

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	In-hours GP attendances, 2013–14
METEOR identifier:	635936
Registration status:	National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Description:	The number of in-hours GP-attendances per person per year

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from: All Ages

Computation description: GP attendances represent non-referred attendances between patients and medical practitioners for the purpose of primary health care. These services correspond with the non-referred attendance broad type of services groups (A, B and M) used in MBS statistics published by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health.

In-hours GP attendances were calculated by subtracting the number of After-hours GP attendances from the total number of GP attendances. Further details on the specification for After-hours GP attendances can be found online at: </content/index.phtml/itemId/620169>

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.

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.

Computation: (Numerator ÷ Denominator)

Numerator: Number of after-hours GP attendances subtracted from the Total GP attendances claimed through the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), for the financial year of processing, 2013–14.

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 out of hours health assessment indicator, yes/no code N](#)

Data Source

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

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 Element / Data Set

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

Representational attributes

Representation class: Mean (average)

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: NNNN.N

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

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

Frequency

Annually

Data custodian

Department of Health

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Health Performance Authority-Performance & Accountability Framework

Organisation responsible for providing data: For MBS data Department of Health.

For ERP data Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Accountability: National Health Performance Authority

Release date: 28/04/2016

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Health Performance Authority

Origin: Healthy Communities

Reference documents: National Health Performance Authority-Performance & Accountability Framework