# National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: After-hours emergency department attendances, 2013–14

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| **Metadata item type:** | Indicator |
| **Indicator type:** | Indicator |
| **Short name:** | After-hours emergency department attendances |
| **METEOR identifier:** | 635208 |
| **Registration status:** | National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| **Description:** | The number of after-hours emergency department attendances per 1,000 people per year |

## Collection and usage attributes

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| **Population group age to:** | All ages |
| **Computation description:** | Emergency department attendances include presentations to public hospital emergency departments with a Type of visit of Emergency presentation where the patient:<br>• was allocated a Triage category of 3, 4 or 5 and<br>• was not admitted to the hospital, not referred to another hospital, or did not die.<br><br>An after-hours emergency department attendance is defined as<br>• Weekdays before 8am and on or after 8pm<br>• Saturdays before 8am and on or after 1pm<br>• Sundays all day and public holidays (all national public holidays and state and territory specific public holidays are included)<br><br>Analysis by Primary Healthcare Network (PHN) and Statistical Area level 3 (SA3) is based on usual residence of person.<br><br>All data for a geographic area have been suppressed if there are:<br>• Less than 2,500 people resident in the geographic area or<br>• Less than 20 emergency department separations in the geographic area<br><br>Additional analysis was conducted to estimate the proportion of ED presentations that were missing from the reported rate for each geographic area. Results for a geographic area were suppressed if the proportion of missing presentations was >10%. Information about a geographic area was indicated to be interpreted with caution if the percentage of missing presentations in an area was 6–10%. |
| **Computation:** | (Numerator ÷ Denominator) × 1,000 |
| **Numerator:** | Number of after-hours emergency department attendances |

**Numerator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N

**Data Source**

National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database

**NMDS / DSS**

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N

**Data Source**

National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database

**NMDS / DSS**

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department, code N

**Data Source**

National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database

**NMDS / DSS**

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Denominator:**

Total estimated resident population (ERP) of Australia at 30 June 2013

**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:**

2013–14

Disaggregation by Primary Health Network (PHN) and Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3)

Some disaggretation may result in numbers too small for publication.

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

Address—statistical area, level 3 (SA3) code (ASGS 2011) NNNNN

**Data Source**

National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database

**Data Element / Data Set**

Administrative health region—Primary Health Network identifier, code AAANNN

**Data Source**

National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Rate

**Data type:** Coded category

**Unit of measure:** Service contact

## 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**

National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database

**Frequency**

Annual

**Data custodian**

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare