Specialised mental health service—number of service contacts provided to clients by an ambulatory mental health care service, total contacts NNNNNN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of service contacts |
| METEOR identifier: | 494401 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/02/2013 |
| Definition: | The total number of service contacts provided to individual patients or clients by an ambulatory mental health care service. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Specialised mental health service—number of service contacts provided to clients by an ambulatory mental health care service](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/494399) |
| 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: | Supersedes [Specialised mental health service—number of service contacts, total NNNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/427098)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2013  See also [Mental health service contact](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/493304)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/01/2021  See also [Mental health service contact](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/286670)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2013  See also [Mental health service contact](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/727358)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12),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 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Mental health establishments NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/493652)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/03/2014  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/546889)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/11/2014  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2014 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2015-16](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/565661)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 04/09/2015  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2016  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/605829)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/08/2017  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2017–18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/645723)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2018–19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/677892)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/707557)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/01/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/722168)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/01/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2021–22](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/727352)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/12/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2022–23](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/742046)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/12/2022  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2023–24](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/756103)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2024–25](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775628)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2024  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025 |