Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation: Number of lumbar spinal decompression (excluding lumbar spinal fusion) hospitalisations per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2012-13 to 2014-15

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
| Indicator type: | Indicator |
| Short name: | Lumbar spinal decompression (excluding lumbar spinal fusion) hospitalisations 18 years and over, 2012-13 to 2014-15 |
| METEOR identifier: | 640142 |
| Registration status: | [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 07/06/2017 |
| Description: | Number of lumbar spinal decompression (excluding lumbar spinal fusion) hospitalisations per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, age and sex standardised. Data are disaggregated by the area in which the person lives. |
| Indicator set: | [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/674758)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 07/06/2017 |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Population group age from: | 18 years and over |
| Computation description: | **Inclusion codes, description and additional requirement**

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| **ICD-10-AM  (7th and 8th edition) code** | **Description** | **Additional requirement** |
| M43.16 | Spondylolisthesis Lumbar region | Principal diagnosis  |
| M43.17 | Spondylolisthesis Lumbosacral region |
| M48.06 | Spinal stenosis Lumbar region |
| M48.07 | Spinal stenosis Lumbosacral region |
| M51.0 | Lumbar and other intervertebral disc disorders with myelopathy |
| M51.1 | Lumbar and other intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy |
| M51.2 | Other specified intervertebral disc displacement |
| M54.16 | Radiculopathy Lumbar region |
| M54.17 | Radiculopathy Lumbosacral region |
| M54.4 | Lumbago with sciatica |
| M54.5 | Low back pain |
| M54.86 | Other dorsalgia Lumbar region |
| M54.87 | Other dorsalgia Lumbosacral region |
| M54.96 | Dorsalgia, unspecified Lumbar region |
| M54.97 | Dorsalgia, unspecified Lumbosacral region |

**Inclusion codes, description and additional requirement**

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| **ACHI (7th and 8th edition) code** | **Description** | **Additional requirement** |
| 90024-00 [48] | Decompression of lumbar spinal canal, 1 level | Include records with at least one of the listed procedures. A record with more than one of the listed procedures is only counted once. |
| 90024-01 [48] | Decompression of lumbar spinal canal, >=2 levels |
| 40330-00 [49] | Spinal rhizolysis |
| 40303-00[51]  | Discectomy for recurrent disc lesion, 1 level |
| 40303-01[51] | Discectomy for recurrent disc lesion, 2 levels |
| 48636-00 [52] | Percutaneous lumbar discectomy |
| 40300-00 [52] | Discectomy, 1 level |
| 40300-01 [52] | Discectomy, >= 2 levels |

**Exclusion codes and description**

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| **ICD-10-AM  (7th and 8th edition) code** | **Description** |
| V00-Y89 | External causes of morbidity and mortality |
| **ACHI (7th and 8th edition) code** | **Description** |
| 40351-00 [47]  | Anterior decompression of thoracolumbar spinal cord |
| 48660-00 [1389] | Anterior spinal fusion, 1 level |
| 48669-00 [1389] | Anterior spinal fusion, >=2 levels |
| 48642-00 [1389] | Posterior spinal fusion, 1 or 2 levels |
| 48645-00 [1389] | Posterior spinal fusion, >=3 levels |
| 48648-00 [1389] | Posterolateral spinal fusion, 1 or 2 levels |
| 48651-00 [1389] | Posterolateral spinal fusion, >=3 levels |
| 48654-00 [1389] | Posterior spinal fusion with laminectomy, 1 level |
| 48657-00 [1389] | Posterior spinal fusion with laminectomy, >=2 levels |
| 48654-01 [1389] | Posterolateral spinal fusion with laminectomy, 1 level |
| 48657-01 [1389] | Posterolateral spinal fusion with laminectomy, >=2 levels |

**Exclusion codes and description:**

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| **Care type**  | **Description** |
| 7.3 | Newborn—unqualified days only  |
| 9.0 | Organ procurement—posthumous |
| 10.0 | Hospital boarder |

Presented as a number per 100,000 people.  Rates are directly age and sex standardised, to the 2001 Australian population aged 18 years and over, using age groups: 18-24, 25-29, … , 80-84, 85 and over. Indigenous and other Australian rates are directly age and sex standardised, to the 2001 Australian population aged 18 years and over, using age groups: 18-24, 25-29, … , 60-64, 65 and over. For more information about age-standardisation in general see [/content/index.phtml/itemId/327276](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327276)Analysis by Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3) is based on Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) of usual residence of the patient. Suppress data (number or rate) if at least one of the following conditions are met: the total denominator is less than 1,000the total numerator is less than 10Age and sex standardised rates are suppressed where the denominator for at least one of the age and sex groups used to calculate the rate is below 30. |
| Computation: | 100,000 × (Numerator ÷ Denominator) |
| Numerator: | Number of lumbar spinal decompression (excluding lumbar spinal fusion) hospitalisations 18 years and over.  |
| Numerator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/287007)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/466132)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Hospital service—care type, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/584408)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/466132)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Hospital service—care type, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/584408)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491555)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Hospital service—care type, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/584408)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/535047)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/287007)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491555)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/287007)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/535047)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Episode of care—principal diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 7th edn) ANN{.N[N]}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/391326)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/466132)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Episode of admitted patient care—procedure, code (ACHI 7th edn) NNNNN-NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/391349)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/466132)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Episode of admitted patient care—procedure, code (ACHI 8th edn) NNNNN-NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/514040)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491555)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Episode of admitted patient care—procedure, code (ACHI 8th edn) NNNNN-NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/514040)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/535047)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Episode of care—principal diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 8th edn) ANN{.N[N]}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/514273)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491555)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Episode of care—principal diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 8th edn) ANN{.N[N]}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/514273)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**NMDS / DSS**[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/535047)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data  |
| Denominator: | Sum of population aged 18 years and over as at 30 June 2012, 30 June 2013 and 30 June 2014. |
| Denominator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set****Data Element** Person—estimated resident population of Australia **Data Source**[ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections (2001 Census-based)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394092)**Guide for use** Data source type: Census based plus administrative by-product data. **Data Element / Data Set**[Person—estimated resident population of Australia, total people N[N(7)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/388656)**Data Source**[ABS Estimated resident population (total population)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393625)**Guide for use** Data source type: Census based plus administrative by-product data.  |
| Disaggregation: | SA3 by:Remoteness (ASGC Remoteness structure) and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD)State and territory by:Indigenous status* Patient funding status
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| Disaggregation data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2011) N(9)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/469909)**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data  |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Rate |
| Data type: | Integer |
| Unit of measure: | Episode |
| Format: | N[NNNN] |
| Data source attributes |
| Data sources: | **Data Source**[ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections (2001 Census-based)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394092)**Frequency**Periodic**Data quality statement**[ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections, QS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/449223)**Data custodian**Australian Bureau of Statistics**Data Source**[National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394352)**Frequency**Annual**Data custodian** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare **Data Source**[ABS Estimated resident population (total population)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393625)**Frequency**Quarterly**Data quality statement**[ABS Estimated resident population (total population), QS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/449216)**Data custodian**Australian Bureau of Statistics |
| Accountability attributes |
| Methodology: | 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). The scope of the NHMD is episodes of care for admitted patients in all public and private acute and psychiatric hospitals, free-standing day hospital facilities and alcohol and drug treatment centres in Australia. Hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, corrections authorities and in Australia’s off-shore territories are not in scope, but some are included.   Private hospitals include private free-standing day hospital facilities and other private hospitals (which also include private psychiatric hospitals).ACHI and ICD-10-AM 7th edition were used for 2012–13 data and ACHI and ICD-10-AM 8th edition were used for 2013–14 and 2014–15 data. |
| Reporting requirements: | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care*Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation* |
| Organisation responsible for providing data: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Accountability: | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care |
| Release date: | 07/06/2017 |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care |
| Relational attributes  |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Number of lumbar spinal decompression (excluding lumbar spinal fusion) hospitalisations per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2012-13 to 2014-15 and 2015-16 to 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/724433)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021 |