

Factsheet

Public hospitals (Chapter 10)

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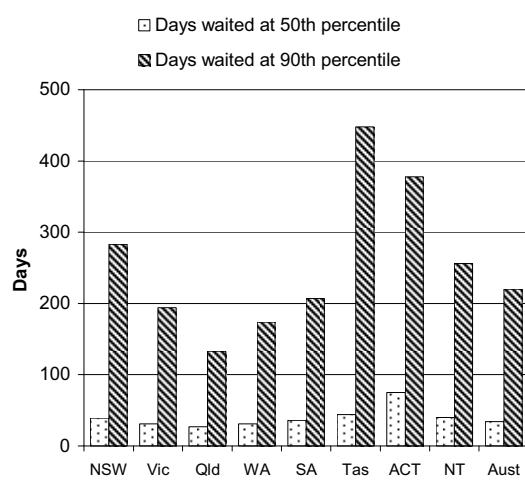
- This chapter reports on the performance of states' and territories' public hospitals, with a focus on acute care services.
- Total recurrent expenditure on public hospitals (excluding depreciation) was \$31.3 billion in 2008-09 (p. 10.5).
- There were 56 478 available beds for admitted patients in public hospitals in 2008-09 (table 10A.4).
- Australian public (non-psychiatric) hospitals provided 4.9 million separations in 2008-09, equal to 218.8 separations per 1000 people (p. 10.10).

Objectives of public hospitals

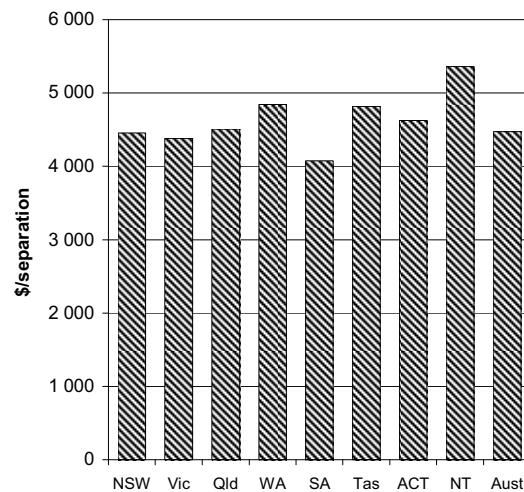
- The common government objectives for public hospitals are to provide acute and specialist services that are:
 - safe and of high quality
 - appropriate and responsive to individual needs
 - affordable, timely and accessible
 - equitably and efficiently delivered.

Selection of results

Elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, 2008-09^a
(p. 10.31)



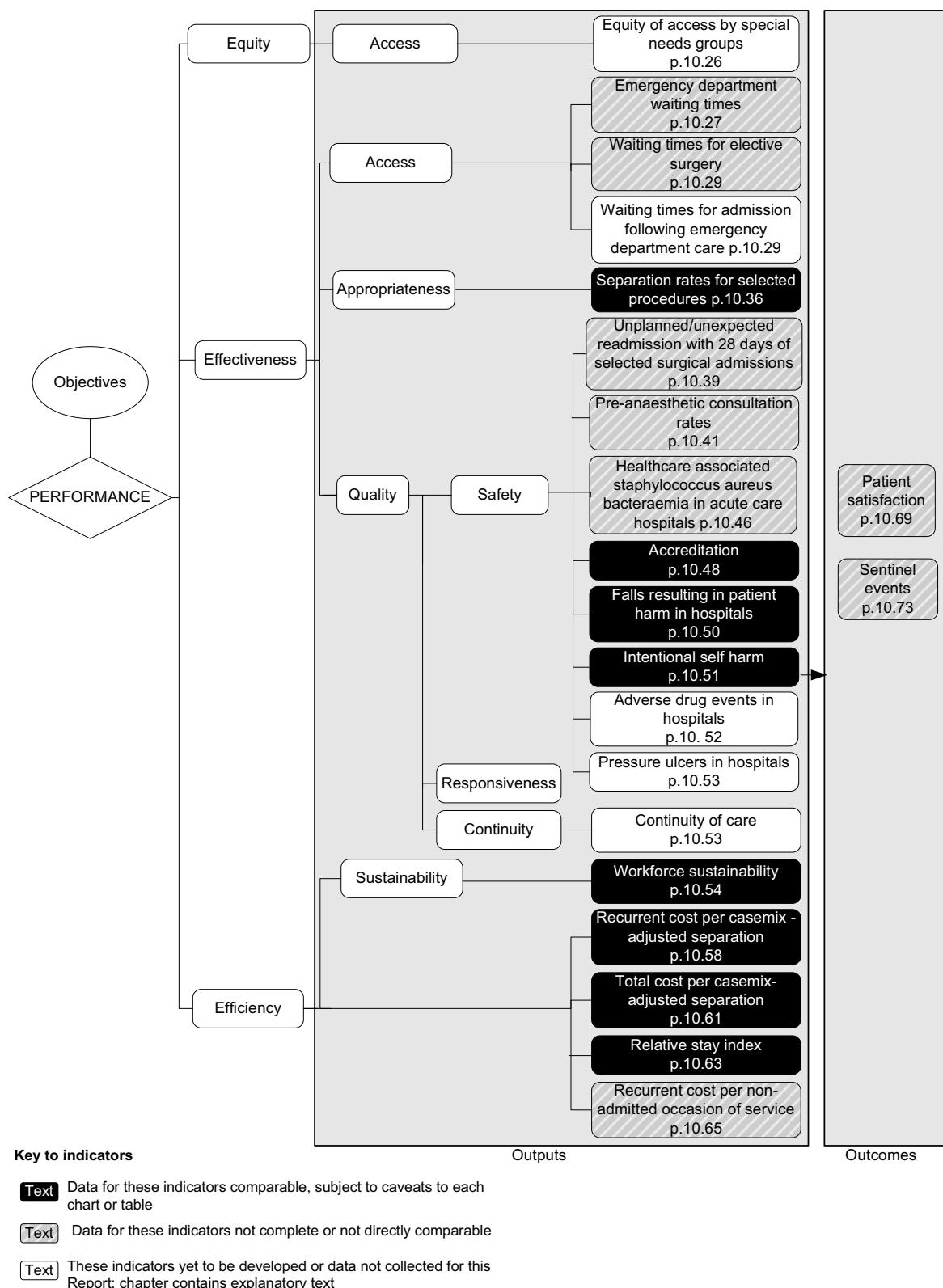
Recurrent cost per casemix-adjusted separation, public hospitals, 2008-09^a (p. 10.59)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2011). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

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Performance indicators for Public hospitals (figure 10.13, p. 10.25)



Key to indicators

[Text] Data for these indicators comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table

[Text] Data for these indicators not complete or not directly comparable

[Text] These indicators yet to be developed or data not collected for this Report: chapter contains explanatory text

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Developments in reporting since the 2010 Report

- Inclusion of the following measures to align this Report with National Healthcare Agreement and National Indigenous Reform Agreement indicators:
 - ‘unplanned/unexpected readmissions within 28 days of selected surgical admissions’ has replaced the ‘unplanned readmission rates’ indicator
 - ‘healthcare associated staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia in acute care hospitals’ has replaced the ‘surgical site infection rates’ indicator
 - an indicator for ‘falls resulting in patient harm in hospitals’ has been included
 - an indicator for ‘intentional self harm in hospitals’ has been included.
- the ‘patient satisfaction’ indicator now includes information previously reported on responsiveness under the output indicator ‘patient satisfaction surveys’
- the definition of two of the sentinel event categories has been improved, which in turn has led to better data comparability across jurisdictions for this measure
- inclusion of some ‘data quality information’ documentation.

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