

National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: GP attendances, 2013–14

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	GP attendances, 2013–14
METEOR identifier:	620141
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016
Description:	The average number of GP attendances per person in a year.
Indicator set:	National Health Performance Authority: Healthy Communities: 2011– National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age to: All ages

Computation description: GP attendances are Medicare benefit-funded patient/doctor encounters, such as visits and consultations, for which the patient has not been referred by another doctor. GP attendances exclude services provided by practice nurses and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners on a GP's behalf.

In terms of 'Broad Type of Service' Groups, GP attendances comprise all items in Broad Type of Service Group 'A' – GP/VRGP non-referred attendances, 'M' - Enhanced Primary Care and 'B' Non-referred other attendances as published in official MBS statistics by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health.

Rates are directly age-standardised to the 2001 Australian population. 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 2013–14. All MBS services for each individual processed in 2013–14, were attributed this age. For MBS data, Primary Health Network (PHN) and SA3 were derived from the enrolment postcode for each person from the last MBS service of any type, processed by the Department of Human Services in 2013–14. All MBS services for each individual processed in 2013–14 were attributed to this postcode. MBS postcode level data were allocated to PHN and SA3 regions using concordance files provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

SA3 level data for 2013-14 are not directly comparable to previous years due to a change in method for allocating post-office box (PO box) addresses to SA3 geographies. The change in method means that data for people with a PO box postcode recorded as their residential address may be included in SA3 totals.

Individual SA3 level data has been provided for the Northern Territory for 2013-14. Previously, this data was provided at the state level only.

Numerator data - Medicare (MBS) data provided by the Department of Health for the financial year of processing, 2013–14.

Denominator data – Estimated Resident Population at 30 June 2013 provided by ABS.

Presented as average 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 for number of services is confidential, corresponding data on other measures such as MBS benefit paid is also regarded as confidential.

Computation: (Numerator ÷ Denominator)

GP attendances

GP attendances, age standardised

For more information about age-standardisation, please see:

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Numerator: Number of non-referred (GP) attendances claimed through the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)

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 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 in the numerator.

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 \(total population\)](#)

Guide for use

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

Disaggregation:

By Primary Health Network areas

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

[ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Guide for use

Data Element / Data Set

[Administrative health region—Primary Health Network identifier, code AAANNN](#)

Comments:

Representational attributes

Representation class: Mean (average)

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:	<p>Data Source</p> <p>ABS Estimated resident population (total population)</p> <p>Frequency</p> <p>Quarterly</p> <p>Quality statement</p> <p>ABS Estimated resident population (total population), QS</p> <p>Data custodian</p> <p>Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Data Source</p> <p>ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing</p> <p>Frequency</p> <p>Every 5 years.</p> <p>Data custodian</p> <p>Australian Bureau of Statistics.</p> <p>Data Source</p> <p>Medicare (MBS) data</p> <p>Frequency</p> <p>Annually</p> <p>Data custodian</p> <p>Department of Health</p>
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Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements:	National Health Performance Authority-Performance & Accountability Framework
Organisation responsible for providing data:	Department of Health
Accountability:	National Health Performance Authority
Further data development / collection required:	Specification: Long-term
Release date:	19/11/2015

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Health Performance Authority
Origin:	Healthy Communities
Reference documents:	National Health Performance Authority-Performance and Accountability Framework

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Supersedes National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: GP attendances, 2012–13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016
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