

Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	748282
Registration status:	Health , Standard 09/12/2022
Definition:	A code set representing the severity of psychiatric symptoms of an individual aged 18 to 64 years.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0	No problems within the period stated
	1	Minor problem requiring no action
	2	Mild problem but definitely present
	3	Moderately severe problem
	4	Severe to very severe problem
Supplementary values:	7	Not stated/Missing
	9	Unable to rate because not known or not applicable to the consumer

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The Health of the Nation Outcome Scale (HoNOS) is used to rate adult mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.

HoNOS is answered on an item-specific anchored 5-point scoring scale which is used to score and thereby determine the scale of the individual psychiatric symptoms outlined in the HoNOS. Higher scores indicate problems of greater severity. The psychiatric symptom scales are assigned a value between 0 and 4, with supplementary values of 7 and 9 where a value cannot be assigned due to it being not stated, missing or unable to be rated for other reasons. The twelve scales are as follows:

1. Behavioural disturbance
2. Non-accidental self injury
3. Problem drinking or drug use
4. Cognitive problems
5. Problems related to physical illness or disability
6. Problems associated with hallucinations and delusions
7. Problems associated with depressive symptoms
8. Other mental and behavioural problems
9. Problems with social or supportive relationships
10. Problems with activities of daily living
11. Overall problems with living conditions
12. Problems with work and leisure activities and the quality of the daytime environment.

The sum of the individual scores of each of the scales (excluding supplementary values 7: Not stated/Missing and 9: Unable to rate because not known or not applicable to the consumer) represents the total HoNOS score. The total HoNOS score ranges from 0 to 48, and represents the overall severity of an individual's psychiatric symptoms.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N Health](#), Superseded 20/12/2022
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2020

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022