

# Community mental health care NMDS 2018–19

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 677802

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

**DSS type:** National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

**Scope:** The Community mental health care national minimum data set (CMHC NMDS) includes data about [mental health service contacts](#) provided by specialised mental health services for patients/clients, other than those admitted to psychiatric hospitals or designated psychiatric units in acute care hospitals, and those resident in 24-hour staffed specialised residential mental health services.

The scope covers all [ambulatory mental health care service](#) units that deliver clinical care and are administered or funded by state and territory governments.

The scope of the collection includes ambulatory clinical mental health care provided by service units covering all target populations and includes general adult, child and adolescent, youth, older persons and forensic community mental health service units.

The scope excludes ambulatory equivalent same-day [separations](#).

The scope excludes support services that are not specialised mental health care services (see [Specialised mental health service](#)) and services provided by non-government organisations.

The scope excludes 'in-reach' mental health service contacts, that is, service contacts provided to patients admitted to psychiatric hospitals or designated psychiatric units in acute care hospitals, and those resident in 24-hour staffed specialised residential mental health services.

The following metadata items are of particular relevance to the scope of the CMHC NMDS:

[Ambulatory mental health care service](#)

[Specialised mental health service](#)

## Collection and usage attributes

**Statistical unit:** [Mental health service contact](#)

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**Comments:**

*Glossary items*

Glossary terms that are relevant to this National minimum data set include:

[Admitted patient mental health care service](#)

[Ambulatory care](#)

[Ambulatory mental health care service](#)

[Geographic indicator](#)

[Resident](#)

[Residential mental health care service](#)

[Separation](#)

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

See also [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2018-19](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Supersedes [Community mental health care NMDS 2017–18](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

See also [Community mental health care NMDS 2018–19: National Community Mental Health Care Database, 2020; Quality Statement](#)

- [AIHW Data Quality Statements](#), Superseded 14/10/2021

Has been superseded by [Community mental health care NMDS 2019–20](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

See also [Statistical Area Level 1 of usual residence NBEDS 2018-19](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

See also [Statistical Area Level 1 of usual residence NBEDS 2019-20](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

**Metadata items in this Data Set Specification** [Show more detail](#)

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Episode of care—mental health legal status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Episode of care—principal diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 10th edn) ANN{,N[N]}</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—region identifier, X[X]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—region name, text XXX[X(57)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—sector, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—service unit cluster identifier, XXXXX</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—service unit cluster name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Mental health service contact—patient/client participation indicator, yes/no/unknown code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Mental health service contact—service contact date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Mental health service contact—service duration, total minutes NNN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Mental health service contact—session type, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—marital status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—sex, code X</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—unique identifier used indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service organisation—organisation identifier, XXXX</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service organisation—organisation name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service—ambulatory service unit identifier, XXXXXX</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service—ambulatory service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service—target population group, code N</a>	Mandatory	1