Mental health establishments NMDS 2020–21

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
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DSS type:	National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

Scope:

The scope of the Mental health establishments national minimum data set (MHE NMDS) is all specialised mental health services managed or funded by state or territory health authorities. The concept of a specialised mental health service is not dependent on the inclusion of the service within the state or territory mental health budget. Services funded by government from non-mental health specific budgets are considered in-scope for collection if they meet the definition of a specialised mental health service. Services funded and administered wholly by the Australian Government are considered out-of-scope for the MHE NMDS.

All services operated within the budget of a specialised mental health service organisation are considered in-scope for the MHE NMDS. These services are also expected to report client level data, that is, they are expected to report to the Community mental health care NMDS, Residential mental health care NMDS, Admitted patient care NMDS and the Mental Health National Outcomes and Casemix Collection. There are some services reporting to the MHE NMDS for which the collection of client level data is not warranted, however, these services are uncommon and any omission of client level data must be justified by jurisdictions.

Specialised mental health services are those with a primary function to provide treatment, rehabilitation or community support targeted towards people with a mental disorder or psychiatric disability. These activities are delivered from a service or facility that is readily identifiable as both ‘specialised’ and ‘serving a mental health care function’.

A service is not defined as a specialised mental health service solely because its clients include people affected by a mental illness or psychiatric disability.

The definition excludes specialist drug and alcohol services and services for people with intellectual disabilities, except where they are specifically established to assist people affected by a mental disorder who also have drug and alcohol related disorders or intellectual disability.

The services can be sub-units of hospitals that are not, themselves, specialised mental health establishments (e.g. designated psychiatric units and wards, outpatient clinics etc.).

There is a hierarchy of statistical units used within the MHE NMDS. Information is provided at each level: State/Territory; Region; Organisation; Hospital/Service unit cluster; and Service unit (Admitted patient services, Residential services and Ambulatory services). Each level has a unique set of attributes which comprise the NMDS data elements and additional supplementary information.

The statistical units are specialised mental health services. These are the specialised mental health components of the state and territory health authorities, and of regions within states and territories; specialised mental health service organisations; service units within those organisations; hospitals or service unit clusters; service units; and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals, and non-government residential service units in receipt of state or territory government funding.

Specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals and non-government residential mental health services that receive state or territory government funding are included as service units for this NMDS.

Ambulatory services managed by non-government organisations (NGOs) are not defined as statistical units for this NMDS.

The scope of the MHE NMDS is restricted to recurrent expenditure as specified by its metadata. Consequently, capital expenditure is out of scope for this collection. In determining what constitutes recurrent expenditure, data suppliers should have regard to State health authority and other authoritative guidelines as to the differentiation between ‘capital’ and ‘recurrent’ expenditure.

The scope of the MHE NMDS includes '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 residents in 24 hour staffed specialised residential mental health care services.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit:	Specialised mental health service
Collection methods:	*National reporting arrangements* State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis. *Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated* Financial years ending 30 June each year.
Implementation start date:	01/07/2020
Implementation end date:	30/06/2021

Comments:

Glossary items

Glossary terms that are relevant to this national minimum data set are included here.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health worker

Administrative and clerical staff

Admitted patient mental health care service

Ambulatory care

Ambulatory mental health care service

Average for the counting period

Diagnostic and health professional

Domestic and other staff

Enrolled nurse

Episode of residential care end

Episode of residential care start

Geographic indicator

Hospital-in-the-home care

Local hospital network

Mental health carer

Mental health carer workers

Mental health consumer

Mental health consumer workers

Mental health-funded non-government organisation

Occupational therapist

Other diagnostic and health professional

Other medical officer

Other personal care staff

Psychiatrist

Psychiatry registrar or trainee

Psychologist

Registered nurse

Resident

Residential mental health care service

Salaried medical officer

Separation

Social Worker

Visiting medical officer

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Mental health establishments NMDS 2019–20
Health, Superseded 16/01/2020

Has been superseded by Mental health establishments NMDS 2021–22
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

See also Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2019-20
Health, Superseded 17/01/2020

See also Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2020–21
Health, Superseded 23/12/2020

See also Mental Health Establishments NMDS 2020–21: National Mental Health Establishments Database, 2023; Quality Statement
AIHW Data Quality Statements, Superseded 14/02/2024

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Mental health non-government organisation payments cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Mental health non-government organisation—payments to non-government organisations, total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	18
-	Mental health non-government organisation—service type, code N[N]	Mandatory	18
-	Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)	Mandatory	1
-	Available bed—overnight stay mental health hospital-in-the-home care, average number of beds N[NNN.N]	Mandatory	1
-	Available bed—overnight-stay admitted care, average number of beds N[N(7).N]	Mandatory	1
-	Available bed—residential mental health care, average number of beds N[NNN.N]	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of residential care—number of episodes of residential care, total NNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment (mental health)—recurrent expenditure (non-salary operating costs) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment (mental health)—recurrent expenditure (total salaries and wages) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provide by private hospitals that receive state and territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—accrued mental health care days, total N[N(7)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health worker), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (administrative and clerical staff), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (diagnostic and health professionals), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (domestic and other staff), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (enrolled nurses), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (mental health carer workers), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1

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-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (mental health consumer and carer workers), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (mental health consumer workers), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (nurses), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (occupational therapists), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (other diagnostic and health professionals), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (other medical officers), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (other personal care staff), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (psychiatrists), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (psychiatry registrars and trainees), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information: Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.		
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (psychologists), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (registered nurses), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (salaried medical officers), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (social workers), average NNNN.NN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—Local Hospital Network identifier, code NNN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—number of separations (financial year), total N[NNNNN]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (administrative expenses) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information: Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provide by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.		
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (Department of Veterans' Affairs funded), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (depreciation) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (domestic services) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1

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-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (drug supplies) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (food supplies) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (interest payments) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (medical and surgical supplies) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (other Commonwealth Government funded expenditure), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (other patient revenue funded expenditure), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (other recurrent expenditure) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (other revenue funded expenditure), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1

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-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (other state or territory funded expenditure), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (patient transport cost) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (recoveries funded expenditure), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (repairs and maintenance) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health workers) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (administrative and clerical staff) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (domestic and other staff) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (enrolled nurses) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1

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-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (mental health carer workers) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (mental health consumer workers) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (occupational therapists) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (other diagnostic and health professionals) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (other medical officers) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (other personal care staff) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (psychiatrists) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (psychiatry registrars and trainees)(financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1

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-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (psychologists) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (registered nurses) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (salaries and wages) (social workers) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (state or territory health authority funded), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (superannuation employer contributions) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent expenditure (visiting medical officer payments) (financial year), total Australian currency N[N(8)] ***DSS specific information:*** Reporting of this data element is not compulsory for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding. However, these services are still encouraged to report this data where available.	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—region identifier, X[X]	Mandatory	1

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-	Establishment—region name, text XXX[X(57)]	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information: Mental health data collections are hierarchical in nature. An identical reporting structure, including region name, should be common between all mental health collections, including the Mental health establishments (MHE), Community mental health care (CMHC) and Residential mental health care (RMHC) NMDSs, the Mental Health National Outcomes and Casemix collection and any future mental health collections.		
-	Establishment—sector, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—service unit cluster identifier, XXXXX	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—service unit cluster name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
-	Hospital—hospital identifier, XXXXX	Mandatory	1
-	Hospital—hospital name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—carer representation arrangements indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—consumer committee representation arrangements, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—consumer representation arrangements indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—organisation identifier, XXXX	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—organisation name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—service delivery setting, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—use of formal complaints mechanism for carer participation arrangements indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—use of formal complaints mechanism for consumer participation arrangements indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—use of formal participation policy for carer participation arrangements indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—use of formal participation policy for consumer participation arrangements indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—use of regular carer experience surveys for carer participation arrangements indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—use of regular consumer experience surveys for consumer participation arrangements indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—use of regular discussion groups for carer participation arrangements indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service organisation—use of regular discussion groups for consumer participation arrangements indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service unit—implementation of National Standards for Mental Health Services status, code N	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information: Data should be reported against the National Standards for Mental Health Services 2010.		
-	Specialised mental health service—admitted patient care program type, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—admitted patient service unit identifier, XXXXXX	Mandatory	1

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-	Specialised mental health service—admitted patient service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—ambulatory service unit identifier, XXXXXX	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—ambulatory service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—co-location with acute care hospital, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—non-government non-profit indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—number of clients receiving services from an ambulatory mental health care service, total clients NNNNNN ***DSS specific information:*** The total number of service contacts provided by an ambulatory mental health care service includes '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 residents in 24 hour staffed specialised residential mental health care services.	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—number of hours staffed, average hours N[N]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—number of service contacts provided to clients by an ambulatory mental health care service, total contacts NNNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residential service unit identifier, XXXXXX	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residential service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (academic positions), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (education and training), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (insurance), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (Mental Health Act Regulation or related legislation), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (mental health promotion), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (mental health research), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (other indirect expenditure), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (patient transport services), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (program administration), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (property leasing costs), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (service development), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (superannuation), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (support services), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (workers compensation), total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Specialised mental health service—supported mental health housing places, total NNNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Specialised mental health service—target population group, code N	Mandatory	4
-	State or Territory Government—mental health services payments to non-government organisations by non-health departments, total Australian currency N[N(8)]	Mandatory	1