

# National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Cost per National Weighted Activity Unit (NWAU), 2015

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
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<b>Short name:</b>	Cost per NWAU
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	602613
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a>, Retired 01/07/2016</li></ul>
<b>Description:</b>	Cost per NWAU, developed by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA), measures the costs of acute admitted patients against a common unit of activity, termed the National Weighted Activity Unit (NWAU).
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Health Performance Authority: Hospital performance: 2011-16 National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Hospital and Related Care National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/07/2010

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Computation description:</b>	All computation is done in accordance with the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority's National Efficient Price Determination 2014-15. For more information on these computation methods see <a href="http://www.ihsa.gov.au/internet/ihsa/publishing.nsf/Content/npm-tech-spec-2014-15-html">http://www.ihsa.gov.au/internet/ihsa/publishing.nsf/Content/npm-tech-spec-2014-15-html</a>	
<b>Computation:</b>	In-scope costs ÷ Total NWAU	
<b>Denominator:</b>	Indicator: National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Total National Weighted Activity Unit, 2011-12  Total National Weighted Activity Units (NWAU), developed by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA), measures total hospital activity using a common unit of activity, termed NWAU.  For the specification of this indicator see; <a href="#">/content/index.phtml/itemId/602624</a>	
<b>Disaggregation:</b>	Hospital	
<b>Disaggregation data elements:</b>	<table border="1"><tr><td><b>Data Element / Data Set</b>  <a href="#">Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN</a></td></tr></table>	<b>Data Element / Data Set</b>  <a href="#">Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN</a>
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**Comments:** Cost per NWAU, developed by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA), measures the costs incurred against a common unit of activity termed NWAU. The NWAU is the unit for counting activity used in the nationally consistent Activity Based Funding system introduced under the National Health Reform Agreement 2011 (NHRA).

The 'average' hospital service is funded by one NWAU. More intensive and expensive activities are funded by multiples of NWAUs, and simpler and less expensive activities are funded by fractions of an NWAU.

There are four funding streams:

- Emergency department (ED)
- Acute admitted
- Subacute
- Non-admitted.

The Cost per NWAU measure excludes patients whose services are not eligible for funding under the NHRA, such as patients funded by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), private sources (self-funded, privately insured) or motor vehicle accident insurance.

This indicator compares the Cost per NWAU for acute admitted patient's and does not include ED costs associated with each patients' admission.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Mean (average)  
**Data type:** Monetary amount  
**Unit of measure:** Currency  
**Format:** Presented values are rounded to the nearest \$100

## Indicator conceptual framework

**Framework and dimensions:** [PAF-Efficiency](#)

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Health Performance Authority - Performance and Accountability Framework  
**Release date:** 30/04/2015

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Health Performance Authority  
**Origin:** Hospital Performance

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Cost per National Weighted Activity Unit \(NWAU\), 2016](#)

- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016