

National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Total National Weighted Activity Unit (NWAU), 2015

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Total NWAU
METEOR identifier:	602624
Registration status:	National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Description:	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.
Indicator set:	National Health Performance Authority: Hospital performance: 2011-16 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Outcome area:	Hospital and Related Care Health , Standard 07/07/2010 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description: 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:

<http://www.ihsa.gov.au/internet/ihsa/publishing.nsf/Content/npm-tech-spec-2014-15-html>

Computation: Total NWAU for a hospital

Disaggregation: Hospital

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

Comments: 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

This measure excludes patients whose services are not eligible for Commonwealth 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.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Count
Data type: Integer
Unit of measure: Service event
Format: Presented values are rounded to the nearest integer

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: Total National Weighted Activity Unit \(NWAU\), 2016](#)
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016