

# Person—number of visits to doctor or health professional, total NN

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to [info@aihw.gov.au](mailto:info@aihw.gov.au).

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at [meteor@aihw.gov.au](mailto:meteor@aihw.gov.au).

# Person—number of visits to doctor or health professional, total NN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Number of visits to doctor or health professional
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	734543
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 09/12/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	The number of discrete contacts a person has with a doctor or health care professional, including in-person visits and remote contacts, expressed as the total number.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—number of visits to doctor or health professional</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total number NN</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Count	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	NN	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element attributes

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Person—self-assessed mental health status, K10 score code N](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [K10 Screening Scale for Psychological Distress last 4 weeks cluster](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

***Conditional obligation:***

Conditional on there being no CODE 1, "none of the time" responses to [Person—self-assessed mental health status, symptom frequency scale code N](#), recording questions 1-10 of the K10+ survey.

***DSS specific information:***

This data element collects a count of the total number of visits a person has made to a doctor or health professional regarding their feelings in the last 4 weeks.

This data element represents question 13 of the K10+ survey and asks:

13. In the past 4 weeks, how many times have you seen a doctor or any other health professional about these feelings?

Permissible values include: 00-89 for 0-89 visits

i.e., single digits should be expressed with a leading zero.

Supplementary values include: 99 for Not stated/missing.