Specialised mental health service—number of service contacts, total NNNNNN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of service contacts |
| METEOR identifier: | 427098 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2013 |
| Definition: | The total number of service contacts provided to individual patients or clients by an  [**ambulatory mental health care service**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/409081). |
| Data Element Concept: | [Specialised mental health service—number of service contacts](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/427096) |
| Value Domain: | [Total contacts NNNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/427129) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | NNNNNN | |
| Maximum character length: | 6 | |
| Unit of measure: | Service contact | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The total number of mental health service contacts is reported by ambulatory mental health care service units to the Mental Health Establishments NMDS. The total should be a count of contacts at the service unit level, regardless of the registration status of the client.  Each patient or client attending a group contact should be counted individually. For example, ten consumers in a group contact equates to ten contacts. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Specialised mental health service—number of service contacts provided to clients by an ambulatory mental health care service, total contacts NNNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/494401)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/02/2013  See also [Mental health service contact](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/493304)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/01/2021  See also [Mental health service contact](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/727358)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/01/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 06/12/2023  See also [Mental health service contact](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/286670)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2013 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Mental health establishments NMDS 2012-13](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/468195)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2012  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2013 |