

National Healthcare Agreement: P46-Rates of services: Outpatient occasions of service, 2010

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Output measure
Short name:	Rates of Services: Outpatient occasions of service, 2010
METEOR identifier:	395091
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 08/06/2011
Description:	Number of hospital outpatient occasions of service per 1,000 population.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2010) Health , Superseded 08/06/2011
Outcome area:	Hospital and Related Care Health , Standard 07/07/2010 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: P46-Rates of services: Outpatient occasions of service, 2010 QS Health , Superseded 08/06/2011

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	Limited to public hospitals only. Crude rates of service (age of patient is not available). Occasions of service for diagnostic imaging, pathology and pharmacy excluded as different counting methods apply to these categories, and methods vary by state and territory. <u>Outpatient</u> : A patient who does not undergo a hospital's formal admission process, excluding patients receiving services through emergency departments, community health settings, and other outreach. <u>Outpatient occasion of service</u> : An interaction between one or more health care professionals with one or more non-admitted patients, for assessment, consultation and/or treatment intended to be unbroken in time. A service event means that a dated entry is made in the patient/client's medical record. Presented per 1,000 population.
Computation:	$1,000 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$
Numerator:	Number of outpatient occasions of service in hospitals

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—number of group session occasions of service for non-admitted patients \(dialysis\), total N\[NNNNN\]](#)

Data Source

[National Public Hospital Establishment Database \(NPHEd\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—number of individual session occasions of service for non-admitted patients \(mental health\), total N\[NNNNNN\]](#)

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Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—number of individual session occasions of service for non-admitted patients \(endoscopy and related procedures\), total N\[NNNNNN\]](#)

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Guide for use

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Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—number of individual session occasions of service for non-admitted patients \(alcohol and drug\), total N\[NNNNNN\]](#)

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Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Denominator:

Total population

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

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

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(state/territory\), NNNNN](#)

Data Source

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Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data
First character of organisation identifier is the state/territory identifier

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Comments:

Specified disaggregation: State/Territory (of hospital location), by type of outpatient care.

Available disaggregation: State/Territory (of hospital location), by type of outpatient care.

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

Representational attributes

Representation class: Rate

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Episode

Format: N[NN].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:

<p>Data Source</p> <p>ABS Estimated resident population (total population)</p> <p>Frequency</p> <p>Quarterly</p> <p>Data quality statement</p> <p>ABS Estimated resident population (total population), QS</p> <p>Data custodian</p> <p>Australian Bureau of Statistics</p>

<p>Data Source</p> <p>National Public Hospital Establishment Database (NPHEd)</p> <p>Frequency</p> <p>Annual</p> <p>Data custodian</p> <p>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</p>

<p>Data Source</p> <p>ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections (2001 Census-based)</p> <p>Frequency</p> <p>Periodic</p> <p>Data quality statement</p> <p>ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections, QS</p> <p>Data custodian</p> <p>Australian Bureau of Statistics</p>
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Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

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

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Interim - data development is required around scope and coverage.

There is the possibility that the National Outpatient Care Database (NOCD) will include patient-level data at some stage in the future, which would allow disaggregation by age, sex, Indigenous status, remoteness area, SEIFA of residence etc. However, the coverage of the NOCD is currently limited to the larger public hospitals in Peer Groups A and B, accounting for 72% of outpatient occasions of service reported for selected clinic types in public hospitals in the NPHEd. Therefore the NPHEd is currently the preferred data source for this indicator.

Other issues caveats:

Outpatient care categories: allied health, dental, dialysis, drug and alcohol, endoscopy, mental health, other medical/surgical/obstetric.

The number of outpatient occasions of service can be affected by the variation in admission practices and policies among providers and over time.

Interpretation of rates for jurisdictions should take into consideration variations in counting practices and cross-border flows.

Note: flu clinics not included in 2007–08.

Examine issues around private patients (including in public outpatient settings, private outpatient settings and private specialists).

Clarification may be required as to whether diagnostic imaging, pathology and pharmacy services should be included in future.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: P146-Rates of services: Outpatient occasions of service, 2011](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P25-Specialist services claimed through Medicare, 2010](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2010](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P45-Rates of services: Overnight separations, 2010](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P47-Rates of services: Non-acute care separations, 2010](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P48-Rates of services: Hospital procedures, 2010](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P60-Access to services by type of service compared to need, 2010](#)

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