

Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation: Number of atrial fibrillation (principal diagnosis) hospitalisations per 100,000 people, 35 years and over, 2014-15

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Atrial fibrillation (principal diagnosis) hospitalisations, 35 years and over, 2014-15
METEOR identifier:	640183
Registration status:	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 07/06/2017
Description:	Number of atrial fibrillation hospitalisations per 100,000 people aged 35 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 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 07/06/2017

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	35 years and over
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Computation description: Inclusion codes, description and additional requirements

ICD-10-AM 8th edn code	Description	Additional requirements
I48.0	Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation	Principal diagnosis
I48.1	Persistent atrial fibrillation	
I48.2	Chronic atrial fibrillation	
I48.3	Typical atrial flutter	
I48.4	Atypical atrial flutter	
I48.9	Atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter, unspecified	

Care type	Description
1	Acute care

Exclusion codes and description

Mode of admission	Description
1	Admitted patient transferred from another hospital

Presented as a number per 100,000 people.

Rates are directly age- and sex- standardised, to the 2001 Australian population aged 35 years and over, using 5-year age groups: 35-39, 40-44, ... , 80-84, 85 and over.

Indigenous and other Australian rates are directly age and sex standardised, to the 2001 Australian population aged 35 years and over, using 5-year age groups: 35-39, 40-44, ... , 60-64, 65 and over.

For more information about age-standardisation in general see </content/index.phtml/itemId/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 1,000
- the total numerator is less than 20

Age 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.

$100,000 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$

Computation:

Numerator:

Number of atrial fibrillation hospitalisations, 35 years and over

Numerator data elements:**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data.

Data Element / Data Set

[Hospital service—care type, code N\[N\]](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15](#)

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\[N\]}](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15](#)

Guide for use

Data source: Administrative by-product data

Denominator:

Total population aged 35 years and over as at 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 \(2001 Census-based\)](#)

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:

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

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

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 \(2001 Census-based\)](#)

Frequency

Periodic

Data quality statement

[ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections, QS](#)

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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

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).

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

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Source and reference attributes

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