

# National Healthcare Agreement: P21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2010

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Short name:</b>	Treatment rates for mental illness, 2010
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	394710
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 08/06/2011
<b>Description:</b>	Proportion of population receiving clinical mental health services.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement (2010)</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 08/06/2011
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Primary and Community Health</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/07/2010
<b>Data quality statement:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement: P21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2010 QS</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 08/06/2011

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Computation:</b>	100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)  Calculated separately for public, private and Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) funded services.  Rates are directly age-standardised to the Australian population as at 30 June 2001.
<b>Numerator:</b>	Number of people receiving clinical mental health services

**Numerator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Person—person identifier

**Data Source**

[Private Mental Health Alliance Centralised Data Management Service](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Person—person identifier

**Data Source**

[State/territory community mental health care data](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—government funding identifier, Medicare card number N\(11\)](#)

**Data Source**

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Denominator:**

Population

**Denominator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Person—estimated resident population of Australia

**Data Source**

[ABS Estimated resident population \(total population\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Census-based plus administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Person—estimated resident population of Australia

**Data Source**

[ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections \(2001 Census-based\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Census-based plus administrative by-product data

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Person (address)—Australian postcode

**Data Source**

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data  
Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness area and SEIFA of residence

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Person—age

**Data Source**

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier

**Data Source**

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#### Data Element / Data Set

##### Data Element

Person—age

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#### Data Element / Data Set

##### Data Element

Person—area of usual residence

##### Data Source

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#### Data Element / Data Set

##### Data Element

Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier

##### Data Source

[State/territory community mental health care data](#)

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#### Comments:

Specified disaggregation:

Public: Nationally and by state/territory (of establishment): by 10 year age group, Indigenous status, remoteness area, and SEIFA of residence.

Private: Nationally and by state/territory (of establishment): by 10 year age group, Indigenous status, remoteness area, and SEIFA of residence.

MBS: Nationally and by state/territory (of patient's residence): by 10 year age group, Indigenous status, remoteness area, and SEIFA of residence.

Available disaggregation:

Public: Nationally and by state/territory (of establishment): by 10 year age group, Indigenous status, remoteness area, and SEIFA of residence.

Private: Nationally and by state/territory (of establishment): by 10 year age group, remoteness area, and SEIFA of residence.

MBS: Nationally and by state/territory (of patient's residence): by 10 year age group, remoteness area, and SEIFA of residence.

Data for 2008-09 will be available by June 2010.

Most recent data available for 2010 CRC baseline report: 2007-08

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Percentage

**Data type:** Real

**Unit of measure:** Person

**Format:** N[NN].N

## Indicator conceptual framework

**Framework and dimensions:** [Accessibility](#)

## Data source attributes

**Data sources:**

**Data Source**

[ABS Estimated resident population \(total population\)](#)

**Frequency**

Quarterly

**Data quality statement**

[ABS Estimated resident population \(total population\), QS](#)

**Data custodian**

Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Data Source**

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

**Frequency**

Annually

**Data custodian**

Department of Health

**Data Source**

[ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections \(2001 Census-based\)](#)

**Frequency**

Periodic

**Data quality statement**

[ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections, QS](#)

**Data custodian**

Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Data Source**

[Private Mental Health Alliance Centralised Data Management Service](#)

**Frequency**

Annual

**Data custodian**

Private Mental Health Alliance

**Data Source**

[State/territory community mental health care data](#)

**Frequency**

Annual

**Data custodian**

State/territory health authorities

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Healthcare Agreement

**Organisation responsible for providing data:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Further data development / collection required:** Specification: Proxy

A small number of persons receiving mental health treatment are not captured in the proposed data sources. These include:

- individuals receiving only admitted and/or residential services from state and territory public sector specialised mental health services
- individuals receiving mental health services (other than as admitted patients in private hospitals) funded through the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), other third party funders (e.g. transport accident insurers, workers compensation insurers, crime compensation) or out of pocket sources.

Further work will be undertaken to extend the coverage to DVA-funded activities and to public sector admitted and residential services. The potential to include non-admitted services funded by third party funders and out-of-pocket sources will be explored but is not likely to be feasible in the short term.

Non-duplicated person count. To estimate the number receiving 'one or more' mental health services from administrative data, a non-duplicated person count would be required (e.g. through inclusion of a unique identifier or statistical linkage key or similar).

Ability to identify persons treated. People who are assessed for a mental health service but do not go on to be treated for a mental illness are included in the data submissions of a number of jurisdictions to the Community mental health care (CMHC) NMDS. It is proposed that work is undertaken to amend the data definitions in the CMHC NMDS to allow the identification of people who are assessed but not treated.

Indigenous identification needs improvement in each of the administrative datasets used in this measure.

**Other issues caveats:** There is likely to be considerable overlap between the MBS data and the private hospital data, as most patients accessing private hospital services would access MBS items in association with the private hospital service. There is also likely to be some double counting of consumers receiving public and MBS-funded services.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: P1 21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2011](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P28-Public sector community mental health services, 2010](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P29-Private sector mental health services, 2010](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P32-Proportion of people with mental illness with GP care plans, 2010](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011