data source. Data for 2015 are in table 12A.34 and show that of the 698 public hospitals, 93 per cent had been assessed as at 30 June 2015.

### 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 12.8). 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 12.8 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 less than or equal to 48 hours after admission to hospital and the patient episode of SAB meets at least one of the following criteria:

- SAB is a complication of the presence of an indwelling medical device
- SAB occurs within 30 days of a surgical procedure where the SAB is related to the surgical site
- SAB was diagnosed within 48 hours of a related invasive instrumentation or incision
- 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) or total white blood cell count  $<500 \text{ cell/mm}^3$  ( $0.5 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ ) 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:

- not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

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Box 12.8 (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 2016-17 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:

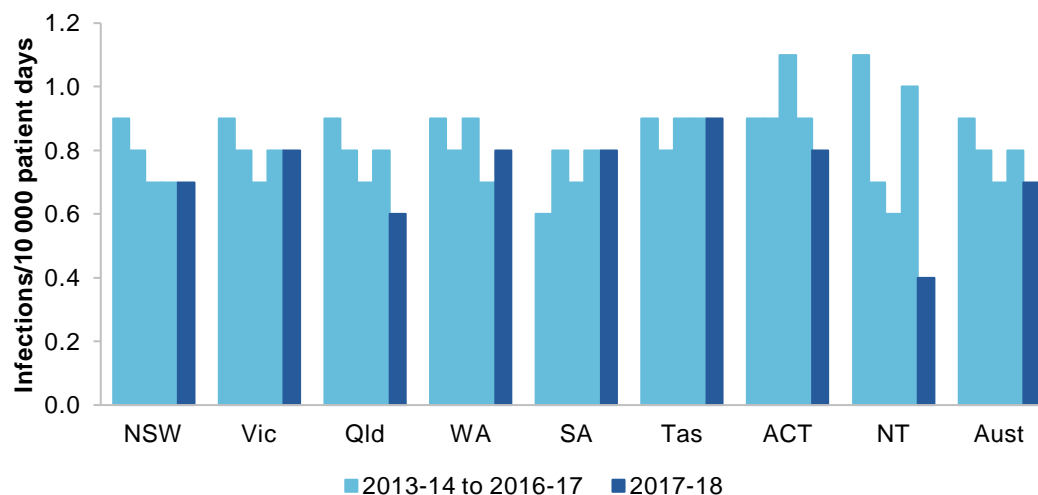
- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2016-17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

*Selected healthcare-associated infections*

Selected healthcare-associated infections per 10 000 patient days is reported in figure 12.7.

Figure 12.7 Selected healthcare-associated infections, public hospitals<sup>a</sup>

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.  
 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.8 and table 12A.35 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Staphylococcus Aureus Bacteraemia Data Collection; table 12A.35.

### *Adverse events treated in hospitals*

Nationally in 2016-17, 6.6 per cent of separations in public hospitals had an adverse event reported during hospitalisation (table 12.5). Results by category (diagnosis, external cause and place of occurrence (of the injury or poisoning)) are in table 12A.36.

**Table 12.5 Separations with an adverse event per 100 separations, public hospitals, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.  
 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Total	7.0	6.1	6.5	7.3	7.6	8.3	7.0	3.6	6.6

<sup>a</sup> See box 12.8 and table 12A.36 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 12A.36.

*Falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals*

Falls resulting in patient harm per 1000 hospital separations varied across states and territories in 2016-17 (figure 12.8). Data are reported by Indigenous status and remoteness in table 12A.37.

**Figure 12.8 Separations for falls resulting in patient harm in public hospitals, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.  
 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.8 and table 12A.37 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (2018), *Admitted patient care 2016-17: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series no. 84. Cat. no. HSE 201; table 12A.37.

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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 12.9). 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.

### Box 12.9 **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 measure are:

-  not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
-  complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2016-17 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.

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Numbers of sentinel events for 2016-17 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.

In 2016-17:

- in NSW public hospitals there were 18 sentinel events (table 12A.38) compared to around 1.9 million separations (table 12A.5)
- in Victorian public hospitals there were 23 sentinel events (table 12A.39) compared to around 1.8 million separations (table 12A.5)
- in Queensland public hospitals there were 6 sentinel events (table 12A.40) compared to around 1.4 million separations (table 12A.5)
- in WA public hospitals there were 6 sentinel events (table 12A.41) compared to around 653 000 separations (table 12A.5)
- in SA public hospitals there were 6 sentinel events (table 12A.42) compared to around 438 000 separations (table 12A.5)
- in Tasmanian public hospitals there was 1 sentinel event (table 12A.43) compared to around 124 000 separations (table 12A.5)
- in ACT public hospitals there were 4 sentinel events (table 12A.44) compared to around 115 000 separations (table 12A.5)
- in NT public hospitals there was 1 sentinel event (table 12A.45) compared to around 159 000 separations (table 12A.5).

Data for 2012-13 to 2016-17 are reported in tables 12A.38–45, along with disaggregation by the type of sentinel event. Australian totals are reported in table 12A.46 and show that in 2016-17 there was a total of 65 sentinel events — the lowest number over the 5 years of data in this Report.

### Quality — Responsiveness — Patient satisfaction

‘Patient satisfaction’ provides a proxy measure of governments’ objective to deliver services that are responsive to individuals throughout their lifespan and communities (box 12.10).



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### Box 12.10 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 these measures are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

The ABS Patient Experience Survey does not include people living in discrete Indigenous communities, which affects the representativeness 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 2017-18, nationally for all measures, the satisfaction rate was above 80 per cent, with satisfaction generally higher for nurses compared to doctors/specialists and hospitals compared to Emergency departments. To assist interpretation of these results, associated relative standard errors and confidence intervals are reported in attachment tables 12A.47–50.

### Quality — Continuity — Continuity of care

'Continuity of care' is an indicator of government's objective to provide care that is well co-ordinated to ensure continuity of care where more than one service type, and/or ongoing service provision is required (box 12.11).

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### Box 12.11    **Continuity of care**

‘Continuity of care’ can be measured in three different ways: relational continuity, management continuity and informational continuity. For this indicator, the management concept is measured and is defined as the number of hospital patients with complex needs for which a discharge plan is provided within 5 days of discharge divided by all hospital patients with complex care needs expressed as a rate per 1000 separations.

High or increasing rates of discharge plans provided to patients with complex care needs within 5 days is desirable. While it is desirable for discharge plans to be provided to patients, the indicator does not provide any information on whether the discharge plan was carried out or whether it was effective in improving patient outcomes.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this measure.

## 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 12.12).

### Box 12.12    **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 measure are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2016-17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Selected unplanned hospital readmission rates in public hospitals are reported in table 12.6. Of the selected surgical procedures, readmission rates are highest nationally, and for most jurisdictions, for tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy.

**Table 12.6 Selected unplanned hospital readmission rates per 1000 separations, by selected surgical procedure, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**



Data are not comparable across jurisdictions.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

	<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	20.5	19.4	32.6	19.6	24.3	44.9	3.6	45.5	23.2
Hip replacement	16.1	16.9	27.3	16.8	13.6	39.9	4.0	33.3	18.6
Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	35.8	28.1	58.9	57.2	42.7	56.6	31.7	104.7	39.8
Hysterectomy	27.9	29.1	45.7	30.8	27.5	46.0	25.4	57.1	33.1
Prostatectomy	24.8	17.0	31.6	23.9	14.0	11.2	30.0	93.8	22.5
Cataract surgery	2.7	2.4	5.7	1.7	3.7	4.3	2.9	5.1	3.1
Appendectomy	24.4	19.6	23.5	27.9	24.0	29.9	23.3	50.4	23.3

<sup>a</sup> See box 12.12 and table 12A.51 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database; WA Health (unpublished); table 12A.51.

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.52.

### Sustainability — Workforce sustainability

‘Workforce sustainability’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide sustainable public hospital services (box 12.13).

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### Box 12.13 **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.

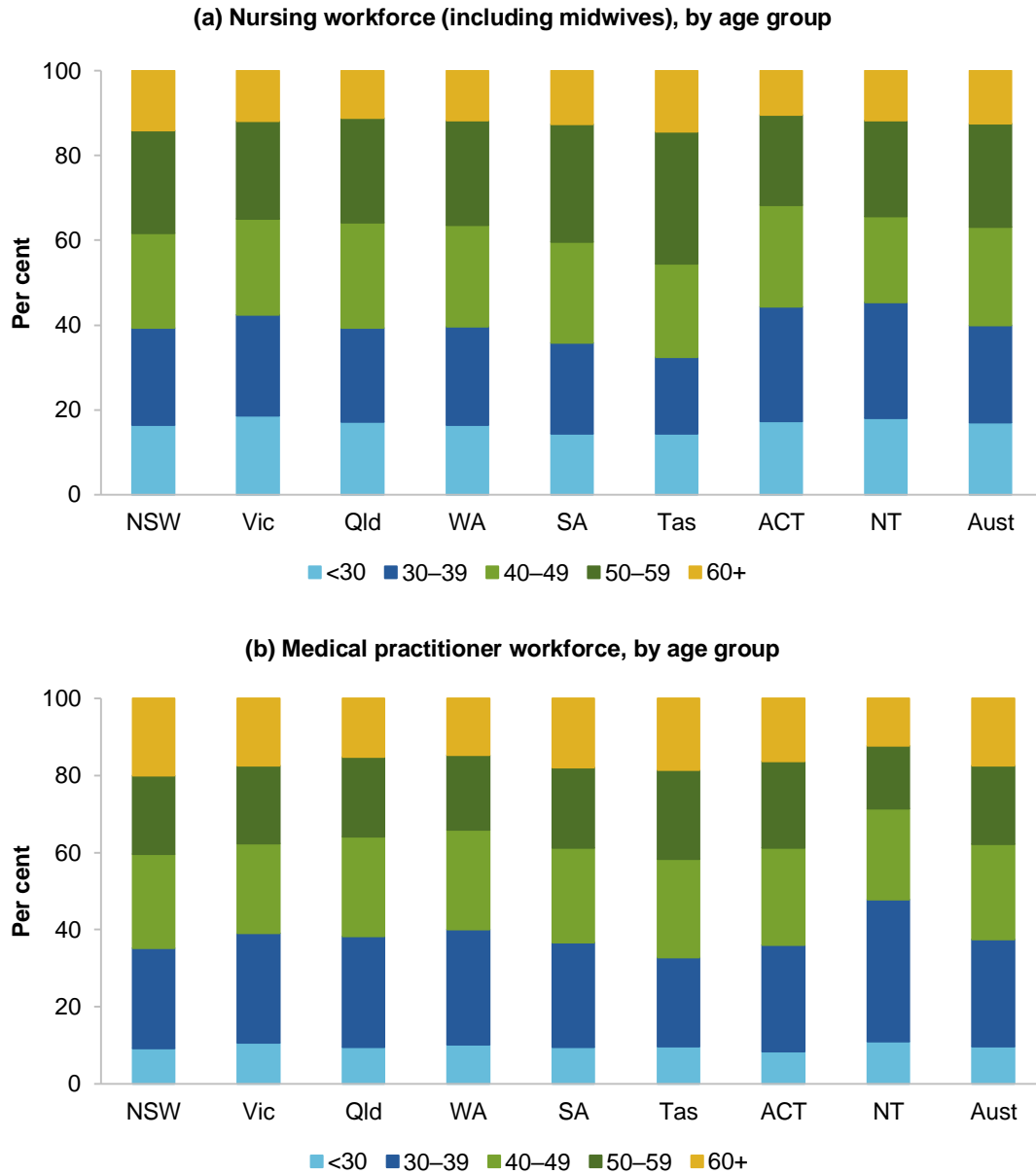
Data reported for this measure are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2017, 17.4 per cent of the medical practitioner workforce and 12.4 per cent of the nursing workforce were aged 60 years and over (figure 12.9), reflecting a gradual increase across the ten years of reported data for nurses (table 12A.53) and medical practitioners (table 12A.55). State and territory data are available in tables 12A.54 (nurses) and 12A.56 (medical practitioners).

**Figure 12.9 Workforce sustainability, 2017<sup>a</sup>**

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.  
 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.13 and tables 12A.54 and 12A.56 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Health Workforce Data Set; tables 12A.54 and 12A.56.

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## 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 12.14).

#### Box 12.14 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.

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 2016-17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

##### *Capital cost per weighted separation*

‘Capital cost per weighted separation’ is calculated as the user cost of capital (calculated as 8 per cent of the value of non-current physical assets including buildings and equipment but excluding land) plus depreciation, divided by the number of weighted separations.

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:

- not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2016-17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

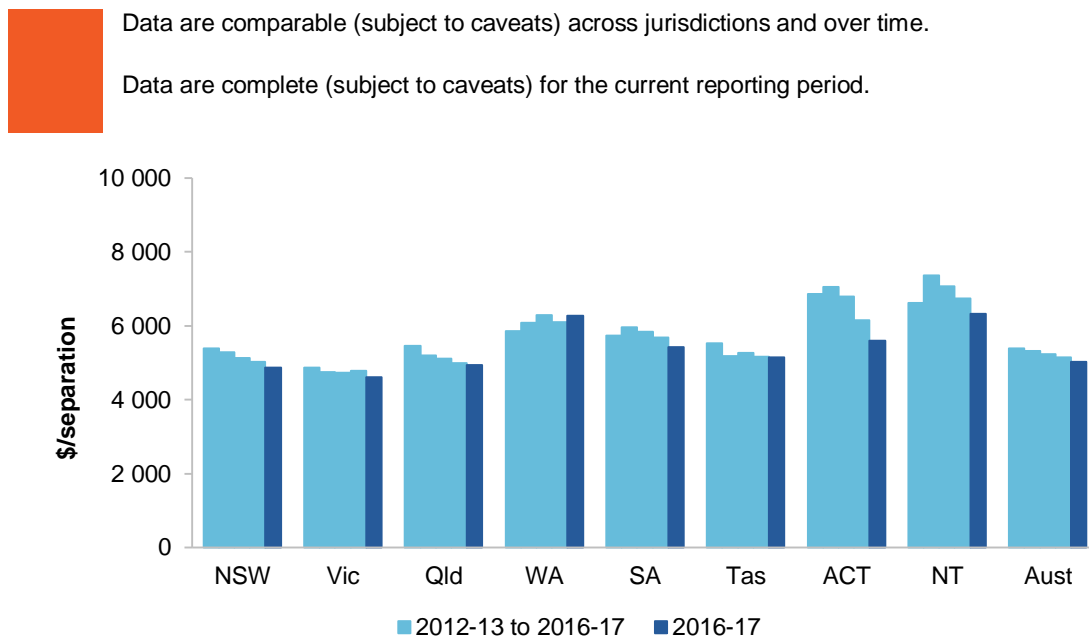
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### Recurrent cost per weighted separation

Nationally in 2016-17, the recurrent cost per weighted separation was \$5020 (figure 12.10).

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**Figure 12.10 Recurrent cost per weighted separation<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.14 and table 12A.57 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: IHPA (unpublished) National Hospital Cost Data Collection; table 12A.57.

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Data on the average cost per admitted patient separation are available on the subset of presentations that are acute emergency department presentations (table 12A.59).

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.60.

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### *Capital cost per weighted separation*

Costs associated with non-current physical assets are important components of the total costs of many services delivered by government agencies. Capital costs are reported in table 12A.58.

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 Committee seeks to report estimated costs that are comparable (chapter 1 has further information on this approach). Where differences in comparability remain, the differences are documented. A number of issues remain to further improve 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 12.15).

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#### **Box 12.15 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 both measures are:

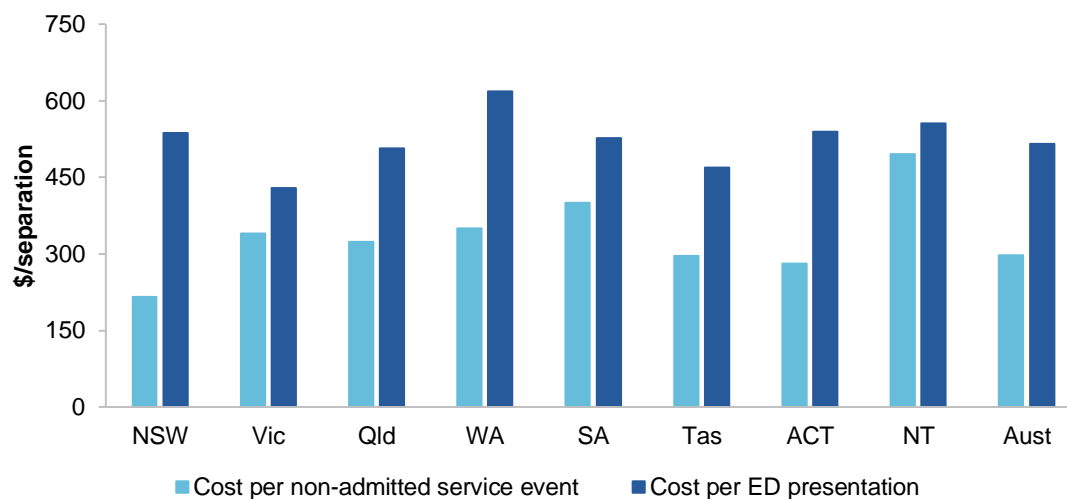
- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2016-17 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2016-17, the average cost per non-admitted emergency department presentation was \$515 (ranging across jurisdiction from \$429 to \$619) and per non-admitted service event was \$297 (ranging across jurisdictions from \$216 to \$496) (figure 12.11).



**Figure 12.11 Recurrent cost per non-admitted patient, 2016-17<sup>a</sup>**

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.  
 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.



<sup>a</sup> See box 12.15 and tables 12A.59–61 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: IHPA (unpublished) National Hospital Cost Data Collection; tables 12A.59 and 12A.61.

## Outcomes

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

### Avoidable mortality in hospitals

‘Avoidable mortality in hospitals’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to alleviate or manage illness and the effects of injury (box 12.16).

#### Box 12.16 Avoidable mortality in hospitals

‘Avoidable mortality in hospitals’ is defined as death in low-mortality diagnostic related groups expressed as a rate.

Low or decreasing rates of avoidable mortality in hospitals indicate more successful management of illness and the effects of injury.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this measure.

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## 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 Australian Council on Healthcare Standards 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 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.
<b>Admitted patient</b>	A patient who undergoes a hospital's admission process to receive treatment and/or care. This treatment and/or care is provided over a period of time and can occur in hospital and/or in the person's home (for hospital-in-the-home patients).
<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.
<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</b>	The time elapsed for each patient from presentation to the emergency

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<b>department waiting times to admission</b>	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 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>Peer group(s)</b>	<p>Peer groups are used to categorise similar hospitals with shared characteristics. Categorising hospitals in peer groups allows for valid comparisons to be made across similar hospitals providing similar services.</p> <p>The peer groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute public hospitals</li> <li>• Acute private hospitals</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very small hospitals</li> <li>• Women’s and children’s hospitals</li> <li>• Early parenting centres</li> <li>• Drug and alcohol hospitals</li> <li>• Psychiatric hospitals</li> <li>• Other acute specialised hospitals*</li> <li>• Same day hospitals</li> <li>• Sub- and non-acute hospitals</li> <li>• Outpatient hospitals</li> <li>• Unpeered hospitals</li> </ul> <p>For further details on hospital peer groups, see AIHW (2015) <i>Australian hospital peer groups</i>, Health services series no. 66. Cat no. HSW 170. Canberra: AIHW (<a href="https://www.aihw.gov.au/getmedia/79e7d756-7cfe-49bf-b8c0-0bbb0daa2430/14825.pdf.aspx?inline=true">https://www.aihw.gov.au/getmedia/79e7d756-7cfe-49bf-b8c0-0bbb0daa2430/14825.pdf.aspx?inline=true</a>).</p>
<b>Posthumous organ procurement</b>	An activity undertaken by hospitals in which human tissue is procured for the purpose of transplantation from a donor who has been declared brain dead.
<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>Service event</b>	An interaction between one or more health-care provider(s) with one non-admitted patient, which must contain therapeutic/clinical content and result in dated entry in the patient’s medical record.
<b>Subacute care</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>Subacute care comprises the defined care types of rehabilitation, palliative care, geriatric evaluation and management and psychogeriatric care.</p>
<b>Triage category</b>	The urgency of the patient’s need for medical and nursing care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>category 1 — resuscitation (immediate within seconds)</li> <li>category 2 — emergency (within 10 minutes)</li> <li>category 3 — urgent (within 30 minutes)</li> <li>category 4 — semi-urgent (within 60 minutes)</li> </ul>

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**Urgency category for elective surgery**

category 5 — non-urgent (within 120 minutes).

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.

Data in this Report are examined by the Health Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat.

Data reported in the attachment tables are the most accurate available at the time of data collection. Historical data may have been updated since the last edition of RoGS.

Information on the comparability and completeness of the data for the performance indicators and measures is in sections 12.2-3.

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(a), (b), (c)

	NSW (d)	Vic	Qld (e)	WA (f)	SA (g)	Tas	ACT	NT (h)	Aust
2007-08									
Salary and wages	7 271	5 794	4 146	2 349	1 720	435	389	314	22 419
Non-salary	4 828	3 355	2 284	1 280	1 188	349	263	169	13 716
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 100</b>	<b>9 149</b>	<b>6 430</b>	<b>3 629</b>	<b>2 908</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>36 136</b>
2008-09									
Salary and wages	7 580	6 077	4 529	2 587	1 827	494	430	350	23 873
Non-salary	4 795	3 514	2 446	1 362	1 163	346	280	187	14 094
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 374</b>	<b>9 591</b>	<b>6 975</b>	<b>3 949</b>	<b>2 990</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>37 967</b>
2009-10									
Salary and wages	7 459	6 318	4 938	2 619	1 904	595	439	377	24 649
Non-salary	4 975	3 635	2 606	1 496	1 178	366	298	173	14 728
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 434</b>	<b>9 953</b>	<b>7 544</b>	<b>4 115</b>	<b>3 082</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>39 377</b>
2010-11									
Salary and wages	7 797	6 755	5 573	2 822	1 995	627	477	405	26 450
Non-salary	5 515	3 873	2 794	1 691	1 386	387	326	188	16 159
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 311</b>	<b>10 628</b>	<b>8 366</b>	<b>4 513</b>	<b>3 381</b>	<b>1 013</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>42 609</b>
2011-12									
Salary and wages	8 472	7 037	5 768	3 121	2 164	640	643	441	28 286
Non-salary	6 045	3 926	2 900	1 806	1 469	390	407	198	17 141
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 517</b>	<b>10 963</b>	<b>8 668</b>	<b>4 928</b>	<b>3 633</b>	<b>1 030</b>	<b>1 049</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>45 427</b>
2012-13									
Salary and wages	8 518	7 036	5 379	3 341	2 065	639	708	458	28 143
Non-salary	6 186	3 994	2 989	1 894	1 426	406	372	207	17 475
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 704</b>	<b>11 031</b>	<b>8 368</b>	<b>5 235</b>	<b>3 490</b>	<b>1 046</b>	<b>1 080</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>45 618</b>
2013-14									
Salary and wages	8 766	7 193	5 878	3 436	2 231	662	715	461	29 342

TABLE 12A.1

Table 12A.1 **Recurrent expenditure on public hospital services (including psychiatric hospitals), (2016-17 dollars, million)**  
**(a), (b), (c)**

	NSW (d)	Vic	Qld (e)	WA (f)	SA (g)	Tas	ACT	NT (h)	Aust
Non-salary	6 194	4 154	3 213	1 880	1 512	403	376	200	17 930
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 959</b>	<b>11 347</b>	<b>9 091</b>	<b>5 316</b>	<b>3 743</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>1 090</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>47 271</b>
2014-15									
Salary and wages	11 300	8 150	5 892	4 536	2 190	805	685	507	34 065
Non-salary	7 748	5 982	3 315	4 109	1 655	475	446	319	24 049
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 048</b>	<b>13 169</b>	<b>9 207</b>	<b>8 645</b>	<b>3 845</b>	<b>1 279</b>	<b>1 131</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>57 151</b>
2015-16									
Salary and wages	11 383	8 348	7 998	4 662	2 265	837	818	545	36 856
Non-salary	8 120	5 544	4 392	4 390	1 711	511	680	355	25 704
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 503</b>	<b>13 893</b>	<b>12 390</b>	<b>9 051</b>	<b>3 976</b>	<b>1 349</b>	<b>1 499</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>62 560</b>
2016-17									
Salary and wages	11 276	8 814	8 398	4 254	2 254	872	811	724	37 402
Non-salary	8 514	5 885	4 593	4 091	1 636	568	696	382	26 365
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 790</b>	<b>14 699</b>	<b>12 991</b>	<b>8 345</b>	<b>3 889</b>	<b>1 440</b>	<b>1 507</b>	<b>1 105</b>	<b>63 767</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 onwards, recurrent expenditure reported to the AIHW by most jurisdictions 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 onwards 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.

(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) 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 (2018), *Health expenditure Australia 2016–17*, Health and Welfare Expenditure Series No. 64, Cat. no. HWE 74.

Table 12A.2 **Recurrent expenditure per person, public hospital services (including psychiatric) (2016-17 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (e)</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA (g)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2007-08	1 741.9	1 759.5	1 545.7	1 695.3	1 842.8	1 580.2	1 896.5	2 226.4	1 713.9
2008-09	1 765.8	1 805.1	1 631.3	1 782.1	1 871.2	1 673.7	2 023.6	2 406.8	1 767.1
2009-10	1 749.5	1 836.8	1 727.4	1 815.2	1 903.5	1 897.8	2 058.6	2 414.2	1 800.4
2010-11	1 852.9	1 933.7	1 885.6	1 944.5	2 068.5	1 986.9	2 198.1	2 579.5	1 921.2
2011-12	1 993.4	1 960.6	1 918.1	2 063.9	2 202.6	2 011.5	2 820.6	2 739.8	2 014.8
2012-13	1 992.7	1 931.8	1 814.7	2 129.7	2 097.6	2 042.8	2 841.3	2 780.5	1 987.4
2013-14	1 998.2	1 945.3	1 940.3	2 124.0	2 229.3	2 077.2	2 824.3	2 728.0	2 026.4
2014-15	2 503.3	2 193.0	1 939.5	3 410.9	2 270.0	2 489.3	2 884.3	3 400.3	2 407.6
2015-16	2 541.7	2 263.3	2 578.6	3 545.2	2 329.8	2 613.8	3 755.5	3 688.1	2 603.3
2016-17	2 537.4	2 323.5	2 656.8	3 250.2	2 264.6	2 769.2	3 702.0	4 493.1	2 606.3

(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 onward, recurrent expenditure reported to the AIHW by most jurisdictions 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 onward 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) 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 (2018), *Health expenditure Australia 2016–17*, Health and Welfare Expenditure Series No. 64, Cat. no. HWE 74.

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</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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>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	13.8	25.8	44.7	43.8	27.5	60.9	33.3	–	29.9
more than 10 to 50 beds	52.9	33.1	35.9	29.2	51.3	21.7	–	40.0	40.6
more than 50 to 100 beds	11.6	15.2	4.7	3.1	10.0	4.3	–	20.0	9.3
more than 100 beds	21.8	25.2	14.7	17.7	11.3	13.0	66.7	40.0	19.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.1</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
<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	–	1.8
more than 10 to 50 beds	15.1	8.9	12.8	12.8	20.7	6.9	–	8.1	13.0
more than 50 to 100 beds	9.6	12.6	5.5	4.0	11.8	7.5	–	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>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	14.7	26.0	44.7	48.9	27.5	60.9	33.3	–	30.7
more than 10 to 50 beds	52.4	34.7	35.3	31.1	51.3	21.7	–	40.0	41.0
more than 50 to 100 beds	10.2	14.7	4.7	3.3	10.0	4.3	–	20.0	8.8

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</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
more than 100 beds	22.7	25.3	14.7	17.8	11.3	13.0	66.7	40.0	19.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.1</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	–	1.8
more than 10 to 50 beds	15.1	9.0	12.3	12.6	20.8	7.2	–	8.1	12.9
more than 50 to 100 beds	8.2	12.3	5.3	4.1	11.6	6.8	–	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
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>91</b>	<b>80</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	49.5	23.8	56.5	33.3	–	24.1
more than 10 to 50 beds	56.9	33.8	49.2	28.6	51.3	21.7	–	40.0	44.8
more than 50 to 100 beds	10.7	13.9	7.4	4.4	10.0	0.0	–	20.0	9.6
more than 100 beds	22.7	26.5	19.7	18.7	11.3	21.7	66.7	40.0	21.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>96.3</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

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</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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>
2015-16									
No. of hospitals									
10 or fewer beds	23	37	30	49	19	13	–	–	171
more than 10 to 50 beds	126	52	61	24	40	5	1	2	311
more than 50 to 100 beds	25	23	7	5	9	1	–	1	71
more than 100 to 200 beds	25	18	6	8	3	2	–	1	63
more than 200 to 500 beds	19	16	12	6	4	2	1	1	61
more than 500 beds	8	5	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	10.2	24.5	24.6	53.3	24.7	56.5	0.0	–	24.5
more than 10 to 50 beds	56.0	34.4	50.0	26.1	51.9	21.7	33	40.0	44.6
more than 50 to 100 beds	11.1	15.2	5.7	5.4	11.7	4.3	–	20.0	10.2
more than 100 beds	23.1	25.8	19.7	17.4	11.7	17.4	66.7	40.0	21.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.4</b>
No. of available beds									
10 or fewer beds	64	227	217	229	118	69	..	..	924
more than 10 to 50 beds	3 232	1 161	1 474	642	931	83	26	54	7 603
more than 50 to 100 beds	1 770	1 751	571	366	626	90	..	60	5 234
more than 100 to 200 beds	3 794	2 586	938	1 220	445	230	..	183	9 396
more than 200 to 500 beds	6 538	5 362	4 046	1 817	1 224	842	303	367	20 499
more than 500 beds	5 753	3 229	4 759	1 333	1 450	..	777	..	17 301
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 152</b>	<b>14 315</b>	<b>12 005</b>	<b>5 607</b>	<b>4 794</b>	<b>1 314</b>	<b>1 106</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>60 957</b>
Proportion of total beds (%)									
10 or fewer beds	0.3	1.6	1.8	4.1	2.5	5.3	..	..	1.5
more than 10 to 50 beds	15.3	8.1	12.3	11.4	19.4	6.3	2.4	8.1	12.5
more than 50 to 100 beds	8.4	12.2	4.8	6.5	13.1	6.8	..	9.0	8.6
more than 100 beds	76.0	78.1	81.2	77.9	65.1	81.6	97.6	82.8	77.4
<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>
2016-17									
No. of hospitals									
10 or fewer beds	23	39	32	45	19	13	–	–	171
more than 10 to 50 beds	120	52	59	24	39	5	1	2	302
more than 50 to 100 beds	28	20	7	5	9	2	–	1	72
more than 100 to 200 beds	23	18	6	8	4	1	–	1	61
more than 200 to 500 beds	20	15	13	7	4	2	1	1	63
more than 500 beds	8	7	6	2	2	–	1	–	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>695</b>
Proportion of total hospitals (%)									

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</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
10 or fewer beds	10.4	25.8	26.0	49.5	24.7	56.5	–	–	24.6
more than 10 to 50 beds	54.1	34.4	48.0	26.4	50.6	21.7	33.3	40.0	43.5
more than 50 to 100 beds	12.6	13.2	5.7	5.5	11.7	8.7	–	20.0	10.4
more than 100 beds	23.0	26.5	20.3	18.7	13.0	13.0	66.7	40.0	21.6
<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>
No. of available beds									
10 or fewer beds	73	242	226	229	118	69	..	..	956
more than 10 to 50 beds	3 044	1 201	1 435	596	875	77	26	54	7 308
more than 50 to 100 beds	1 946	1 497	510	347	611	179	..	60	5 151
more than 100 to 200 beds	3 460	2 595	897	1 219	493	125	..	183	8 973
more than 200 to 500 beds	6 812	4 747	4 332	2 165	1 270	854	303	367	20 851
more than 500 beds	5 812	4 384	4 813	1 319	1 449	..	781	..	18 558
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 147</b>	<b>14 667</b>	<b>12 213</b>	<b>5 876</b>	<b>4 816</b>	<b>1 304</b>	<b>1 110</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>61 797</b>
Proportion of total beds (%)									
10 or fewer beds	0.3	1.6	1.9	3.9	2.5	5.3	..	..	1.5
more than 10 to 50 beds	14.4	8.2	11.7	10.1	18.2	5.9	2.3	8.1	11.8
more than 50 to 100 beds	9.2	10.2	4.2	5.9	12.7	13.7	..	9.0	8.3
more than 100 beds	76.1	79.9	82.2	80.0	66.7	75.1	97.7	82.8	78.3
<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>

(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.

.. 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>
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									
Major cities	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.8	..	2.6	..	2.5
Regional	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>
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>
2015-16									
Major cities	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.7	..	2.9	..	2.4



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>
Regional	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.3	3.1	2.6	–	2.6	2.8
Remote	6.4	2.5	3.8	2.7	4.8	2.1	..	2.9	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>
2016-17									
Major cities	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.6	..	2.8	..	2.4
Regional	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.2	3.1	2.5	–	2.5	2.8
Remote	6.6	2.4	3.8	2.9	4.8	2.1	..	3.0	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.8</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 patients. Average available beds for overnight-stay patients is the number of beds exclusively or predominantly available to provide overnight accommodation for patients (other than neonatal cots (non-special-care) and beds occupied by hospital-in-the-home patients), averaged over the counting period. Average available beds for same-day patients is the number of beds, chairs or trolleys exclusively or predominantly 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</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (b)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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										
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 (c)										
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										

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<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>	<i>Aust</i>
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
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 (c)										
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

TABLE 12A.5

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<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>	<i>Aust</i>
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 (c)										
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
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.9	2.1	..	..	0.4
2015-16										
Separations										
Public hospitals	no.	1 861 163	1 669 562	1 293 125	630 739	438 831	122 604	108 041	148 416	6 272 481
Public acute hospitals	no.	1 854 272	1 668 242	1 292 391	627 258	436 777	121 589	108 041	148 416	6 256 986
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	6 891	1 320	734	3 481	2 054	1 015	..	..	15 495
Overnight separations										
Public hospitals	no.	1 007 745	705 769	588 437	290 305	228 441	59 167	51 633	44 102	2 975 599
Public acute hospitals	no.	1 001 545	704 464	587 706	287 416	226 724	58 170	51 633	44 102	2 961 760
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	6 200	1 305	731	2 889	1 717	997	..	..	13 839
Same day separations										
Public hospitals	no.	853 418	963 793	704 688	340 434	210 390	63 437	56 408	104 314	3 296 882
Public acute hospitals	no.	852 727	963 778	704 685	339 842	210 053	63 419	56 408	104 314	3 295 226
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	691	15	3	592	337	18	..	..	1 656
Same day separations (per cent of total)										
Public hospitals	%	45.9	57.7	54.5	54.0	47.9	51.7	52.2	70.3	52.6
Public acute hospitals	%	46.0	57.8	54.5	54.2	48.1	52.2	52.2	70.3	52.7
Public psychiatric hospitals	%	10.0	1.1	0.4	17.0	16.4	1.8	..	..	10.7
Separations per 1000 population (c)										

TABLE 12A.5

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<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>	<i>Aust</i>
Public hospitals	no.	224.7	262.4	260.2	237.8	232.2	212.0	280.1	666.9	247.5
Public acute hospitals	no.	223.7	262.2	260.0	236.4	230.9	210.1	280.1	666.9	246.9
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	0.9	0.2	0.2	1.3	1.3	2.0	..	..	0.7
2016-17										
Separations										
Public hospitals	no.	1 931 552	1 772 448	1 394 557	652 610	437 537	124 412	115 421	158 811	6 587 348
Public acute hospitals	no.	1 923 930	1 770 887	1 394 096	648 688	435 511	123 383	115 421	158 811	6 570 727
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	7 622	1 561	461	3 922	2 026	1 029	..	..	16 621
Overnight separations										
Public hospitals	no.	1 043 500	737 283	610 591	292 938	229 389	60 626	54 893	46 814	3 076 034
Public acute hospitals	no.	1 036 753	735 743	610 140	289 878	227 624	59 657	54 893	46 814	3 061 502
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	6 747	1 540	451	3 060	1 765	969	..	..	14 532
Same day separations										
Public hospitals	no.	888 052	1 035 165	783 966	359 672	208 148	63 786	60 528	111 997	3 511 314
Public acute hospitals	no.	887 177	1 035 144	783 956	358 810	207 887	63 726	60 528	111 997	3 509 225
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	875	21	10	862	261	60	..	..	2 089
Same day separations (per cent of total)										
Public hospitals	%	46.0	58.4	56.2	55.1	47.6	51.3	52.4	70.5	53.3
Public acute hospitals	%	46.1	58.5	56.2	55.3	47.7	51.6	52.4	70.5	53.4
Public psychiatric hospitals	%	11.5	1.3	2.2	22.0	12.9	5.8	..	..	12.6
Separations per 1000 population (c)										
Public hospitals	no.	229.6	268.5	275.0	247.0	228.7	213.0	290.9	712.0	254.9
Public acute hospitals	no.	228.6	268.2	274.9	245.5	227.5	211.0	290.9	712.0	254.2
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	1.0	0.3	0.1	1.5	1.2	2.0	..	..	0.7

(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) 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.

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<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>	<i>Aust</i>
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(c) 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</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (d)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total separations (no.)										
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
2015-16	'000	1 854	1 668	1 292	627	437	122	108	148	6 257
2016-17	'000	1 924	1 771	1 394	649	436	123	115	159	6 571
Overnight separations (no.)										
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
2015-16	'000	1 002	704	588	287	227	58	52	44	2 962
2016-17	'000	1 037	736	610	290	228	60	55	47	3 062
Same day separations (no.)										
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
2015-16	'000	853	964	705	340	210	63	56	104	3 295
2016-17	'000	887	1 035	784	359	208	64	61	112	3 509
Same day separations as a percentage of total separations (%)										
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
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
2015-16	%	46.0	57.8	54.5	54.2	48.1	52.2	52.2	70.3	52.7

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</i>	<i>SA (c)</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (d)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2016-17	%	46.1	58.5	56.2	55.3	47.7	51.6	52.4	70.5	53.4
Total separations (rate per 1000) (e)										
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
2015-16	no.	223.7	262.2	260.0	236.4	230.9	210.1	280.1	666.9	246.9
2016-17	no.	228.6	268.2	274.9	245.5	227.5	211.0	290.9	712.0	254.2

(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 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.

(d) 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.

(e) 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</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>2013-14</b>									
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</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	–	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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Same-day separations

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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</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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
Total separations									
Childbirth	72 923	57 619	44 609	23 583	15 450	4 347	5 181	3 271	226 983

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	<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>
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
<i>Non-emergency</i>									
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>1 743 014</b>	<b>1 544 426</b>	<b>1 158 216</b>	<b>587 367</b>	<b>405 222</b>	<b>116 314</b>	<b>97 146</b>	<b>131 334</b>	<b>5 783 039</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	–	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
<i>Non-emergency</i>									
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
Other	91.6	93.7	89.4	96.3	86.0	95.1	95.6	90.2	92.6
<b>2015-16</b>									
Same-day separations									
Childbirth	3 004	1 444	2 516	938	843	284	432	155	9 616
Specialist mental health	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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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</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Emergency									
Surgical	8 985	6 400	3 356	3 428	2 087	573	552	191	25 572
Medical	174 677	182 427	220 806	43 229	49 916	8 258	12 481	16 178	707 972
Other	1 777	1 334	1 356	1 125	246	166	175	26	6 205
Non-emergency									
Surgical	106 262	116 679	62 801	43 524	34 595	9 875	5 938	4 059	383 733
Medical	449 578	541 488	346 885	199 995	100 530	36 538	30 422	80 378	1 785 814
Other	86 482	112 651	45 422	46 969	11 577	6 979	5 381	3 264	318 725
Total same-day separations	830 765	962 484	683 937	339 213	199 863	62 679	55 465	104 251	3 238 657
Overnight separations									
Childbirth	71 726	58 760	42 641	23 905	14 835	4 301	4 854	3 125	224 147
Specialist mental health	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Emergency									
Surgical	82 552	61 806	47 229	29 159	20 256	5 885	5 934	4 772	257 593
Medical	511 000	311 699	308 261	147 595	118 938	26 929	23 683	26 818	1 474 923
Other	23 635	15 845	12 627	7 304	5 109	1 709	1 411	1 087	68 727
Non-emergency									
Surgical	107 607	100 786	69 917	35 010	25 571	7 838	6 674	2 768	356 171
Medical	111 307	80 292	46 146	19 012	19 535	6 129	3 534	3 285	289 240
Other	7 666	7 812	5 579	1 991	1 866	445	213	281	25 853
Total overnight separations	915 493	637 464	534 444	264 528	207 075	53 528	46 393	42 136	2 701 061
Total separations									
Childbirth	74 730	60 204	45 157	24 843	15 678	4 585	5 286	3 280	233 763
Specialist mental health	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Emergency									

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	<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>
Surgical	91 537	68 206	50 585	32 587	22 343	6 458	6 486	4 963	283 165
Medical	685 677	494 126	529 067	190 824	168 854	35 187	36 164	42 996	2 182 895
Other	25 412	17 179	13 983	8 429	5 355	1 875	1 586	1 113	74 932
Non-emergency									
Surgical	213 869	217 465	132 718	78 534	60 166	17 713	12 612	6 827	739 904
Medical	560 885	621 780	393 031	219 007	120 065	42 667	33 956	83 663	2 075 054
Other	94 148	120 463	51 001	48 960	13 443	7 424	5 594	3 545	344 578
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 746 258</b>	<b>1 599 948</b>	<b>1 218 381</b>	<b>603 741</b>	<b>406 938</b>	<b>116 207</b>	<b>101 858</b>	<b>146 387</b>	<b>5 939 718</b>
Same day separations (% of total separations)									
Childbirth	4.0	2.4	5.6	3.8	5.4	6.2	8.2	4.7	4.1
Specialist mental health	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Emergency									
Surgical	9.8	9.4	6.6	10.5	9.3	8.9	8.5	3.8	9.0
Medical	25.5	36.9	41.7	22.7	29.6	23.5	34.5	37.6	32.4
Other	7.0	7.8	9.7	13.3	4.6	8.9	11.0	2.3	8.3
Non-emergency									
Surgical	49.7	53.7	47.3	55.4	57.5	55.8	47.1	59.5	51.9
Medical	80.2	87.1	88.3	91.3	83.7	85.6	89.6	96.1	86.1
Other	91.9	93.5	89.1	95.9	86.1	94.0	96.2	92.1	92.5
<b>2016-17 (b)</b>									
Same-day separations									
Childbirth	2 895	1 172	2 525	1 007	811	266	410	176	9 262
Specialist mental health	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Emergency									
Surgical	9 447	6 819	3 677	4 083	2 250	514	564	173	27 527

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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</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Medical	191 510	208 802	237 015	43 841	52 134	9 112	16 281	16 840	775 535
Other	1 885	1 311	1 911	1 106	242	169	171	27	6 822
Non-emergency									
Surgical	108 505	123 420	66 513	42 776	33 849	9 990	6 127	4 303	395 483
Medical	461 638	568 586	400 739	214 642	103 681	34 930	30 357	86 741	1 901 314
Other	89 090	123 668	49 101	50 759	11 539	7 741	5 575	3 669	341 142
Total same-day separations	864 970	1 033 778	761 481	358 214	204 506	62 722	59 485	111 929	3 457 085
Overnight separations									
Childbirth	71 621	58 621	42 155	23 802	14 594	4 111	4 804	3 199	222 907
Specialist mental health	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Emergency									
Surgical	84 107	62 693	49 079	29 521	20 250	5 869	6 356	5 133	263 008
Medical	530 205	329 458	320 132	150 262	123 611	27 982	25 397	29 062	1 536 109
Other	24 953	16 870	13 871	7 383	5 396	1 874	1 656	1 077	73 080
Non-emergency									
Surgical	109 198	104 209	70 796	34 710	24 588	7 828	7 167	2 862	361 358
Medical	117 253	85 591	51 378	18 330	17 124	6 680	3 545	3 323	303 224
Other	8 027	8 324	6 257	1 892	1 637	527	238	290	27 192
Total overnight separations	945 364	665 766	553 668	265 900	207 200	54 871	49 163	44 946	2 786 878
Total separations									
Childbirth	74 516	59 793	44 680	24 809	15 405	4 377	5 214	3 375	232 169
Specialist mental health	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Emergency									
Surgical	93 554	69 512	52 756	33 604	22 500	6 383	6 920	5 306	290 535
Medical	721 715	538 260	557 147	194 103	175 745	37 094	41 678	45 902	2 311 644

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	<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	26 838	18 181	15 782	8 489	5 638	2 043	1 827	1 104	79 902
Non-emergency									
Surgical	217 703	227 629	137 309	77 486	58 437	17 818	13 294	7 165	756 841
Medical	578 891	654 177	452 117	232 972	120 805	41 610	33 902	90 064	2 204 538
Other	97 117	131 992	55 358	52 651	13 176	8 268	5 813	3 959	368 334
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 810 334</b>	<b>1 699 544</b>	<b>1 315 149</b>	<b>624 114</b>	<b>411 706</b>	<b>117 593</b>	<b>108 648</b>	<b>156 875</b>	<b>6 243 963</b>
Same day separations (% of total separations)									
Childbirth	3.9	2.0	5.7	4.1	5.3	6.1	7.9	5.2	4.0
Specialist mental health	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Emergency									
Surgical	10.1	9.8	7.0	12.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	3.3	9.5
Medical	26.5	38.8	42.5	22.6	29.7	24.6	39.1	36.7	33.5
Other	7.0	7.2	12.1	13.0	4.3	8.3	9.4	2.4	8.5
Non-emergency									
Surgical	49.8	54.2	48.4	55.2	57.9	56.1	46.1	60.1	52.3
Medical	79.7	86.9	88.6	92.1	85.8	83.9	89.5	96.3	86.2
Other	91.7	93.7	88.7	96.4	87.6	93.6	95.9	92.7	92.6

(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) Specialist mental health acute separations no longer exist due to the implementation nationally of the mental health care type.

– 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.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</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (d)</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
<b>2007-08</b>									
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
<b>2008-09</b>									
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
<b>2009-10</b>									
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
<b>2010-11</b>									
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
<b>2011-12</b>									
Public hospitals									

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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</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (d)</i>	<i>ACT (d)</i>	<i>NT (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
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									
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
2015-16									
Public hospitals									

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i> (d)	<i>ACT</i> (d)	<i>NT</i> (d)	<i>Total</i> (e)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	583.9	670.9	808.2	1 164.0	825.6	255.4	587.5	2 160.1	888.3
All people	224.7	262.4	260.2	237.8	232.2	212.0	280.2	666.9	247.5
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	36.5	53.4	67.2	548.8	57.0	np	np	np	112.1
All people	149.5	158.8	210.6	186.4	160.1	np	np	np	167.3
2016-17									
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	605.8	689.5	840.4	1 246.6	863.7	276.4	810.1	2 190.2	924.6
All people	229.6	268.5	275.0	247.0	228.7	213.0	290.9	712.0	254.9
Private Hospitals									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	43.9	54.2	77.7	562.4	44.1	np	np	np	119.9
All people	150.9	156.5	211.6	190.6	157.4	np	np	np	167.8

- (a) Directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001. Separation rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are directly age standardised using a highest age group of 65 years and over, whereas the age standardised rates for all people use a highest age group of 85 years and over. Therefore, the age standardised rates calculated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are not directly comparable with the age standardised rates calculated for all people.
- (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.
- (c) Excludes separations with a care type of Newborn without qualified days, and records for Hospital boarders and Posthumous organ procurement.
- (d) Private hospital data are suppressed for confidentiality reasons.
- (e) 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</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2007-08									
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>
2008-09									
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>
2009-10									
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>
2010-11									
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>
2011-12									
Salaried medical officers	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.5

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</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (h)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Nurses	5.4	5.7	5.1	4.9	6.4	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>13.2</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>12.0</b>
2012-13									
Salaried medical officers	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.5	2.1	2.1	1.5
Nurses	5.6	5.5	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	1.2	1.7	1.9	0.9	2.1	0.2	2.7	1.4
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>12.0</b>
2013-14									
Salaried medical officers	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.1	1.6
Nurses	5.7	5.6	5.0	5.1	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	2.5	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.3	3.0	1.7	1.8
Administrative and clerical	1.8	2.1	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.9	2.0	1.9
Domestic and other personal care 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>13.1</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>
2014-15									
Salaried medical officers	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.4	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.8
Nurses	6.1	6.1	5.1	5.8	6.4	6.5	7.5	7.6	5.9
Registered nurses	na	5.2	4.5	5.8	5.2	5.8	6.9	7.2	3.5
Other nurses	na	0.8	0.6	–	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4
Other personal care staff	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Diagnostic and allied health	2.2	2.4	1.2	1.9	1.2	1.8	2.5	1.9	1.9
Administrative and clerical	3.3	2.3	1.6	3.1	1.5	2.9	3.8	2.1	2.6
Domestic and other personal care staff	1.8	1.6	1.7	2.1	1.5	2.7	1.2	2.5	1.7
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>14.0</b>
2015-16									
Salaried medical officers	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.5	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.4	1.9

**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	ACT (h)	NT	Aust
Nurses	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.4	6.6	7.6	7.6	6.2
Registered nurses	na	5.3	5.5	6.0	5.2	5.9	6.9	7.2	na
Other nurses	na	0.8	0.7	–	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.4	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Diagnostic and allied health	2.9	2.4	1.9	2.0	1.4	1.9	2.7	2.0	2.4
Administrative and clerical	2.8	2.3	2.6	3.4	1.5	2.9	3.8	2.6	2.6
Domestic and other personal care staff	1.8	1.6	2.5	2.0	1.4	2.7	2.0	2.9	1.9
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>15.0</b>
2016-17									
Salaried medical officers	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.4	3.2	1.8
Nurses	6.1	6.3	6.4	5.3	6.3	6.7	7.7	10.2	6.2
Registered nurses	na	5.5	5.7	5.1	5.1	6.0	7.0	9.7	na
Other nurses	na	0.8	0.7	–	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.5	na
Diagnostic and allied health	3.0	2.5	2.0	2.3	1.4	1.8	2.7	2.6	2.5
Administrative and clerical	2.9	2.3	2.7	3.1	1.8	2.9	3.8	3.5	2.7
Domestic and other personal care staff	1.5	1.6	2.6	1.7	1.5	2.8	2.1	4.5	1.8
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>15.0</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 and 2015–16, staff employed in providing public hospital services at the Local Hospital Network level or state health authority level were included for the first time (for 2014–15 excludes Queensland, for which the data were not available). Therefore, the staff numbers reported for 2014–15 and 2015–16 are not comparable with earlier years, and are not comparable between 2014–15 and 2015–16.
- (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) 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 – 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.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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 (b)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<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 (c)</b>	<b>no.</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>
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
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	–

TABLE 12A.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Not reported	%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total (c)</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>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 (b)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<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 (c)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<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										
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



TABLE 12A.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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 (c)</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
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<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 (c)</b>	<b>no.</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>
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

TABLE 12A.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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 (c)</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>
2015-16 (d)										
Number of separations										
Acute care	no.	1 707 520	1 584 944	1 207 172	597 539	402 380	115 301	100 330	145 334	5 860 520
Rehabilitation care	no.	39 184	18 248	23 957	6 283	11 442	1 027	2 318	325	102 784
Palliative care	no.	14 497	7 663	8 488	1 960	1 957	747	813	374	36 499
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	no.	5 463	17 450	4 543	2 536	1 784	10	307	78	32 171
Psychogeriatric care	no.	546	–	306	523	2	60	17	1	1 455
Maintenance care	no.	11 243	729	6 782	2 420	2 991	1 195	1 102	232	26 694
Newborn total	no.	80 694	66 066	48 858	27 590	17 097	4 849	5 732	3 947	254 833
Newborn — unqualified										
days only	no.	41 959	51 062	37 649	21 388	12 539	3 943	4 204	2 899	175 643
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 (b)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 859 150</b>	<b>1 695 100</b>	<b>1 300 106</b>	<b>638 851</b>	<b>437 653</b>	<b>123 199</b>	<b>110 619</b>	<b>150 303</b>	<b>6 314 981</b>
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 817 191</b>	<b>1 644 038</b>	<b>1 262 457</b>	<b>617 463</b>	<b>425 114</b>	<b>119 256</b>	<b>106 415</b>	<b>147 404</b>	<b>6 139 338</b>
Proportion of total separations										
Acute care	%	94.0	96.4	95.6	96.8	94.7	96.7	94.3	98.6	95.5
Rehabilitation care	%	2.2	1.1	1.9	1.0	2.7	0.9	2.2	0.2	1.7
Palliative care	%	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.6

TABLE 12A.10

Table 12A.10 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	%	0.3	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	–	0.3	0.1	0.5
Psychogeriatric care	%	–	–	–	0.1	–	0.1	–	–	–
Maintenance care	%	0.6	–	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.4
Newborn excluding unqualified days	%	2.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.4	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 (c)</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>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2016-17 (d)										
Number of separations										
Acute care	no.	1 771 512	1 683 711	1 303 219	617 985	407 288	116 649	107 112	155 796	6 163 272
Rehabilitation care	no.	38 906	17 940	23 484	6 320	4 664	1 102	2 324	297	95 037
Palliative care	no.	14 986	7 595	8 438	2 527	1 834	704	827	404	37 315
Geriatric evaluation										
and management	no.	6 050	19 798	4 616	2 445	1 862	3	444	94	35 312
Psychogeriatric care	no.	532	–	159	498	8	6	17	–	1 220
Maintenance care	no.	11 901	701	7 441	2 606	3 039	1 233	1 022	190	28 133
Newborn total	no.	80 597	65 613	48 784	27 566	16 752	4 702	5 645	4 114	253 773
Newborn — unqualified days only	no.	41 764	49 780	36 854	21 437	12 334	3 758	4 109	3 138	173 174
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 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 924 488</b>	<b>1 795 358</b>	<b>1 396 141</b>	<b>659 947</b>	<b>435 447</b>	<b>124 406</b>	<b>117 391</b>	<b>160 896</b>	<b>6 614 074</b>
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 882 724</b>	<b>1 745 578</b>	<b>1 359 287</b>	<b>638 510</b>	<b>423 113</b>	<b>120 648</b>	<b>113 282</b>	<b>157 758</b>	<b>6 440 900</b>
Proportion of total separations										
Acute care	%	94.1	96.5	95.9	96.8	96.3	96.7	94.6	98.8	95.7
Rehabilitation care	%	2.1	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.1	0.9	2.1	0.2	1.5
Palliative care	%	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6
Geriatric evaluation and management	%	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	–	0.4	0.1	0.5
Psychogeriatric care	%	–	–	–	0.1	–	–	–	–	–
Maintenance care	%	0.6	–	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.4
Newborn excluding unqualified days	%	2.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.4	0.6	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 (c), (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>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

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

(c) Total separations include 'other admitted patient care' not separately reported, but exclude 'newborn unqualified days only'.

(d) For the 2015-16 period onwards, data exclude mental health care separations.

– 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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (a)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT (d)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>2015-16</b>										
Individual service events										
Procedures	no.	1 814 405	279 158	143 351	153 777	179 606	37 206	na	20 279	2 627 782
Medical consultations	no.	3 338 576	2 393 890	1 649 302	937 857	995 622	188 263	na	154 402	9 657 912
Diagnostic	no.	3 759 608	–	1 328 010	35 776	235 067	7 044	na	92 324	5 457 829
Allied health and/or clinical nurse specialist interventions	no.	7 254 876	2 329 078	2 110 186	1 359 588	767 973	261 178	na	137 396	14 220 275
Not reported	no.	330 479	–	–	–	–	–	na	1	330 480
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>16 497 944</b>	<b>5 002 126</b>	<b>5 230 849</b>	<b>2 486 998</b>	<b>2 178 268</b>	<b>493 691</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>404 402</b>	<b>32 294 278</b>
Group service events										
Procedures	no.	723	3	9	–	30	–	na	na	765
Medical consultations	no.	47 979	3 755	7 447	1 249	1 431	1 025	na	na	62 886
Diagnostic	no.	426	–	–	1	22	–	na	na	449
Allied health and/or clinical nurse specialist interventions	no.	622 485	169 362	135 164	59 902	57 570	26 606	na	na	1 071 089
Not reported	no.	10 256	–	–	–	–	–	na	na	10 256
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>681 869</b>	<b>173 120</b>	<b>142 620</b>	<b>61 152</b>	<b>59 053</b>	<b>27 631</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 145 445</b>
Total service events										
Procedures	no.	1 815 128	279 161	143 360	153 777	179 636	37 206	na	20 279	2 628 547
Medical consultations	no.	3 386 555	2 397 645	1 656 749	939 106	997 053	189 288	na	154 402	9 720 798
Diagnostic	no.	3 760 034	–	1 328 010	35 777	235 089	7 044	na	92 324	5 458 278
Allied health and/or clinical nurse specialist interventions	no.	7 877 361	2 498 440	2 245 350	1 419 490	825 543	287 784	na	137 396	15 291 364
Not reported	no.	340 735	–	–	–	–	–	na	1	340 736
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>17 179 813</b>	<b>5 175 246</b>	<b>5 373 469</b>	<b>2 548 150</b>	<b>2 237 321</b>	<b>521 322</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>404 402</b>	<b>33 439 723</b>

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (a)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT (d)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>2016-17</b>										
Individual service events										
Procedures	no.	2 057 437	271 141	245 297	164 794	167 040	70 508	30 088	9 833	3 016 138
Medical consultations	no.	4 766 003	2 523 109	1 838 005	978 089	933 728	202 465	201 886	205 670	11 648 955
Diagnostic	no.	3 830 639	na	1 290 172	39 886	171 206	7 567	28 442	92 512	5 460 424
Allied health and/or clinical nurse specialist interventions	no.	6 878 684	2 533 776	2 548 122	1 435 582	714 306	247 624	475 483	229 389	15 062 965
Not reported	no.	278 768	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	278 768
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>17 811 531</b>	<b>5 328 026</b>	<b>5 921 596</b>	<b>2 618 351</b>	<b>1 986 280</b>	<b>528 164</b>	<b>735 899</b>	<b>537 403</b>	<b>35 467 250</b>
Group service events										
Procedures	no.	2 437	–	57	–	116	–	–	na	2 610
Medical consultations	no.	38 666	4 040	8 257	1 837	1 935	–	185	na	54 920
Diagnostic	no.	282	na	–	1	43	–	–	na	326
Allied health and/or clinical nurse specialist interventions	no.	652 367	190 262	160 836	60 808	47 523	24 510	3 955	na	1 140 261
Not reported	no.	6 645	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	6 645
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>700 397</b>	<b>194 302</b>	<b>169 150</b>	<b>62 646</b>	<b>49 617</b>	<b>24 510</b>	<b>4 140</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 204 762</b>
Total service events										
Procedures	no.	2 059 874	271 141	245 354	164 794	167 156	70 508	30 088	9 833	3 018 748
Medical consultations	no.	4 804 669	2 527 149	1 846 262	979 926	935 663	202 465	202 071	205 670	11 703 875
Diagnostic	no.	3 830 921	na	1 290 172	39 887	171 249	7 567	28 442	92 512	5 460 750
Allied health and/or clinical nurse specialist interventions	no.	7 531 051	2 724 038	2 708 958	1 496 390	761 829	272 134	479 438	229 390	16 203 227
Not reported	no.	285 413	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	285 413

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (a)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (c)</i>	<i>NT (d)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>18 511 928</b>	<b>5 522 328</b>	<b>6 090 746</b>	<b>2 680 997</b>	<b>2 035 897</b>	<b>552 674</b>	<b>740 039</b>	<b>537 404</b>	<b>36 672 013</b>

- (a) For 2015–16, Victoria did not collect information for Diagnostic services that could not be linked to services provided at another clinic. All diagnostic services for non-admitted patients that could be linked to a service provided at another clinic were reported as part of the service event provided in that clinic (medical consultation, procedural or allied health and/or clinical nurse specialist intervention clinic).
- (b) WA was not able to provide data for the diagnostic services: 30.07 Mammography screening, 30.02 Magnetic resonance imaging, and 30.06 Positron emission tomography. In addition, Western Australia did not provide data for specialist mental health clinics 20.45 Psychiatry, 20.50 Psychogeriatric, 40.34 Specialist mental health and 40.37 Psychogeriatric.
- (c) Data were not available for the ACT for the 2015-16 reporting period.
- (d) The NT did provide group service events for patients, but they were not reported to the AIHW.

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

*Source:* AIHW (various years), *Non-admitted patient care: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series.

TABLE 12A.12

Table 12A.12 **Emergency department presentations, public hospital emergency departments**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (a)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (a)</i>
<b>2015-16</b>										
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals	no.	832 119	534 576	468 268	319 851	203 649	59 504	na	68 708	2 486 675
Public acute group A hospitals	no.	877 976	678 359	656 632	247 065	150 337	68 110	na	45 384	2 723 863
Public acute group B hospitals	no.	463 389	339 392	314 243	179 593	84 095	25 927	–	..	1 406 639
Public acute group C hospitals	no.	376 902	87 811	–	82 922	43 808	–	–	34 367	625 810
Other hospitals (b)	no.	183 134	39 748	–	–	–	–	–	..	222 882
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 733 520</b>	<b>1 679 886</b>	<b>1 439 143</b>	<b>829 431</b>	<b>481 889</b>	<b>153 541</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>148 459</b>	<b>7 465 869</b>
<b>2016-17</b>										
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals	no.	845 070	547 398	495 907	312 759	209 963	61 963	85 093	70 065	2 628 218
Public acute group A hospitals	no.	906 887	701 718	659 756	275 650	153 446	68 838	58 767	47 606	2 872 668
Public acute group B hospitals	no.	471 612	350 096	301 420	161 270	84 643	25 522	..	..	1 394 563
Public acute group C hospitals	no.	377 346	91 117	–	85 872	45 216	–	..	36 265	635 816
Other hospitals (b)	no.	183 630	40 711	–	–	–	–	..	..	224 341
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 784 545</b>	<b>1 731 040</b>	<b>1 457 083</b>	<b>835 551</b>	<b>493 268</b>	<b>156 323</b>	<b>143 860</b>	<b>153 936</b>	<b>7 755 606</b>

(a) Data were not available for the ACT for the 2015-16 reporting period.

(b) Includes hospitals not included in the specified hospital peer groups.

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

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



TABLE 12A.13

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 (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2008-09										
Proportion of patients seen on time (e) (f)										
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>%</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 (f) (g)										
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>%</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 (f)										
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>%</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 (h)	%	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 (e) (f)										
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>%</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 (f) (g)										
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

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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 (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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>%</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 (f)										
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>%</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	%	83	90	72	73	67	89	100	100	81
(h)										
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 (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	83	81	78	71	78	72	78	65	79
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>%</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 (f) (g)										
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>%</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 (f)										
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>%</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										

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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 (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (h)	%	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 (e) (f)										
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>%</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 (f) (g)										
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>%</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 (f)										
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>%</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 (h)	%	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 (e) (f)										
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

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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 (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
5 – Non-urgent	%	92	87	92	93	92	90	79	89	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</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 (f) (g)										
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>%</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 (f)										
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>%</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 (h)										
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 (e) (f)										
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>%</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 (f) (g)										
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>%</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 (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	11	10	12	12	13	8	10	10	11

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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 (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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>%</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 (h)	%	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 (e) (f)										
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>%</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>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (f) (g)										
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>%</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 (f)										
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>%</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 (h)	%	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

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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 (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of patients seen on time (e) (f)										
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>%</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 (f) (g)										
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>%</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 (f)										
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
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 (h)	%	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
2016-17										
Proportion of patients seen on time (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	81	77	72	80	67	75	77	66	77
3 – Urgent	%	76	70	60	50	52	57	50	55	66
4 – Semi-urgent	%	81	73	74	65	69	65	63	58	74
5 – Non-urgent	%	94	89	94	92	92	89	91	88	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>73</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (f) (g)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	69	76	80	72	81	83	85	85	75
2 – Emergency	%	53	66	63	52	60	61	65	65	59
3 – Urgent	%	37	48	43	36	41	39	43	51	41
4 – Semi-urgent	%	14	23	16	14	18	16	20	21	17

TABLE 12A.13

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 (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
5 – Non-urgent	%	5	6	5	4	8	5	6	14	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>
Proportion of presentations (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	12	11	15	13	15	10	10	13	13
3 – Urgent	%	34	37	45	35	40	36	39	29	37
4 – Semi-urgent	%	42	43	35	45	38	44	41	48	41
5 – Non-urgent	%	11	9	5	7	7	10	10	10	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>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (h)	%	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
2017-18										
Proportion of patients seen on time (e) (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	81	76	72	81	63	71	77	63	76
3 – Urgent	%	76	68	59	50	48	56	37	49	64
4 – Semi-urgent	%	80	72	73	65	66	66	48	56	73
5 – Non-urgent	%	94	89	93	92	89	89	81	87	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>72</b>
Estimated proportion of presentations ending in admission (f) (g)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	69	74	80	73	80	85	81	87	75
2 – Emergency	%	52	66	64	53	59	67	63	67	59
3 – Urgent	%	36	48	43	37	40	43	40	51	41
4 – Semi-urgent	%	14	23	17	16	18	17	18	21	17
5 – Non-urgent	%	5	6	6	4	7	5	5	9	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>
Proportion of presentations (f)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	13	12	16	14	14	10	10	14	13
3 – Urgent	%	34	38	46	35	40	36	42	31	38
4 – Semi-urgent	%	42	42	33	44	38	44	39	46	40
5 – Non-urgent	%	10	8	4	7	6	10	8	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>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										

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 (d)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Estimated proportion of presentations with episode-level data (h)	%	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

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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) Data for the ACT for the 2015-16 reporting period were not available. National totals for the 2015-16 reporting period exclude the ACT. The absence of Public acute group B hospitals in the ACT (which provide a narrower range of services and are generally less likely to treat complex patients than either Principal referral or Public Acute Group A hospitals) impacts on the comparability of the ACT's waiting times data.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Values are derived from all hospitals that reported to the non-admitted patient emergency department care database.
- (g) The proportion of occasions of service for which the emergency department departure status was reported as 'admitted to this hospital'.
- (h) 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. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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
Triage category 4	80	70	71	81	88	79	–	–	76	569 559

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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</i> (d)	<i>SA</i> (e)	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i> (f)	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
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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**Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals**

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>
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
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>

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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</i> (d)	<i>SA</i> (e)	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i> (f)	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
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	
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

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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 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	np	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
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	

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i> (d)	<i>SA</i> (e)	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i> (f)	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
<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	
2016-17										
<b>Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100	100	29 676
Triage category 2	74	72	69	77	66	78	77	59	72	370 192
Triage category 3	72	66	61	46	50	46	44	34	62	1 001 346
Triage category 4	77	70	77	60	63	57	58	47	70	946 940

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i> (d)	<i>SA</i> (e)	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i> (f)	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 5	92	88	96	89	90	88	91	79	91	150 997
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>2 499 151</b>
Total number (g), (h)	790 194	518 960	479 589	302 057	202 266	58 559	82 521	65 005	2 499 151	
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	99	100	100	100	98	100	100	19 530
Triage category 2	84	78	73	81	64	72	77	82	78	385 323
Triage category 3	75	71	60	40	43	63	57	72	64	1 103 171
Triage category 4	80	76	72	59	54	69	72	60	73	1 033 684
Triage category 5	93	91	91	90	84	91	93	88	92	177 380
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>2 719 088</b>
Total number (g), (h)	853 300	660 279	633 793	264 364	144 419	64 441	55 252	43 240	2 719 088	
<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	99	100	100	99	–	–	100	4 769
Triage category 2	84	79	77	87	71	73	–	–	80	148 063
Triage category 3	77	67	61	68	62	63	–	–	68	451 911
Triage category 4	80	70	75	71	79	71	–	–	75	566 004
Triage category 5	93	87	95	93	97	94	–	–	92	98 789
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1 269 536</b>
Total number (g), (h)	424 884	325 419	283 915	133 051	78 479	23 788	–	–	1 269 536	
<b>Other hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	–	100	100	–	–	100	100	2 202

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i> (d)	<i>SA</i> (e)	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i> (f)	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Triage category 2	87	87	–	84	96	–	–	71	86	56 151
Triage category 3	86	83	–	85	96	–	–	76	86	204 174
Triage category 4	88	77	–	84	95	–	–	77	86	359 705
Triage category 5	97	88	–	96	99	–	–	92	95	128 869
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>751 101</b>
Total number (g), (h)	467 659	125 774	–	81 368	44 306	–	–	31 994	751 101	
<b>All hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100	100	56 177
Triage category 2	81	77	72	80	67	75	77	66	77	959 729
Triage category 3	76	70	60	50	52	57	50	55	66	2 760 602
Triage category 4	81	73	74	65	69	65	63	58	74	2 906 333
Triage category 5	94	89	94	92	92	89	91	88	92	556 035
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>7 238 876</b>
Total number (g), (h)	2 536 037	1 630 432	1 397 297	780 840	469 470	146 788	137 773	140 239	7 238 876	
2017-18										
<b>Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	31 254
Triage category 2	77	71	70	78	56	67	73	57	72	403 383
Triage category 3	72	64	61	46	44	39	28	30	60	1 071 272
Triage category 4	76	70	76	62	57	53	39	47	69	976 653
Triage category 5	92	89	95	89	87	85	77	82	90	150 066
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>67</b>	



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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i> (d)	<i>SA</i> (e)	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i> (f)	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Aust (total number)</i>
Total number (g), (h)	<b>825 097</b>	<b>534 465</b>	<b>548 326</b>	<b>310 412</b>	<b>204 174</b>	<b>58 576</b>	<b>84 616</b>	<b>66 985</b>	<b>2 632 651</b>	
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	21 320
Triage category 2	84	78	71	83	67	72	85	74	78	407 491
Triage category 3	75	70	59	41	40	65	48	61	63	1 148 686
Triage category 4	79	75	72	60	52	72	64	52	72	1 054 776
Triage category 5	93	90	91	92	82	93	90	86	91	173 810
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>71</b>	
Total number (g), (h)	<b>888 777</b>	<b>690 218</b>	<b>637 864</b>	<b>273 642</b>	<b>148 970</b>	<b>67 024</b>	<b>55 545</b>	<b>44 068</b>	<b>2 806 108</b>	
<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	99	100	100	np	–	–	100	5 313
Triage category 2	83	79	75	81	73	83	–	–	79	160 909
Triage category 3	77	66	57	62	63	73	–	–	67	474 356
Triage category 4	79	70	73	69	79	77	–	–	74	562 879
Triage category 5	93	88	94	92	96	93	–	–	92	96 045
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>73</b>	
Total number (g), (h)	<b>437 461</b>	<b>333 648</b>	<b>262 359</b>	<b>156 199</b>	<b>83 124</b>	<b>26 736</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1 299 527</b>	
<b>Other hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	np	–	–	–	–	–	–	np	381
Triage category 2	84	92	–	–	–	–	–	–	85	11 408
Triage category 3	90	78	–	–	–	–	–	–	88	43 044

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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	93	69	–	–	–	–	–	–	87	82 491
Triage category 5	99	84	–	–	–	–	–	–	95	43 405
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>75</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>89</b>	
Total number (g), (h)	<b>140 489</b>	<b>40 379</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>180 868</b>	
<b>All hospitals</b>										
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	60 240
Triage category 2	81	76	72	81	63	71	77	63	76	1 034 609
Triage category 3	76	68	59	50	48	56	37	49	64	2 907 940
Triage category 4	80	72	73	65	66	66	48	56	73	2 955 298
Triage category 5	94	89	93	92	89	89	81	87	92	545 802
<b>Total (g)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>72</b>	
Total number (g), (h)	<b>2 627 274</b>	<b>1 688 144</b>	<b>1 448 549</b>	<b>823 320</b>	<b>480 422</b>	<b>152 336</b>	<b>140 161</b>	<b>143 964</b>	<b>7 504 170</b>	

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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 was Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional, 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.

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</i> (d)	<i>SA</i> (e)	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i> (f)	<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 one Public acute group B hospital in SA, that reported about 40 000 emergency department presentations.

(f) Data for the ACT for the 2015-16 reporting period were not available. National totals for the 2015-16 reporting period exclude the ACT. The absence of Public acute group B hospitals in the ACT (which provide a narrower range of services and are generally less likely to treat complex patients than either Principal referral or Public Acute Group A hospitals) impacts on the comparability of the ACT's waiting times data.

(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 'Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional', 'Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department' or was 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional'.

(h) 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.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											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	99	100	np	np	100	100	2 672

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>
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
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

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>
<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)	no.	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)	no.	2 338 878	1 555 314	1 286 027	693 756	438 543	137 448	na	75 808	6 525 774	
2016-17											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	np	np	100	100	3 402
Triage category 2	%	82	76	75	82	70	74	75	67	77	53 322
Triage category 3	%	76	68	66	64	58	54	47	61	68	159 406
Triage category 4	%	82	72	76	73	76	63	61	60	75	191 999
Triage category 5	%	95	90	94	94	93	88	91	87	93	44 421
<b>Total (h)</b>	%	<b>82</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>452 550</b>
Total number (h), (i)	no.	161 267	29 622	96 802	67 328	22 037	7 511	4 619	63 364	452 550	
Other 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	100	100	100	99	100	100	52 775
Triage category 2	%	81	77	72	80	66	75	77	65	77	906 407
Triage category 3	%	76	70	60	49	52	57	50	50	65	2 601 196
Triage category 4	%	81	73	74	64	69	65	64	57	74	2 714 334
Triage category 5	%	94	89	94	92	91	89	91	88	92	511 614
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>6 786 326</b>
Total number (h), (i)	no.	2 374 770	1 600 810	1 300 495	713 512	447 433	139 277	133 154	76 875	6 786 326	
2017-18											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	np	np	100	4 020
Triage category 2	%	82	77	74	82	70	72	70	65	76	60 939
Triage category 3	%	76	66	65	64	56	55	34	55	66	174 120
Triage category 4	%	81	71	75	71	72	65	45	57	73	199 984
Triage category 5	%	94	89	93	93	92	88	82	86	92	43 608
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>73</b>	
Total number (h), (i)	no.	171 828	33 472	104 982	70 379	22 988	8 449	4 856	65 747	482 701	
Other Australians											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	56 220
Triage category 2	%	81	76	72	81	62	71	77	62	76	973 670
Triage category 3	%	76	68	59	49	48	56	37	43	64	2733 820
Triage category 4	%	80	72	73	64	66	67	49	55	73	2755 314

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>
Triage category 5	%	94	89	93	92	89	89	81	87	92	502 194
<b>Total (h)</b>	%	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>72</b>	
Total number (h), (i)	no.	2 455 446	1 654 672	1 343 567	752 941	457 434	143 887	135 305	78 217	7 021 469	

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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 was Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional, 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.
- (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 for the 2015-16 reporting period were not available. National totals for the 2015-16 reporting period exclude the ACT.
- (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 'Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional', 'Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department' or was 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional'.
- (i) 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.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>%</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>%</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
Triage category 3	%	79	79	75	76	85	74	53	32	74	223 594

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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 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	

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		<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>											
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
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

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		<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	%	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>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	2 076	243	14 935	10 205	1 348	274	17	37 990	67 088	

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**All hospitals**

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		<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>Major cities</b>											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	np	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	
<b>Inner regional</b>											
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	
<b>Outer regional</b>											
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>

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		<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>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)	no.	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	np	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)	no.	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>
<b>Total (i)</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)	no.	5 408	215	15 891	10 625	1 461	225	na	40 327	74 152	

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**All hospitals**

Major cities

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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	100	100	np	99	np	100	37 904
Triage category 2	%	79	77	69	79	65	73	77	67	75	660 703
Triage category 3	%	74	70	55	43	47	58	50	53	63	1 834 049
Triage category 4	%	80	73	73	60	62	63	63	56	73	1 794 018
Triage category 5	%	94	88	93	90	88	93	91	86	91	291 698
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>79</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>4 618 372</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	1 579 367	1 147 614	856 281	542 922	360 373	2 589	125 358	3 868	4 618 372	
Inner regional											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	100	98	np	100	9 626
Triage category 2	%	85	76	80	87	68	75	78	73	81	181 437
Triage category 3	%	78	68	68	62	55	54	50	56	70	566 255
Triage category 4	%	81	72	75	72	73	63	66	57	76	650 565
Triage category 5	%	94	91	93	95	93	89	93	90	93	143 851
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>82</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1 551 734</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	641 485	377 932	324 906	78 566	26 862	90 971	9 064	1 948	1 551 734	
Outer regional											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	100	np	100	100	5 186
Triage category 2	%	86	82	76	86	78	73	83	59	78	82 531
Triage category 3	%	82	77	71	70	82	62	51	36	73	255 448
Triage category 4	%	86	76	77	74	90	68	66	49	78	314 690
Triage category 5	%	96	91	95	93	98	90	92	81	94	78 824
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>87</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>736 679</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>	248 122	91 798	151 703	75 322	67 430	49 877	1 754	50 673	736 679	
Remote											
Triage category 1	%	100	np	97	100	100	np	np	100	100	849
Triage category 2	%	88	np	85	86	78	76	np	76	82	13 144
Triage category 3	%	87	75	81	81	82	62	np	68	78	43 062
Triage category 4	%	94	79	83	81	94	67	np	63	79	70 385
Triage category 5	%	98	90	97	96	98	90	np	89	95	20 754
<b>Total (i)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>148 194</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	23 072	1 239	19 467	54 332	9 397	1 554	np	39 071	148 194	
Very remote											
Triage category 1	%	np	np	100	np	np	np	np	100	100	572
Triage category 2	%	87	np	87	84	70	np	np	70	76	8 471
Triage category 3	%	86	np	84	74	66	62	np	66	73	24 723
Triage category 4	%	92	np	84	79	81	71	np	66	74	34 921
Triage category 5	%	97	np	97	95	97	np	np	90	93	10 636
<b>Total (i)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>79 323</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	7 431	195	15 937	10 752	1 427	274	np	43 288	79 323	
2017-18											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Major cities											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	np	100	np	100	<b>39 631</b>



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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 2	%	80	75	68	79	61	72	77	63	75	<b>704 683</b>
Triage category 3	%	74	67	54	44	43	53	37	47	61	<b>1 929 510</b>
Triage category 4	%	79	72	72	61	59	66	48	51	71	<b>1 826 374</b>
Triage category 5	%	93	88	93	90	86	88	80	83	91	<b>286 865</b>
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>78</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>69</b>	
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	<b>1 638 436</b>	<b>1 173 725</b>	<b>891 916</b>	<b>579 646</b>	<b>368 143</b>	<b>2 744</b>	<b>128 385</b>	<b>4 129</b>	<b>4 787 124</b>	
Inner regional											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	np	np	100	<b>10 210</b>
Triage category 2	%	84	78	79	88	66	69	79	70	80	<b>197 302</b>
Triage category 3	%	77	68	66	64	60	50	38	46	69	<b>595 225</b>
Triage category 4	%	80	72	74	73	77	63	49	56	76	<b>661 228</b>
Triage category 5	%	93	91	92	94	92	88	83	87	92	<b>139 445</b>
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>75</b>	
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	<b>649 624</b>	<b>398 768</b>	<b>336 235</b>	<b>73 100</b>	<b>40 492</b>	<b>95 178</b>	<b>8 211</b>	<b>1 905</b>	<b>1 603 513</b>	
Outer regional											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	np	100	100	<b>6 266</b>
Triage category 2	%	85	82	76	83	81	76	78	57	78	<b>88 695</b>
Triage category 3	%	82	77	73	69	80	67	35	31	73	<b>260 551</b>
Triage category 4	%	86	75	80	74	88	73	47	49	78	<b>310 551</b>
Triage category 5	%	96	90	96	93	97	92	np	85	94	<b>76 387</b>
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>86</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>78</b>	
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	<b>244 484</b>	<b>94 184</b>	<b>162 831</b>	<b>77 017</b>	<b>57 318</b>	<b>52 233</b>	<b>1 625</b>	<b>52 836</b>	<b>742 528</b>	

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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>
Remote											
Triage category 1	%	np	np	99	100	100	np	–	100	100	<b>919</b>
Triage category 2	%	84	81	86	88	72	76	np	71	80	<b>15 097</b>
Triage category 3	%	88	75	78	81	78	66	np	58	74	<b>44 450</b>
Triage category 4	%	94	72	80	79	92	71	np	56	76	<b>68 471</b>
Triage category 5	%	98	90	96	94	99	91	np	83	94	<b>21 321</b>
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>92</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>78</b>	
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	<b>22 421</b>	<b>1 238</b>	<b>20 573</b>	<b>54 035</b>	<b>9 323</b>	<b>1 289</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>41 332</b>	<b>150 277</b>	
Very remote											
Triage category 1	%	np	np	98	np	np	np	–	100	100	<b>668</b>
Triage category 2	%	86	np	84	85	60	np	np	67	73	<b>8 883</b>
Triage category 3	%	88	np	80	74	65	56	np	61	68	<b>24 088</b>
Triage category 4	%	93	72	82	75	74	np	np	64	71	<b>30 953</b>
Triage category 5	%	98	np	97	92	93	np	np	91	92	<b>8 484</b>
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>92</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>73</b>	
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	<b>4 520</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>13 273</b>	<b>10 722</b>	<b>1 722</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>42 343</b>	<b>73 082</b>	

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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 was Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional, or if the waiting time could not be calculated due to missing or invalid time fields.

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>
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- (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 'Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional', 'Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department' or was 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional'.
- (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>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>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
Triage category 3	%	74	73	65	58	63	64	49	59	68	458 528

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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 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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**All hospitals**

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>
<b>Quintile 1</b>											
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	
<b>Quintile 2</b>											
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	
<b>Quintile 3</b>											
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
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>

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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>
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>%</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>%</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	
2015-16											
<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

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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 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
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											



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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 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	np	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	
2016-17											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Quintile 1											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	100	np	100	100	14 016
Triage category 2	%	81	76	73	82	68	74	78	69	77	241 876
Triage category 3	%	77	67	62	52	56	58	53	63	67	696 196
Triage category 4	%	81	70	73	64	73	65	65	64	75	728 629
Triage category 5	%	95	86	92	89	93	89	95	88	92	150 647

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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>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1 831 364</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	750 666	322 438	374 685	87 521	159 951	77 678	2 359	56 066	1 831 364	
Quintile 2											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	np	100	100	12 156
Triage category 2	%	81	79	71	82	66	74	77	63	77	201 523
Triage category 3	%	76	71	58	58	51	57	53	48	67	590 997
Triage category 4	%	81	73	72	69	67	64	65	53	75	643 857
Triage category 5	%	94	90	93	93	90	89	91	87	93	136 831
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1 585 364</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	643 793	370 380	234 826	161 001	133 364	22 381	4 367	15 252	1 585 364	
Quintile 3											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	np	100	100	10 133
Triage category 2	%	80	77	72	80	65	74	78	73	76	186 533
Triage category 3	%	74	70	60	49	50	58	50	63	64	539 417
Triage category 4	%	80	73	74	65	66	66	63	59	73	560 790
Triage category 5	%	94	89	94	93	90	91	92	87	92	97 101
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>79</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1 393 974</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	420 977	354 093	311 494	183 264	61 743	24 450	8 810	29 143	1 393 974	
Quintile 4											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100	100	9 746
Triage category 2	%	81	76	71	80	66	77	78	60	75	170 265
Triage category 3	%	77	69	60	47	49	49	49	36	63	496 483

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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	%	81	74	75	62	66	60	62	50	73	497 231
Triage category 5	%	94	89	95	91	91	89	91	83	92	82 635
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1 256 360</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	300 570	361 738	284 897	146 590	80 786	18 415	42 882	20 482	1 256 360	
Quintile 5											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	np	98	100	100	8 071
Triage category 2	%	81	75	77	79	66	76	77	61	78	145 858
Triage category 3	%	76	71	64	46	51	54	50	44	65	399 556
Triage category 4	%	82	75	78	63	66	59	64	57	74	433 135
Triage category 5	%	95	90	95	92	90	91	91	89	93	78 316
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1 064 936</b>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	383 258	210 050	162 251	183 078	29 588	2 326	76 484	17 901	1 064 936	
2017-18											
<b>All hospitals</b>											
Quintile 1											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	np	100	100	14 541
Triage category 2	%	81	76	72	80	69	73	75	66	76	242 819
Triage category 3	%	76	65	59	50	53	58	35	57	65	676 603
Triage category 4	%	80	68	70	64	70	67	47	59	73	672 211
Triage category 5	%	94	87	90	91	91	89	78	87	92	130 921
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>80</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>72</b>	
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	<b>667 995</b>	<b>302 681</b>	<b>385 733</b>	<b>99 706</b>	<b>155 682</b>	<b>72 087</b>	<b>1 585</b>	<b>51 730</b>	<b>1 737 199</b>	

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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>
<b>Quintile 2</b>											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	np	100	100	12 678
Triage category 2	%	83	79	72	81	62	70	81	56	77	218 640
Triage category 3	%	76	70	61	51	49	55	38	32	66	623 573
Triage category 4	%	80	73	75	65	67	67	50	49	75	669 714
Triage category 5	%	93	90	94	91	88	89	82	83	92	135 543
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>73</b>	
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	<b>672 347</b>	<b>400 306</b>	<b>258 298</b>	<b>153 623</b>	<b>137 776</b>	<b>23 649</b>	<b>4 220</b>	<b>10 004</b>	<b>1 660 223</b>	
<b>Quintile 3</b>											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	np	100	100	12 245
Triage category 2	%	80	77	72	82	59	73	79	67	76	219 158
Triage category 3	%	74	69	60	56	45	62	38	51	64	619 204
Triage category 4	%	79	72	75	68	62	71	48	56	73	624 879
Triage category 5	%	94	89	94	93	88	91	82	84	92	107 289
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>79</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>71</b>	
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	<b>486 848</b>	<b>362 115</b>	<b>331 382</b>	<b>237 059</b>	<b>76 331</b>	<b>34 928</b>	<b>12 728</b>	<b>41 435</b>	<b>1 582 826</b>	
<b>Quintile 4</b>											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	9 784
Triage category 2	%	81	75	70	81	60	65	76	61	75	182 404
Triage category 3	%	75	67	57	46	44	42	35	43	61	519 874
Triage category 4	%	80	73	74	64	62	57	45	57	71	498 404
Triage category 5	%	94	89	94	92	88	87	79	92	91	83 709
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>69</b>	

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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>
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	<b>327 783</b>	<b>332 110</b>	<b>297 739</b>	<b>177 236</b>	<b>75 986</b>	<b>17 776</b>	<b>44 743</b>	<b>20 818</b>	<b>1 294 191</b>	
Quintile 5											
Triage category 1	%	100	100	99	100	100	np	100	100	100	8 436
Triage category 2	%	81	73	74	80	54	69	77	58	77	151 461
Triage category 3	%	76	69	60	46	43	44	38	33	64	414 034
Triage category 4	%	82	76	75	63	58	61	51	49	74	431 722
Triage category 5	%	95	91	95	92	87	85	81	85	92	74 875
<b>Total (i)</b>	%	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>72</b>	
Total number (i), (j)	<i>no.</i>	<b>404 376</b>	<b>270 889</b>	<b>151 590</b>	<b>126 826</b>	<b>31 161</b>	<b>3 186</b>	<b>74 018</b>	<b>18 503</b>	<b>1 080 549</b>	

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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 was Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional, or if the waiting time could not be calculated due to missing or invalid time fields.
- (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.

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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(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 'Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional', 'Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department' or was 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional'.

(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>
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>
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	<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>
2016-17										

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>
Number of ED presentations where ED Stay is less than or equal to four hours	<b>no.</b>	2 074 834	1 234 876	1 059 528	616 301	313 996	101 075	105 001	98 873	5 604 484
Total number of ED presentations	<b>no.</b>	2 777 522	1 731 024	1 457 082	835 545	493 268	156 323	143 860	153 935	7 748 559
<b>ED Stay length is within four hours</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>71.3</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>72.3</b>
2017-18										
Number of ED presentations where ED Stay is less than or equal to four hours	<b>no.</b>	2 112 974	1 240 601	1 090 795	648 205	308 117	104 594	94 551	99 511	5 699 348
Total number of ED presentations	<b>no.</b>	2 875 056	1 792 899	1 512 084	856 707	506 494	162 441	147 778	158 761	8 012 220
<b>ED Stay length is within four hours</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>71.1</b>

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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.



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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>
2013-14									
<b>Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals</b>									
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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
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									

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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
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

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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>
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

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<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>
2014-15									
<b>Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals</b>									
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
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



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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
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

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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	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>
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									

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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
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

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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
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

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<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
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

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Hysterectomy	60	51	62	38	46	86	73	np	55
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	70	42	47	35	32	106	73	54	51
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

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Total knee replacement	361	356	340	271	347	775	526	np	359
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>

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50th percentile

Cataract extraction	114	70	62	76	175	137	na	177	87
Cholecystectomy	49	25	41	29	47	83	na	62	40
Coronary artery bypass graft	28	19	4	7	13	32	na	–	14
Cystoscopy	33	19	26	35	41	24	na	31	27
Haemorrhoidectomy	73	81	73	np	np	np	na	26	69
Hysterectomy	37	37	29	30	29	49	na	np	34
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	49	30	55	27	56	79	na	np	44
Myringoplasty	317	np	104	np	np	np	na	np	189
Myringotomy	76	30	65	64	67	96	na	140	63
Prostatectomy	61	27	41	40	77	np	na	np	43
Septoplasty	301	154	169	np	247	np	na	np	237
Tonsillectomy	266	63	121	87	89	142	na	95	107
Total hip replacement	188	92	64	112	85	128	na	np	96
Total knee replacement	308	142	92	143	161	164	na	np	178
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	94	143	44	np	83	np	na	np	85
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>

90th percentile

Cataract extraction	270	176	334	148	317	247	na	329	310
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Cholecystectomy	195	86	89	113	88	485	na	200	125
Coronary artery bypass graft	92	79	46	26	40	104	na	–	70
Cystoscopy	111	83	81	161	114	151	na	259	107
Haemorrhoidectomy	366	231	314	np	np	np	na	357	342
Hysterectomy	250	242	121	110	106	420	na	np	189
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	327	125	200	110	114	448	na	np	232
Myringoplasty	379	np	351	np	np	np	na	np	375
Myringotomy	257	104	253	158	115	252	na	312	202
Prostatectomy	172	97	87	158	139	np	na	np	126
Septoplasty	364	387	354	np	367	np	na	np	367
Tonsillectomy	363	180	336	346	379	301	na	383	352
Total hip replacement	362	268	225	350	269	276	na	np	348
Total knee replacement	365	393	305	409	318	364	na	np	364
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	348	326	327	np	365	np	na	np	349
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	279	60	73	36	136	452	na	136	169
Cholecystectomy	62	36	49	25	54	75	na	np	48
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	np	–	–	–	–	na	–	np
Cystoscopy	28	21	25	21	42	39	na	np	24
Haemorrhoidectomy	70	57	63	33	np	np	na	np	56
Hysterectomy	78	52	68	40	86	145	na	np	68
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	83	49	62	31	55	92	na	np	60
Myringoplasty	338	109	117	np	np	np	na	np	186



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Myringotomy	66	61	37	126	np	np	na	np	49
Prostatectomy	63	28	35	35	51	np	na	–	41
Septoplasty	333	167	117	np	341	np	na	np	248
Tonsillectomy	275	97	70	167	168	256	na	np	147
Total hip replacement	252	128	74	71	161	267	na	np	126
Total knee replacement	313	154	97	82	264	473	na	np	201
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	117	112	90	36	150	np	na	np	105
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>42</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	357	203	299	156	335	620	na	209	356
Cholecystectomy	286	120	115	64	99	300	na	np	156
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	np	–	–	–	–	na	–	np
Cystoscopy	130	81	79	142	111	347	na	np	98
Haemorrhoidectomy	313	189	226	91	np	np	na	np	211
Hysterectomy	319	213	196	112	362	372	na	np	260
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	347	162	181	84	203	388	na	np	266
Myringoplasty	383	363	325	np	np	np	na	np	363
Myringotomy	347	169	238	322	np	np	na	np	259
Prostatectomy	263	106	88	97	159	np	na	–	127
Septoplasty	365	584	328	np	412	np	na	np	384
Tonsillectomy	361	276	283	348	399	629	na	np	356
Total hip replacement	358	339	298	179	372	493	na	np	353
Total knee replacement	365	377	332	269	384	678	na	np	364
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	353	399	339	219	348	np	na	np	354
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>297</b>

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<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	279	25	83	33	117	333	na	–	193
Cholecystectomy	57	26	56	30	21	np	na	–	41
Coronary artery bypass graft							na		
Cystoscopy	34	20	35	9	25	41	na	–	20
Haemorrhoidectomy	57	42	74	26	np	np	na	–	47
Hysterectomy	77	62	71	41	29	np	na	–	58
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	75	34	65	36	20	np	na	–	55
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	–	116
Myringotomy	np	75	np	61	np	–	na	–	62
Prostatectomy	68	35	–	23	np	–	na	–	37
Septoplasty	318	149	np	182	np	–	na	–	232
Tonsillectomy	195	124	np	119	np	np	na	–	128
Total hip replacement	238	238	63	70	np	–	na	–	164
Total knee replacement	277	303	95	97	164	–	na	–	228
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	184	53	np	np	np	np	na	–	86
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>44</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	344	86	347	193	294	418	na	–	343
Cholecystectomy	213	84	152	104	64	np	na	–	136
Coronary artery bypass graft							na		
Cystoscopy	111	74	79	80	81	174	na	–	82
Haemorrhoidectomy	209	147	327	126	np	np	na	–	159
Hysterectomy	328	161	189	108	76	np	na	–	189

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Inguinal herniorrhaphy	304	103	188	106	62	np	na	–	208
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	–	349
Myringotomy	np	153	np	109	np	–	na	–	143
Prostatectomy	316	88	–	114	np	–	na	–	121
Septoplasty	358	314	np	363	np	–	na	–	356
Tonsillectomy	336	317	np	344	np	np	na	–	332
Total hip replacement	350	485	217	269	np	–	na	–	349
Total knee replacement	346	480	237	364	289	–	na	–	349
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	349	195	np	np	np	np	na	–	337
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>Other hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	235	56	3	36	70	–	na	np	67
Cholecystectomy	39	53	28	42	19	–	na	np	38
Coronary artery bypass graft							na		
Cystoscopy	27	np	np	28	13	–	na	np	21
Haemorrhoidectomy	44	70	np	55	np	–	na	np	53
Hysterectomy	53	np	41	60	34	–	na	–	45
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	55	61	32	50	21	–	na	np	44
Myringoplasty	np	239	–	127	np	–	na	np	169
Myringotomy	np	37	np	35	np	–	na	np	35
Prostatectomy	np	60	np	np	14	–	na	–	41
Septoplasty	267	56	np	126	119	–	na	np	84
Tonsillectomy	160	60	np	118	64	–	na	np	77
Total hip replacement	48	–	–	78	190	–	na	–	77

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Total knee replacement	62	–	np	111	228	–	na	–	96
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	163	np	np	np	np	–	na	np	130
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>42</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	351	148	113	203	282	–	na	np	294
Cholecystectomy	136	109	92	114	55	–	na	np	110
Coronary artery bypass graft							na		
Cystoscopy	97	np	np	98	54	–	na	np	83
Haemorrhoidectomy	216	182	np	223	np	–	na	np	198
Hysterectomy	247	np	83	126	85	–	na	–	122
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	266	135	109	167	92	–	na	np	170
Myringoplasty	np	628	–	294	np	–	na	np	547
Myringotomy	np	109	np	198	np	–	na	np	125
Prostatectomy	np	113	np	np	54	–	na	–	113
Septoplasty	465	348	np	315	334	–	na	np	349
Tonsillectomy	314	255	np	316	291	–	na	np	299
Total hip replacement	186	–	–	268	349	–	na	–	301
Total knee replacement	232	–	np	286	353	–	na	–	328
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	311	np	np	np	np	–	na	np	330
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>All hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	249	56	65	37	119	301	na	161	95
Cholecystectomy	56	31	47	29	40	75	na	48	43
Coronary artery bypass graft	28	19	4	7	13	32	na	–	14

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Cystoscopy	30	20	25	25	29	29	na	50	24
Haemorrhoidectomy	62	56	66	38	29	np	na	27	55
Hysterectomy	62	48	55	36	45	106	na	np	51
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	69	41	59	35	34	88	na	57	53
Myringoplasty	318	157	112	90	np	np	na	175	175
Myringotomy	70	51	50	63	58	105	na	123	57
Prostatectomy	62	30	36	33	42	np	na	np	42
Septoplasty	317	124	116	174	273	399	na	np	218
Tonsillectomy	254	85	86	112	86	192	na	53	122
Total hip replacement	212	117	69	78	145	157	na	np	117
Total knee replacement	290	155	95	95	220	301	na	np	193
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	135	112	56	61	80	np	na	np	99
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	350	155	332	183	310	569	na	321	335
Cholecystectomy	231	104	103	87	90	363	na	164	139
Coronary artery bypass graft	92	79	46	26	40	104	na	–	70
Cystoscopy	117	80	80	124	100	248	na	239	96
Haemorrhoidectomy	308	176	248	152	91	np	na	354	222
Hysterectomy	296	212	164	110	187	377	na	np	216
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	327	133	177	105	111	383	na	217	232
Myringoplasty	378	505	347	319	np	np	na	818	378
Myringotomy	315	142	238	202	117	257	na	324	195
Prostatectomy	202	105	88	116	139	np	na	np	125
Septoplasty	364	373	336	345	386	713	na	np	365

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Tonsillectomy	361	268	314	342	368	469	na	278	350
Total hip replacement	356	339	273	252	356	465	na	np	349
Total knee replacement	362	391	323	334	365	664	na	np	361
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	348	349	336	250	363	np	na	np	347
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>263</b>

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50th percentile

Cataract extraction	155	68	64	79	146	110	np	143	82
Cholecystectomy	42	41	43	26	31	43	49	43	41
Coronary artery bypass graft	27	16	3	10	21	34	np	–	13
Cystoscopy	29	18	26	42	38	29	28	np	27
Haemorrhoidectomy	70	92	77	np	np	np	np	24	56
Hysterectomy	36	36	41	28	27	96	np	np	36
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	44	34	52	32	43	43	65	40	43
Myringoplasty	270	np	146	np	np	np	np	259	195
Myringotomy	74	42	48	58	55	78	np	np	57
Prostatectomy	58	32	42	47	77	np	np	np	47
Septoplasty	327	114	79	np	304	np	np	np	259
Tonsillectomy	287	44	95	83	70	104	229	36	88
Total hip replacement	141	96	78	106	182	112	129	np	100
Total knee replacement	311	124	104	146	273	171	228	np	199
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	83	141	78	np	np	np	230	np	110
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>

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90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	299	301	340	285	328	199	np	275	321
Cholecystectomy	187	102	101	112	93	123	180	109	120
Coronary artery bypass graft	94	63	32	51	55	124	np	–	63
Cystoscopy	105	78	84	182	124	119	87	np	103
Haemorrhoidectomy	350	266	356	np	np	np	np	80	294
Hysterectomy	263	175	200	104	125	476	np	np	208
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	309	141	166	120	132	179	226	115	213
Myringoplasty	368	np	362	np	np	np	np	1 022	378
Myringotomy	315	107	183	196	97	127	np	np	190
Prostatectomy	174	94	88	250	179	np	np	np	140
Septoplasty	371	343	346	np	382	np	np	np	376
Tonsillectomy	364	120	272	341	345	299	355	401	350
Total hip replacement	354	305	287	346	339	278	333	np	342
Total knee replacement	364	347	321	378	343	387	390	np	360
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	290	311	344	np	np	np	385	np	345
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>222</b>
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	262	62	84	32	127	217	124	45	164
Cholecystectomy	58	32	53	30	56	27	61	np	44
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	np	–	–	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	27	18	27	22	35	21	28	np	23
Haemorrhoidectomy	63	28	70	37	np	np	np	np	48
Hysterectomy	84	48	66	66	89	71	np	np	68

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Inguinal herniorrhaphy	91	47	73	37	52	33	np	np	64
Myringoplasty	300	99	250	np	np	np	–	np	226
Myringotomy	73	60	54	139	np	np	np	np	64
Prostatectomy	54	28	33	33	61	np	np	np	39
Septoplasty	325	166	223	222	342	np	np	np	270
Tonsillectomy	281	108	91	211	110	57	np	np	160
Total hip replacement	258	102	85	73	223	272	np	np	127
Total knee replacement	305	126	163	92	311	373	209	np	211
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	103	130	72	37	116	np	np	np	101
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>43</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	358	217	336	216	336	402	331	191	354
Cholecystectomy	292	119	199	81	111	76	194	np	159
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	np	–	–	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	101	72	87	180	111	122	92	np	94
Haemorrhoidectomy	296	136	282	97	np	np	np	np	210
Hysterectomy	329	165	272	173	357	219	np	np	272
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	349	162	250	118	229	99	np	np	289
Myringoplasty	364	445	351	np	np	np	–	np	363
Myringotomy	341	184	294	350	np	np	np	np	320
Prostatectomy	215	127	89	142	126	np	np	np	137
Septoplasty	363	495	350	401	399	np	np	np	389
Tonsillectomy	359	356	337	384	363	442	np	np	356
Total hip replacement	356	327	322	198	376	453	np	np	351
Total knee replacement	362	359	353	265	381	553	348	np	363



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Varicose veins stripping & ligation	354	367	238	243	293	np	np	np	347
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>298</b>
<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	251	124	58	87	63	293	–	–	177
Cholecystectomy	56	31	45	34	27	np	–	–	41
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	28	21	np	14	35	43	–	–	22
Haemorrhoidectomy	64	40	np	47	np	np	–	–	48
Hysterectomy	95	64	76	41	26	np	–	–	66
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	75	40	59	40	31	np	–	–	54
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	98
Myringotomy	76	55	np	46	31	–	–	–	54
Prostatectomy	71	33	–	21	np	–	–	–	35
Septoplasty	322	94	np	np	np	–	–	–	206
Tonsillectomy	193	74	np	152	np	np	–	–	86
Total hip replacement	252	87	79	110	np	–	–	–	175
Total knee replacement	277	138	103	104	119	–	–	–	224
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	160	50	np	np	np	np	–	–	71
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>46</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	344	203	224	219	284	349	–	–	335
Cholecystectomy	156	86	189	90	76	np	–	–	109
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	89	67	np	89	164	202	–	–	82

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Haemorrhoidectomy	215	111	np	110	np	np	–	–	149
Hysterectomy	329	145	301	119	64	np	–	–	254
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	300	98	250	119	79	np	–	–	212
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	308
Myringotomy	322	117	np	239	80	–	–	–	178
Prostatectomy	346	126	–	89	np	–	–	–	141
Septoplasty	357	273	np	np	np	–	–	–	355
Tonsillectomy	342	182	np	364	np	np	–	–	313
Total hip replacement	355	394	253	332	np	–	–	–	352
Total knee replacement	355	428	309	364	248	–	–	–	355
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	327	168	np	np	np	np	–	–	303
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>Other hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	217	37	168	49	71	–	–	np	57
Cholecystectomy	48	29	36	52	21	–	–	np	36
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	20	18	np	30	13	–	–	np	20
Haemorrhoidectomy	50	73	np	57	np	–	–	np	50
Hysterectomy	53	np	np	56	30	–	–	–	50
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	62	35	38	48	25	–	–	np	43
Myringoplasty	np	302	np	80	np	–	–	np	170
Myringotomy	67	45	np	21	np	–	–	np	43
Prostatectomy	np	68	np	np	np	–	–	–	50
Septoplasty	np	71	np	90	55	–	–	np	83

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Tonsillectomy	173	57	np	76	49	–	–	np	71
Total hip replacement	41	58	–	78	142	–	–	–	67
Total knee replacement	70	91	–	85	236	–	–	–	91
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	169	183	np	np	np	–	–	np	139
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>38</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	346	130	253	220	315	–	–	np	298
Cholecystectomy	180	81	99	106	63	–	–	np	98
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	83	73	np	206	56	–	–	np	84
Haemorrhoidectomy	184	222	np	213	np	–	–	np	210
Hysterectomy	164	np	np	146	150	–	–	–	154
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	271	104	97	194	83	–	–	np	175
Myringoplasty	np	594	np	259	np	–	–	np	545
Myringotomy	252	103	np	175	np	–	–	np	148
Prostatectomy	np	118	np	np	np	–	–	–	125
Septoplasty	np	269	np	235	342	–	–	np	303
Tonsillectomy	287	226	np	196	316	–	–	np	261
Total hip replacement	200	184	–	251	337	–	–	–	287
Total knee replacement	233	273	–	192	351	–	–	–	316
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	308	378	np	np	np	–	–	np	322
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>224</b>
<b>All hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	230	44	70	51	93	184	123	124	90

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Cholecystectomy	52	32	48	34	37	33	56	43	42
Coronary artery bypass graft	27	16	3	10	21	34	np	–	13
Cystoscopy	28	19	27	28	31	27	28	np	24
Haemorrhoidectomy	63	45	71	46	43	np	np	24	50
Hysterectomy	65	48	60	43	38	78	66	np	56
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	71	41	61	39	38	37	72	37	53
Myringoplasty	269	169	187	99	np	np	np	234	185
Myringotomy	73	52	52	59	48	68	69	31	57
Prostatectomy	58	33	36	31	51	np	np	np	42
Septoplasty	322	118	182	161	280	np	360	np	220
Tonsillectomy	265	74	90	128	68	89	233	49	103
Total hip replacement	221	96	81	85	177	187	117	np	118
Total knee replacement	290	124	138	100	254	325	219	np	202
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	121	100	76	47	80	np	212	np	99
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	350	167	335	220	318	372	330	312	333
Cholecystectomy	211	99	167	90	91	104	182	116	131
Coronary artery bypass graft	94	63	32	51	55	124	np	–	63
Cystoscopy	100	73	86	162	105	144	89	np	93
Haemorrhoidectomy	295	169	301	177	93	np	np	80	206
Hysterectomy	305	162	258	135	246	363	161	np	239
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	329	132	223	125	118	148	226	108	243
Myringoplasty	365	537	358	336	np	np	np	914	396
Myringotomy	329	128	229	266	92	130	336	140	231

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Prostatectomy	215	120	88	148	141	np	np	np	138
Septoplasty	364	361	348	372	379	np	505	np	366
Tonsillectomy	360	238	316	355	339	339	379	309	349
Total hip replacement	354	328	307	278	357	441	333	np	348
Total knee replacement	360	357	346	315	369	517	366	np	359
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	331	340	328	292	346	np	365	np	336
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>261</b>

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50th percentile

Cataract extraction	153	41	81	90	175	159	np	110	80
Cholecystectomy	49	44	43	32	32	50	72	37	44
Coronary artery bypass graft	32	19	7	18	26	46	np	–	17
Cystoscopy	33	19	25	50	38	32	28	22	27
Haemorrhoidectomy	71	91	64	np	np	np	np	23	70
Hysterectomy	36	31	65	27	33	np	np	np	37
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	52	37	52	35	42	80	89	np	47
Myringoplasty	342	np	266	np	np	np	np	np	264
Myringotomy	73	63	62	90	70	78	77	np	70
Prostatectomy	66	39	50	55	67	np	np	np	54
Septoplasty	331	177	332	np	np	np	np	np	300
Tonsillectomy	306	63	178	90	88	114	328	21	109
Total hip replacement	202	76	82	84	355	145	100	np	99
Total knee replacement	311	96	117	118	383	172	201	np	176

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Varicose veins stripping & ligation	89	189	89	np	np	np	343	np	156
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	324	106	357	407	379	334	np	262	338
Cholecystectomy	187	116	90	124	219	193	298	88	139
Coronary artery bypass graft	121	77	41	79	78	99	np	–	82
Cystoscopy	123	68	86	176	118	127	120	152	104
Haemorrhoidectomy	336	220	295	np	np	np	np	80	260
Hysterectomy	312	198	275	90	216	np	np	np	227
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	316	129	131	132	308	259	340	np	237
Myringoplasty	396	np	364	np	np	np	np	np	381
Myringotomy	313	115	164	294	158	148	389	np	222
Prostatectomy	297	124	90	218	231	np	np	np	169
Septoplasty	383	371	365	np	np	np	np	np	383
Tonsillectomy	369	152	334	365	361	348	400	71	360
Total hip replacement	381	247	349	248	427	333	351	np	363
Total knee replacement	392	298	358	291	428	402	348	np	379
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	334	318	354	np	np	np	448	np	363
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>Public acute group A hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	273	36	104	55	134	93	135	np	128
Cholecystectomy	56	29	57	35	58	38	77	29	47
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	24	17	28	25	36	23	28	np	22

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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	57	22	66	35	np	np	np	np	35
Hysterectomy	83	51	67	70	94	71	np	np	70
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	85	40	70	47	65	56	np	np	64
Myringoplasty	289	np	312	np	np	np	np	np	239
Myringotomy	74	57	59	110	np	np	np	np	65
Prostatectomy	57	28	44	29	77	np	np	np	41
Septoplasty	333	145	294	228	349	np	np	np	278
Tonsillectomy	296	87	177	176	90	28	np	np	153
Total hip replacement	237	99	126	88	184	147	np	np	132
Total knee replacement	290	133	248	113	329	251	216	np	221
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	97	98	93	39	np	np	np	np	96
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	355	130	366	314	305	391	391	np	350
Cholecystectomy	191	106	243	110	165	122	222	116	153
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	92	74	90	141	98	110	155	np	92
Haemorrhoidectomy	300	119	325	160	np	np	np	np	169
Hysterectomy	326	192	314	205	354	167	np	np	293
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	341	142	328	174	316	151	np	np	306
Myringoplasty	364	np	365	np	np	np	np	np	374
Myringotomy	338	132	324	266	np	np	np	np	315
Prostatectomy	232	113	104	158	338	np	np	np	150
Septoplasty	366	414	375	392	378	np	np	np	385
Tonsillectomy	357	280	357	364	367	115	np	np	356

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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	354	282	355	231	391	316	np	np	351
Total knee replacement	358	343	364	282	422	384	386	np	361
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	356	343	221	214	np	np	np	np	348
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Public acute group B hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	250	86	138	71	27	173	–	–	147
Cholecystectomy	56	37	48	40	24	np	–	–	43
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	np	–	–	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	28	18	np	25	31	34	–	–	21
Haemorrhoidectomy	73	47	82	np	np	np	–	–	55
Hysterectomy	95	73	71	53	np	np	–	–	73
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	83	42	57	43	30	np	–	–	56
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	165
Myringotomy	82	74	np	52	np	–	–	–	70
Prostatectomy	76	34	–	24	np	–	–	–	41
Septoplasty	330	106	np	258	np	np	–	–	230
Tonsillectomy	264	98	np	290	43	np	–	–	117
Total hip replacement	249	88	84	127	np	–	–	–	154
Total knee replacement	278	103	176	158	110	–	–	–	215
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	150	44	np	np	np	np	–	–	78
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>49</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	352	163	341	238	168	247	–	–	343
Cholecystectomy	161	87	160	107	68	np	–	–	117



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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>
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	np	–	–	–	–	–	–	np
Cystoscopy	97	69	np	129	91	140	–	–	86
Haemorrhoidectomy	279	120	337	np	np	np	–	–	175
Hysterectomy	341	173	302	130	np	np	–	–	276
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	312	98	203	144	81	np	–	–	216
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	365
Myringotomy	318	146	np	189	np	–	–	–	227
Prostatectomy	322	111	–	197	np	–	–	–	180
Septoplasty	362	305	np	364	np	np	–	–	358
Tonsillectomy	349	264	np	556	322	np	–	–	336
Total hip replacement	358	260	356	360	np	–	–	–	351
Total knee replacement	360	309	362	425	217	–	–	–	359
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	354	212	np	np	np	np	–	–	344
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>Other hospitals</b>									
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	205	37	114	58	84	–	–	84	59
Cholecystectomy	46	32	49	59	21	–	–	np	42
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	20	29	np	39	10	–	–	–	23
Haemorrhoidectomy	48	34	np	55	np	–	–	np	41
Hysterectomy	49	np	np	45	35	–	–	–	45
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	56	33	53	56	26	–	–	np	47
Myringoplasty	np	162	np	np	np	–	–	np	143
Myringotomy	55	42	np	59	24	–	–	np	45

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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>
Prostatectomy	np	61	np	np	15	–	–	–	48
Septoplasty	239	47	–	np	107	–	–	–	65
Tonsillectomy	262	63	–	np	79	–	–	np	83
Total hip replacement	48	np	–	90	161	–	–	–	80
Total knee replacement	55	np	–	113	188	–	–	–	87
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	185	34	np	np	np	–	–	np	81
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>41</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	335	122	196	237	297	–	–	340	282
Cholecystectomy	126	49	167	154	81	–	–	np	113
Coronary artery bypass graft	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cystoscopy	80	82	np	186	62	–	–	–	91
Haemorrhoidectomy	196	103	np	200	np	–	–	np	154
Hysterectomy	167	np	np	126	120	–	–	–	147
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	272	74	167	192	91	–	–	np	195
Myringoplasty	np	468	np	np	np	–	–	np	422
Myringotomy	247	120	np	248	258	–	–	np	157
Prostatectomy	np	129	np	np	84	–	–	–	120
Septoplasty	351	132	–	np	341	–	–	–	320
Tonsillectomy	342	141	–	np	323	–	–	np	316
Total hip replacement	167	np	–	203	348	–	–	–	286
Total knee replacement	184	np	–	209	344	–	–	–	293
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	315	85	np	np	np	–	–	np	275
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>All hospitals</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>
50th percentile									
Cataract extraction	223	40	87	62	97	146	134	71	86
Cholecystectomy	54	35	51	40	40	39	76	36	45
Coronary artery bypass graft	32	19	7	18	26	46	np	–	17
Cystoscopy	28	18	26	35	30	28	28	25	24
Haemorrhoidectomy	64	37	69	47	49	np	np	24	48
Hysterectomy	66	45	67	48	50	62	66	np	57
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	75	40	61	49	41	57	91	37	56
Myringoplasty	319	149	298	169	np	np	np	76	195
Myringotomy	73	60	60	84	63	64	87	26	66
Prostatectomy	63	33	45	38	56	np	np	np	47
Septoplasty	328	112	302	198	198	np	412	np	248
Tonsillectomy	293	81	175	147	86	78	326	23	121
Total hip replacement	212	89	90	90	167	147	100	np	119
Total knee replacement	281	114	181	120	273	233	212	np	198
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	127	83	90	51	168	np	293	np	101
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>40</b>
90th percentile									
Cataract extraction	349	127	357	259	324	338	391	283	334
Cholecystectomy	178	100	160	115	141	158	233	91	136
Coronary artery bypass graft	121	77	41	79	78	99	np	–	82
Cystoscopy	104	70	88	162	91	125	135	152	95
Haemorrhoidectomy	287	141	321	174	230	np	np	82	190
Hysterectomy	323	187	299	132	279	179	282	np	258
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	327	120	266	163	222	186	278	99	259

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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>
Myringoplasty	381	453	364	365	np	np	np	348	383
Myringotomy	326	131	225	238	157	141	431	83	255
Prostatectomy	257	117	96	189	223	np	np	np	159
Septoplasty	367	361	367	382	378	np	596	np	375
Tonsillectomy	361	238	352	365	357	219	430	77	356
Total hip replacement	358	269	354	261	398	327	351	np	354
Total knee replacement	364	323	362	321	409	385	364	np	363
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	351	317	348	186	427	np	447	np	350
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>268</b>

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(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 and where only one public hospital is represented in a cell.

(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 for the 2015-16 reporting period. The Australian total for 2015-16 does not include data for the ACT.

(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)**

	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)									Other Australians (d)								
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust
2012-13																		
<b>All hospitals</b>																		
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
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

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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	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
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>

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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

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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>
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
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>	54	39	32	31	30	54	55	54	42	49	35	28	29	35	45	45	34	36
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

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

	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)									Other Australians (d)								
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust
<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																		
<b>All hospitals</b>																		
50th percentile																		
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



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

2015-16

**All hospitals**

50th percentile

Cataract extraction	273	np	83	66	100	np	na	168	151	248	56	64	36	119	301	na	159	93
Cholecystectomy	48	np	53	40	np	np	na	np	49	56	31	47	28	40	75	na	np	43
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	–	11	28	19	4	7	12	32	na	–	14
Cystoscopy	33	21	27	25	np	np	na	np	27	30	20	25	25	29	29	na	48	24

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	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)									Other Australians (d)								
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	49	63	56	66	38	30	np	na	27	55
Hysterectomy	70	np	50	np	np	np	na	np	54	62	48	55	37	45	106	na	np	51
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	59	np	52	np	np	np	na	np	48	70	40	59	35	34	88	na	np	54
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	90	np	np	na	182	120	317	162	126	94	np	np	na	np	187
Myringotomy	np	np	43	43	np	np	na	np	51	70	51	52	67	56	96	na	np	57
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	np	63	30	36	33	42	np	na	np	42
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	287	317	123	113	175	273	np	na	np	217
Tonsillectomy	259	96	91	141	np	np	na	np	148	254	85	85	110	88	196	na	44	119
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	129	212	117	69	78	146	157	na	np	117
Total knee replacement	307	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	258	290	155	95	95	220	305	na	np	192
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	–	np	135	112	54	61	80	np	na	np	98
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>
90th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	356	np	353	230	307	np	na	406	351	349	155	331	181	311	570	na	278	335
Cholecystectomy	204	np	116	106	np	np	na	np	157	231	104	103	86	90	356	na	np	138
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	–	44	92	79	48	25	39	104	na	–	72
Cystoscopy	115	81	81	101	np	np	na	np	125	117	80	80	124	100	244	na	239	96
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	307	309	178	248	152	89	np	na	354	219
Hysterectomy	324	np	148	np	np	np	na	np	251	295	212	166	111	188	378	na	np	215
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	309	np	178	np	np	np	na	np	249	327	133	177	106	111	387	na	np	232
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	269	np	np	na	852	391	379	509	348	342	np	np	na	np	376
Myringotomy	np	np	155	147	np	np	na	np	202	316	143	248	223	119	257	na	np	193
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	np	206	105	87	116	139	np	na	np	125

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	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)									Other Australians (d)								
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	362	364	373	335	345	387	np	na	np	365
Tonsillectomy	360	247	324	347	np	np	na	np	353	361	269	313	342	366	494	na	224	350
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	348	356	339	270	248	356	466	na	np	349
Total knee replacement	361	np	np	np	np	np	na	np	362	362	391	323	334	365	664	na	np	361
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	np	na	-	np	347	349	338	250	363	np	na	np	347
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>262</b>

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**All hospitals**

## 50th percentile

Cataract extraction	229	np	72	88	np	np	np	139	141	230	44	70	50	93	186	124	117	89
Cholecystectomy	57	np	51	np	np	np	np	np	49	52	32	48	34	37	33	56	np	42
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	-	12	27	16	3	10	21	33	np	-	13
Cystoscopy	28	21	28	30	np	np	np	np	27	28	19	26	28	31	27	28	np	24
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	39	63	46	70	46	43	np	np	23	50
Hysterectomy	84	np	62	np	np	np	np	np	63	63	48	60	43	40	77	66	np	55
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	70	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	60	71	41	61	39	38	37	73	36	53
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	72	np	np	np	262	126	271	170	224	149	np	np	np	np	201
Myringotomy	62	np	58	49	np	np	np	np	56	75	52	51	62	47	68	72	np	57
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	48	58	33	36	31	51	np	np	np	42
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	-	np	277	322	118	181	154	277	np	360	np	219
Tonsillectomy	224	91	88	81	np	np	np	np	121	268	74	93	137	68	87	225	46	102
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	172	219	97	81	85	176	188	117	np	118
Total knee replacement	310	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	251	289	123	138	100	254	323	217	np	201

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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	np	121	101	75	47	80	np	210	np	99
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>
90th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	353	np	307	259	np	np	np	394	346	350	167	336	218	318	373	330	255	332
Cholecystectomy	266	np	177	np	np	np	np	np	160	210	99	167	89	93	104	190	np	130
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	49	94	63	32	50	55	124	np	–	63
Cystoscopy	98	70	85	148	np	np	np	np	98	100	73	86	163	105	146	89	np	93
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	252	295	169	293	177	93	np	np	79	203
Hysterectomy	331	np	286	np	np	np	np	np	284	303	162	256	135	249	373	161	np	238
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	332	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	279	329	132	225	125	118	148	226	118	242
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	292	np	np	np	931	439	365	545	359	359	np	np	np	np	392
Myringotomy	322	np	214	192	np	np	np	np	237	332	128	229	290	94	132	336	np	230
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	192	215	119	88	147	141	np	np	np	138
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	0	np	367	364	361	347	370	378	np	505	np	366
Tonsillectomy	355	348	333	333	np	np	np	np	349	361	237	314	357	339	340	392	238	349
Total hip replacement	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	353	354	327	307	278	358	438	330	np	348
Total knee replacement	361	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	362	360	358	346	315	369	518	365	np	359
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	331	340	327	280	348	np	365	np	336
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>259</b>
2017-18																		
<b>All hospitals</b>																		
50th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	218	np	86	103	np	np	np	81	123	223	40	87	61	97	147	135	67	85

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	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)									Other Australians (d)								
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust
Cholecystectomy	56	np	42	49	np	np	np	np	48	54	35	51	39	40	39	76	36	45
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	10	32	19	7	19	26	47	np	–	18
Cystoscopy	25	20	28	34	np	np	np	np	26	28	18	26	35	30	28	28	22	24
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	28	64	37	69	48	50	np	np	24	48
Hysterectomy	71	np	69	np	np	np	np	np	67	65	45	67	48	50	60	66	np	56
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	54	np	62	np	np	np	np	np	49	75	40	61	49	41	58	91	36	56
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	128	np	np	–	83	124	320	152	301	225	np	np	np	np	238
Myringotomy	70	np	64	74	np	np	np	np	64	74	61	59	88	63	61	88	np	66
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	55	63	33	46	36	56	np	np	np	46
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	295	328	112	302	199	202	np	413	np	246
Tonsillectomy	272	95	199	94	np	np	np	np	153	294	80	173	150	87	82	329	21	120
Total hip replacement	246	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	179	211	89	90	90	167	147	102	np	119
Total knee replacement	300	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	277	280	114	180	120	272	234	211	np	196
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	129	126	83	90	50	169	np	302	np	100
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>40</b>
90th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	347	np	349	267	np	np	np	333	340	349	127	357	259	326	338	391	253	334
Cholecystectomy	108	np	128	101	np	np	np	np	122	182	99	160	117	136	163	235	87	136
Coronary artery bypass graft	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	–	67	121	78	43	79	65	111	np	–	83
Cystoscopy	107	75	92	123	np	np	np	np	106	104	70	88	163	92	121	136	106	95
Haemorrhoidectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	105	287	141	313	174	230	np	np	82	192
Hysterectomy	308	np	334	np	np	np	np	np	302	324	187	295	133	283	179	282	np	256
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	280	np	266	np	np	np	np	np	264	327	120	266	163	222	186	282	90	259

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	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (c)									Other Australians (d)								
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust
Myringoplasty	np	np	np	342	np	np	–	351	357	382	453	365	408	np	np	np	np	391
Myringotomy	299	np	169	207	np	np	np	np	218	330	131	234	250	158	136	431	np	259
Prostatectomy	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	189	265	117	95	187	223	np	np	np	158
Septoplasty	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	379	367	362	367	382	378	np	596	np	375
Tonsillectomy	355	249	354	358	np	np	np	np	354	361	237	352	365	357	219	433	71	356
Total hip replacement	361	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	361	358	268	354	263	398	331	351	np	353
Total knee replacement	371	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	371	363	322	362	319	409	384	365	np	363
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	348	351	317	348	184	427	np	447	np	350
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>267</b>

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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. Data for Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory should be interpreted with caution until further assessment of Indigenous identification is completed.
- (d) Other Australians includes records for which the Indigenous status was Not reported.
- (e) Data for the ACT were not available for the 2015-16 reporting period. The Australian total for 2015-16 does not include data for the ACT.
- (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 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<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>
<b>All hospitals</b>									
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
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

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 (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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
2015-16									
50th percentile									
Major cities	50	30	31	30	48	np	na	np	37
Inner regional	62	30	31	28	35	68	na	np	41
Outer regional	69	28	31	35	30	62	na	27	41
Remote	81	31	38	34	20	48	na	30	32
Very remote	78	np	33	36	20	np	na	51	36
90th percentile									
Major cities	319	173	167	161	258	np	na	np	240
Inner regional	337	173	175	140	222	446	na	np	297
Outer regional	342	189	208	181	199	441	na	231	303
Remote	348	237	244	168	112	347	na	176	205
Very remote	343	np	215	169	168	np	na	328	239
2016-17									
50th percentile									
Major cities	49	28	32	35	47	np	49	np	37
Inner regional	62	35	35	29	34	47	37	np	42
Outer regional	69	33	41	36	31	43	39	28	42
Remote	75	36	36	36	21	47	np	30	34
Very remote	62	np	42	37	22	np	np	51	40
90th percentile									
Major cities	316	154	214	190	277	np	275	np	242



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 (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Inner regional	337	180	215	164	223	308	276	np	294
Outer regional	341	193	258	182	169	317	285	185	295
Remote	346	232	250	171	118	338	np	191	218
Very remote	292	np	251	208	134	np	np	338	259

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Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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 2011-12, about 96 per cent of all records for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 and about 92 per cent of all records for 2015-16. 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.
- (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.
- (e) Data for the ACT were not available for the 2015-16 reporting period. The Australian total for 2015-16 does not include data for the ACT.

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

*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 (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>All hospitals</b>									
2011-12									
50th percentile									
Quintile 1	56	41	28	34	32	39	65	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
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

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 (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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	37	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	175	271	212	210	194
2015-16									
50th percentile									
Quintile 1	62	34	31	30	40	67	na	43	43
Quintile 2	59	32	32	34	40	63	na	32	41
Quintile 3	52	29	33	30	37	63	na	28	36
Quintile 4	49	29	33	30	43	61	na	25	35
Quintile 5	41	27	29	29	42	58	na	28	32
90th percentile									
Quintile 1	334	183	180	169	230	448	na	312	294
Quintile 2	336	181	192	170	248	432	na	199	282
Quintile 3	327	174	167	153	222	462	na	175	241
Quintile 4	322	166	170	159	232	386	na	237	224
Quintile 5	287	153	142	158	221	293	na	197	204
2016-17									
50th percentile									
Quintile 1	60	32	35	37	41	47	36	45	43
Quintile 2	58	34	35	36	39	46	43	29	41
Quintile 3	52	29	34	34	35	40	44	28	36
Quintile 4	48	28	35	33	42	43	50	28	35
Quintile 5	42	26	30	33	41	49	47	25	34
90th percentile									
Quintile 1	332	172	224	198	236	319	253	316	290

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 (e)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Quintile 2	335	176	232	190	244	306	284	201	281
Quintile 3	326	164	216	182	231	318	276	167	243
Quintile 4	317	147	229	179	244	267	274	177	224
Quintile 5	291	140	177	179	235	226	280	173	218

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Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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, about 96 per cent of all records for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 and about 92 per cent of all records for 2015-16. 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.
- (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.
- (e) Data for the ACT were not available for the 2015-16 reporting period. The Australian total for 2015-16 does not include data for the ACT.

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

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

TABLE 12A.23

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>
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								
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								

TABLE 12A.23

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	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	2.6	3.6	5.5	4.4	5.1	6.0	4.2	4.8
Category 2	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>
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

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 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>
2016-17								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	2.3	4.7	4.9	5.7	4.4	16.5	5.1	6.2
Category 2	16.2	45.2	24.5	23.5	23.6	36.0	23.9	35.3
Category 3	81.4	50.1	70.6	70.8	72.0	47.5	71.0	58.6
<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>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	22.2	28.3	35.7	25.9	27.0	37.0	33.1	34.8
Category 2	33.4	45.8	39.1	31.3	36.1	37.3	36.0	43.6
Category 3	44.4	25.9	25.3	42.7	36.8	25.7	30.8	21.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>
2017-18								
Patients on waiting lists								
Category 1	2.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.4	11.8	4.8	4.9
Category 2	16.2	43.9	23.8	21.8	25.4	38.0	19.2	29.7
Category 3	81.4	51.0	71.1	73.2	70.2	50.2	76.0	65.5
<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>
Patients admitted from waiting lists								
Category 1	22.0	28.1	33.8	25.8	28.2	40.9	30.9	40.5
Category 2	34.4	45.2	39.8	31.2	35.9	37.6	34.9	41.0
Category 3	43.6	26.7	26.5	43.0	36.0	21.5	34.2	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>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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)**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (d)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	3.3	0.1	0.3	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	–	0.1	0.1
Category 2 (over 90 days)	7.4	1.2	0.4	0.9	1.7	1.5	2.0	0.2	0.4	0.4
Category 3 (over 12 months)	1.3	2.0	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.3
All patients	2.5	1.8	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	7.2	7.9	7.4	6.3	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Category 2 (over 90 days)	14.5	15.9	10.3	9.8	6.1	3.1	2.5	2.9	2.4	2.7
Category 3 (over 12 months)	6.4	12.1	8.8	8.4	6.5	4.1	3.5	4.4	3.6	3.8
All patients	9.2	12.1	8.9	8.3	5.4	2.9	2.4	2.9	2.4	2.6
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	99.9	100.0

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Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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)**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (d)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Category 2 (over 90 days)	32.9	29.9	28.0	34.0	37.5	34.7	32.3	28.2	23.7	20.0
Category 3 (over 12 months)	9.3	6.8	6.8	9.4	17.0	14.0	7.8	7.3	5.8	4.5
All patients	20.3	17.4	16.3	20.6	26.4	23.8	19.6	16.9	13.6	11.1
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Category 2 (over 90 days)	27.0	27.0	25.4	27.7	34.3	31.4	24.2	22.9	19.8	19.2
Category 3 (over 12 months)	7.9	8.0	7.4	8.5	11.0	9.9	7.4	6.3	5.7	4.2
All patients	14.6	15.1	13.9	14.9	18.4	17.3	13.0	12.1	10.6	9.8
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	79.2	79.6	78.0	78.9	79.0	79.6	79.5	80.8	84.7	85.4

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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)**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (e)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	6.4	8.4	10.4	7.8	7.2	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.7
Category 2 (over 90 days)	22.1	28.2	21.1	26.6	33.5	7.8	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.8
Category 3 (over 12 months)	15.5	1.1	3.4	8.0	9.9	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
All patients	17.8	16.3	12.6	16.8	19.4	3.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.4
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	13.0	12.8	13.5	12.3	8.3	5.0	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.8
Category 2 (over 90 days)	18.4	21.3	24.9	22.5	23.1	19.5	6.1	5.3	3.9	6.9
Category 3 (over 12 months)	8.7	11.3	6.2	10.2	12.1	11.4	2.6	1.6	1.5	4.9
All patients	14.7	16.3	17.6	16.5	15.4	12.3	3.9	3.4	2.7	5.0
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	98.0	98.0	98.0	89.3	97.9	98.2	91.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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 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)**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (d)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	21.1	11.7	16.4	14.5	3.8	1.8	6.7	17.3	14.3	14.8
Category 2 (over 90 days)	30.1	28.8	25.2	23.8	9.1	7.7	17.6	15.5	11.6	12.7
Category 3 (over 12 months)	3.1	2.6	3.5	4.1	1.6	0.8	2.5	1.9	2.5	3.9
All patients	14.2	12.1	11.0	10.8	3.9	2.8	7.0	6.2	5.3	6.4
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	14.1	14.5	12.7	15.4	8.2	2.2	4.0	8.2	10.8	14.2
Category 2 (over 90 days)	24.7	24.1	19.3	17.4	15.0	8.2	10.7	10.7	12.5	13.0
Category 3 (over 12 months)	4.5	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.3	1.7	1.7	1.9	3.2	4.0
All patients	14.3	13.8	11.3	11.1	8.6	4.2	5.4	6.5	8.1	9.4
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	78.0	79.0	92.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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 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)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (c)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	0.8	2.5	0.1	–	–	–	–	–	1.1	7.0
Category 2 (over 90 days)	1.1	1.1	0.1	–	–	0.2	–	–	1.9	14.0
Category 3 (over 12 months)	0.1	0.1	–	–	–	0.0	–	–	0.3	4.4
All patients	0.3	0.5	–	–	–	0.1	–	–	0.7	6.9
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	17.4	11.2	13.2	9.9	7.8	6.7	8.0	10.0	11.5	15.1
Category 2 (over 90 days)	15.6	10.9	12.7	16.8	7.7	7.7	10.4	11.6	12.5	16.5
Category 3 (over 12 months)	7.2	3.1	6.1	3.9	2.6	2.1	2.7	4.7	4.9	7.9
All patients	13.2	8.4	10.7	7.8	5.8	5.3	6.8	8.6	9.4	13.1
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	70.6	70.7	70.7	96.7	96.8	96.4	96.5	96.7	96.7	96.8

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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)**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (d)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	48.0	55.3	55.6	39.0	32.4	33.5	26.5	16.1	22.7	29.3
Category 2 (over 90 days)	68.6	66.7	66.7	70.0	66.9	61.6	62.2	40.9	34.8	46.1
Category 3 (over 12 months)	27.2	22.7	25.6	34.0	30.5	22.6	24.4	9.4	4.2	8.2
All patients	51.3	49.4	51.1	53.0	49.7	43.1	43.0	21.7	18.3	25.1
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	27.1	23.3	28.0	24.0	26.1	24.8	27.2	22.9	20.7	24.4
Category 2 (over 90 days)	48.2	45.3	39.0	40.0	42.5	50.3	57.2	56.6	38.4	38.6
Category 3 (over 12 months)	28.5	19.8	28.0	28.0	27.0	24.7	32.9	37.1	20.2	13.2
All patients	35.1	31.6	33.0	32.0	33.0	35.5	41.0	40.7	27.1	27.4
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

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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 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)**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (e)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	0.8	6.6	1.1	–	1.2	0.5	16.2	na	2.7	3.4
Category 2 (over 90 days)	51.2	58.3	50.1	41.1	34.0	29.9	44.8	na	17.6	11.2
Category 3 (over 12 months)	15.4	20.2	14.6	5.7	8.0	11.0	18.2	na	5.5	7.8
All patients	34.4	40.2	33.5	22.2	17.9	17.3	27.5	na	8.2	8.2
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	5.9	6.4	9.8	2.5	1.6	1.5	4.6	na	8.6	9.0
Category 2 (over 90 days)	54.9	56.3	55.1	49.3	39.6	26.2	31.1	na	19.1	29.8
Category 3 (over 12 months)	24.8	22.0	23.6	14.7	9.7	12.8	16.7	na	11.8	22.8
All patients	34.5	34.4	34.9	27.9	20.5	15.4	18.8	na	13.4	21.0
Waiting time data coverage										
Per cent of elective surgery separations	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	na	100.0	100.0

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (d)										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	49.7	37.2	23.7	15.6	15.7	14.8	13.4	14.2	21.1	20.9
Category 2 (over 90 days)	50.0	42.9	38.4	30.4	19.2	35.7	39.9	28.3	22.8	17.2
Category 3 (over 12 months)	24.2	15.0	16.7	6.1	13.3	20.0	23.4	24.8	2.5	2.8
All patients	39.1	27.7	25.6	17.0	15.5	26.2	29.5	25.4	10.8	7.9
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits										
Category 1 (over 30 days)	24.3	23.5	18.6	16.1	9.5	9.8	12.4	6.8	4.3	4.5
Category 2 (over 90 days)	41.6	47.8	41.2	32.8	27.5	24.7	32.8	33.1	20.7	7.6
Category 3 (over 12 months)	19.7	19.1	17.9	16.3	13.2	12.5	18.2	19.6	18.3	4.0
All patients	29.8	32.2	27.1	23.0	19.2	17.6	22.5	20.8	14.4	5.7
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

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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>
2013-14									
Principal referral and specialist women's and children's hospitals									
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 (c)	42	50	53	63	37	28	34	14	46
Large 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 (c)	36	41	53	39	23	25	34	21	40
All hospitals (d)									
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
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>45</b>
2014-15									
Principal referral and specialist women's and children's hospitals									
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
Large 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									
Resuscitation	51	56	59	68	54	58	57	46	56
Emergency	43	49	56	60	37	35	46	24	48



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>
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
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>47</b>
2015-16									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals									
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									
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									
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
<b>Total (d)</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>
2016-17									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals									
Resuscitation	50	63	64	68	60	50	64	47	59
Emergency	38	52	55	59	43	33	55	33	47
Urgent	36	54	54	49	37	24	43	31	45
Semi-urgent	43	58	56	52	42	27	53	34	50
Non-urgent	60	68	65	56	73	36	59	36	62
Total (d)	39	55	55	53	41	27	49	33	47
Public acute group A hospitals									
Resuscitation	50	52	47	58	53	54	67	51	51
Emergency	44	53	52	51	38	25	65	28	48
Urgent	40	49	53	34	24	18	52	27	44
Semi-urgent	45	54	57	38	22	24	60	25	48

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)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (c)	NT	Aust
Non-urgent	65	67	67	49	42	49	68	29	60
Total (d)	43	51	53	40	29	22	56	27	47
All hospitals									
Resuscitation	50	59	57	65	59	51	65	48	56
Emergency	44	55	55	56	44	31	57	33	50
Urgent	41	53	54	45	38	22	46	31	47
Semi-urgent	48	57	57	48	46	26	55	32	51
Non-urgent	67	68	67	58	70	41	61	33	64
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>49</b>
2017-18									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals									
Resuscitation	50	61	63	71	56	53	60	47	58
Emergency	40	52	52	61	42	32	44	31	47
Urgent	38	55	52	52	32	21	29	28	45
Semi-urgent	43	59	55	55	38	24	36	31	49
Non-urgent	61	69	68	58	62	34	42	42	61
Total (d)	40	56	53	56	37	25	35	30	47
Public acute group A hospitals									
Resuscitation	46	50	45	65	51	47	62	43	48
Emergency	43	51	56	58	41	31	65	30	49
Urgent	38	45	54	44	26	26	48	28	44
Semi-urgent	43	50	57	49	28	30	55	26	47
Non-urgent	64	61	65	55	29	52	69	39	60
Total (d)	41	48	55	49	31	29	52	29	46
All hospitals									
Resuscitation	49	57	55	68	56	50	61	45	55
Emergency	43	53	56	60	45	33	50	32	50
Urgent	41	51	54	50	36	25	36	30	46
Semi-urgent	46	55	57	53	44	28	40	31	50
Non-urgent	66	67	68	60	60	43	46	44	64
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>49</b>

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(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.

na Not available.

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

TABLE 12A.33

Table 12A.33 **Elective surgery waiting list turn over (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>
<i>2013-14</i>										
Additions to public hospital elective surgery waiting lists	no.	246 461	187 038	145 260	102 141	71 416	18 849	13 848	9 388	794 401
Removals from public hospital elective surgery waiting lists following admission for surgery	no.	216 675	170 314	127 494	86 882	62 968	15 315	11 781	7 594	699 023
<b>Turn over</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>88.0</b>
<i>2014-15</i>										
Additions to public hospital elective surgery waiting lists	no.	245 214	200 630	151 125	100 323	70 306	18 538	14 550	9 492	810 178
Removals from public hospital elective surgery waiting lists following admission for surgery	no.	217 727	173 307	126 275	82 742	62 402	15 598	11 881	7 634	697 566
<b>Turn over</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>86.1</b>
<i>2015-16</i>										
Additions to public hospital elective surgery waiting lists	no.	247 445	203 386	171 169	103 748	66 494	19 224	na	9 359	820 825
Removals from public hospital elective surgery waiting lists following admission for surgery	no.	217 817	178 932	141 250	87 125	59 738	18 973	na	8 019	711 854
<b>Turn over</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>89.8</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>
<i>2016-17</i>										
Additions to public hospital elective surgery waiting lists	no.	251 641	222 271	176 812	101 428	67 550	21 180	15 571	9 910	866 363
Removals from public hospital elective surgery waiting lists following admission for surgery	no.	222 893	196 086	143 447	86 747	58 655	19 187	12 826	8 250	748 091
<b>Turn over</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>86.3</b>

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

Table 12A.33 **Elective surgery waiting list turn over (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>
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(a) For this indicator, the number of people removed from public hospital elective surgery waiting lists includes only people removed following admission for surgery (as distinct from other reasons for removal including death, not contactable, treated elsewhere, surgery not required or declined, transferred to another hospital's waiting list, and not reported).

(b) Data on removals from public hospital elective surgery waiting lists due to admissions for surgery includes elective admissions and emergency admissions. There is some variation in practices across jurisdictions in the reporting of emergency admissions.

(c) Data were not available for the ACT for the 2015-16 reporting period.

**na** Not available.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Elective surgery waiting times: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series.

Table 12A.34 **Public hospital accreditation, 30 June 2015**

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

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. All required data were not available for 2017. The most recent data available are for 2015.

- (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.35

Table 12A.35 **Episodes of Staphylococcus aureus (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW (d)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (e)</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (g)</i>
2010-11										
<i>Infection rates</i>										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>rate per 10 000 patient days</b>	<b>1.2</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	no.	233	118	72	21	31	6	7	16	504
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	no.	536	322	209	112	91	37	34	27	1368
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<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>1872</b>
Coverage (i)	%	98	99	77	95	81	100	98	100	93
2011-12										
<i>Infection rates</i>										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.7
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>rate per 10 000 patient days</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	no.	201	82	51	22	40	5	6	15	422
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	no.	473	379	220	76	86	22	31	24	1311
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1733</b>

TABLE 12A.35

Table 12A.35 **Episodes of Staphylococcus aureus (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW (d)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (e)</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (g)</i>
Coverage (i)	%	97	99	98	96	80	100	98	100	96
2012-13										
Infection rates										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.7
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>rate per 10 000 patient days</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.7</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	103	90	29	36	15	1325
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1716</b>
Coverage (i)	%	99	99	95	96	92	100	100	100	97
2013-14										
Infection rates										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>rate per 10 000 patient days</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										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	no.	180	95	46	23	24	3	6	11	388

TABLE 12A.35

Table 12A.35 **Episodes of Staphylococcus aureus (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW (d)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (e)</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (g)</i>
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	no.	409	307	258	125	57	32	23	22	1233
<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>1621</b>
Coverage (i)	%	97	99	99	96	95	100	100	100	98
2014-15										
Infection rates										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.6
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>rate per 10 000 patient days</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	1160
<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>1491</b>
Coverage (i)	%	97	99	100	96	93	100	100	100	98
2015-16										
Infection rates										
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.6
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>rate per 10 000 patient days</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>1.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>



TABLE 12A.35

Table 12A.35 **Episodes of Staphylococcus aureus (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW (d)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (e)</i>	<i>WA (f)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (g)</i>
Number of infections										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	no.	129	52	35	29	16	6	5	6	278
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	no.	367	297	245	102	84	29	35	13	1172
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1450</b>
Coverage (i)	%	98	99	100	95	92	100	100	100	98
2016-17										
Infection rates										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>rate per 10 000 patient days</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Number of infections										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	no.	118	64	45	18	25	5	2	13	290
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	no.	375	326	251	85	89	33	29	23	1211
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1501</b>
Coverage (i)	%	98	99	100	96	94	100	98	100	98
2017-18										
Infection rates										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.6

Table 12A.35 **Episodes of Staphylococcus aureus (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA (a), (b), (c)**

	Unit	NSW (d)	Vic	Qld (e)	WA (f)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (g)
<b>Total (h)</b>	<b>rate per 10 000 patient days</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Number of infections										
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	no.	122	66	22	17	23	5	3	9	267
Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus	no.	408	336	217	104	96	31	27	7	1226
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1493</b>
Coverage (i), (j)	%	97	99	100	97	94	100	98	100	98

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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) The definition of a SAB episode was updated for the 2015-16 reporting period. The change is not considered to have had an impact on the comparability of these data over time. Refer to the METeOR data quality statement on the AIHW website for further information.
- (d) 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.
- (e) For 2010-11, Qld data only include patients 14 years of age and over.
- (f) WA reported one case where both MRSA and MSSA were identified in 2015-16. This case is reported in the MRSA counts above for WA, and in the total.
- (g) Australian totals include NSW.
- (h) Total may not equal sum of components due to rounding.
- (i) 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.
- (j) Coverage estimates may be preliminary.

Source: AIHW (various years) *Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia in Australian public hospitals: Australian hospital statistics*. Health services series.

TABLE 12A.36

Table 12A.36 Separations with an adverse event, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2012-13										
Number of events										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
<i>Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances</i>	no.	43 155	32 327	24 649	15 113	11 410	2 918	2 377	1 091	133 040
<i>Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care</i>	no.	4 186	5 173	3 138	1 674	1 225	426	321	134	16 277
<i>Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications</i>	no.	53 495	54 704	34 699	19 853	14 959	5 091	4 109	2 625	189 535
<i>Other external causes of adverse events</i>	no.	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	no.	106 563	94 097	64 065	37 828	28 319	8 630	6 836	3 921	350 259
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	no.	14 707	10 007	8 125	4 795	4 645	1 417	1 202	503	45 401
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	no.	7 820	7 639	4 668	2 927	1 773	572	535	315	26 249
Infection following a procedure	no.	8 079	5 068	4 499	2 443	1 511	520	410	464	22 994
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	no.	20 443	22 995	13 966	7 208	5 103	1 465	1 713	1 072	73 965
<i>Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care</i>	no.	11 916	18 627	9 036	5 072	3 700	1 172	950	704	51 177
<b>Total (any of the above) (e)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>108 860</b>	<b>96 776</b>	<b>65 637</b>	<b>38 642</b>	<b>29 689</b>	<b>8 752</b>	<b>6 996</b>	<b>4 038</b>	<b>359 390</b>
Events per 100 separations (f)										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
<i>Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances</i>	Rate	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.5	0.9	2.4
<i>Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care</i>	Rate	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
<i>Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications</i>	Rate	3.1	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.6	4.8	4.3	2.2	3.4
<i>Other external causes of adverse events</i>	Rate	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	Rate	6.2	6.6	6.1	6.2	6.8	8.1	7.2	3.3	6.3

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Table 12A.36 Separations with an adverse event, public hospitals (a), (b), (c), (d)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	Rate	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.8
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	Rate	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.5
Infection following a procedure	Rate	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	Rate	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.8	0.9	1.3
<i>Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care</i>	Rate	0.7	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.9
<b>Total (any of the above) (e)</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>6.5</b>

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

## Diagnoses

Selected post-procedural disorders

no. 13 488 10 754 8 404 5 098 4 478 1 499 990 536 45 247

Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure

no. 7 986 7 974 4 778 3 292 1 909 638 519 317 27 413

Infection following a procedure

no. 7 994 5 147 4 968 2 431 1 512 593 403 409 23 457

Complications of internal prosthetic devices

no. 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*

no. 12 674 20 854 9 837 5 659 3 882 1 330 949 810 55 995

**Total (any of the above) (e)****no. 114 176 105 014 69 127 41 602 30 515 9 624 7 064 4 627 381 749**

TABLE 12A.36

Table 12A.36 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>
Events per 100 separations (f)										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	Rate	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	Rate	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	Rate	3.1	4.0	3.4	3.6	3.7	4.7	4.0	2.4	3.5
Other external causes of adverse events	Rate	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	Rate	6.3	6.7	6.2	6.8	7.0	8.3	7.1	3.6	6.5
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	Rate	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.4	0.8
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	Rate	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5
Infection following a procedure	Rate	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	Rate	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	Rate	0.7	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.0
<b>Total (any of the above) (e)</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>
2014-15										
Number of events										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	no.	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	no.	5 381	6 145	3 823	2 100	1 296	461	298	170	19 674
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	no.	58 776	57 188	39 944	21 775	15 227	5 230	3 977	2 788	204 905
Other external causes of adverse events	no.	3 508	4 117	2 057	885	2 047	249	326	159	13 348
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										

TABLE 12A.36

Table 12A.36 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	no.	120 455	99 824	74 335	41 620	29 465	9 428	7 112	4 549	386 788
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	no.	15 051	12 116	8 987	5 452	4 305	1 358	974	558	48 801
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	no.	8 577	7 970	5 343	3 337	1 881	561	492	328	28 489
Infection following a procedure	no.	8 298	5 060	5 438	2 474	1 563	615	393	403	24 244
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	no.	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	no.	15 074	19 106	10 938	5 994	3 964	1 297	1 004	679	58 056
<b>Total (any of the above) (e)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>123 619</b>	<b>104 020</b>	<b>76 551</b>	<b>42 619</b>	<b>31 526</b>	<b>9 616</b>	<b>7 396</b>	<b>4 688</b>	<b>400 035</b>
Events per 100 separations (f)										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	Rate	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	Rate	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	Rate	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.6	4.4	3.9	2.1	3.4
Other external causes of adverse events	Rate	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										
Place of occurrence: Health service area	Rate	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.9	7.0	7.9	7.1	3.4	6.5
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	Rate	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.8
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	Rate	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5
Infection following a procedure	Rate	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	Rate	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	Rate	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.0
<b>Total (any of the above) (e)</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>6.7</b>

TABLE 12A.36

Table 12A.36 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>
2015-16										
Number of events										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	no.	51 188	35 686	31 217	17 512	12 267	3 227	3 009	1 842	155 948
Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care	no.	5 565	7 857	4 154	2 371	1 473	516	308	184	22 428
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	no.	59 591	52 678	43 409	23 151	15 587	5 463	4 001	2 873	206 753
Other external causes of adverse events	no.	3 717	4 487	2 733	1 368	1 964	323	487	205	15 284
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										
Place of occurrence: Health service area	no.	122 404	97 845	80 607	44 229	30 276	9 528	7 478	4 876	397 243
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	no.	15 038	14 612	10 321	5 720	4 527	1 395	1 053	571	53 237
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	no.	8 912	6 895	5 724	3 478	1 837	576	501	372	28 295
Infection following a procedure	no.	7 924	4 972	5 383	2 384	1 539	647	401	452	23 702
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	no.	23 349	18 991	16 764	8 214	5 518	1 733	1 751	1 255	77 575
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	no.	15 454	19 101	12 451	6 155	4 133	1 488	940	766	60 488
<b>Total (any of the above) (e)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>125 741</b>	<b>102 841</b>	<b>83 134</b>	<b>45 488</b>	<b>32 225</b>	<b>9 771</b>	<b>7 879</b>	<b>5 058</b>	<b>412 137</b>
Events per 100 separations (f)										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	Rate	2.8	2.1	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.8	1.2	2.5
Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care	Rate	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	Rate	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.6	4.5	3.7	1.9	3.3
Other external causes of adverse events	Rate	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.2
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										
Place of occurrence: Health service area	Rate	6.6	5.9	6.2	7.0	6.9	7.8	6.9	3.3	6.3

TABLE 12A.36

Table 12A.36 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	Rate	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.8
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	Rate	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5
Infection following a procedure	Rate	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	Rate	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.6	0.8	1.2
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	Rate	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.5	1.0
<b>Total (any of the above) (e)</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>

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## Number of events

## External cause of injury and poisoning

Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances

no. 54 784 39 176 33 362 18 826 12 702 3 478 2 975 1 991 167 294

Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care

no. 5 810 8 573 4 431 2 241 1 581 574 330 235 23 775

Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications

no. 62 862 52 220 47 546 23 796 16 085 5 489 4 103 3 325 215 426

Other external causes of adverse events

no. 4 679 5 662 3 337 1 590 1 579 343 458 244 17 892

## Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning

Place of occurrence: Health service area

no. 130 178 101 761 87 571 46 282 31 560 9 980 7 607 5 565 420 504

## Diagnoses

Selected post-procedural disorders

no. 15 294 14 719 11 430 5 696 4 660 1 410 999 644 54 852

Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure

no. 8 649 6 705 5 854 3 518 1 802 601 488 402 28 019

Infection following a procedure

no. 8 160 4 918 5 475 2 482 1 468 625 451 549 24 128

Complications of internal prosthetic devices

no. 25 823 19 554 18 625 8 467 5 606 1 786 1 789 1 440 83 090

Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care

no. 16 173 20 244 13 909 6 664 4 183 1 549 987 891 64 600

**Total (any of the above) (e)****no. 134 347 107 544 90 653 47 714 33 142 10 267 8 030 5 771 437 468**



TABLE 12A.36

Table 12A.36 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>
Events per 100 separations (f)										
External cause of injury and poisoning										
Adverse effects of drugs, medicaments and biological substances	Rate	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.6	1.3	2.5
Misadventures to patients during surgical and medical care	Rate	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.4
Procedures causing abnormal reactions/complications	Rate	3.3	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.7	4.4	3.6	2.1	3.3
<i>Other external causes of adverse events</i>	Rate	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
Place of occurrence of injury and poisoning										
Place of occurrence: Health service area	Rate	6.7	5.7	6.3	7.1	7.2	8.0	6.6	3.5	6.4
Diagnoses										
Selected post-procedural disorders	Rate	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.8
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure	Rate	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Infection following a procedure	Rate	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Complications of internal prosthetic devices	Rate	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	0.9	1.3
Other diagnoses of complications of medical and surgical care	Rate	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.0
<b>Total (any of the above) (e)</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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.

Table 12A.36 **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>
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(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.37

Table 12A.37 Separations for falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals, per 1000 separations, 2016-17 (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust	
									Rate	No.
Hospital sector										
Public	6.2	3.8	4.2	5.4	5.9	7.6	4.5	1.7	4.9	32 308
Private (c)	0.4	1.6	2.0	1.9	1.4	np	np	np	1.4	6 076
Indigenous status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians	2.4	2.3	1.7	1.0	1.5	2.7	2.7	1.1	1.6	831
Other Australians (d)	3.9	3.0	3.4	4.2	4.1	4.8	3.6	2.5	3.6	37 553
Remoteness area of residence (e)										
Major cities	4.0	2.8	3.4	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.7	0.6	3.6	26 961
Inner regional	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.6	4.7	2.9	–	3.5	7 262
Outer regional	3.4	3.9	2.7	4.8	3.8	4.5	3.5	2.1	3.4	3 378
Remote and Very remote	3.0	4.5	2.1	1.7	3.4	9.2	–	1.3	2.0	610
SEIFA of residence (f)										
Quintile 1—Most disadvantaged	4.0	3.0	3.9	4.0	4.5	5.4	4.1	1.2	3.7	9 004
Quintile 2	3.8	3.2	3.4	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.7	1.6	3.7	8 292
Quintile 3	3.9	3.1	3.4	3.8	3.6	4.4	3.7	2.1	3.5	7 637
Quintile 4	4.2	2.8	2.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	2.5	3.3	6 882
Quintile 5—Least disadvantaged	3.5	2.8	2.7	3.7	2.7	2.6	3.5	1.5	3.1	6 388
Total (g)	3.9	3.0	3.3	3.9	4.0	np	np	np	3.5	38 384

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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.37 **Separations for falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals, per 1000 separations, 2016-17 (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)	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 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.								

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

Source: AIHW (2017), *Admitted patient care 2015–16: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series no. 75. Cat. no. HSE 185.

TABLE 12A.38

Table 12A.38 **NSW selected sentinel events (number) (a), (b)**

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	–	–	3	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	15	18	15	9	4
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	13	18	20	9	8
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	2	2	3	3	–
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	12	3	4	2
Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium (c).	5	3	4	6	4
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.


Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.
- (b) Data for reporting periods prior to 2016-17 include events that occurred in private hospitals and day procedure centres and are therefore not comparable with data for 2016-17.
- (c) 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.39 **Victoria selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	–	–	–	1
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	9	7	4	7	7
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	6	6	6	7	7
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	1	–	1	2
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.	1	3	7	1	3
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery (b).	1	3	2	–	3
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(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.40 **Queensland selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	2	1	1	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	2	6	4	4	2
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	4	–	1	7	2
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–	1	–	–
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.	–	3	–	1	2
Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium.	1	1	2	1	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Queensland government (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.41

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

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	1	2	–	–	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	7	2	2	4	1
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	3	2	–	–	2
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.	3	1	2	1	2
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery (b).	1	1	–	–	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	2	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(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.42

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

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	–	–	1	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	1	3	2	4	1
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	5	1	5	3	4
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	1	–	–	–
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.	–	1	2	–	1
Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium.	2	–	–	2	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.


(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SA government (unpublished).

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

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
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
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	–	–	2	–	–
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>–</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1</b>

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tasmanian government (unpublished).

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

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
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	3	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>3</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

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

Source: ACT government (unpublished).

TABLE 12A.45

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

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
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	–	–	1
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 or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery (b).	–	–	1	–	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1</b>

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(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.46

Table 12A.46 **Australia selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	1	4	1	5	1
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	35	37	30	28	20
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	31	28	34	26	23
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	2	5	5	4	3
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	2	–	1	2	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	6	20	14	7	10
Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or the puerperium.	10	8	9	9	7
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	2	–	–	–
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>65</b>

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(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.47

Table 12A.47 **Proportion of people who visited a hospital emergency department (for their own health) in the last 12 months who reported that the ED doctors or specialists always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by State and Territory, by remoteness, 2017-18 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of people who visited a hospital emergency department in the last 12 months who reported that the ED doctors or specialists always or often listened carefully to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	85.7	88.4	90.9	84.6	87.7	..	81.1	..	87.3
Other (e)	%	83.4	79.8	88.7	88.4	#82.5	86.6	np	84.6	85.0
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>86.3</b>
		<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	2.1	2.1	1.1	3.1	3.0	..	3.1	..	0.7
Other (e)	%	3.8	3.7	2.5	1.5	7.3	2.5	np	3.3	1.4
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	3.5	3.6	2.0	5.1	5.2	..	4.9	..	1.2
Other (e)	±	6.2	5.8	4.3	2.6	11.8	4.2	np	5.5	2.3
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Proportion of people who visited a hospital emergency department in the last 12 months who reported that the ED doctors or specialists always or often showed respect to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	89.3	90.8	90.7	86.9	90.1	..	88.3	..	89.4
Other (e)	%	84.0	82.7	92.7	89.1	#85.6	88.7	np	85.8	87.3
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>88.3</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>88.6</b>
		<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	0.9	2.6	1.5	2.9	2.5	..	4.1	..	0.6
Other (c)	%	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.1	6.8	1.7	np	3.8	1.6

TABLE 12A.47

Table 12A.47 **Proportion of people who visited a hospital emergency department (for their own health) in the last 12 months who reported that the ED doctors or specialists always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by State and Territory, by remoteness, 2017-18 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>–</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	1.6	4.6	2.7	4.9	4.4	..	7.1	..	1.1
Other (e)	±	3.6	3.9	4.0	3.7	11.4	3.0	np	6.4	2.7
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>–</b>
Proportion of people who visited a hospital emergency department in the last 12 months who reported that the ED doctors or specialists always or often spent enough time with them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	83.8	84.8	84.9	77.4	84.7	..	77.5	..	83.4
Other (e)	%	81.2	81.8	86.1	85.6	#79.4	82.8	np	78.5	83.7
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>83.5</b>
		<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	1.6	2.1	2.9	2.7	2.3	..	3.6	..	1.1
Other (e)	%	3.3	4.1	3.3	2.1	9.8	2.7	np	5.0	2.0
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	2.6	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.8	..	5.5	..	1.8
Other (e)	±	5.3	6.6	5.6	3.5	15.3	4.4	np	7.7	3.3
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

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

Table 12A.47 **Proportion of people who visited a hospital emergency department (for their own health) in the last 12 months who reported that the ED doctors or specialists always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by State and Territory, by remoteness, 2017-18 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(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)	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.									
(d)	Crude rates.									
(e)	Includes inner and outer regional, remote and very remote areas.									
(f)	Excludes didn't see any doctors or specialists.									
#	Proportion has a margin of error >10 percentage points which should be considered when using this information									
	.. Not applicable – Nil or rounded to zero. <b>np</b> Not published.									
Source:	ABS (unpublished) Patient Experience Survey 2017-18.									



TABLE 12A.48

Table 12A.48 **Proportion of people who visited a hospital emergency department (for their own health) in the last 12 months who reported that the ED nurses always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by remoteness, by State and Territory, 2017-18 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of people who visited a hospital emergency department in the last 12 months who reported that the ED nurses always or often listened carefully to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	87.5	92.6	91.7	88.5	93.9	..	89.5	..	90.4
Other (e)	%	88.8	87.6	92.9	#98.6	87.0	92.0	np	92.1	90.5
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>90.4</b>
		<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	2.6	0.9	1.9	1.9	2.8	..	3.9	..	0.9
Other (e)	%	3.4	1.7	2.3	16.1	5.1	2.0	np	–	1.7
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.9</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	4.5	1.6	3.4	3.3	5.2	..	6.8	..	1.6
Other (e)	±	5.9	2.9	4.2	31.1	8.7	3.6	np	–	3.0
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Proportion of people who visited a hospital emergency department in the last 12 months who reported that the ED nurses always or often showed respect to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	88.2	91.6	94.5	#90.5	93.0	..	92.6	..	91.3
Other (e)	%	87.3	92.0	94.5	#97.4	85.7	92.3	np	92.1	90.7
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>92.6</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>91.0</b>
		<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	2.4	0.9	1.5	9.6	2.8	..	3.9	..	0.8
Other (e)	%	2.8	2.0	1.2	1.5	5.9	1.4	np	–	1.7
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.9</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								

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	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Major cities	±	4.1	1.6	2.8	17.0	5.1	..	7.1	..	1.4
Other (e)	±	4.8	3.6	2.2	2.9	9.9	2.5	np	–	3.0
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Proportion of people who visited a hospital emergency department in the last 12 months who reported that the ED nurses always or often spent enough time with them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	85.6	88.2	90.1	86.2	89.5	..	88.4	..	87.8
Other (e)	%	86.7	85.4	88.7	#96.2	86.2	89.7	np	93.0	88.1
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>87.6</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>87.8</b>
		<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	2.8	0.9	2.9	3.2	2.8	..	4.1	..	0.8
Other (e)	%	3.4	3.2	2.5	2.3	4.8	1.4	np	3.0	2.1
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	4.7	1.6	5.1	5.4	4.9	..	7.1	..	1.4
Other (e)	±	5.8	5.4	4.3	4.3	8.1	2.5	np	5.5	3.6
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>

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	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(d) Crude rates.

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

(f) Excludes didn't see any nurses.

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TABLE 12A.49

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	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months who reported that the hospital doctors or specialists always or often listened carefully to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	91.8	92.6	92.5	89.7	92.9	..	90.5	..	92.2
Other (e)	%	87.3	90.7	89.7	82.8	87.2	90.3	np	86.5	88.8
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>91.2</b>
		<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	1.3	0.9	–	–	1.7	..	3.6	..	0.7
Other (e)	%	3.1	2.4	3.9	4.4	3.4	1.8	np	2.8	0.8
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>–</b>
		<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>								
Major cities	±	2.3	1.6	–	–	3.1	..	6.4	..	1.3
Other (e)	±	5.3	4.3	6.9	7.1	5.8	3.2	np	4.7	1.4
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>–</b>
Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months who reported that the hospital doctors or specialists always or often showed respect to them										
		<i>proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	93.1	93.7	92.3	92.2	94.3	..	89.4	..	93.2
Other (e)	%	90.2	91.3	89.7	83.9	92.5	90.2	np	86.5	90.9
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>92.5</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>92.5</b>
		<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>								
Major cities	%	1.3	0.9	1.0	–	0.9	..	3.1	..	–
Other (e)	%	2.6	1.4	4.2	4.4	3.7	1.0	np	4.0	–
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>

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	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>										
Major cities	±	2.4	1.7	1.8	–	1.7	..	5.4	..	–
Other (e)	±	4.6	2.5	7.4	7.2	6.7	1.8	np	6.8	–
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months who reported that the hospital doctors or specialists always or often spent enough time with them										
<i>proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	89.2	87.9	89.7	86.2	93.0	..	77.1	..	88.3
Other (e)	%	84.9	89.5	84.6	85.1	88.2	86.8	np	84.3	87.2
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>88.0</b>
<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	1.3	0.7	1.8	3.5	1.7	..	5.1	..	1.0
Other (e)	%	4.4	3.6	5.0	4.0	3.1	2.2	np	3.4	1.5
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>										
Major cities	±	2.3	1.2	3.2	5.9	3.1	..	7.7	..	1.7
Other (e)	±	7.3	6.3	8.3	6.7	5.4	3.7	np	5.6	2.6
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>

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	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(d) Crude rates.

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

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

# Proportion has a margin of error >10 percentage points which should be considered when using this information

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TABLE 12A.50

Table 12A.50 **Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital (for their own health) in the last 12 months who reported that the hospital nurses always or often: listened carefully, showed respect, and spent enough time with them, by State and Territory, by remoteness, 2017-18 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months who reported that the hospital nurses always or often listened carefully to them										
<i>proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	92.9	92.3	90.7	91.6	95.1	..	89.9	..	92.0
Other (e)	%	89.7	91.8	92.7	#94.7	86.0	94.5	np	94.1	91.9
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>92.1</b>
<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	0.0	0.9	2.6	2.5	1.7	..	3.3	..	1.0
Other (e)	%	2.6	2.4	1.9	3.2	3.9	1.4	np	1.8	–
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>										
Major cities	±	0.0	1.6	4.6	4.5	3.2	..	5.8	..	1.8
Other (e)	±	4.6	4.3	3.5	5.9	6.6	2.6	np	3.3	–
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months who reported that the hospital nurses always or often showed respect to them										
<i>proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	93.5	92.6	92.3	91.6	95.9	..	94.5	..	93.0
Other (e)	%	91.0	95.4	#94.2	#92.8	93.3	94.1	np	93.5	92.8
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>92.9</b>
<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	–	–	2.6	1.2	–	..	2.1	..	0.7
Other (e)	%	3.3	1.9	12.7	6.9	2.7	1.7	np	3.1	0.8
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>										
Major cities	±	–	–	4.7	2.2	–	..	3.9	..	1.3

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	<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other (e)	±	5.9	3.6	23.4	12.6	4.9	3.1	np	5.7	1.5
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Proportion of people who were admitted to hospital in the last 12 months who reported that the hospital nurses always or often spent enough time with them										
<i>proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	89.3	89.1	89.9	91.1	91.4	..	85.5	..	89.9
Other (e)	%	88.9	92.8	90.6	90.4	87.9	92.3	np	95.1	90.2
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>90.1</b>
<i>relative standard error of proportion</i>										
Major cities	%	1.4	1.5	2.8	1.7	2.2	..	3.8	..	0.9
Other (e)	%	3.8	1.4	1.9	4.9	5.2	2.0	np	1.2	0.8
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<i>95 per cent confidence interval</i>										
Major cities	±	2.5	2.6	4.9	3.0	3.9	..	6.4	..	1.6
Other (e)	±	6.6	2.5	3.4	8.7	9.0	3.6	np	2.2	1.4
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>±</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>

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<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)</i>	<i>NT (b)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(d) Crude rates.

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

(f) Excludes didn't see any nurses.

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TABLE 12A.51

Table 12A.51 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>
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
Appendectomy	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
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
Appendectomy	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

TABLE 12A.51

Table 12A.51 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>
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	–	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
2015-16										
Surgical procedure prior to separation										
Knee replacement	19.5	19.3	31.4	23.3	27.5	36.4	9.4	55.6	23.1	279
Hip replacement	17.3	19.1	20.0	21.9	20.9	39.0	–	23.8	19.2	176
Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	27.1	23.9	56.7	53.7	52.3	46.0	30.6	85.7	34.7	746
Hysterectomy	38.3	25.9	35.0	42.9	33.6	36.3	48.8	51.5	33.4	319
Prostatectomy	23.6	20.7	42.3	40.4	29.2	10.5	27.8	37.0	26.5	174
Cataract surgery	2.7	2.8	4.6	1.6	2.6	8.8	2.0	6.6	3.2	176
Appendicectomy	18.8	19.3	20.2	32.5	34.1	35.0	12.2	43.3	20.9	562
2016-17										
Surgical procedure prior to separation										
Knee replacement	20.5	19.4	32.6	19.6	24.3	44.9	3.6	45.5	23.2	304
Hip replacement	16.1	16.9	27.3	16.8	13.6	39.9	4.0	33.3	18.6	185
Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	35.8	28.1	58.9	57.2	42.7	56.6	31.7	104.7	39.8	901

TABLE 12A.51

Table 12A.51 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>
Hysterectomy	27.9	29.1	45.7	30.8	27.5	46.0	25.4	57.1	33.1	307
Prostatectomy	24.8	17.0	31.6	23.9	14.0	11.2	30.0	93.8	22.5	151
Cataract surgery	2.7	2.4	5.7	1.7	3.7	4.3	2.9	5.1	3.1	183
Appendicectomy	24.4	19.6	23.5	27.9	24.0	29.9	23.3	50.4	23.3	613

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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.
- (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.
- .. Not applicable – Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

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

Table 12A.52 **Unplanned hospital readmission rates, by Indigenous status, hospital peer group, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD quintiles, 2016-17 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
<b>Knee replacement</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	23.3	74
Public acute group A hospitals	27.0	181
Public acute group B hospitals	19.8	42
Other hospitals	6.5	7
Indigenous status (d)		
Indigenous	21.5	6
Other Australians	23.3	298
Remoteness of residence (e)		
Major cities	19.5	144
Inner regional	28.0	104
Outer regional	29.8	53
Remote & Very remote	14.2	3
SEIFA of residence (f)		
Quintile 1—Most disadvantaged	25.5	106
Quintile 2	22.9	81
Quintile 3	23.6	60
Quintile 4	24.3	43
Quintile 5—Least disadvantaged	13.0	14
<b>Hip replacement</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	20.7	62
Public acute group A hospitals	19.8	96
Public acute group B hospitals	15.0	20
Other hospitals	9.2	7
Indigenous status (d)		
Indigenous	63.8	9
Other Australians	18.0	176
Remoteness of residence (e)		
Major cities	16.6	93
Inner regional	19.6	56
Outer regional	26.5	35
Remote & Very remote	7.2	1
SEIFA of residence (f)		
Quintile 1—Most disadvantaged	18.2	51
Quintile 2	20.2	52
Quintile 3	16.1	31
Quintile 4	21.2	32
Quintile 5—Least disadvantaged	17.4	19

Table 12A.52 **Unplanned hospital readmission rates, by Indigenous status, hospital peer group, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD quintiles, 2016-17 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
<b>Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	54.8	452
Public acute group A hospitals	41.9	359
Public acute group B hospitals	20.8	56
Other hospitals	11.0	34
Indigenous status (d)		
Indigenous	45.4	87
Other Australians	39.3	814
Remoteness of residence (e)		
Major cities	43.4	574
Inner regional	32.8	194
Outer regional	36.8	110
Remote & Very remote	48.4	21
SEIFA of residence (f)		
Quintile 1—Most disadvantaged	39.1	257
Quintile 2	39.6	233
Quintile 3	38.5	173
Quintile 4	42.2	149
Quintile 5—Least disadvantaged	41.8	87
<b>Hysterectomy</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	29.5	112
Public acute group A hospitals	39.6	134
Public acute group B hospitals	37.4	48
Other hospitals	16.0	13
Indigenous status (d)		
Indigenous	52.0	21
Other Australians	32.3	286
Remoteness of residence (e)		
Major cities	31.9	177
Inner regional	36.5	86
Outer regional	29.8	35
Remote & Very remote	50.6	9
SEIFA of residence (f)		
Quintile 1—Most disadvantaged	32.3	87
Quintile 2	32.3	73
Quintile 3	31.6	61
Quintile 4	41.6	61
Quintile 5—Least disadvantaged	27.8	25

Table 12A.52 **Unplanned hospital readmission rates, by Indigenous status, hospital peer group, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD quintiles, 2016-17 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
<b>Prostatectomy</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	29.1	59
Public acute group A hospitals	23.1	78
Public acute group B hospitals	6.8	4
Other hospitals	13.9	10
Indigenous status (d)		
Indigenous	39.6	4
Other Australians	22.2	147
Remoteness of residence (e)		
Major cities	21.2	85
Inner regional	25.4	44
Outer regional	21.3	18
Remote & Very remote	39.2	4.0
SEIFA of residence (f)		
Quintile 1—Most disadvantaged	18.8	37
Quintile 2	21.5	36
Quintile 3	27.1	37
Quintile 4	27.4	29
Quintile 5—Least disadvantaged	19.0	12
<b>Cataract surgery</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	5.0	58
Public acute group A hospitals	3.1	42
Public acute group B hospitals	3.0	29
Other hospitals	2.3	54
Indigenous status (d)		
Indigenous	5.3	8
Other Australians	3.1	175
Remoteness of residence (e)		
Major cities	3.6	117
Inner regional	1.6	25
Outer regional	3.7	34
Remote & Very remote	4.4	7
SEIFA of residence (f)		
Quintile 1—Most disadvantaged	3.5	65
Quintile 2	3.2	50
Quintile 3	2.1	24
Quintile 4	3.1	26
Quintile 5—Least disadvantaged	3.8	18

Table 12A.52 **Unplanned hospital readmission rates, by Indigenous status, hospital peer group, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD quintiles, 2016-17 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
<b>Appendicectomy</b>		
Hospital peer group		
Principal referral and Women's and children's hospitals	23.7	242
Public acute group A hospitals	22.3	258
Public acute group B hospitals	25.4	100
Other hospitals	22.5	13
Indigenous status (d)		
Indigenous	32.6	35
Other Australians	22.9	578
Remoteness of residence (e)		
Major cities	22.7	397
Inner regional	25.0	140
Outer regional	26.2	63
Remote & Very remote	22.8	11
SEIFA of residence (f)		
Quintile 1—Most disadvantaged	23.6	145
Quintile 2	21.4	120
Quintile 3	25.4	129
Quintile 4	25.5	127
Quintile 5—Least disadvantaged	21.9	90

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- (a) This indicator is limited to public hospitals.
- (b) Cells have been suppressed to protect confidentiality where the presentation could identify a patient or service provider or where rates are likely to be highly volatile, for example, where the denominator is very small. See the Data Quality Statement for further details.
- (c) Total rates and numbers for Australia do not include WA.
- (d) Other Australians' includes separations for non-Indigenous people and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

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



TABLE 12A.53

Table 12A.53 **Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group and remoteness area (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</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>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
<b>Nurses (registered and enrolled) in workforce</b>											
<b>Major cities</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>176 797</b>	<b>176 286</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>213 669</b>	<b>220 210</b>	<b>225 614</b>	<b>230 750</b>	<b>237 999</b>	<b>245 825</b>	<b>252 609</b>
<b>Inner regional</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>56 742</b>	<b>59 076</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>59 342</b>	<b>56 716</b>	<b>57 522</b>	<b>58 141</b>	<b>59 024</b>	<b>60 195</b>	<b>61 803</b>
<b>Outer regional</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>25 342</b>	<b>26 404</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>26 115</b>	<b>26 657</b>	<b>26 896</b>	<b>27 012</b>	<b>26 600</b>	<b>27 202</b>	<b>27 564</b>
<b>Remote and very remote</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 680</b>	<b>6 579</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>7 064</b>	<b>7 334</b>	<b>7 098</b>	<b>7 127</b>	<b>6 765</b>	<b>6 851</b>	<b>6 988</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>282 968</b>	<b>291 246</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>306 414</b>	<b>311 176</b>	<b>317 988</b>	<b>323 711</b>	<b>330 569</b>	<b>340 252</b>	<b>349 156</b>
Proportion of Nurses aged under 30											
Major cities	%	15.0	14.7	na	16.5	16.6	17.4	17.6	17.8	18.1	18.3
Inner regional	%	9.9	10.6	na	10.9	10.9	11.7	12.3	12.5	12.8	13.0
Outer regional	%	10.5	11.0	na	11.7	12.2	12.9	13.0	13.8	14.0	14.3
Remote and very remote	%	12.5	12.0	na	13.4	13.7	14.2	14.1	14.5	13.5	13.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>17.0</b>
Proportion of Nurses aged 30 to 39											
Major cities	%	23.5	23.4	na	22.0	21.8	21.7	21.8	22.4	23.2	24.3
Inner regional	%	19.0	19.7	na	16.7	16.5	16.7	16.7	17.0	17.7	18.8
Outer regional	%	19.3	20.4	na	17.4	17.3	17.2	17.5	17.8	18.6	19.3
Remote and very remote	%	23.0	21.5	na	20.5	19.8	20.1	20.0	20.8	20.6	21.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>22.9</b>
Proportion of Nurses aged 40 to 49											
Major cities	%	28.6	28.0	na	26.5	25.8	25.3	24.8	24.4	24.0	23.4
Inner regional	%	32.6	30.6	na	28.4	27.1	25.9	25.4	24.5	23.9	23.2
Outer regional	%	32.8	31.0	na	27.3	26.5	25.6	24.6	23.7	23.2	22.2
Remote and very remote	%	29.2	29.8	na	24.5	24.4	23.5	23.1	21.7	21.5	20.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>23.2</b>
Proportion of Nurses aged 50 to 59											
Major cities	%	25.4	25.9	na	25.8	26.0	25.5	25.2	24.5	23.6	22.6

Table 12A.53 **Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group and remoteness area (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</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>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
Inner regional	%	30.5	30.8	na	33.8	34.4	33.8	33.0	32.2	30.9	29.6
Outer regional	%	29.2	29.3	na	33.0	32.6	32.2	32.1	31.3	30.1	29.1
Remote and very remote	%	27.4	28.8	na	31.5	30.9	30.6	30.7	29.8	29.8	29.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>24.5</b>
Proportion of Nurses aged 60+											
Major cities	%	7.4	7.9	na	9.2	9.8	10.1	10.5	10.8	11.1	11.3
Inner regional	%	7.9	8.4	na	10.3	11.1	11.9	12.7	13.8	14.7	15.4
Outer regional	%	8.1	8.3	na	10.7	11.3	12.1	12.7	13.6	14.1	15.0
Remote and very remote	%	7.9	8.0	na	10.2	11.1	11.6	12.1	13.3	14.7	15.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.4</b>

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (a) No data collected for 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.54

Table 12A.54 Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group, 2017 (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.	72 417	71 647	48 783	28 677	25 196	..	5 889	..	252 609
Inner regional	no.	20 247	18 996	11 880	2 393	1 677	6 600	7	..	61 803
Outer regional	no.	4 423	4 179	9 393	2 399	2 997	1 655	..	2 518	27 564
Remote and very remote	no.	403	67	1 724	1 919	800	120	..	1 905	6 988
<b>Total</b>	no.	<b>97 490</b>	<b>94 889</b>	<b>71 780</b>	<b>35 388</b>	<b>30 670</b>	<b>8 375</b>	<b>5 896</b>	<b>4 423</b>	<b>349 156</b>
Nurses aged under 30										
Major cities	%	18.2	20.0	18.3	17.5	14.9	..	17.2	..	18.3
Inner regional	%	11.0	14.5	14.2	9.9	8.9	15.1	28.6	..	13.0
Outer regional	%	11.3	13.6	15.2	13.8	12.8	11.5	..	21.9	14.3
Remote and very remote	%	17.9	7.5	15.9	12.5	13.6	9.2	..	13.0	13.7
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>16.4</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>
Nurses aged 30 to 39										
Major cities	%	24.4	25.5	23.4	23.7	22.8	..	27.1	..	24.3
Inner regional	%	18.7	19.1	18.6	20.5	15.0	19.0	28.6	..	18.8
Outer regional	%	16.9	16.8	20.8	19.6	15.6	14.6	..	29.4	19.3
Remote and very remote	%	15.6	28.4	18.4	22.9	17.3	17.5	..	24.7	21.2
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>22.8</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>22.9</b>
Nurses aged 40 to 49										
Major cities	%	22.5	22.7	25.1	24.1	23.9	..	24.0	..	23.4
Inner regional	%	22.5	23.0	24.4	25.6	24.0	22.5	–	..	23.2
Outer regional	%	20.0	20.3	24.5	23.6	22.6	20.7	..	20.3	22.2
Remote and very remote	%	19.6	20.9	20.5	21.3	20.0	15.0	..	20.0	20.4
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>22.4</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>23.2</b>
Nurses aged 50 to 59										
Major cities	%	22.2	21.0	23.2	23.7	26.7	..	21.2	..	22.6

TABLE 12A.54

Table 12A.54 **Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group, 2017 (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>
Inner regional	%	30.2	28.9	28.9	29.0	34.8	29.8	42.9	..	29.6
Outer regional	%	31.8	32.5	26.7	27.8	33.0	36.7	..	19.1	29.1
Remote and very remote	%	28.3	31.3	29.2	28.6	32.9	27.5	..	27.4	29.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>24.5</b>
Nurses aged 60+										
Major cities	%	12.6	10.8	10.0	11.0	11.7	..	10.4	..	11.3
Inner regional	%	17.6	14.4	14.0	15.1	17.3	13.5	–	..	15.4
Outer regional	%	20.0	16.8	12.8	15.2	16.0	16.5	..	9.3	15.0
Remote and very remote	%	18.6	11.9	16.0	14.7	16.3	30.8	..	14.9	15.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>12.4</b>

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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'.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

TABLE 12A.55

Table 12A.55 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group and remoteness area (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</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>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
<b>Medical practitioners in workforce</b>											
Major cities	no.	52 639	56 655	na	64 430	64 641	66 774	69 046	71 520	74 277	71 520
Inner regional	no.	8 686	9 258	na	11 106	11 029	11 388	11 899	12 289	12 737	12 289
Outer regional	no.	3 516	3 924	na	4 649	4 964	4 988	5 281	5 254	5 442	5 254
Remote and very remote	no.	867	1 095	na	1 221	1 197	1 219	1 270	1 225	1 291	1 225
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>70 193</b>	<b>74 260</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>81 751</b>	<b>81 910</b>	<b>84 613</b>	<b>87 693</b>	<b>90 407</b>	<b>93 852</b>	<b>90 407</b>
Medical practitioners under 30											
Major cities	%	10.8	10.6	na	10.7	9.6	10.1	10.1	9.9	10.1	9.9
Inner regional	%	8.1	8.8	na	9.3	7.8	9.1	9.0	8.7	9.2	8.7
Outer regional	%	8.0	10.3	na	11.0	9.1	9.5	9.5	9.3	10.6	9.3
Remote and very remote	%	5.9	15.5	na	8.9	9.6	10.0	8.8	7.8	6.7	7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>9.7</b>
Medical practitioners aged 30 to 39											
Major cities	%	27.2	27.1	na	29.1	28.2	27.9	27.8	27.9	27.9	27.9
Inner regional	%	22.2	22.7	na	25.6	26.1	25.8	26.7	26.6	27.1	26.6
Outer regional	%	26.8	24.4	na	27.8	28.2	28.1	29.0	29.4	30.2	29.4
Remote and very remote	%	30.0	30.5	na	29.2	26.3	27.2	28.7	29.1	29.2	29.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>27.8</b>
Medical practitioners aged 40 to 49											
Major cities	%	26.0	26.0	na	23.9	24.6	24.3	24.3	24.4	24.5	24.4
Inner regional	%	27.7	27.1	na	25.4	25.4	25.3	24.7	25.3	25.2	25.3
Outer regional	%	28.1	28.0	na	26.1	26.9	26.2	26.0	26.3	24.9	26.3
Remote and very remote	%	32.4	27.9	na	25.4	27.0	25.4	25.6	24.1	23.4	24.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>24.6</b>
Medical practitioners aged 50 to 59											
Major cities	%	20.5	20.5	na	20.1	20.7	20.5	20.4	20.2	19.8	20.2
Inner regional	%	26.7	25.6	na	23.7	23.9	23.1	22.4	21.9	21.0	21.9

Table 12A.55 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group and remoteness area (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</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>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
Outer regional	%	22.5	23.2	na	21.0	21.1	21.2	20.0	19.2	19.3	19.2
Remote and very remote	%	19.4	14.2	na	20.7	21.4	20.4	20.7	21.7	22.5	21.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>20.4</b>
Medical practitioners aged 60+											
Major cities	%	15.5	15.8	na	16.2	16.9	17.2	17.4	17.5	17.8	17.5
Inner regional	%	15.2	15.9	na	15.9	16.9	16.7	17.2	17.5	17.5	17.5
Outer regional	%	14.6	14.0	na	14.1	14.6	15.0	15.4	15.8	15.1	15.8
Remote and very remote	%	12.3	11.8	na	15.9	15.7	16.9	16.1	17.4	18.3	17.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.4</b>

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Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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.56

Table 12A.56 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group, 2017 (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>										
<b>Major cties</b>	no.	23 877	19 054	12 838	7 849	6 127	–	1 775	–	71 520
<b>Inner regional</b>	no.	4 274	2 977	2 638	506	271	1 622	–	–	12 289
<b>Outer regional</b>	no.	632	482	2 267	430	393	322	..	728	5 254
<b>Remote and very remote</b>	no.	48	8	274	383	79	15	..	411	1 225
<b>Total</b>	no.	28 831	22 521	18 017	9 168	6 870	1 959	1 775	1 139	90 407
Medical practitioners under 30										
Major cties	%	9.4	10.9	9.2	10.7	9.9	..	8.3	..	9.9
Inner regional	%	7.9	8.8	9.8	6.1	4.8	10.5	–	..	8.7
Outer regional	%	5.2	7.9	11.4	6.7	6.6	5.6	..	11.8	9.3
Remote and very remote	%	2.1	–	10.2	5.7	7.6	–	..	9.2	7.8
<b>Total</b>	%	9.1	10.5	9.6	10.1	9.5	9.6	8.3	10.9	9.7
Medical practitioners aged 30 to 39										
Major cties	%	26.4	28.4	28.6	30.6	27.3	..	27.7	..	27.9
Inner regional	%	25.7	29.6	27.4	24.1	25.5	23.1	–	..	26.6
Outer regional	%	21.5	27.4	30.4	27.0	29.0	24.2	..	38.2	29.4
Remote and very remote	%	22.9	12.5	26.3	29.0	19.0	13.3	..	34.8	29.1
<b>Total</b>	%	26.2	28.5	28.6	30.0	27.2	23.2	27.7	37.0	27.8
Medical practitioners aged 40 to 49										
Major cties	%	24.1	23.2	26.1	25.3	24.5	..	25.3	..	24.4
Inner regional	%	25.0	24.6	26.1	29.6	22.9	25.2	–	..	25.3
Outer regional	%	29.4	24.7	25.6	31.9	26.0	26.7	..	23.8	26.3
Remote and very remote	%	33.3	37.5	22.3	25.3	19.0	40.0	..	23.1	24.1
<b>Total</b>	%	24.4	23.4	25.9	25.9	24.5	25.6	25.3	23.5	24.6
Medical practitioners aged 50 to 59										
Major cties	%	20.2	20.0	20.9	19.1	20.7	–	22.5	..	20.2
Inner regional	%	21.7	21.9	20.9	23.9	25.5	23.1	–	..	21.9

TABLE 12A.56

Table 12A.56 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group, 2017 (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>
Outer regional	%	22.0	17.0	19.6	17.2	21.4	22.4	..	15.5	19.2
Remote and very remote	%	14.6	25.0	23.0	24.5	26.6	26.7	..	18.0	21.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>20.4</b>
Medical practitioners aged 60+										
Major cities	%	19.9	17.6	15.2	14.3	17.6	..	16.2	..	17.5
Inner regional	%	19.8	15.1	15.8	16.2	21.4	18.1	–	..	17.5
Outer regional	%	21.8	23.0	13.0	17.2	17.0	21.1	..	10.7	15.8
Remote and very remote	%	27.1	25.0	18.2	15.4	27.8	20.0	..	14.8	17.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>17.4</b>

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Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(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'.

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

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



**Table 12A.57 Average cost per admitted acute separation (weighted/non-weighted), excluding depreciation (2016-17 dollars) (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>
Separations										
2016-17	'000	1 590	1 607	1 308	509	377	117	109	157	5 773
2015-16	'000	1 568	1 424	1 204	505	349	112	102	146	5 409
2014-15	'000	1 534	1 437	1 155	470	346	112	97	131	5 283
2013-14	'000	1 495	1 329	1 042	497	343	107	94	123	5 029
2012-13	'000	1 377	1 266	995	495	341	103	90	117	4 786
Average cost per separation										
2016-17	\$	5 255	4 456	4 793	6 164	5 787	5 644	5 736	3 811	5 020
2015-16	\$	5 539	4 515	4 761	5 993	6 183	5 539	6 347	3 933	5 152
2014-15	\$	5 525	4 513	4 914	6 117	6 531	5 560	7 001	4 407	5 235
2013-14	\$	5 601	4 551	5 119	5 935	6 526	5 492	7 155	4 692	5 324
2012-13	\$	5 829	4 662	5 340	5 535	6 257	5 675	7 018	4 189	5 397
Weighted separations										
2016-17	'000	1 715	1 553	1 269	499	402	129	111	95	5 773
2015-16	'000	1 727	1 346	1 150	496	380	120	105	85	5 409
2014-15	'000	1 655	1 372	1 112	457	386	118	100	82	5 283
2013-14	'000	1 582	1 276	1 024	484	375	114	95	78	5 029
2012-13	'000	1 487	1 212	974	468	372	106	92	74	4 786
Average cost per weighted separation										
2016-17	\$	4 870	4 613	4 941	6 280	5 420	5 138	5 598	6 321	5 020
2015-16	\$	5 028	4 777	4 983	6 102	5 678	5 159	6 152	6 740	5 152
2014-15	\$	5 122	4 726	5 104	6 294	5 846	5 267	6 790	7 072	5 235
2013-14	\$	5 291	4 740	5 207	6 090	5 959	5 187	7 059	7 360	5 324
2012-13	\$	5 396	4 871	5 458	5 859	5 735	5 531	6 854	6 617	5 397

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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. Ar-DRG version 9 has been used for calculation of all cost weights.
- (b) The scope of admitted activity includes: (a) Episodes admitted in the current or prior financial year and separated in the current year; and (b) Care type 1 Acute admitted and Care type 7 Newborn. The same criteria have been applied to all 5 years for consistency.

Source: IHPA (unpublished), National Hospital Cost Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.58

Table 12A.58 **Indicative estimates of capital costs per weighted separation, 2016-17 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Land										
Asset value at 30 June	\$m	2 247	1 631	803	347	213	36	32	36	5 347
User cost of capital	\$m	180	130	64	28	17	3	3	3	428
Weighted separations	'000	1 715	1 553	1 269	499	402	129	111	95	5 773
Cost per weighted separation	\$	105	84	51	56	42	23	23	30	74
Buildings										
Asset value at 30 June	\$m	11 300	6 743	10 318	3 903	1 858	639	832	683	36 275
User cost of capital	\$m	904	539	825	312	149	51	67	55	2902
Annual depreciation	\$m	469	431	281	129	98	24	19	35	1486
Weighted separations	'000	1 715	1 553	1 269	499	402	129	111	95	5 773
Cost per weighted separation	\$	800	625	872	884	612	581	767	951	760
Equipment										
Asset value at 30 June	\$m	1 172	4 717	1 377	404	108	46	82	28	7 933
User cost of capital	\$m	94	377	110	32	9	4	7	2	635
Annual depreciation	\$m	202	314	121	81	30	10	24	5	786
Weighted separations	'000	1 715	1 553	1 269	499	402	129	111	95	5 773
Cost per weighted separation	\$	172	445	182	227	95	104	278	82	246
Interest payments	\$m	3.0	196.1	15.3	15.0	1.0	–	–	–	230.5
Interest payments per weighted separation	\$	1.8	126.3	12.1	30.0	2.6	–	0.2	–	39.9
Total capital cost (excl. land) per weighted separation (e)	\$	971	944	1 042	1 081	704	685	1 045	1 032	966

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (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.

Table 12A.58 **Indicative estimates of capital costs per weighted separation, 2016-17 (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(d)	Queensland data for 2016-17 show a marked increase in asset values and depreciation due to the inclusion of all public acute hospitals (with the exception of public psychiatric hospitals). Therefore, 2016-17 data for Queensland represent a break in the time series and are not comparable to previous years.									
(e)	Total capital cost per weighted separation excludes interest costs.									
	– Nil or rounded to zero.									

*Source:* State and Territory governments (unpublished); IHPA (unpublished), National Hospital Cost Data Collection.

TABLE 12A.59

Table 12A.59 **Average cost per acute emergency department presentation (admitted and non-admitted), excluding depreciation (2016-17 dollars) (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>
Hospitals										
2016-17	no.	74	38	100	28	14	4	2	5	265
2015-16	no.	73	36	53	29	13	4	2	5	215
2014-15	no.	73	38	35	29	13	4	2	5	199
2013-14	no.	59	37	107	30	13	4	2	5	257
2012-13	no.	53	38	126	28	13	15	2	5	280
Emergency department presentations (non-admitted)										
2016-17	no.	1 803 376	1 066 716	1 275 053	546 512	326 375	112 904	97 416	100 617	5 328 969
2015-16	no.	1 760 496	1 007 873	1 147 558	565 588	308 453	111 436	95 414	99 197	5 096 015
2014-15	no.	1 642 215	1 048 690	1 012 423	546 157	306 830	112 669	94 337	99 921	4 863 242
2013-14	no.	1 477 995	1 042 580	1 315 334	567 176	311 208	112 362	91 688	106 012	5 024 355
2012-13	no.	1 406 475	1 052 995	1 259 350	445 390	303 983	128 800	87 763	107 759	4 792 515
Expenditure (non-admitted)										
2016-17	\$m	969.6	457.7	646.9	338.4	171.8	53.0	52.6	56.0	2 745.9
2015-16	\$m	918.2	415.4	608.5	336.4	161.7	46.0	54.7	50.4	2 591.2
2014-15	\$m	616.4	423.2	546.6	305.4	153.9	45.1	54.9	51.7	2 197.3
2013-14	\$m	584.2	419.0	684.1	310.1	163.2	45.7	59.6	41.9	2 307.8
2012-13	\$m	627.1	435.2	646.3	238.2	142.3	55.3	57.7	62.8	2 264.8
Average cost per emergency department presentation (non-admitted)										
2016-17	\$	538	429	507	619	526	469	540	557	515
2015-16	\$	522	412	530	595	524	413	573	508	508
2014-15	\$	375	404	540	559	502	401	582	518	452
2013-14	\$	395	402	520	547	524	407	650	395	459
2012-13	\$	446	413	513	535	468	430	657	583	473
Emergency department presentations (admitted)										
2016-17	no.	680 405	608 072	567 333	173 637	160 321	43 848	46 367	53 370	2 333 353

Table 12A.59 **Average cost per acute emergency department presentation (admitted and non-admitted), excluding depreciation (2016-17 dollars) (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>
2015-16	no.	638 451	521 761	509 976	173 560	152 577	40 239	39 996	49 209	2 125 769
2014-15	no.	605 868	508 591	443 366	193 894	140 446	37 662	35 573	42 262	2 007 662
2013-14	no.	566 106	459 154	413 042	199 402	134 491	36 126	34 212	39 121	1 881 654
2012-13	no.	548 094	417 355	316 463	182 192	133 275	31 755	31 209	37 687	1 698 030
Expenditure (admitted)										
2016-17	\$m	601.2	545.3	519.7	233.7	139.6	58.1	48.6	47.2	2 193.3
2015-16	\$m	601.5	475.9	475.0	206.3	137.4	50.4	57.7	43.6	2 047.8
2014-15	\$m	672.4	447.2	430.9	173.9	121.8	47.8	56.6	40.2	1 990.9
2013-14	\$m	650.4	427.1	395.5	152.8	120.1	43.3	50.9	25.1	1 865.3
2012-13	\$m	651.5	383.9	317.7	147.9	110.1	35.1	47.0	30.7	1 723.8
Average cost per emergency department presentation (admitted)										
2016-17	\$	884	897	916	1 346	871	1 325	1 049	884	940
2015-16	\$	942	912	931	1 189	900	1 253	1 443	885	963
2014-15	\$	1 110	879	972	897	867	1 270	1 590	952	992
2013-14	\$	1 149	930	958	766	893	1 198	1 489	641	991
2012-13	\$	1 189	920	1 004	812	826	1 104	1 505	815	1 015

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Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

(a) The scope of emergency department activity includes presentations that commenced in the current or prior financial year and finished in the current year.

Source: IHPA (unpublished), National Hospital Cost Data Collection.

Table 12A.60 **Relative stay index, indirectly standardised, patients in public hospitals, by medical, surgical and other type of diagnosis related group 2016-17 (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	1.03	0.92	0.83	0.90	1.02	1.03	0.98	1.04	0.95
Surgical	1.09	0.95	0.92	0.90	1.06	0.99	1.08	1.30	1.00
Other	1.12	0.97	0.98	0.96	1.20	0.96	1.12	1.16	1.03
<b>All public hospitals</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>0.97</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 (2018), *Admitted patient care 2016–17: Australian hospital statistics*, Health services series no. 84. Cat. no. HSE 201.

TABLE 12A.61

Table 12A.61 **Average cost per service event (non-admitted), excluding depreciation, (2016-17 dollars) (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>
Hospitals										
2016-17	no.	95	42	74	32	19	4	2	5	273
2015-16	no.	92	42	63	34	15	4	2	5	257
2014-15	no.	93	49	65	35	15	4	2	5	268
2013-14	no.	84	38	182	34	na	4	2	5	349
2012-13	no.	57	39	144	33	na	11	2	5	291
Service events										
2016-17	no.	6 499 358	2 985 416	4 434 466	1 809 449	1 400 719	378 446	794 503	290 172	18 592 529
2015-16	no.	6 724 759	2 945 777	3 167 135	1 843 459	1 373 108	457 905	1 083 234	223 059	17 818 436
2014-15	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
2013-14	no.	5 962 346	2 183 997	4 773 114	1 641 224	na	262 236	972 269	215 080	16 010 266
2012-13	no.	3 318 642	2 140 444	4 628 166	1 618 021	na	463 980	963 644	256 656	13 389 553
Expenditure										
2016-17	\$m	1 400.8	1 017.0	1 438.5	632.9	561.3	112.3	223.0	143.9	5 529.8
2015-16	\$m	1 443.7	982.0	1 072.3	631.0	547.8	145.7	291.2	138.1	5 251.9
2014-15	\$m	1 327.5	724.2	1 182.4	499.5	487.0	65.9	249.2	96.2	4 632.0
2013-14	\$m	1 325.8	642.0	1 810.7	574.1	na	88.0	252.4	111.0	4 804.1
2012-13	\$m	919.2	628.0	1 855.8	488.9	na	133.9	237.4	112.5	4 375.6
Average cost per service event										
2016-17	\$	216	341	324	350	401	297	281	496	297
2015-16	\$	215	333	339	342	399	318	269	619	295
2014-15	\$	201	279	342	310	353	245	235	447	269
2013-14	\$	222	294	379	350	na	336	260	516	300
2012-13	\$	277	293	401	302	na	289	246	438	327

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Table 12A.61 **Average cost per service event (non-admitted), excluding depreciation, (2016-17 dollars) (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>
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(a) Data were not available for SA for the periods 2012-13 and 2013-14.

**na** Not available.

*Source:* IHPA (unpublished), National Hospital Cost Data Collection.