

# Available bed—residential mental health care, average number of beds N[NNN.N]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Average available beds for residential mental health patients
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	717123
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 16/01/2020</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The number of beds available in the <a href="#">specialised residential mental health services, averaged over the counting period.</a>
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Available bed—residential mental health care</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Average
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[NNN.N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	5
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Bed

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Average available beds, rounded to the nearest decimal or whole number.

## Data element attributes

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**Guide for use:** Residential mental health beds are available only if they are suitably located and equipped to provide residential mental health care and the necessary financial and human resources can be provided. Average available residential mental health beds are the average bed counts conducted during the year as required.

**Inclusions:** Both occupied and unoccupied residential mental health beds are included.

**Collection methods:**

Specialised residential mental health care services should establish clear recording and reporting practices and criteria that ensure that each available residential mental health bed is counted and that no available residential mental health bed is counted more than once.

The assessment of availability must reflect the ability of the specialised residential mental health care service to provide the necessary resources, and this can be significantly impacted by events such as a strike, clinical staff shortage, fire or renovation. This is illustrated by the following examples.

Example 1: A specialised residential mental health care service containing 20 residential mental health beds (A) is closed for several months, either for a planned renovation or in response to an unplanned event such as a fire. During this period a temporary 10 specialised residential mental health bed facility (B) is established and the necessary resources are provided. The specialised residential mental health care service would not report the residential mental health beds in facility A, but it would report the 10 residential mental health beds in facility B.

Example 2: A 20 bed specialised residential mental health service is closed during the first week of February because of a strike, but for the remaining three weeks of February it is fully staffed so that all 20 residential mental health beds can be occupied during those three weeks. The average number of residential mental health beds available for this service in February is 15.

**Comments:**

This data element is necessary to provide an indicator of the capacity of the residential service.

**Relational attributes****Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Available bed—residential mental health care, average number of beds N\[NNN.N\]](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 14/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2020–21Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

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