

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Short name:</b>	After-hours emergency department attendances
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	635208
<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>	The number of after-hours emergency department attendances per 1,000 people per year

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Population group age to:</b>	All ages
<b>Computation description:</b>	<p>Emergency department attendances include presentations to public hospital emergency departments with a Type of visit of Emergency presentation where the patient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• was allocated a Triage category of 3, 4 or 5 and</li><li>• was not admitted to the hospital, not referred to another hospital, or did not die.</li></ul> <p>An after-hours emergency department attendance is defined as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weekdays before 8am and on or after 8pm</li><li>• Saturdays before 8am and on or after 1pm</li><li>• Sundays all day and public holidays (all national public holidays and state and territory specific public holidays are included)</li></ul> <p>Analysis by Primary Healthcare Network (PHN) and Statistical Area level 3 (SA3) is based on usual residence of person.</p> <p>All data for a geographic area have been suppressed if there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Less than 2,500 people resident in the geographic area or</li><li>• Less than 20 emergency department separations in the geographic area</li></ul> <p>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 &gt;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%.</p>
<b>Computation:</b>	$(\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator}) \times 1,000$
<b>Numerator:</b>	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 disaggregation 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

**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

## Source and reference attributes