

# 5.1 Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, 2013–14

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
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<b>Short name:</b>	Opioid medicines dispensing, 2013-14
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	611687
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care</a>, Standard 23/11/2016</li><li>• <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a>, Retired 01/07/2016</li></ul>
<b>Description:</b>	Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, age standardised. Data are disaggregated by the area in which the person lives.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation</a> <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care</a> , Standard 23/11/2016

## Collection and usage attributes

**Population group age from:** All ages

**Computation description:**

Presented as a number per 100,000 people, age standardised by Statistical Area Level 3.

Analysis by Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3) is based on postcode of usual residence of the patient which is based on the patient's Medicare enrolment postcode on the date the prescription was dispensed.

SA3s with a total population of less than 2,500 are excluded.

Suppression protocol for calculating age standardised rates:

Numerator	Total prescriptions dispensed less than 20 (unrounded)
Denominator	ERP for one or more five year age groups than 30

**Computation:** 100,000 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator), age standardised

For more information about age-standardisation see

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**Numerator:** Number of PBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines in 2013-14.

**Numerator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—PBS item prescribed, code NN\[NNN\]A](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14 Guide for use](#)

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

<b>PBS code</b>	<b>Description</b>
08865N, 08866P, 08867Q	BUPRENORPHINE
05063L	CODEINE
05265D, 05277R, 05278T, 05279W, 05280X, 05401G, 05402H, 05403J, 05404K, 05405L, 05406M, 05407N, 05408P, 05409Q, 05410R, 05411T, 05412W, 05437E, 05438F, 05439G, 05440H, 05441J, 08878G, 08891Y, 08892B, 08893C, 08894D	FENTANYL
05115F, 05117H, 05132D, 08420E, 08421F, 08422G, 08423H, 08424J, 08541M, 08542N, 08543P, 09299K, 09406C, 09407D, 09408E, 09409F	HYDROMORPHONE
01606M, 01609Q, 05399E, 05400F	METHADONE
01607N, 01644M, 01645N, 01646P, 01647Q, 01653B, 01654C, 01655D, 01656E, 02122Q, 02123R, 02124T, 02332R, 02839K, 02840L, 02841M, 03479D, 03480E, 04349X, 05163R, 05168B, 05169C, 05170D, 05239R, 05391R, 05392T, 05393W, 05394X, 05395Y, 05396B, 08035X, 08146R, 08305D, 08306E, 08349K, 08453X, 08454Y, 08489T, 08490W, 08491X, 08492Y, 08493B, 08494C, 08669G, 08670H	MORPHINE
02481N, 02622B, 05190E, 05191F, 05195K, 05197M, 08385H, 08386J, 08387K, 08388L, 08464L, 08501K, 08502L, 08644Y, 08681X, 09399Q, 09400R	OXYCODONE
08000C, 08934F, 08935G, 08936H	OXYCODONE + NALOXONE
01215Y, 03316M, 08785J	PARACETAMOL + CODEINE
10091D, 10092E, 10094G, 10096J, 10100N	TAPENTADOL
02527B, 03484J, 05150C, 05231H, 05232J, 08455B, 08523N, 08524P, 08525Q, 08582Q, 08611F, 08843K	TRAMADOL

**Denominator:**

Total population

**Denominator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

**Data Source**

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

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ABS Estimated resident population as at June 2001

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

**Disaggregation:**

Statistical Area Level 3, which have been derived from [Postcode—Australian \(person\)](#):

- Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3s) are geographic areas defined in the ABS Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS). The aim of SA3s is to create a standard framework for the analysis of ABS data at the regional level through clustering groups of SA2s that have similar regional characteristics. There are 333 spatial SA3s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. They are designed to provide a regional breakdown of Australia. SA3s generally have a population of between 30,000 and 130,000 people. There are approximately 50 with fewer than 30,000 people and 35 with more than 130,000 as at 30 June 2011. For further information see the ABS publication, Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 1 – Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, July 2011 (cat. no. 1270.0.55.001).

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

**NMDS / DSS**

[COMPLETE - Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) Pharmacy claim script detail](#)

**Guide for use**

Postcode is based on the patient's Medicare enrolment postcode on the date the prescription was dispensed.

GPO postcodes 2001, 2124, 3001, 4001, 5001, 6843 excluded from the SA3 analysis but included in state/territory and national level analysis.

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Used for disaggregation by Statistical Area Level 3.

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Rate
<b>Data type:</b>	Integer
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Service event
<b>Format:</b>	NN[NNNN]

## Data source attributes

**Data sources:**

<b>Data Source</b>	<a href="#">ABS Estimated resident population (total population)</a>
<b>Frequency</b>	Quarterly
<b>Quality statement</b>	<a href="#">ABS Estimated resident population (total population), QS</a>
<b>Data custodian</b>	Australian Bureau of Statistics

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** Australian Commission of Safety and Quality in Health Care's Atlas of Healthcare Variation, released November 2015

**Organisation responsible for providing data:** Department of Health

**Accountability:** Australian Commission of Safety and Quality in Health Care

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Health Performance Authority