

# National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: After-hours GP attendances, 2012–13

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Short name:</b>	After-hours GP attendances, 2012–13
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	547176
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
<b>Description:</b>	The number of after-hours GP-attendances per person per year.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Health Performance Authority: Healthy Communities: 2011–</a> <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Population group age from:</b>	All Ages
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**Computation description:** GP after-hours attendances are Medicare benefit-funded after-hours patient/doctor encounters, such as visits and consultations, for which the patient has not been referred by another doctor. They include urgent and non-urgent non-referred attendances.

Relevant non-referred Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items used in this indicator are:

For urgent attendances after hours, all items in MBS Group A11 (Urgent attendance after hours).

For non-urgent attendances after hours, all items in MBS Groups A22 (General practitioner attendances to which no other item applies) and A23 (other non-referred after hours attendances to which no other item applies).

Rates directly age-standardised to the 2001 Australian population.

Total services (attendances/visits – source MBS claims data).

Total Estimated Resident Population (ERP) as supplied by the ABS.

In undertaking age standardisation of MBS data, the age of each person was determined from the last MBS service of any type, processed by the Department of Human Services in 2012–13. All MBS services for each individual processed in 2012–13, were attributed to the age in question.

For MBS data, Medicare Local and SA3 were determined having regard to the enrolment postcode for each person from the last MBS service of any type, processed by the Department of Human Services in 2012–13. All MBS services for each individual processed in 2012–13, were attributed to the postcode in question.

MBS postcode level data were allocated to Medicare Local and SA3 regions using concordance files provided by ABS.

Numerator based on Medicare (MBS) data provided by Department of Health for the financial year of processing, 2012–13.

Denominator data – Estimated Resident Population at 30 June 2012 provided by ABS.

Presented per person.

Before MBS data are published by NHPA all confidential data cells are suppressed.

The current definition of confidential data is as follows:

- For number of MBS services:
  - if number of services is less than 6 or
  - if number of services is equal to or greater than 6 but
    - one provider provides more than 85% of services or two providers provide more than 90% of services or
    - one patient receives more than 85% of services or two patients receive more than 90% of services.
- If data on number of services is confidential, corresponding data on other measures such as MBS benefit paid is also regarded as confidential.

**Computation:** (Numerator ÷ Denominator)

Number of after-hours GP attendances per person (crude and age-standardised)

After-hours GP attendances 2012–13

After-hours GP attendances, age standardised 2012–13

After-hours GP attendances variation within Medicare Locals 2012–13

After-hours GP attendances variation within Medicare Locals, age standardised 2012–13

**Numerator:** Number of after-hours GP attendances claimed through the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

**Numerator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

**Data Source**

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

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)

**Data Source**

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

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—General Practitioner MBS out of hours health assessment indicator, yes/no code N](#)

**Data Source**

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

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data.  
A count of Yes's is used for the numerator.

**Denominator:**

Total estimated resident population (ERP) of Australia at 30 June 2012

**Denominator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—estimated resident population of Australia, total people N\[N\(7\)\]](#)

**Data Source**

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

**Guide for use**

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

**Disaggregation:**

By Medicare Local catchments, Medicare Local peer groups and Statistical Area 3 (SA3)

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Address—statistical area, level 3 \(SA3\) code \(ASGS 2011\) NNNNN](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Administrative health region—Medicare Local identifier, code AANNN](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Administrative health region—Medicare Local peer group, code N](#)

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Rate  
**Data type:** Real  
**Unit of measure:** Person  
**Format:** NNNN.N

## Indicator conceptual framework

**Framework and dimensions:** [PAF-Equity of access](#)

## 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

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Health Performance Authority-Performance & Accountability Framework  
**Organisation responsible for providing data:** For MBS data Department of Health.  
For ERP data Australian Bureau of Statistics.  
**Accountability:** National Health Performance Authority

**Further data development /** Specification: Long-term  
**collection required:**

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** NHPA

**Origin:** Healthy Communities

**Reference documents:** National Health Performance Authority-Performance & Accountability Framework

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: After-hours GP attendances, 2013–14](#)  
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016