

# 10A Public hospitals — attachment

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Table 10A.1

Table 10A.1 **Recurrent expenditure, public hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals), current prices, (\$ million) (a), (b)**

	NSW (c)	Vic	Qld (d)	WA (e)	SA	Tas (f)	ACT	NT (g)	Aust
2004-05									
Salary and wages	4 777	3 657	1 994	1 299	1 020	271	228	181	13 428
Non-salary	3 073	2 117	1 279	730	680	188	161	101	8 329
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 850</b>	<b>5 774</b>	<b>3 274</b>	<b>2 029</b>	<b>1 701</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>21 758</b>
2005-06									
Salary and wages	5 294	3 884	2 378	1 410	1 134	317	254	216	14 888
Non-salary	3 284	2 340	1 449	782	731	236	169	113	9 103
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 578</b>	<b>6 224</b>	<b>3 827</b>	<b>2 192</b>	<b>1 865</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>23 991</b>
2006-07									
Salary and wages	5 602	4 234	2 832	1 654	1 232	349	271	237	16 410
Non-salary	3 530	2 482	1 607	931	752	257	194	126	9 879
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 133</b>	<b>6 716</b>	<b>4 439</b>	<b>2 585</b>	<b>1 984</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>26 290</b>
2007-08									
Salary and wages	5 817	4 636	3 317	1 879	1 376	348	311	251	17 935
Non-salary	3 863	2 684	1 827	1 024	950	279	211	135	10 973
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 680</b>	<b>7 319</b>	<b>5 144</b>	<b>2 903</b>	<b>2 326</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>28 908</b>
2008-09									
Salary and wages	6 253	5 013	3 736	2 134	1 507	407	355	288	19 695
Non-salary	3 956	2 899	2 018	1 124	960	286	231	154	11 628
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 209</b>	<b>7 912</b>	<b>5 755</b>	<b>3 258</b>	<b>2 467</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>31 323</b>

(a) Expenditure data exclude depreciation.

(b) Recurrent expenditure on the purchase of public hospitals services at the State, or area health service-level, from privately owned and/or operated hospitals is excluded.

(c) NSW hospital expenditure recorded against special purposes and trust funds is excluded.

(d) Queensland pathology services were purchased from a statewide pathology service rather than being provided by hospital employees.

(e) In WA, expenditure on public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses is included from 2006-07 figures but not in those for previous years.

(f) For both 2004-05 and 2005-06 data for one hospital are not included.

(g) Interest payments for the NT were not reported

Source: AIHW various years, *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series, AIHW Cat. nos HSE 41, 50, 55, 71 and 84, Canberra.

Table 10A.2

Table 10A.2 Recurrent expenditure, public hospitals, by source of funding, 2008-09 (a), (b)

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (c)	NT	Aust
Total expenditure									
Government \$'000	10 161 889	6 957 685	6 121 375	3 129 403	2 548 648	709 553	678 331	468 474	30 775 359
Non-government \$'000	1 032 320	815 288	353 386	226 085	130 336	60 264	15 753	13 576	2 647 010
Expenditure per person									
Government \$ per person	1 443.2	1 296.9	1 407.4	1 419.8	1 581.0	1 418.3	na	2 113.3	1 421.9
Non-government \$ per person	146.6	152.0	81.2	102.6	80.9	120.5	na	61.2	122.3

(a) Government expenditure excludes depreciation. Non-government expenditure on depreciation is incorporated in recurrent expenditure.

(b) Non-government expenditure includes expenditure by health insurance funds, individuals, workers' compensation and compulsory third-party motor vehicle insurers as well as other sources.

(c) ACT per person figures are not calculated, as the expenditure numbers for the ACT include substantial expenditures for NSW residents. Thus the ACT population is not the appropriate denominator.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW unpublished, Health expenditure database; table AA.2.

Table 10A.3

Table 10A.3 **Recurrent expenditure per person, public hospitals (including psychiatric) (2008-09 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (e)</i>	<i>ACT (f)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2004-05	1 349.2	1 332.3	959.8	1 167.2	1 272.0	1 096.3	na	1 603.3	1 242.0
2005-06	1 397.1	1 353.8	1 046.8	1 184.0	1 321.4	1 250.6	na	1 748.2	1 290.6
2006-07	1 415.0	1 381.9	1 141.8	1 315.4	1 336.6	1 310.0	na	1 817.4	1 339.1
2007-08	1 429.2	1 439.9	1 255.5	1 402.4	1 508.1	1 305.2	na	1 833.4	1 403.8
2008-09	1 448.7	1 474.9	1 323.1	1 473.6	1 530.3	1 385.5	na	1 997.4	1 446.3

(a) Expenditure data exclude depreciation and interest payments.

(b) Recurrent expenditure on the purchase of public hospitals services at the State, or area health service-level, from privately owned and/or operated hospitals is not included.

(c) Queensland pathology services were purchased from a statewide pathology service rather than being provided by hospital employees.

(d) In WA, recurrent expenditure per person from 2006-07 includes expenditure on public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses. Expenditure for these patients is not included in previous years.

(e) In Tasmania, for 2004-05 and 2005-06, data for one hospital are not included.

(f) ACT per person figures are not calculated, as the expenditure numbers for the ACT include substantial expenditures for NSW residents. Thus the ACT population is not the appropriate denominator.

**na** Not available.

*Source:* AIHW various years, *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series, AIHW Cat. nos HSE 37, 41, 50, 55 and 71, Canberra; AIHW (2010), *Health expenditure Australia 2008-09*, Health and Welfare Expenditure Series No. 42, Cat. no. HWE 51. Canberra, AIHW; *ABS (unpublished)*, *Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2007*, Cat. no. 3101.0; table AA.2.



Table 10A.4

Table 10A.4 **Public hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals) by hospital size, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (d)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
No. of hospitals									
10 or fewer beds	27	41	72	42	7	18	1	–	208
more than 10 to 50 beds	122	46	64	31	58	7	–	2	330
more than 50 to 100 beds	28	24	10	5	6	–	–	1	74
more than 100 to 200 beds	23	19	10	9	2	1	–	1	65
more than 200 to 500 beds	19	15	9	5	5	1	1	1	56
more than 500 beds	8	4	5	2	2	1	1	–	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>756</b>
Proportion of total hospitals (%)									
10 or fewer beds	11.9	27.5	42.4	44.7	8.8	64.3	33.3	–	27.5
more than 10 to 50 beds	53.7	30.9	37.6	33.0	72.5	25.0	–	40.0	43.7
more than 50 to 100 beds	12.3	16.1	5.9	5.3	7.5	–	–	20.0	9.8
more than 100 beds	22.0	25.5	14.1	17.0	11.3	10.7	66.7	40.0	19.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
No. of available beds									
10 or fewer beds	99	197	270	235	41	99	10	..	951
more than 10 to 50 beds	3 186	1 071	1 466	738	1 468	150	..	40	8 119
more than 50 to 100 beds	2 023	1 724	690	330	460	..	..	60	5 288
more than 100 to 200 beds	3 464	2 795	1 634	1 345	316	130	..	171	9 855
more than 200 to 500 beds	5 752	4 727	2 688	1 435	1 387	330	223	335	16 876
more than 500 beds	5 281	2 354	4 057	1 286	1 201	566	642	..	15 388
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 805</b>	<b>12 869</b>	<b>10 805</b>	<b>5 369</b>	<b>4 874</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>56 478</b>
Proportion of total beds (%)									
10 or fewer beds	0.5	1.5	2.5	4.4	0.8	7.8	1.1	..	1.7
more than 10 to 50 beds	16.1	8.3	13.6	13.7	30.1	11.8	..	6.6	14.4
more than 50 to 100 beds	10.2	13.4	6.4	6.1	9.4	..	..	9.9	9.4
more than 100 beds	73.2	76.7	77.5	75.7	59.6	80.5	98.9	83.5	74.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) The number of hospitals reported can be affected by administrative and/or reporting arrangements and is not necessarily a measure of the number of physical hospital buildings or campuses.

(b) Size is based on the average number of available beds.

(c) The comparability of bed numbers can be affected by the casemix of hospitals including the extent to which hospitals provide same day admitted services and other specialised services.

(d) The count of hospitals in Victoria is a count of the campuses that report data separately to the National Hospital Morbidity Database.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.5

Table 10A.5 **Available beds per 1000 people, by region, public hospitals (including psychiatric) (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2004-05									
Metropolitan	2.9	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.9	..	2.1	..	2.6
Rural	3.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	3.7	2.7	–	2.7	3.0
Remote	7.3	2.4	6.3	4.5	7.7	2.6	..	3.0	5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>
2005-06									
Major cities	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.8	..	2.2	..	2.5
Regional	3.3	2.6	2.5	2.4	3.6	2.7	–	2.7	2.8
Remote	6.5	2.4	5.7	3.9	7.6	2.5	..	2.9	4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>
2006-07									
Major cities	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.7	..	2.4	..	2.5
Regional	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.6	2.8	–	2.8	3.0
Remote	7.5	2.1	5.6	3.8	7.8	3.0	..	2.9	4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>
2007-08									
Major cities	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.8	..	2.6	..	2.5
Regional	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.5	3.7	2.6	–	2.9	3.0
Remote	7.7	2.9	4.9	3.2	7.7	3.0	..	2.9	4.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>
2008-09									
Major cities	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.7	..	2.5	..	2.5
Regional	3.3	2.7	2.8	2.3	3.4	2.6	..	2.8	2.9
Remote	6.9	3.0	4.9	2.9	7.3	2.1	..	2.8	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>

(a) Population calculated based on a crude rate. Data need to be viewed in the context of the age and sex structure and morbidity and mortality of the population in each jurisdiction. The age and sex structure of the population in each jurisdiction is provided in the 'Statistical appendix' and mortality rates in the 'Health preface'.

(b) An 'available bed' is one that is immediately available to be used by an admitted patient. A bed is immediately available for use if it is located in a suitable place for care, with nursing and auxiliary staff available within a reasonable period. Both occupied and unoccupied beds are included. Surgical tables, recovery trolleys, delivery beds, cots for normal neonates, emergency stretchers/beds not normally authorised or funded, and beds designated for same day non-admitted patient care are excluded. Beds in wards that were closed for any reason (except weekend closures for beds/wards staffed and available on weekends only) are also excluded (National Health Data Dictionary, Version 14).

(c) The comparability of bed numbers can be affected by the casemix of hospitals including the extent to which hospitals provide same day admitted services and other specialised services.

(d) In WA, beds available for public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses are included from 2006-07 figures but not in those for previous years.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

**Table 10A.5 Available beds per 1000 people, by region, public hospitals (including psychiatric) (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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Source: AIHW various years, *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series, AIHW Cat. nos HSE 41, 50, 55, 71 and 84, Canberra.

Table 10A.6

Table 10A.6 Summary of separations, public hospitals 2008-09 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Separations										
Public hospitals	no.	1 505 969	1 379 624	883 340	467 433	374 540	94 892	89 869	95 356	4 891 023
Public acute hospitals	no.	1 500 020	1 379 132	882 933	465 971	372 401	94 226	89 869	95 356	4 879 908
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 949	492	407	1 462	2 139	666	..	..	11 115
Overnight separations										
Public hospitals	no.	844 105	590 087	440 246	227 217	206 420	45 360	41 176	35 533	2 430 144
Public acute hospitals	no.	838 343	589 596	439 839	225 833	204 644	44 700	41 176	35 533	2 419 664
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	5 762	491	407	1 384	1 776	660	..	..	10 480
Same day separations										
Public hospitals	no.	661 864	789 537	443 094	240 216	168 120	49 532	48 693	59 823	2 460 879
Public acute hospitals	no.	661 677	789 536	443 094	240 138	167 757	49 526	48 693	59 823	2 460 244
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	187	1	-	78	363	6	..	..	635
Same day separations (per cent of total)										
Public hospitals	%	43.9	57.2	50.2	51.4	44.9	52.2	54.2	62.7	50.3
Public acute hospitals	%	44.1	57.2	50.2	51.5	45.0	52.6	54.2	62.7	50.4
Public psychiatric hospitals	%	3.1	0.2	0.0	5.3	17.0	0.9	..	..	5.7
Separations per 1000 population (b)										
Public hospitals	no.	204.2	247.3	202.1	212.6	216.3	179.0	275.4	487.9	219.3
Public acute hospitals	no.	203.4	247.2	202.0	212.0	215.1	177.7	275.4	487.9	218.8
Public psychiatric hospitals	no.	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.7	1.3	1.3	..	..	0.5

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as newborn with no qualified days, and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement have been excluded.

(b) Figures are directly age-standardised to the June 2001 Australian population.

.. Not applicable. - Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.7

Table 10A.7 Separations, public (non-psychiatric) hospitals (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (b)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Total separations (no.)										
2004-05	'000	1 333	1 223	733	382	363	86	64	76	4 261
2005-06	'000	1 409	1 272	750	393	376	94	72	83	4 451
2006-07	'000	1 451	1 314	784	449	389	97	76	86	4 646
2007-08	'000	1 457	1 351	832	457	366	96	81	90	4 729
2008-09	'000	1 500	1 379	883	466	372	94	90	95	4 880
Overnight separations (no.)										
2004-05	'000	756	545	377	188	191	45	30	31	2 164
2005-06	'000	792	561	383	194	192	48	33	34	2 237
2006-07	'000	814	577	398	213	197	48	35	34	2 315
2007-08	'000	819	584	424	221	203	45	37	34	2 368
2008-09	'000	838	590	440	226	205	45	41	36	2 420
Same day separations (no.)										
2004-05	'000	577	678	356	193	172	42	34	45	2 097
2005-06	'000	617	711	367	200	184	46	39	50	2 214
2006-07	'000	637	737	386	236	192	49	41	52	2 331
2007-08	'000	638	767	408	235	163	51	44	56	2 362
2008-09	'000	662	790	443	240	168	50	49	60	2 460
Same day separations										
2004-05	%	43.3	55.4	48.6	50.6	47.4	48.3	53.1	59.2	49.2
2005-06	%	43.8	55.9	48.9	50.8	48.9	49.0	54.7	59.6	49.7
2006-07	%	43.9	56.1	49.2	52.6	49.4	50.5	54.4	60.6	50.2
2007-08	%	43.8	56.8	49.0	51.5	44.6	52.8	54.0	62.0	49.9
2008-09	%	44.1	57.2	50.2	51.5	45.0	52.6	54.2	62.7	50.4
Total separations (rate per 1000) (c)										
2004-05	no.	191.6	238.2	187.9	194.4	224.0	172.2	214.4	456.2	207.3
2005-06	no.	201.5	243.4	186.1	195.7	227.1	185.2	237.3	479.1	212.8
2006-07	no.	204.4	246.6	190.1	217.7	231.5	187.5	244.8	480.1	218.0
2007-08	no.	201.4	247.7	195.6	214.3	215.1	182.7	256.1	486.4	216.9
2008-09	no.	203.4	247.2	202.0	212.0	215.1	177.7	275.4	487.9	218.8

(a) Excludes separations for which the care type was reported as 'newborn with no qualified days' and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement.

(b) In WA, separations for public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses are included from 2006-07 figures but not in those for previous years.

(c) Rates per 1000 people are directly age standardised to the Australian population at June 2007.

Source: AIHW various years, *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series, AIHW Cat. nos HSE 41, 50, 55, 71 and 84, Canberra.

Table 10A.8

**Table 10A.8 Separations, public (non-psychiatric) hospitals, 2008-09 (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total separations (no.)										
Medical (b)	'000	1 114	942	650	304	269	68	68	81	3 496
Surgical (c)	'000	292	267	159	97	87	19	17	11	948
Chemotherapy and radiotherapy (d)	'000	3	73	25	24	–	2	1	–	128
Other (e)	'000	91	97	49	42	16	6	4	3	308
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>1 379</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4 880</b>
Overnight separations (no.)										
Medical (b)	'000	625	418	323	160	146	31	29	27	1 759
Surgical (c)	'000	188	154	105	60	51	12	12	7	588
Chemotherapy and radiotherapy (d)	'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Other (e)	'000	25	18	12	6	7	1	1	1	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2 420</b>
Same day separations (no.)										
Medical (b)	'000	489	524	327	144	123	36	39	54	1 736
Surgical (c)	'000	104	114	54	37	36	7	5	4	360
Chemotherapy and radiotherapy (d)	'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Other (e)	'000	66	79	37	36	9	5	3	2	236
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2 333</b>
Same day separations (% of total separations)										
Medical (b)	%	43.9	55.7	50.3	47.3	45.7	53.8	58.0	66.5	49.7
Surgical (c)	%	35.7	42.5	33.8	38.4	40.9	35.7	30.6	35.4	37.9
Chemotherapy and radiotherapy (d)	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other (e)	%	72.4	81.3	76.0	85.5	57.1	76.8	74.9	56.4	76.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>47.8</b>

(a) Separations for which care type was reported as Newborn with no qualified days and records for Hospital boarder or Posthumous organ procurement have been excluded. Results derived using AR-DRG version 5.1.

(b) Separations where the second character of the AR-DRG was equal to 6, 7 or 8.

(c) Separations where the second character of the AR-DRG was equal to 0, 1, 2 or 3.

(d) Separations where the first three characters of the AR-DRG was equal to R63 or R64. The breakdowns of overnight and same day chemotherapy and radiotherapy separations have been included in the medical separations categories as applicable.

(e) Separations where the second character of the AR-DRG was equal to 4.

– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table 10A.9

Table 10A.9 Separations in public hospitals, by age group, 2008-09 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Age group										
Under 1	'000	47.4	29.4	23.5	10.3	9.2	2.1	2.2	2.5	126.5
1 to 4	'000	46.3	32.7	29.1	13.6	12.1	2.0	2.0	3.1	141.0
5 to 9	'000	29.7	23.5	20.5	9.8	7.0	1.7	1.5	1.9	95.5
10 to 14	'000	27.6	21.3	18.9	8.8	6.3	1.6	1.5	1.4	87.3
<b>Under 15</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>151.0</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>450.3</b>
15 to 19	'000	43.8	38.8	32.8	15.3	12.5	3.3	2.7	3.0	152.2
20 to 24	'000	61.3	54.6	47.9	22.4	16.5	4.4	3.7	4.7	215.5
25 to 29	'000	76.5	69.2	53.0	23.7	18.4	4.9	4.7	5.1	255.6
30 to 34	'000	77.8	73.1	49.4	25.9	19.2	4.5	4.9	5.4	260.4
<b>15 to 34</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>259.3</b>	<b>235.8</b>	<b>183.2</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>883.7</b>
35 to 39	'000	77.3	75.3	49.9	25.7	20.2	5.3	4.7	7.3	265.6
40 to 44	'000	66.9	69.6	44.3	26.1	19.9	4.7	5.4	9.1	246.1
45 to 49	'000	76.1	76.5	54.4	29.1	20.1	5.9	4.6	9.1	275.7
50 to 54	'000	83.1	85.3	53.8	30.2	22.3	7.0	5.0	11.7	298.4
<b>35 to 54</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>303.4</b>	<b>306.6</b>	<b>202.5</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>1 085.8</b>
55 to 59	'000	88.6	93.5	61.4	33.5	22.8	6.2	6.6	11.1	323.8
60 to 64	'000	105.6	109.9	67.1	34.5	25.7	8.1	7.9	7.5	366.3
65 to 69	'000	110.2	109.2	65.4	34.0	25.1	7.6	6.8	6.2	364.7
70 to 74	'000	127.7	121.9	63.4	37.1	29.7	7.5	7.1	3.3	397.7
<b>55 to 74</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>432.2</b>	<b>434.5</b>	<b>257.2</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>1 452.4</b>
75 to 79	'000	134.5	123.9	63.3	33.4	33.2	7.6	7.7	1.6	405.2
80 to 84	'000	118.1	95.4	45.8	30.5	29.0	5.3	5.7	0.9	330.6
85 and over	'000	107.4	76.5	39.4	23.7	25.4	5.1	5.0	0.5	283.0
<b>75 and over</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>360.0</b>	<b>295.8</b>	<b>148.5</b>	<b>87.6</b>	<b>87.6</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1 018.9</b>
Not reported	'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>1 506.0</b>	<b>1 379.6</b>	<b>883.3</b>	<b>467.4</b>	<b>374.5</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>4 891.0</b>
Proportion of total separations										
Under 15	%	10.0	7.7	10.4	9.1	9.2	7.9	7.9	9.3	9.2
15 to 34	%	17.2	17.1	20.7	18.7	17.8	18.1	17.9	19.1	18.1
35 to 54	%	20.1	22.2	22.9	23.7	22.0	24.1	22.0	38.9	22.2
55 to 74	%	28.7	31.5	29.1	29.7	27.6	31.1	31.7	29.5	29.7
75 and over	%	23.9	21.4	16.8	18.7	23.4	18.9	20.5	3.1	20.8

(a) Excludes separations for which the care type was reported as 'newborn with no qualified days' and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement.

(b) Includes separations for which age group was not reported.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.10

Table 10A.10 Separations by hospital sector and Indigenous status of patient, 2008-09 (a), (b)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total (c)
Public hospitals										
Indigenous people	no.	56 753	12 680	68 708	40 978	18 453	2 452	1 987	66 189	263 761
Non-Indigenous people	no.	1 434 823	1 357 081	797 701	426 455	339 592	89 994	86 244	29 165	4 384 817
Not reported	no.	14 393	9 863	16 931	–	16 495	2 446	1 638	2	57 684
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 505 969</b>	<b>1 379 624</b>	<b>883 340</b>	<b>467 433</b>	<b>374 540</b>	<b>94 892</b>	<b>89 869</b>	<b>95 356</b>	<b>4 706 262</b>
Private hospitals										
Indigenous people	no.	1 459	710	4 426	14 443	1 018	np	np	np	22 056
Non-Indigenous people	no.	885 960	800 180	733 180	347 719	240 286	np	np	np	3 007 325
Not reported	no.	19 795	10 130	76 335	–	14 196	np	np	np	120 456
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>907 214</b>	<b>811 020</b>	<b>813 941</b>	<b>362 162</b>	<b>255 500</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>3 149 837</b>
Indigenous separations (% of total separations)										
Public hospitals	%	3.8	0.9	7.8	8.8	4.9	2.6	2.2	69.4	5.6
Private hospitals	%	0.2	0.1	0.5	4.0	0.4	np	np	np	0.7
All hospitals	%	2.4	0.6	4.3	6.7	3.1	np	np	np	3.6
Separations in public hospitals (% of total separations)										
Indigenous people	%	97.5	94.7	93.9	73.9	94.8	np	np	np	92.3
Non-Indigenous people	%	61.8	62.9	52.1	55.1	58.6	np	np	np	59.3

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as newborn with no qualified days, and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement have been excluded.

(b) Identification of Indigenous patients is not considered to be complete and completeness varies among the jurisdictions.

(c) Total includes data only for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT (public hospitals only), for which the quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purposes of analysis. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. In addition, these jurisdictions are not necessarily representative of the excluded jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero. np Not published.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.



Table 10A.11

**Table 10A.11 Separations per 1000 people, by Indigenous status of patient (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
2004-05									
Public hospitals									
Indigenous people	np	np	733.6	821.5	822.2	np	np	1 441.0	907.0
Total population	193.3	238.3	188.1	195.2	225.3	np	np	456.2	208.1
Private Hospitals (f)									
Indigenous people	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Total population	106.6	136.1	172.4	155.7	126.5	np	np	np	133.9
2005-06									
Public hospitals									
Indigenous people	495.6	np	745.4	845.2	875.0	np	np	1 548.0	792.1
Total population	203.2	243.4	186.2	196.4	228.4	np	np	479.1	213.6
Private Hospitals (f)									
Indigenous people	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Total population	108.6	136.4	175.2	157.2	129.2	np	np	np	139.6
2006-07									
Public hospitals									
Indigenous people	528.0	624.3	756.7	876.5	929.3	np	np	1 584.8	787.5
Total population	206.0	246.7	190.2	218.4	232.6	np	np	480.1	218.8
Private Hospitals (f)									
Indigenous people	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Total population	112.9	141.3	177.9	138.4	132.5	np	np	np	141.4
2007-08									
Public hospitals									
Indigenous people	550.5	629.8	785.7	869.4	908.9	np	np	1 670.7	807.7
Total population	202.8	247.8	195.7	215.1	216.4	np	np	486.4	217.6
Private Hospitals									
Indigenous people	15.0	53.7	82.0	315.3	91.3	np	np	np	95.1
Total population	117.6	145.5	181.5	150.9	138.3	np	np	np	147.0
2008-09									
Public hospitals									
Indigenous people	511.5	535.8	732.5	817.3	950.5	np	np	1 656.0	763.3
Total population	205.6	249.5	204.4	215.8	217.7	np	np	495.5	221.3
Private Hospitals									
Indigenous people	17.3	44.1	64.6	373.1	67.4	np	np	np	81.7
Total population	122.9	145.3	186.6	165.3	143.4	np	np	np	145.6

(a) Directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001.

(b) Identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients is not considered to be complete and completeness varies among jurisdictions.

**Table 10A.11 Separations per 1000 people, by Indigenous status of patient (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT Total (e)</i>
(c)	The AIHW has advised that data for for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, WA and the NT are of acceptable quality in 2006-07 and 2007-08. Nevertheless data for these jurisdictions should be interpreted with caution as there are jurisdictional differences in data quality and changes in hospitalisation rates for Indigenous people over time may include a component due to improved identification. Indigenous status should therefore be interpreted cautiously.							
(d)	In WA, separations for public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses are included from 2006-07 public hospitals figures but not in those for previous years.							
(e)	The totals include data only for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT (public hospitals only), for which the quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purposes of analysis. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality							
(f)	Data quality of Indigenous status in the private sector is considered to be unacceptable and therefore data have been suppressed for the private sector.							

**np** Not published.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table 10A.12

Table 10A.12 **Selected hospital procedures, public hospitals, per 1000 population, July 2008 – June 2009 (a), (b), (c)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT (d)	Total (e)
Procedures for Indigenous patients									
Cataract extraction	5.5	5.1	8.3	7.7	5.4	np	np	5.8	6.5
Cholecystectomy	2.4	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.5	np	np	2.2	2.4
Coronary artery bypass graft	1.0	0.5	1.4	0.9	2.5	np	np	–	1.0
Coronary angioplasty	2.1	2.0	1.5	1.8	4.6	np	np	–	1.8
Cystoscopy	1.7	3.0	2.8	3.2	4.7	np	np	2.0	2.6
Haemorrhoidectomy	1.3	1.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	np	np	0.4	0.8
Hip replacement	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.5	np	np	0.5	0.5
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	1.3	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.2	np	np	0.4	1.1
Knee replacement	1.3	0.5	1.3	0.5	0.6	np	np	0.3	0.9
Myringotomy	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.6	np	np	1.4	1.3
Tonsillectomy	1.2	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.6	np	np	0.3	1.1
Varicose veins stripping and ligation	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	np	np	0.1	0.2
Septoplasty	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	np	np	0.2	0.3
Prostatectomy	1.5	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.4	np	np	1.0	1.3
Hysterectomy	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.3	2.1	np	np	1.5	1.8
Procedures for all other patients (f)									
Cataract extraction	8.3	8.0	9.3	10.3	7.0	np	np	2.7	8.4
Cholecystectomy	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.6	1.7	np	np	0.7	2.1
Coronary artery bypass graft	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	np	np	–	0.6
Coronary angioplasty	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.2	np	np	–	1.5
Cystoscopy	3.9	4.8	4.9	7.3	4.5	np	np	1.2	4.7
Haemorrhoidectomy	2.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.0	np	np	1.2	1.7
Hip replacement	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.7	1.4	np	np	0.2	1.3
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.9	1.7	np	np	1.0	2.2
Knee replacement	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.9	1.6	np	np	0.3	1.6
Myringotomy	1.5	1.8	1.7	3.4	2.1	np	np	0.6	1.8
Tonsillectomy	2.1	2.1	2.4	4.2	1.9	np	np	0.8	2.3
Varicose veins stripping and ligation	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.5	np	np	0.3	0.6
Septoplasty	1.0	1.3	0.9	1.2	1.0	np	np	0.3	1.1
Prostatectomy	3.0	3.4	2.7	2.6	2.9	np	np	1.7	3.0
Hysterectomy	2.2	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.7	np	np	1.8	2.3

(a) Includes all patients treated in public hospitals and public patients treated in private hospitals.

(b) Proportions are indirectly age standardised using the age and cause specific rates of other Australians as the standard.

(c) Excludes separations with a care type of Newborn without qualified days and records for Hospital Boards and Posthumous organ procurement.

(d) Excludes private hospital data for NT.

(e) Includes data for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and NT only.

(f) Includes non-Indigenous patients and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), National Hospital Morbidity Database.

**Table 10A.13 Hospitalisations with a procedure recorded, excluding hospitalisations for care involving dialysis, per 1000 population, 2008 – June 2009 (per cent) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT NT (c)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Public hospitals and public patients (d)								
Indigenous hospitalisations with procedure reported	187	209	199	282	251	np	np	281
Hospitalisations with procedure reported for all other patients (e)	118	153	115	139	131	np	np	129
Total patients (f)								
Indigenous hospitalisations with procedure reported	199	234	232	290	297	np	np	281
Hospitalisations with procedure reported for all other patients (e)	234	280	276	274	258	np	np	215

- (a) Proportions are indirectly age standardised using the age and cause specific rates of other Australians as the standard.
- (b) Excludes hospitalisations with a principal diagnosis of care involving dialysis. Excludes separations with a care type of Newborn without qualified days and records for Hospital Boarders and Posthumous organ procurement.
- (c) Excludes private hospital data for NT.
- (d) Includes all patients treated in public hospitals and public patients treated in private hospitals.
- (e) Includes non-Indigenous patients and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.
- (f) Includes all patients in public and private hospitals.

**np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), National Hospital Morbidity Database.

**Table 10A.14 Hospitalisations with a procedure reported, excluding hospitalisations for care involving dialysis, per 1000 population, July 2008 – June 2009 (per cent) (a), (b)**

	<i>Major cities</i>	<i>Regional areas</i>	<i>Remote areas</i>	<i>All areas (c)</i>
Public hospitals and public patients (d)				
Indigenous hospitalisations with procedure reported	198	221	253	223
Hospitalisations with procedure reported for all other patients (e)	128	151	138	136
Total patients (f)				
Indigenous hospitalisations with procedure reported	231	243	256	243
Hospitalisations with procedure reported for all other patients (e)	277	257	215	270

- (a) Proportions are indirectly age standardised using the age and cause specific rates of other Australians as the standard.
- (b) Excludes hospitalisations with a principal diagnosis of care involving dialysis. Excludes separations with a care type of Newborn without qualified days and records for Hospital Boarders and Posthumous organ procurement.
- (c) Includes data for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and NT only. Excludes private hospital data for NT.
- (d) Includes all patients treated in public hospitals and public patients treated in private hospitals.
- (e) Includes non-Indigenous patients and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.
- (f) Includes all patients in public and private hospitals.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table 10A.15

**Table 10A.15 Average full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 1000 persons, public hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals) (a)**

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (f)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>2006-07</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.2
Nurses	5.3	5.1	4.2	4.6	5.6	4.6	5.2	5.7	5.0
Registered nurses	na	na	3.6	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.4	5.0	na
Other nurses	na	na	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.5	0.9	0.7	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	0.2	–	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	na
Diagnostic and allied health	1.7	2.4	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.6
Administrative and clerical	1.8	1.9	1.3	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.8
Domestic and other staff	1.7	1.3	1.7	2.0	1.3	2.0	0.5	2.5	1.6
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>11.3</b>
<b>2007-08</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.3
Nurses	5.3	5.2	4.5	4.5	5.7	4.5	5.7	5.6	5.1
Registered nurses	na	na	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.7	4.9	na
Other nurses	na	na	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.5	1.0	0.6	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	0.2	na	0.5	na	0.5	0.1	na
Diagnostic and allied health	1.8	2.4	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.7
Administrative and clerical	1.6	2.1	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.7
Domestic and other staff	1.4	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.2	2.0	0.5	2.6	1.5
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>11.3</b>
<b>2008-09</b>									
Salaried medical officers	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.3
Nurses	5.3	5.4	4.5	4.7	6.0	4.9	5.9	6.1	5.2
Registered nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other nurses	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other personal care staff	na	na	0.2	na	0.5	na	0.5	0.1	na
Diagnostic and allied health	1.6	2.4	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.6
Administrative and clerical	1.6	2.0	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.1	1.7
Domestic and other staff	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.9	1.2	2.2	0.5	2.6	1.4
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>

(a) Where average FTE staff numbers are not available for a financial year, staff numbers on the last day of the financial year are used (for example, 30 June 2009, for 2008-09). Staff contracted to provide products (rather than labour) are not included. Numbers per 1000 people are calculated from population estimates for each financial year (table AA.2).

(b) For NSW, 'other personal care staff' are included in 'diagnostic and allied health' and 'domestic and other staff'.

(c) For Victoria, FTEs may be slightly understated. 'Other personal care staff' are included in 'domestic and other staff'.

(d) Queensland pathology services staff employed by the state pathology service are not included.

(e) Many WA hospitals were unable to provide a split between nurse categories and these have been reported as registered nurses.

**Table 10A.15 Average full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 1000 persons, public hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals) (a)**

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA (e)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (f)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(f) In Tasmania in 2006-07 data for two small hospitals are not included. Tasmanian 'other personal care' staff are included in 'domestic and other staff'.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW various years, *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series, AIHW Cat. nos HSE 41, 50, 55, 71 and 84, Canberra; ABS (unpublished), Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2009, Cat. no. 3101.0; table AA.2.

Table 10A.16

**Table 10A.16 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (including psychiatric), 2008-09 (a)**

Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust	
Number of separations										
Acute care	no.	1 437 796	1 332 252	842 765	450 300	359 088	91 658	82 785	93 271	4 689 915
Rehabilitation care	no.	26 400	13 821	17 574	8 923	6 907	1 168	2 681	401	77 875
Palliative care	no.	9 345	5 652	5 457	1 245	1 298	304	609	352	24 262
Geriatric evaluation and management	no.	2 348	12 250	1 336	708	377	44	1 244	–	18 307
Psychogeriatric care	no.	669	2 001	525	716	265	165	53	–	4 394
Maintenance care	no.	6 391	802	5 547	1 895	2 767	464	1 369	402	19 637
Newborn total	no.	77 150	54 476	45 160	22 143	15 450	3 934	4 136	3 478	225 927
Newborn — unqualified days only	no.	54 139	41 630	35 353	18 497	11 612	2 845	3 009	2 566	169 651
Other admitted care	no.	–	–	329	–	–	–	1	18	348
Not reported	no.	9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9
<b>Total (c)</b>	no.	<b>1 560 108</b>	<b>1 421 254</b>	<b>918 693</b>	<b>485 930</b>	<b>386 152</b>	<b>97 737</b>	<b>92 878</b>	<b>97 922</b>	<b>5 060 674</b>
<b>Total (d)</b>	no.	<b>1 505 969</b>	<b>1 379 624</b>	<b>883 340</b>	<b>467 433</b>	<b>374 540</b>	<b>94 892</b>	<b>89 869</b>	<b>95 356</b>	<b>4 891 023</b>
Proportion of total separations										
Acute care	%	95.5	96.6	95.4	96.3	95.9	96.6	92.1	97.8	95.9
Rehabilitation care	%	1.8	1.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.2	3.0	0.4	1.6
Palliative care	%	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.5
Geriatric evaluation and management	%	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	–	1.4	–	0.4
Psychogeriatric care	%	–	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	–	0.1
Maintenance care	%	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.5	0.4	0.4
Newborn excluding unqualified days	%	1.5	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.2



Table 10A.16

Table 10A.16 Separations, by type of episode of care, public hospitals (including psychiatric), 2008-09 (a)

Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Other admitted care	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not reported	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Excludes records for hospital boarders or posthumous organ procurement.

(b) The reporting of newborns with unqualified days only is not compulsory for the Victorian private sector, resulting in a low number of separations in this category.

(c) Total separations include 'newborn unqualified days only', which are not normally included as admitted patient care.

(d) Total separations exclude 'newborn unqualified days only', which are not normally included as admitted patient care.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.17

**Table 10A.17 Australian refined diagnosis related groups (AR-DRGs) version 5.2 with the highest number of overnight acute separations, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c)**

Separations (no.)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
O60B Vaginal Delivery W/O Catastrophic or Severe CC	35 134	26 608	19 150	9 381	6 535	1 704	1 800	1 252	101 564
F74Z Chest Pain	17 989	11 239	11 454	3 724	5 045	731	516	637	51 335
O01C Caesarean Delivery W/O Catastrophic or Severe CC	14 775	10 578	9 076	4 016	3 177	802	651	544	43 619
G67B Oesophagitis, Gastroent & Misc Digestive System Disorders Age>9 W/	16 075	9 687	7 834	3 893	3 970	719	541	399	43 118
J64B Cellulitis (Age >59 W/O Catastrophic or Severe CC) or Age <60	11 432	7 068	8 052	4 158	2 522	540	453	1 610	35 835
O66A Antenatal and Other Obstetric Admission	10 820	5 937	6 745	3 502	2 171	599	532	897	31 203
G66B Abdominal Pain or Mesenteric Adenitis W/O CC	8 533	6 441	4 384	2 265	1 957	423	279	251	24 533
O60C Vaginal Delivery Single Uncomplicated W/O Other Condition	9 019	3 583	6 618	2 133	1 562	457	395	495	24 262
E62C Respiratory Infections/Inflamations W/O CC	9 118	4 763	4 524	2 315	1 733	477	327	583	23 840
E65B Chronic Obstructive Airways Disease W/O Catastrophic or Severe CC	9 101	4 352	4 545	2 041	2 240	620	245	461	23 605
<b>Total acute separations (excluding same day)</b>	<b>806 428</b>	<b>557 680</b>	<b>418 948</b>	<b>214 024</b>	<b>198 178</b>	<b>43 396</b>	<b>35 664</b>	<b>34 634</b>	<b>2 308 952</b>
Separations (per cent)									
O60B Vaginal Delivery W/O Catastrophic or Severe CC	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.4	3.3	3.9	5.0	3.6	4.4
F74Z Chest Pain	2.2	2.0	2.7	1.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.8	2.2

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**Table 10A.17 Australian refined diagnosis related groups (AR-DRGs) version 5.2 with the highest number of overnight acute separations, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
O01C	1.8	1.9	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.9
G67B	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.9
J64B	1.4	1.3	1.9	1.9	1.3	1.2	1.3	4.6	1.6
O66A	1.3	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.5	2.6	1.4
G66B	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.1
O60C	1.1	0.6	1.6	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.1
E62C	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.0
E65B	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.4	0.7	1.3	1.0
<b>10 AR-DRGs with most acute separations</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>17.5</b>

(a) Includes separations for which the care type was reported as 'acute' or 'newborn with qualified days', or was not reported.

(b) Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

(c) Excludes same day separations and separations where patients stayed over 365 days.

CC=complications and comorbidities, CD=complicating diagnosis, W/O=without, W=with.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table 10A.18

Table 10A.18 Top 10 AR-DRGs (version 5.2) with the most patient days, excluding same day separations, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a), (b)

AR-DRG	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Patient days (no.)									
U61A Schizophrenia Disorders W Mental Health Legal Status	135 133	94 157	84 938	40 327	32 839	5 504	4 348	4 802	402 048
A06Z Tracheostomy or Ventilation >95 hours	102 473	72 096	49 533	21 924	27 463	7 112	3 442	3 912	287 955
O60B Vaginal Delivery W/O Catastrophic or Severe CC	100 496	69 267	47 365	26 530	18 408	4 785	4 441	4 223	275 515
U63B Major Affective Disorders Age <70 W/O Catastrophic or Severe CC	89 872	56 537	39 703	29 169	27 361	5 636	5 165	1 855	255 298
U61B Schizophrenia Disorders W/O Mental Health Legal Status	96 017	46 482	20 623	18 747	16 502	10 592	1 899	987	211 849
O01C Caesarean Delivery W/O Catastrophic or Severe CC	60 919	43 140	33 328	16 340	13 889	3 087	2 529	2 858	176 090
E65A Chronic Obstructive Airways Disease W Catastrophic or Severe CC	59 169	37 448	28 799	9 232	14 981	2 717	1 287	2 571	156 204
J64B Cellulitis (Age >59 W/O Catastrophic or Severe CC) or Age <60	48 357	32 794	29 415	17 387	11 816	2 299	1 967	6 060	150 095
B63Z Dementia and Other Chronic Disturbances of Cerebral Function	45 758	35 070	13 858	11 311	15 310	9 468	785	1 203	132 763
E62A Respiratory Infections/Inflammations W Catastrophic CC	47 314	40 331	17 381	8 332	11 850	2 162	1 334	2 187	130 891
<b>Total (days)</b>	<b>4 468 011</b>	<b>2 919 636</b>	<b>2 044 968</b>	<b>1 111 374</b>	<b>1 068 021</b>	<b>264 376</b>	<b>176 035</b>	<b>193 094</b>	<b>12 245 515</b>
Patient days (per cent)									
U61A Schizophrenia Disorders W Mental Health Legal Status	3.0	3.2	4.2	3.6	3.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	3.3

Table 10A.18

Table 10A.18 Top 10 AR-DRGs (version 5.2) with the most patient days, excluding same day separations, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a), (b)

AR-DRG	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
A06Z	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.4
O60B	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.4	1.7	1.8	2.5	2.2	2.2
U63B	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.9	1.0	2.1
U61B	2.1	1.6	1.0	1.7	1.5	4.0	1.1	0.5	1.7
O01C	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.4
E65A	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.7	1.3	1.3
J64B	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.1	3.1	1.2
B63Z	1.0	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.4	3.6	0.4	0.6	1.1
E62A	1.1	1.4	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.1
<b>Per cent of patient days accounted for by ten AR-DRGs with the most patient days</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>17.8</b>

(a) Excludes same day separations and separations where patients stayed over 365 days.

(b) Includes separations for which the care type was reported as 'acute' or 'newborn with qualified days', or was not reported.

CC=complications and comorbidities, W/O=without, W=with.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table 10A.19

Table 10A.19 Non-admitted patient occasions of service, by type of non-admitted patient care, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (b)	ACT	NT (c)	Aust (d)
Public acute hospitals									
Individual occasions of service									
Accident and emergency	no. 2 416 731	1 537 510	1 525 407	783 294	531 575	146 085	101 898	129 167	7 171 667
Dialysis	no. 25 579	..	33	-	..	-	..	..	25 612
Pathology	no. 3 235 058	720 461	3 836 489	467 707	..	246 531	36 977	98 030	8 641 253
Radiology and organ imaging	no. 896 894	624 310	981 946	448 824	229 755	88 833	80 466	67 764	3 418 792
Endoscopy and related procedures	no. 18 393	..	12 801	-	22 140	2 307	2 244	..	57 885
Other medical/surgical/obstetric (e)	no. 5 247 780	1 637 315	2 545 260	755 022	918 912	364 484	314 694	122 099	11 905 566
Mental health	no. 751 967	681 663	92 627	65 250	18 585	2 108	1 887	..	1 614 087
Alcohol and drug	no. 1 326 799	25 382	75 767	-	..	-	..	..	1 427 948
Dental	no. 496 582	255 763	..	11 900	9 453	1 684	..	..	775 382
Pharmacy (f)	no. 3 581 070	460 891	610 939	197 449	..	115 662	1 371	38 200	5 005 582
Allied health	no. 761 182	1 046 751	632 023	1 008 440	180 494	86 331	26 445	9 894	3 751 560
Other non-admitted services									
Community health	no. 1 548 685	337 769	167 088	513 480	7 127	624	17 303	..	2 592 076
District nursing (g)	no. 1 486 123	226 695	118 318	163 591	6 804	-	..	..	2 001 531
Other outreach	no. 310 521	4 308	140 314	113 177	182 498	91	20 937	..	771 846
<b>Total (individual)</b>	<b>no. 22 103 364</b>	<b>7 558 818</b>	<b>10 739 012</b>	<b>4 528 134</b>	<b>2 107 343</b>	<b>1 054 740</b>	<b>604 222</b>	<b>465 154</b>	<b>49 160 787</b>
Group sessions									
Allied health	no. 20 033	23 920	7 645	13 972	6 089	2 898	501	..	75 058
Dental	no. 15	..	..	..	..	na	..	..	15
Other medical/surgical/obstetric (e)	no. 53 279	3 202	5 127	..	7 309	621	1 239	125	70 902

Table 10A.19

Table 10A.19 Non-admitted patient occasions of service, by type of non-admitted patient care, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (b)	ACT	NT (c)	Aust (d)
Mental health	no.	25 514	..	..	4 149	361	na	..	..	30 024
Alcohol & drug	no.	1 455	..	88	na	..	na	..	..	1 543
Community health	no.	39 751	..	4 232	30 418	..	na	131	..	74 532
District nursing	no.	5 205	..	100	3 399	..	na	..	..	8 704
Other outreach	no.	5 259	..	321	4 201	69 991	na	79	..	79 851
Other	no.	149	na	-	2	..	na	..	na	151
<b>Total (group sessions)</b>	no.	<b>150 769</b>	<b>27 122</b>	<b>17 513</b>	<b>56 141</b>	<b>83 750</b>	<b>3 519</b>	<b>1 950</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>340 889</b>
Public psychiatric hospitals										
Emergency and outpatient individual sessions	no.	110 199	2 072	430	16 188	na	na	..	..	128 889
Emergency and outpatient group sessions	no.	6 584	-	-	2 777	na	na	..	..	9 361
Outreach/community individual sessions	no.	-	-	-	-	na	na	..	..	-
Outreach/community group sessions	no.	-	-	-	-	na	na	..	..	-
<b>Total</b>	no.	<b>116 783</b>	<b>2 072</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>18 965</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>138 250</b>
Public acute hospitals										
Accident and emergency	%	10.9	20.3	14.2	17.3	25.2	13.9	16.9	27.8	14.6
Dialysis	%	0.1	..	-	-	..	-	..	..	0.1
Pathology	%	14.6	9.5	35.7	10.3	..	23.4	6.1	21.1	17.6
Radiology and organ imaging	%	4.1	8.3	9.1	9.9	10.9	8.4	13.3	14.6	7.0
Endoscopy and related procedures	%	0.1	..	0.1	-	1.1	0.2	0.4	..	0.1
Other medical/surgical/obstetric (e)	%	23.7	21.7	23.7	16.7	43.6	34.6	52.1	26.2	24.2
Mental health	%	3.4	9.0	0.9	1.4	0.9	0.2	0.3	..	3.3
Alcohol and drug	%	6.0	0.3	0.7	-	..	-	..	..	2.9

Table 10A.19

Table 10A.19 Non-admitted patient occasions of service, by type of non-admitted patient care, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (b)	ACT	NT (c)	Aust (d)
Dental	%	2.2	3.4	..	0.3	0.4	0.2	..	..	1.6
Pharmacy (f)	%	16.2	6.1	5.7	4.4	..	11.0	0.2	8.2	10.2
Allied health	%	3.4	13.8	5.9	22.3	8.6	8.2	4.4	2.1	7.6
Other non-admitted services										
Community health	%	7.0	4.5	1.6	11.3	0.3	0.1	2.9	..	5.3
District nursing (g)	%	6.7	3.0	1.1	3.6	0.3	-	..	..	4.1
Other outreach	%	1.4	0.1	1.3	2.5	8.7	-	3.5	..	1.6
<b>Total (individual)</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Group sessions										
Allied health	%	13.3	88.2	43.7	24.9	7.3	82.4	25.7	..	22.0
Dental	%	-	..	..	..	..	na	..	..	-
Other medical/surgical/obstetric (e)	%	35.3	11.8	29.3	..	8.7	17.6	63.5	100.0	20.8
Mental health	%	16.9	..	..	7.4	0.4	na	..	..	8.8
Alcohol & drug	%	1.0	..	0.5	na	..	na	..	..	0.5
Community health	%	26.4	..	24.2	54.2	..	na	6.7	..	21.9
District nursing	%	3.5	..	0.6	6.1	..	na	..	..	2.6
Other outreach	%	3.5	..	1.8	7.5	83.6	na	4.1	..	23.4
Other	%	0.1	na	-	-	..	na	..	na	-
<b>Total (group sessions)</b>	%	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Public psychiatric hospitals										
Emergency and outpatient individual sessions	%	94.4	100.0	100.0	85.4	na	na	..	..	93.2
Emergency and outpatient group sessions	%	5.6	-	-	14.6	na	na	..	..	6.8



Table 10A.19

Table 10A.19 Non-admitted patient occasions of service, by type of non-admitted patient care, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (b)	ACT	NT (c)	Aust (d)
Outreach/community individual sessions	%	-	-	-	-	na	na	..	..	-
Outreach/community group sessions	%	-	-	-	-	na	na	..	..	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Reporting arrangements have varied significantly across years and across jurisdictions.

(b) Includes data for the Mersey Community Hospital.

(c) Radiology figures for the NT are underestimated and pathology figures relate only to three of the five hospitals.

(d) Includes only those states and territories for which data are available.

(e) Other includes the outpatient services of Gynaecology, Obstetrics, Cardiology, Endocrinology, Oncology, Respiratory, Gastroenterology, Medical, General practice primary care, Paediatric, Plastic surgery, Urology, Orthopaedic surgery, Ophthalmology, Ear, nose and throat, Chemotherapy, Paediatric surgery and Renal medical.

(f) Justice Health (formerly known as Corrections Health) in New South Wales reported a large number of occasions of service that may not be typical of Pharmacy.

(g) Justice Health (formerly known as Corrections Health) in New South Wales reported a large number of occasions of service that may not be typical of District nursing.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. - Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.20

**Table 10A.20 Emergency department waiting times, by triage category, public hospitals 2008-09**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of patients seen on time (c) (d)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	100	100	99	99	100	99	100	100	100
2 – Emergency	%	80	82	72	69	75	76	85	62	77
3 – Urgent	%	68	74	59	53	59	54	53	48	64
4 – Semi-urgent	%	73	68	65	62	62	61	53	49	67
5 – Non-urgent	%	90	86	88	89	83	87	78	89	88
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>70</b>
Estimated proportion of occasions of service ending in admission (d) (e)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	81	92	69	67	78	82	77	72	79
2 – Emergency	%	62	74	53	48	58	58	63	61	61
3 – Urgent	%	41	52	30	34	42	38	44	43	40
4 – Semi-urgent	%	17	21	10	12	15	13	15	14	16
5 – Non-urgent	%	5	4	3	4	5	5	3	4	5
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>
Proportion of occasions of service (d)										
1 – Resuscitation	%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 – Emergency	%	8	9	10	11	12	7	9	7	9
3 – Urgent	%	31	30	39	30	35	34	31	30	32
4 – Semi-urgent	%	44	47	43	51	44	50	44	53	46
5 – Non-urgent	%	16	13	8	8	8	8	15	10	12
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Data coverage										
Estimated proportion of occasions of service with waiting times data (f), (g)	%	83	88	72	72	67	89	100	100	80
Hospitals reporting occasions of service with waiting times data (h)	no.	85	38	26	16	8	4	2	5	184

(a) The estimated proportion of occasions of service ending in admission in SA excludes data for large hospitals. Includes records for which the Type of visit was reported as Emergency presentation or was not reported

(b) Includes data for the Mersey Community Hospital.

(c) The proportion of occasions of service for which the waiting time to service delivery was within the time specified in the definition of the triage category. For the triage category Resuscitation, an occasion of service was classified as 'seen on time' if the waiting time to service was reported as less than or equal to 2 minutes.

(d) Values are derived from all hospitals that reported to the non-admitted patient emergency department care database, including all principal referral and specialist women's and children's hospitals, large hospitals and public hospitals that were classified to other peer groups.

(e) The proportion of occasions of service for which the emergency department departure status was reported as 'admitted to this hospital'.

**Table 10A.20 Emergency department waiting times, by triage category, public hospitals 2008-09**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA (a)</i>	<i>Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(f)	The number of occasions of service with waiting times data divided by the number of accident and emergency department occasions of service expressed as a percentage. This may underestimate coverage because some occasions of service are for other than emergency presentations, for which waiting times data are applicable.									
(g)	For some jurisdictions, the number of emergency department occasions of service reported to the Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database exceeded the number of accident and emergency occasions of service reported to the National Public Hospital Establishments Database. For these jurisdictions the coverage has been estimated as 100 per cent.									
(h)	Episode-level data are required for public hospitals which are classified as Principal referral and Specialist women's and children's hospitals and Large hospitals.									

*Source:* AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.21

Table 10A.21 Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, 2008-09 (a), (b)

Unit	NSW		Vic	Q/d	WA	SA		Tas	ACT (b)		NT (b)	Aust		
	%	no.				%	no.		%	no.		%	no.	
Peer group A hospitals														
Triage category 1	100		100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	35 073
Triage category 2	78		81	70	66	74	73	85	61	75	61	75	386 506	
Triage category 3	63		72	57	44	57	42	53	45	61	39	63	1 278 108	
Triage category 4	68		66	62	54	59	48	53	39	63	39	63	1 492 703	
Triage category 5	86		88	86	83	82	82	78	76	86	76	86	315 254	
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>70</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>..</b>	
Unit	no.		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	
Total number (c)	1 101 228		852 072	778 575	274 327	255 234	73 636	91 482	81 436	3 507 990	81 436	3 507 990		
Peer group B hospitals														
Triage category 1	100		100	100	98	100	97	..	..	99	..	99	3 927	
Triage category 2	87		87	88	68	67	89	..	..	82	..	82	71 703	
Triage category 3	77		79	68	55	54	85	..	..	72	..	72	304 349	
Triage category 4	75		69	75	59	68	84	..	..	71	..	71	492 116	
Triage category 5	89		80	92	87	91	94	..	..	86	..	86	145 912	
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>79</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>..</b>	
Unit	no.		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	
Total number (c)	359 187		308 784	132 862	155 292	38 459	23 565	..	..	1 018 149	..	1 018 149		
Total (Peer group A and B hospitals)														
Unit	%		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	no.
Triage category 1	100		100	99	99	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	39 000
Triage category 2	80		82	72	66	74	75	85	61	76	61	76	458 209	
Triage category 3	66		74	59	47	57	50	53	45	63	45	63	1 582 457	

Table 10A.21

Table 10A.21 Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, 2008-09 (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (b)	NT (b)	Aust
Triage category 4	70	67	64	56	60	58	53	39	65
Triage category 5	87	85	88	85	83	86	78	76	86
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>68</b>
Unit	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total number (c)	1 460 415	1 160 856	911 437	429 619	293 693	97 201	91 482	81 436	4 526 139

(a) It should be noted that the data presented here are not necessarily representative of the hospitals not included in the National Non-Admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database.

(b) There are no peer group B public hospitals in the ACT and the NT.

(c) The totals include a small number of records for which the triage category was not assigned or not reported.  
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database.

Table 10A.22

**Table 10A.22 Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a), (b)**

Unit	NSW		Vic	Qld	WA	SA		Tas	ACT	NT	Aust	
	%	no.				%	no.					
Indigenous												
Triage category 1	100		100	100	99	100	100	100	np	100	100	1 375
Triage category 2	79		85	78	69	74	74	60	85	60	73	14 922
Triage category 3	65		80	66	50	56	44	50	50	50	60	57 212
Triage category 4	69		74	73	55	61	56	39	56	39	62	75 460
Triage category 5	86		91	92	84	83	86	71	80	71	88	17 407
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>71</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>..</b>
Total number (c)	no.		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total number (c)	41 727		13 548	48 879	18 931	6 309	3 364	31 956	1 667	166 381		
Unit	%		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	no.
Other Australians (d)												
Triage category 1	100		100	99	99	100	99	100	100	100	100	37 625
Triage category 2	80		82	72	66	74	75	63	85	63	77	443 287
Triage category 3	66		73	58	47	57	50	40	53	40	63	1 525 245
Triage category 4	70		67	64	56	60	58	38	53	38	65	1 909 359
Triage category 5	87		85	87	85	83	86	79	78	79	86	443 759
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>72</b>		<b>73</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>..</b>
Unit	no.		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total number (c)	1 418 688		1 147 308	862 558	410 688	287 384	93 837	49 480	89 815	4 359 758		

(a) It should be noted that the data presented here are not necessarily representative of the hospitals not included in the National Non-Admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database (NNAPEDCD).

Table 10A.22

**Table 10A.22 Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a), (b)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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(b) The quality of the identification of Indigenous patients in NNAPEDCD has not been assessed. Identification of Indigenous patients is not considered to be complete, and completeness may vary among the states and territories.

(c) The totals include a small number of records for which the triage category was not assigned or not reported.

(d) 'Other Australians' includes non-Indigenous patients and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.

.. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database.

Table 10A.23

Table 10A.23 Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by remoteness area, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c)

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
	Total (Peer group A and B hospitals)								
Major cities									
Triage category 1	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100
Triage category 2	80	82	69	66	74	76	84	57	76
Triage category 3	66	71	54	44	57	46	53	41	61
Triage category 4	71	64	59	52	60	57	53	39	63
Triage category 5	86	81	85	82	83	87	78	77	84
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>66</b>
Unit	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total number (d)	1 047 942	827 062	553 291	314 445	267 614	1 828	84 095	2 709	3 098 986
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unit									
Inner regional									
Triage category 1	100	100	99	96	100	100	100	100	99
Triage category 2	79	83	72	58	74	74	89	68	76
Triage category 3	66	79	65	53	57	42	53	45	66
Triage category 4	69	74	67	62	62	48	54	38	68
Triage category 5	88	90	88	87	82	82	82	79	88
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>71</b>
Unit	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total number (d)	351 539	268 030	201 334	74 985	15 080	59 559	5 383	1 198	977 108
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unit									



Table 10A.23

Table 10A.23 Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by remoteness area, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Outer regional									
Triage category 1	100	100	100	100	100	98	100	100	100
Triage category 2	82	90	85	86	75	77	92	64	82
Triage category 3	67	88	71	77	59	66	51	30	68
Triage category 4	68	83	72	83	67	73	55	31	68
Triage category 5	88	95	90	96	84	92	79	67	91
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>72</b>
Unit	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total number (d)	35 539	51 795	105 488	26 352	6 807	34 183	1 497	38 915	300 576
Unit	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Remote									
Triage category 1	100	np	98	100	100	np	-	100	100
Triage category 2	81	86	87	71	70	84	np	57	69
Triage category 3	73	87	85	55	59	64	56	57	68
Triage category 4	73	82	89	61	68	69	61	52	72
Triage category 5	91	93	95	86	87	88	62	88	94
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>
Unit	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total number (d)	3 012	1 030	30 162	3 795	2 554	978	68	23 319	64 918
Unit	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very remote									
Triage category 1	np	np	100	100	100	np	-	100	100

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Table 10A.23 Patients treated within national benchmarks for emergency department waiting time, by remoteness area, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Triage category 2	88	100	83	71	72	62	np	62	68
Triage category 3	73	80	73	53	60	73	np	54	59
Triage category 4	75	76	79	62	65	73	np	43	54
Triage category 5	96	87	95	82	87	91	np	76	89
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60</b>
Unit	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Total number (d)	391	133	4 970	1 697	742	188	19	13 718	21 858

(a) It should be noted that the data presented here are not necessarily representative of the hospitals not included in the National Non-Admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database.

(b) Area of usual residence was not reported or not mappable to remoteness areas for approximately 70 000 records.

(c) Disaggregation by remoteness area is by usual residence, not remoteness of hospital. However, state/territory data are reported by jurisdiction of presentation, regardless of jurisdiction of residence.

(d) The totals include a small number of records for which the triage category was not assigned or not reported.

**np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero. ... Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database.

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Table 10A.24 Elective surgery waiting times for patients admitted from waiting lists, by hospital peer group, public hospitals (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas (c)	ACT	NT	Aust
2004-05									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	26	19	16	4	5	2	1	2	75
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	100	97	100	100	100	100	100	99
Number of admissions (f)	117 762	84 230	90 171	29 258	30 193	10 451	4 994	5 026	372 085
Days waited at 50th percentile	29	28	22	26	36	41	np	25	28
Days waited at 90th percentile	274	216	105	184	203	373	np	252	203
% waited more than 365 days	6.7	4.3	1.9	3.4	3.9	10.3	np	5.5	4.6
Large hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	16	8	6	2	2	1	1	..	36
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	73	100	48	100	66	100	..	82
Number of admissions (f)	34 153	32 307	13 272	7 696	6 511	3 354	3 623	..	100 916
Days waited at 50th percentile	41	23	22	np	30	np	np	..	29
Days waited at 90th percentile	330	159	95	np	179	np	np	..	227
% waited more than 365 days	7.6	2.3	1.5	np	4.5	np	np	..	4.8
Medium hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	41	5	9	4	-	..	..	..	59
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	37	83	75	-	..	..	..	62
Number of admissions (f)	41 509	12 668	5 433	10 220	na	..	..	..	69 830
Days waited at 50th percentile	47	34	28	23	na	..	..	..	37
Days waited at 90th percentile	316	213	137	182	na	..	..	..	272
% waited more than 365 days	7.3	6.0	1.5	4.0	na	..	..	..	6.1
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Table 10A.24 Elective surgery waiting times for patients admitted from waiting lists, by hospital peer group, public hospitals (a)

Total (g)	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas (c)	ACT	NT	Aust
Total number of hospitals	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	104	32	31	11	7	3	2	5	195
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	79	96	72	62	90	100	100	87
Number of admissions (f)	197 600	129 205	108 876	49 295	36 704	13 805	8 617	5 644	549 746
Admissions per 1000 population (h)	29.3	25.9	27.7	24.7	23.9	28.5	26.6	28.1	27.2
Days waited at 50th percentile	34	28	22	27	35	34	45	29	29
Days waited at 90th percentile	294	200	105	197	201	352	368	266	217
% waited more than 365 days	6.9	4.0	1.8	3.8	4.0	9.5	10.1	5.9	4.8
2005-06									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	28	19	17	4	5	3	1	2	79
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	28	19	16	4	5	3	1	2	78
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	100	97	100	100	100	100	100	99
Number of admissions (f)	127 298	85 425	89 393	28 512	30 352	15 041	5 106	5 076	386 203
Days waited at 50th percentile	31	32	24	30	38	34	np	26	30
Days waited at 90th percentile	278	238	132	208	213	332	np	298	228
% waited more than 365 days	5.6	5.0	2.3	4.5	3.9	8.7	np	7.2	4.7
Large hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	14	15	6	5	2	-	1	-	43
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	14	9	6	2	2	..	1	..	34
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	72	100	52	100	..	100	..	81
Number of admissions (f)	29 741	37 473	12 435	8 630	5 567	..	3 970	..	97 816
Days waited at 50th percentile	43	32	26	22	40	..	np	..	35
Days waited at 90th percentile	312	222	105	224	199	..	np	..	251
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	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas (c)	ACT	NT	Aust
% waited more than 365 days	5.4	3.9	1.4	4.5	6.1	..	np	..	4.6
Medium hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	38	23	10	7	11	—	—	—	89
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	36	4	7	4	—	..	..	..	51
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	36	86	78	—	..	..	..	62
Number of admissions (f)	38 306	11 626	4 034	9 675	na	..	..	..	63 641
Days waited at 50th percentile	48	32	28	23	na	..	..	..	38
Days waited at 90th percentile	304	136	112	145	na	..	..	..	257
% waited more than 365 days	4.8	2.1	1.1	2.7	na	..	..	..	3.8
<b>Total (g)</b>									
<b>Total number of hospitals</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>755</b>
<b>Number of reporting hospitals (d)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Est coverage of surgical separations (e)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Number of admissions (f)</b>	<b>201 438</b>	<b>134 524</b>	<b>106 323</b>	<b>48 935</b>	<b>35 919</b>	<b>15 041</b>	<b>9 076</b>	<b>5 695</b>	<b>556 951</b>
<b>Admissions per 1000 population (h)</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>27.2</b>
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>
2006-07									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	29	20	18	6	5	3	1	2	84
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	29	20	17	5	5	3	1	2	82
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	100	97	84	100	100	100	100	98
Number of admissions (f)	134 093	86 679	91 827	26 002	31 705	14 181	5 129	5 215	394 831
Days waited at 50th percentile	31	29	26	29	39	38	np	31	30
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	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas (c)	ACT	NT	Aust
Days waited at 90th percentile	259	224	149	223	207	343	np	363	225
% waited more than 365 days	2.3	4.0	2.6	5.0	3.8	9.2	np	9.8	3.4
<b>Large hospitals</b>									
Number of hospitals in peer group	12	14	5	6	2	—	1	—	40
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	12	8	5	2	2	..	1	..	30
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	70	100	42	100	..	100	..	77
Number of admissions (f)	24 825	33 713	11 658	8 571	5 489	..	4 177	..	88 433
Days waited at 50th percentile	39	33	22	23	43	..	np	..	33
Days waited at 90th percentile	266	195	96	233	201	..	np	..	224
% waited more than 365 days	1.3	2.3	1.9	3.8	4.5	..	np	..	2.7
<b>Medium hospitals</b>									
Number of hospitals in peer group	39	24	12	7	11	—	—	—	93
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	37	4	7	4	—	..	..	..	52
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	35	81	80	—	..	..	..	63
Number of admissions (f)	36 573	11 277	4 090	11 718	na	..	..	..	63 658
Days waited at 50th percentile	50	28	27	28	na	..	..	..	39
Days waited at 90th percentile	271	137	125	209	na	..	..	..	231
% waited more than 365 days	1.1	1.2	1.1	4.2	na	..	..	..	1.7
<b>Total (g)</b>									
<b>Total number of hospitals</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>758</b>
<b>Number of reporting hospitals (d)</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Est coverage of surgical separations (e)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Number of admissions (f)</b>	<b>201 630</b>	<b>131 669</b>	<b>107 893</b>	<b>48 986</b>	<b>37 194</b>	<b>14 181</b>	<b>9 306</b>	<b>5 911</b>	<b>556 770</b>
<b>Admissions per 1000 population (h)</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>

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	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas (c)	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>
2007-08									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	29	20	18	6	5	2	1	2	83
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	29	20	18	6	5	2	1	2	83
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Number of admissions (f)	133 191	90 392	92 935	30 354	33 402	10 516	5 322	5 406	401 518
Days waited at 50th percentile	33	30	27	29	42	39	np	39	31
Days waited at 90th percentile	275	232	143	225	203	400	np	329	233
% waited more than 365 days	2.2	4.3	2.6	4.1	3.5	11.1	np	8.0	3.4
Large hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	15	15	5	6	2	1	1	–	45
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	15	8	5	3	2	1	1	..	35
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	68	100	57	100	100	100	..	80
Number of admissions (f)	28 980	32 028	10 515	11 778	6 286	3 633	4 255	..	97 475
Days waited at 50th percentile	42	40	27	27	53	np	np	..	39
Days waited at 90th percentile	281	211	112	189	276	np	np	..	237
% waited more than 365 days	0.9	2.3	0.9	1.2	6.6	np	np	..	2.4
Medium hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	39	22	12	7	13	–	–	–	93
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	36	3	7	4	1	..	..	..	51
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	32	85	81	22	..	..	..	64
Number of admissions (f)	32 030	7 886	3 993	12 809	1 358	..	..	..	58 076
Days waited at 50th percentile	60	29	34	31	np	..	..	..	42
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	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas (c)	ACT	NT	Aust
Days waited at 90th percentile	290	124	117	177	np	..	..	..	238
% waited more than 365 days	1.3	0.6	0.4	2.2	np	..	..	..	1.4
<b>Total (g)</b>									
<b>Total number of hospitals</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>762</b>
<b>Number of reporting hospitals (d)</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Est coverage of surgical separations (e)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Number of admissions (f)</b>	<b>199 578</b>	<b>130 306</b>	<b>107 623</b>	<b>57 122</b>	<b>41 046</b>	<b>14 149</b>	<b>9 577</b>	<b>6 100</b>	<b>565 501</b>
<b>Admissions per 1000 population (h)</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>26.6</b>
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>
2008-09									
Principal referral and women's and children's hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	29	20	19	6	5	2	2	2	85
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	29	20	19	6	5	2	2	2	85
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Number of admissions (f)	134 856	104 532	98 135	31 125	34 827	12 450	10 104	5 646	431 675
Days waited at 50th percentile	33	28	26	29	39	49	75	38	31
Days waited at 90th percentile	273	201	133	181	208	460	378	243	216
% waited more than 365 days	2.8	3.3	1.9	2.6	2.4	13.6	11.0	5.0	3.2
Large hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	15	14	4	5	2	1	—	—	41
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	15	8	4	4	2	1	..	..	34
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	70	100	87	100	100	..	..	84
Number of admissions (f)	28 391	35 342	7 158	12 485	6 033	2 357	..	..	91 766
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	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas (c)	ACT	NT	Aust
Days waited at 50th percentile	45	39	37	28	41	np	..	..	40
Days waited at 90th percentile	293	188	146	178	263	np	..	..	227
% waited more than 365 days	2.1	1.9	1.1	1.4	4.8	np	..	..	2.5
Medium hospitals									
Number of hospitals in peer group	35	24	12	8	13	-	-	-	92
Number of reporting hospitals (d)	35	3	8	4	1	1	..	..	52
Est coverage of surgical separations (e)	100	26	89	78	21	100	..	..	60
Number of admissions (f)	30 299	7 816	4 634	14 650	na	2 124	..	..	62 815
Days waited at 50th percentile	59	42	29	32	na	np	..	..	42
Days waited at 90th percentile	300	132	123	152	na	np	..	..	230
% waited more than 365 days	1.6	1.5	0.9	1.4	na	np	..	..	1.5
<b>Total (g)</b>									
<b>Total number of hospitals</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>756</b>
<b>Number of reporting hospitals (d)</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>Est coverage of surgical separations (e)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Number of admissions (f)</b>	<b>199 384</b>	<b>147 690</b>	<b>109 940</b>	<b>60 398</b>	<b>44 152</b>	<b>16 931</b>	<b>10 104</b>	<b>6 410</b>	<b>595 009</b>
<b>Admissions per 1000 population (h)</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>27.5</b>
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>

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	NSW	Vic	Qld (b)	WA	SA	Tas (c)	ACT	NT	Aust
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(a) Public hospitals only. Principal referral hospitals and women's and children's hospitals include major cities hospitals with > 20 000 acute casemix adjusted separations a year and regional hospitals with > 16 000 acute casemix adjusted separations a year, as well as specialised acute women's and children's hospitals with > 10 000 acute casemix adjusted separations a year. Large hospitals include major cities acute hospitals treating > 10 000 acute casemix adjusted separations a year, regional acute hospitals treating > 8000 acute casemix adjusted separations a year and remote hospitals with > 5000 acute casemix adjusted separations a year. Medium hospitals include medium acute hospitals in regional and major city areas treating between 5000 and 10 000 acute casemix adjusted separations a year and medium acute hospitals in regional and major city areas treating between 2000 and 5000 acute casemix adjusted separations per year, plus acute hospitals treating < 2000 acute casemix adjusted separations a year but with > 2000 separations a year.

(b) For Queensland, the number of admissions includes admissions that were removed from the waiting list for elective admission before the start of the collection period or separated before the end of the collection period. It is expected that these admissions would be counterbalanced overall by the number of admissions occurring in a similar way in future reporting periods.

(c) Includes data for the Mersey Community Hospital.

(d) Number of hospitals reporting to the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection. For NSW, 2004-05 data includes two private hospitals contracted to do elective surgery.

(e) The number of separations with urgency of admission reported as 'elective' and a surgical procedure for public hospitals reporting to the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection as a proportion of the number of separations with urgency of admission of 'elective' and a surgical procedure for all public hospitals.

(f) Number of admissions for elective surgery reported to the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

(g) Includes data for hospitals not included in the specified hospital peer groups.

(h) Crude rate based on the Australian estimated resident population as at 31 December 2008.

na Not available. . . Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero. np Not published.

Source: AIHW various years, *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series, AIHW Cat. nos HSE 41, 50, 55, 71 and 84, Canberra.

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2004-05								
Cardio-thoracic								
Days waited at 50th percentile	14	5	8	13	12	24	17	.. 11
Days waited at 90th percentile	69	66	69	42	70	86	35	.. 62
% waited more than 365 days	0.2	–	0.3	–	0.2	–	–	.. 0.1
Ear, nose and throat surgery								
Days waited at 50th percentile	60	29	15	83	50	39	116	55 37
Days waited at 90th percentile	446	192	105	351	314	448	689	384 322
% waited more than 365 days	14.1	4.9	2.9	9.6	8.6	13.0	17.3	10.7 8.4
General surgery								
Days waited at 50th percentile	27	26	25	20	31	28	28	51 27
Days waited at 90th percentile	163	194	99	120	142	199	201	315 155
% waited more than 365 days	3.1	3.7	1.6	1.5	1.9	3.3	2.8	8.1 2.8
Gynaecology								
Days waited at 50th percentile	27	28	21	19	28	29	30	6 25
Days waited at 90th percentile	133	139	87	68	128	141	160	66 113
% waited more than 365 days	2.2	1.7	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.2 1.5
Neurosurgery								
Days waited at 50th percentile	21	21	11	34	21	42	70	.. 22
Days waited at 90th percentile	129	149	78	134	153	436	337	.. 141
% waited more than 365 days	1.9	1.2	0.4	1.2	2.0	13.7	9.0	.. 1.7
Ophthalmology								
Days waited at 50th percentile	140	34	28	78	71	115	209	145 66
Days waited at 90th percentile	450	179	189	314	255	554	531	356 364
% waited more than 365 days	18.2	1.7	2.8	6.1	2.9	35.0	28.4	9.1 9.8
Orthopaedic surgery								
Days waited at 50th percentile	61	64	22	81	69	160	112	36 48
Days waited at 90th percentile	410	358	123	396	363	648	404	289 356
% waited more than 365 days	12.7	9.6	2.3	11.2	9.8	30.8	13.0	7.9 9.6
Plastic surgery								
Days waited at 50th percentile	28	24	25	25	31	22	35	39 27
Days waited at 90th percentile	140	187	97	245	213	192	463	294 162
% waited more than 365 days	2.0	3.8	1.7	5.4	7.2	5.6	13.3	8.3 3.6
Urology								
Days waited at 50th percentile	28	23	26	21	28	37	33	50 26
Days waited at 90th percentile	163	182	109	126	119	174	191	188 155
% waited more than 365 days	3.4	4.0	1.4	2.2	2.7	3.1	2.6	5.7 3.0
Vascular surgery								
Days waited at 50th percentile	18	23	16	16	8	40	23	.. 18
Days waited at 90th percentile	101	298	92	66	39	203	534	.. 121
% waited more than 365 days	2.4	8.4	2.3	1.2	0.6	5.2	14.2	.. 3.9

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<b>Other</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	7	21	26	9	22	6	13	14	
Days waited at 90th percentile	66	81	116	43	90	32	332	98	96
% waited more than 365 days	0.4	0.9	3.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	7.4	0.9	1.5
<b>Total</b>									
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>
2005-06									
Cardio-thoracic									
Days waited at 50th percentile	13	7	7	14	18	36	27	..	12
Days waited at 90th percentile	73	92	78	46	72	135	100	..	73
% waited more than 365 days	–	0.2	0.1	0.2	–	–	–	..	0.1
Ear, nose and throat surgery									
Days waited at 50th percentile	70	45	20	82	46	45	140	75	47
Days waited at 90th percentile	404	229	143	320	296	491	828	623	331
% waited more than 365 days	13.0	4.9	3.7	8.2	7.8	15.4	23.0	18.4	8.3
General surgery									
Days waited at 50th percentile	29	29	26	21	31	23	27	51	28
Days waited at 90th percentile	175	203	112	132	141	193	159	324	166
% waited more than 365 days	2.3	3.7	1.7	2.5	1.5	3.9	4.2	8.4	2.6
Gynaecology									
Days waited at 50th percentile	28	29	25	16	31	32	36	6	27
Days waited at 90th percentile	126	148	94	77	113	170	186	63	119
% waited more than 365 days	1.6	1.9	0.6	0.2	0.6	1.2	2.2	1.6	1.3
Neurosurgery									
Days waited at 50th percentile	20	26	12	44	18	74	52	..	26
Days waited at 90th percentile	103	177	108	147	121	427	372	..	152
% waited more than 365 days	2.1	2.0	1.0	1.1	1.6	14.1	10.4	..	2.1
Ophthalmology									
Days waited at 50th percentile	132	38	34	71	68	41	180	189	69
Days waited at 90th percentile	362	210	247	291	291	545	504	455	326
% waited more than 365 days	9.4	1.0	3.8	6.0	4.2	30.2	22.5	19.1	6.5
Orthopaedic surgery									
Days waited at 50th percentile	66	69	23	70	77	146	137	36	54
Days waited at 90th percentile	390	392	168	370	404	538	450	340	364
% waited more than 365 days	12.0	11.2	2.9	10.2	12.3	22.4	15.3	8.4	9.9

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<b>Plastic surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	29	24	29	31	37	25	52	46	29
Days waited at 90th percentile	185	223	134	310	217	146	392	357	197
% waited more than 365 days	3.9	5.3	2.3	8.8	5.0	3.3	12.9	8.9	4.7
<b>Urology</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	28	20	28	21	38	36	49	25	26
Days waited at 90th percentile	168	176	118	147	160	184	215	174	162
% waited more than 365 days	2.6	3.9	1.7	3.2	4.0	3.4	3.1	7.2	3.0
<b>Vascular surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	19	33	21	17	12	42	22	..	20
Days waited at 90th percentile	122	507	84	76	47	284	552	..	175
% waited more than 365 days	2.0	14.2	2.0	0.8	0.3	4.3	13.6	..	5.0
<b>Other</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	8	23	24	14	33	12	33	11	16
Days waited at 90th percentile	64	78	111	48	110	133	199	85	91
% waited more than 365 days	0.7	0.5	2.7	–	–	–	1.9	1.2	1.0
<b>Total</b>									
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>
2006-07									
<b>Cardio-thoracic</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	12	7	12	13	18	27	24	..	12
Days waited at 90th percentile	62	63	82	40	74	173	87	..	66
% waited more than 365 days	–	0.1	0.2	–	0.1	0.5	–	..	0.1
<b>Ear, nose and throat surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	69	39	23	90	54	57	105	50	46
Days waited at 90th percentile	335	204	159	431	312	521	803	546	308
% waited more than 365 days	4.1	3.5	3.6	13.5	7.4	12.9	23.1	14.8	5.5
<b>General surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	28	29	26	25	33	29	29	53	28
Days waited at 90th percentile	158	183	124	177	158	268	164	326	162
% waited more than 365 days	0.7	2.8	2.1	3.5	2.4	6.9	1.5	7.8	2.0
<b>Gynaecology</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	29	36	24	21	32	38	39	7	28
Days waited at 90th percentile	145	143	97	94	119	238	209	81	130
% waited more than 365 days	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.3	3.7	1.8	1.2	0.9

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<b>Neurosurgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	23	21	15	42	21	38	29	..	26
Days waited at 90th percentile	130	162	158	169	89	505	296	..	154
% waited more than 365 days	0.9	1.7	4.0	1.1	0.2	11.9	7.7	..	1.9
<b>Ophthalmology</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	123	36	34	77	68	54	173	255	71
Days waited at 90th percentile	339	228	268	304	278	528	510	643	318
% waited more than 365 days	3.5	1.1	4.8	6.7	4.6	23.6	27.7	36.3	4.6
<b>Orthopaedic surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	65	63	25	52	69	123	123	49	50
Days waited at 90th percentile	330	340	175	301	345	561	403	399	318
% waited more than 365 days	4.2	8.6	3.5	6.6	9.2	22.5	12.3	11.9	6.0
<b>Plastic surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	28	23	29	29	37	22	62	42	28
Days waited at 90th percentile	167	213	135	312	182	166	371	315	193
% waited more than 365 days	1.3	4.5	2.0	8.2	4.1	3.7	10.1	8.1	3.6
<b>Urology</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	28	21	27	19	44	33	52	50	26
Days waited at 90th percentile	167	151	127	133	177	148	237	407	158
% waited more than 365 days	1.4	2.7	2.3	3.1	4.1	2.1	3.4	11.8	2.3
<b>Vascular surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	17	25	20	20	12	43	27	..	20
Days waited at 90th percentile	89	273	84	103	71	242	482	..	133
% waited more than 365 days	0.5	6.3	1.6	1.1	1.5	4.2	11.4	..	2.4
<b>Other</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	6	23	29	13	21	12	36	20	15
Days waited at 90th percentile	46	86	122	42	82	54	151	251	90
% waited more than 365 days	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.6	2.0	5.4	0.6
<b>Total</b>									
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>2007-08</b>									
<b>Cardio-thoracic</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	14	6	10	19	14	21	18	..	12
Days waited at 90th percentile	74	85	69	55	101	131	103	..	78
% waited more than 365 days	0.1	0.1	0.3	–	–	0.5	0.4	..	0.1

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<b>Ear, nose and throat surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	87	48	28	106	63	50	135	73	57
Days waited at 90th percentile	346	276	161	416	350	406	610	530	335
% waited more than 365 days	4.4	3.4	3.4	14.0	9.1	11.3	30.4	18.1	6.2
<b>General surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	29	34	26	27	37	25	35	44	29
Days waited at 90th percentile	165	204	109	152	180	344	218	244	170
% waited more than 365 days	0.6	2.8	1.1	1.7	2.6	9.0	1.3	5.5	1.7
<b>Gynaecology</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	32	45	25	30	29	37	53	10	31
Days waited at 90th percentile	168	158	95	138	121	195	226	110	145
% waited more than 365 days	0.9	1.4	0.9	1.1	0.4	3.3	2.3	2.3	1.1
<b>Neurosurgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	25	24	21	35	21	35	39	..	25
Days waited at 90th percentile	148	185	134	187	95	343	276	..	166
% waited more than 365 days	0.7	1.5	4.3	1.8	0.2	9.9	7.6	..	1.9
<b>Ophthalmology</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	134	36	42	55	61	104	169	149	68
Days waited at 90th percentile	335	217	296	267	230	670	484	524	315
% waited more than 365 days	2.6	1.9	5.5	3.5	2.5	30.7	18.4	18.9	3.8
<b>Orthopaedic surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	70	61	27	58	77	125	121	53	54
Days waited at 90th percentile	343	335	175	254	379	548	427	414	323
% waited more than 365 days	4.5	8.4	3.3	3.3	10.5	20.2	13.6	11.6	5.8
<b>Plastic surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	25	22	28	18	40	13	45	42	26
Days waited at 90th percentile	147	235	148	144	187	134	347	376	186
% waited more than 365 days	0.5	5.6	2.8	1.7	3.5	2.4	9.5	10.5	3.2
<b>Urology</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	28	20	31	21	44	41	50	59	27
Days waited at 90th percentile	166	170	122	127	185	185	267	210	162
% waited more than 365 days	1.1	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.8	3.2	4.5	2.9	2.1
<b>Vascular surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	18	25	22	27	14	25	25	..	21
Days waited at 90th percentile	108	364	82	145	57	242	705	..	161
% waited more than 365 days	0.5	9.9	1.3	2.6	0.9	5.6	19.6	..	3.8

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<b>Other (c)</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	7	24	27	18	21	50	35	63	19
Days waited at 90th percentile	63	88	96	72	76	795	157	383	89
% waited more than 365 days	–	1.0	0.4	0.4	–	37.1	1.5	10.2	1.4
<b>Total</b>									
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>
2008-09									
Cardio-thoracic									
Days waited at 50th percentile	13	9	11	13	11	15	19	7	12
Days waited at 90th percentile	62	107	74	38	117	107	69	15	76
% waited more than 365 days	0.1	0.7	0.2	–	0.3	–	–	–	0.3
Ear, nose and throat surgery									
Days waited at 50th percentile	84	56	31	73	51	56	204	36	58
Days waited at 90th percentile	353	267	158	294	252	268	627	385	318
% waited more than 365 days	6.3	3.2	3.3	5.7	3.4	7.3	33.6	10.8	5.2
General surgery									
Days waited at 50th percentile	30	32	26	27	34	58	41	47	30
Days waited at 90th percentile	149	176	114	154	175	564	193	225	165
% waited more than 365 days	1.1	2.5	1.1	2.0	1.8	19.6	2.8	4.6	2.4
Gynaecology									
Days waited at 50th percentile	30	35	25	29	22	30	56	13	28
Days waited at 90th percentile	139	137	96	117	112	175	211	99	126
% waited more than 365 days	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.7	4.5	3.6	1.0	0.9
Neurosurgery									
Days waited at 50th percentile	26	22	18	40	26	35	43	..	24
Days waited at 90th percentile	168	165	107	167	84	265	217	..	157
% waited more than 365 days	1.5	1.5	0.8	2.5	0.1	6.2	1.6	..	1.5
Ophthalmology									
Days waited at 50th percentile	135	48	35	49	49	109	115	118	65
Days waited at 90th percentile	344	181	205	200	252	571	318	350	306
% waited more than 365 days	3.5	1.1	1.9	1.2	2.0	26.9	8.1	8.7	3.0
Orthopaedic surgery									
Days waited at 50th percentile	76	51	28	51	68	..	125	36	53
Days waited at 90th percentile	355	301	172	224	334	..	506	315	323
% waited more than 365 days	6.5	6.7	3.0	3.1	7.0	..	18.5	8.0	5.6



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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		
<b>Plastic surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	22	17	26	24	31	17	48	69	22
Days waited at 90th percentile	135	193	147	147	186	126	338	520	168
% waited more than 365 days	0.7	3.7	3.4	1.9	4.4	3.1	9.1	11.7	3.0
<b>Urology</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	29	20	32	24	43	43	63	81	27
Days waited at 90th percentile	126	140	116	121	151	181	388	234	137
% waited more than 365 days	1.1	1.9	1.4	1.5	2.2	3.6	11.2	5.2	1.8
<b>Vascular surgery</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	17	27	19	28	11	44	25	208	20
Days waited at 90th percentile	104	320	79	222	47	535	382	565	175
% waited more than 365 days	0.3	8.4	1.0	4.2	0.7	12.7	11.9	32.0	3.5
<b>Other (c)</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	10	26	14	19	26	156	42	30	21
Days waited at 90th percentile	104	82	96	79	75	475	159	137	105
% waited more than 365 days	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.5	–	20.0	1.3	2.9	1.5
<b>Total</b>									
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>

(a) For 2005-06 the total number of admissions for Queensland include 644 admissions that were removed from the waiting list for elective admission before 30 June 2005 and separated before 30 June 2006. It is expected that these admissions would be counterbalanced overall by the number of admissions occurring in a similar way in future reporting periods. The total number of admissions for Queensland includes 507 patients who were removed from the waiting list for elective admission before 30 June 2007 and separated before 30 June 2008. It is expected that these admissions would be counterbalanced overall by the number of admissions occurring in a similar way in future reporting periods.

(b) Includes data for the Mersey Community Hospital. For Tasmania in 2008-09, admissions for Orthopaedic surgery were included under the category General Surgery.

(c) Includes specialty of surgeon 'not reported'  
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW various years, *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series, AIHW Cat. nos HSE 41, 50, 55, 71 and 84, Canberra.

Table 10A.26

	Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by Indigenous status and procedure, 2008-09 (days) (a),(b)																	
	Indigenous							Other Australians										
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)
50th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	177	104	74	97	90	204	97	124	114	168	56	42	55	58	31	121	163	83
Cholecystectomy	50	28	48	33	19	33	np	109	47	53	46	40	32	45	58	83	76	46
Coronary artery bypass graft	15	np	15	17	29	np	np	..	20	15	18	9	15	15	25	11	..	14
Cystoscopy	35	21	33	26	32	63	np	68	35	26	19	33	23	35	34	65	47	25
Haemorrhoidectomy	37	np	26	np	np	np	-	63	43	51	66	43	34	46	109	84	73	52
Hysterectomy	50	39	42	32	np	55	np	47	47	50	48	41	55	50	56	77	64	48
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	38	23	33	56	np	58	-	107	40	59	50	48	32	48	60	87	69	51
Myringoplasty	242	np	82	113	163	np	-	34	97	186	82	66	103	143	33	273	54	92
Myringotomy	39	57	59	41	61	np	np	28	54	47	43	30	58	48	46	120	35	43
Prostatectomy	69	np	44	np	-	np	..	np	53	54	21	40	25	56	47	42	108	41
Septoplasty	317	np	46	np	np	np	np	np	147	236	82	70	109	106	108	426	108	125
Tonsillectomy	158	107	67	111	80	157	np	90	102	144	77	46	106	71	105	344	57	84
Total hip replacement	110	np	106	np	np	np	-	np	110	123	106	68	71	102	350	170	66	100
Total knee replacement	213	np	132	np	np	np	-	np	177	220	143	86	90	182	510	249	148	147
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	52	np	np	np	-	np	np	np	81	69	101	55	87	115	109	276	99	84
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>
90th percentile																		
Cataract extraction	348	295	237	215	243	474	189	480	332	348	190	224	205	260	567	340	316	314
Cholecystectomy	154	127	133	210	116	620	np	600	188	190	169	115	146	148	407	226	183	166
Coronary artery bypass graft	96	np	53	78	109	np	np	..	83	78	189	76	35	125	129	51	..	94
Cystoscopy	136	179	139	210	131	119	np	210	167	118	126	145	163	99	163	332	232	131
Haemorrhoidectomy	123	np	64	np	np	np	-	412	175	193	242	166	185	281	591	164	296	215
Hysterectomy	182	111	103	92	np	112	np	175	145	216	142	120	157	184	284	253	219	171

Table 10A.26

Table 10A.26 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by Indigenous status and procedure, 2008-09 (days) (a),(b)**

	Indigenous										Other Australians							
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	239	122	113	160	np	259	-	243	191	240	207	147	149	217	617	272	192	216
Myringoplasty	383	np	351	381	344	np	-	563	412	366	316	325	389	479	378	689	498	366
Myringotomy	155	216	131	210	96	np	np	132	155	191	117	117	213	109	159	339	90	140
Prostatectomy	196	np	295	np	-	np	-	np	227	184	208	120	77	136	103	417	216	165
Septoplasty	368	np	218	np	np	np	np	np	404	369	339	414	350	339	448	728	2 470	376
Tonsillectomy	351	220	231	333	194	227	np	294	332	363	274	166	327	277	230	567	297	335
Total hip replacement	354	np	175	np	np	np	-	np	377	363	351	242	249	374	719	492	415	363
Total knee replacement	366	np	435	np	np	np	-	np	371	375	467	340	298	430	809	589	351	391
Varicose veins stripping & ligation	218	np	np	np	-	np	np	np	499	268	473	277	393	342	584	572	504	357
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>217</b>

(a) The data presented for this indicator are sourced from linked records in the National Hospital Morbidity Database and National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection. The linked records represent about 97 per cent of all records in the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection for 2008-09.

(b) Data for Tasmania and the ACT should be interpreted with caution until further assessment of Indigenous identification is completed. The Australian totals for Indigenous/Other Australians do not include data for the ACT or Tasmania.

(c) Total includes all removals for elective surgery procedures, including but not limited to the procedures listed above.

.. Not applicable. - Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: Linked AIHW (unpublished) National Hospital Morbidity Database; AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection

Table 10A.27

Table 10A.27 **Waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, by remoteness area, 2008-09 (days) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
All hospitals									
50th percentile									
Major cities	35	32	26	32	38	13	75	8	33
Inner regional	46	28	27	31	32	38	67	np	35
Outer regional	53	27	30	32	32	37	62	35	37
Remote	38	14	33	30	33	43	23	36	34
Very remote	40	8	35	29	34	42	np	44	36
90th percentile									
Major cities	262	192	133	178	211	29	370	39	206
Inner regional	309	180	134	199	183	411	378	np	246
Outer regional	314	191	134	209	182	393	351	226	248
Remote	300	173	148	158	183	466	94	208	203
Very remote	256	218	195	179	179	596	np	307	229

(a) The data presented for this indicator are sourced from linked records in the National Hospital Morbidity Database and National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection. The linked records represent about 97 per cent of all records in the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection for 2008-09.

(b) Disaggregation by remoteness area is by usual residence, not remoteness of hospital. Separations are reported by jurisdiction of hospitalisation, regardless of the jurisdiction of usual residence.

**np** Not published.

*Source:* Linked AIHW (unpublished) National Hospital Morbidity Database; AIHW (unpublished) National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.

Table 10A.28

**Table 10A.28 Elective surgery waiting times, by indicator procedure**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		
2004-05									
Cataract extraction									
Days waited at 50th percentile	182	44	33	94	99	368	240	167	92
Days waited at 90th percentile	475	187	209	317	272	595	531	365	388
% waited more than 365 days	21.2	1.9	2.6	6.1	2.9	51.1	29.9	9.7	12.1
Cholecystectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	50	49	40	28	40	64	57	92	46
Days waited at 90th percentile	274	236	104	165	132	217	334	367	217
% waited more than 365 days	6.1	4.4	1.2	2.2	0.8	3.5	6.6	10.6	4.2
Coronary artery bypass graft									
Days waited at 50th percentile	17	7	11	20	20	28	12	..	14
Days waited at 90th percentile	94	129	84	53	78	86	33	..	89
% waited more than 365 days	0.1	0.1	0.4	–	–	–	–	..	0.2
Cystoscopy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	27	23	29	23	22	37	44	47	27
Days waited at 90th percentile	146	174	160	187	100	179	197	182	158
% waited more than 365 days	2.2	3.6	1.4	3.5	1.6	3.0	2.5	3.4	2.6
Haemorrhoidectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	49	58	40	33	35	104	105	np	45
Days waited at 90th percentile	338	308	201	170	92	638	370	np	294
% waited more than 365 days	8.7	7.6	6.3	4.3	0.8	27.8	12.1	np	7.4
Hysterectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	40	35	34	25	53	45	44	43	36
Days waited at 90th percentile	189	173	105	78	168	161	186	389	153
% waited more than 365 days	3.7	2.2	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.6	2.0	11.5	2.4
Inguinal herniorrhaphy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	47	48	38	25	45	72	77	84	43
Days waited at 90th percentile	246	255	111	151	153	273	311	379	216
% waited more than 365 days	4.7	5.3	1.5	2.6	1.1	5.6	3.5	11.3	4.0
Myringoplasty									
Days waited at 50th percentile	210	64	46	123	115	38	96	49	88
Days waited at 90th percentile	629	434	489	419	544	489	1 093	730	550
% waited more than 365 days	32.5	12.4	12.6	14.1	26.1	15.0	30.0	23.8	19.9
Myringotomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	34	23	21	77	43	46	127	65	29
Days waited at 90th percentile	200	80	103	168	111	157	241	263	119
% waited more than 365 days	3.3	0.6	1.0	0.9	–	–	3.9	4.8	0.9
Prostatectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	40	25	28	28	39	36	30	53	32
Days waited at 90th percentile	265	267	98	123	155	52	162	188	216
% waited more than 365 days	6.9	6.5	1.9	1.1	3.1	–	3.7	3.2	5.2

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**Table 10A.28 Elective surgery waiting times, by indicator procedure**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		
<b>Septoplasty</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	179	63	46	176	173	np	354	149	96
Days waited at 90th percentile	662	565	1 031	649	614	np	952	433	642
% waited more than 365 days	30.4	19.0	20.4	29.0	24.7	np	50.0	13.0	24.2
<b>Tonsillectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	110	39	28	127	73	75	173	76	62
Days waited at 90th percentile	516	205	128	406	306	402	734	369	360
% waited more than 365 days	19.1	3.1	2.0	14.0	7.0	15.0	22.4	10.5	9.8
<b>Total hip replacement</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	106	141	50	114	125	355	173	96	102
Days waited at 90th percentile	481	400	179	377	375	668	427	402	433
% waited more than 365 days	18.9	12.8	4.0	10.5	10.9	48.5	15.1	16.7	14.4
<b>Total knee replacement</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	218	176	60	165	140	411	207	217	152
Days waited at 90th percentile	604	463	267	450	418	747	587	503	542
% waited more than 365 days	33.1	17.6	7.2	17.8	14.2	57.9	28.7	33.3	23.5
<b>Varicose veins stripping and ligation</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	68	90	68	29	169	96	519	243	78
Days waited at 90th percentile	483	1,145	808	147	668	510	1,087	876	775
% waited more than 365 days	13.8	27.9	20.0	4.8	26.1	22.2	67.1	47.6	21.1
<b>Not available/Not stated</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	25	23	19	21	29	27	29	21	23
Days waited at 90th percentile	173	174	93	150	163	245	262	212	154
% waited more than 365 days	3.6	3.3	1.4	3.0	3.8	6.4	5.6	4.7	3.1
<b>Total</b>									
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>2005-06</b>									
<b>Cataract extraction</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	161	49	41	83	96	389	182	246	93
Days waited at 90th percentile	368	225	272	293	314	566	496	464	342
% waited more than 365 days	10.5	0.8	4.2	5.9	4.5	50.8	22.7	21.6	7.5
<b>Cholecystectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	50	48	41	31	29	47	48	71	45
Days waited at 90th percentile	261	210	138	175	96	264	169	568	211
% waited more than 365 days	4.4	3.3	1.5	3.3	–	4.9	6.4	15.0	3.4
<b>Coronary artery bypass graft</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	16	10	8	20	25	45	22	..	15
Days waited at 90th percentile	90	159	93	62	79	138	98	..	100
% waited more than 365 days	–	0.2	0.1	–	–	–	–	..	0.1

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		
<b>Cystoscopy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	24	21	32	23	35	38	55	51	25
Days waited at 90th percentile	141	159	140	198	137	180	216	211	155
% waited more than 365 days	1.8	2.8	1.7	4.8	3.5	2.7	2.9	5.0	2.5
<b>Haemorrhoidectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	54	70	42	32	47	53	70	np	51
Days waited at 90th percentile	292	366	171	322	105	353	379	np	286
% waited more than 365 days	5.3	10.0	3.3	8.3	–	8.5	12.5	np	6.3
<b>Hysterectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	41	40	39	26	54	48	49	47	40
Days waited at 90th percentile	209	161	110	90	138	184	276	372	157
% waited more than 365 days	3.4	1.9	0.7	0.2	0.2	1.3	4.2	11.6	2.1
<b>Inguinal herniorrhaphy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	51	56	41	24	44	41	47	71	48
Days waited at 90th percentile	259	257	133	148	142	308	202	517	233
% waited more than 365 days	3.5	5.6	2.1	3.1	0.8	5.3	3.3	17.9	3.8
<b>Myringoplasty</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	190	83	60	99	72	69	631	364	98
Days waited at 90th percentile	574	361	376	440	367	1 903	1 000	1 144	463
% waited more than 365 days	26.7	9.4	10.2	10.4	10.0	38.9	61.1	45.7	16.3
<b>Myringotomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	40	34	29	75	38	23	144	30	37
Days waited at 90th percentile	210	107	118	220	117	153	329	187	139
% waited more than 365 days	1.8	0.2	2.7	0.3	0.2	–	6.5	–	1.1
<b>Prostatectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	48	21	28	25	50	41	52	62	35
Days waited at 90th percentile	281	278	126	116	324	70	239	250	246
% waited more than 365 days	6.0	7.8	3.0	1.5	7.5	–	3.9	9.1	5.9
<b>Septoplasty</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	266	96	66	147	130	np	312	130	128
Days waited at 90th percentile	613	430	945	503	522	np	847	468	542
% waited more than 365 days	32.9	14.7	19.0	16.2	20.1	np	41.8	19.4	22.4
<b>Tonsillectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	129	56	40	119	74	57	203	118	72
Days waited at 90th percentile	406	215	182	390	231	648	894	389	336
% waited more than 365 days	13.6	3.9	3.9	11.3	2.0	26.5	30.3	13.3	8.1
<b>Total hip replacement</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	119	154	61	99	106	238	149	120	111
Days waited at 90th percentile	418	408	187	359	418	552	477	345	406
% waited more than 365 days	16.0	13.0	3.3	9.2	14.9	32.2	16.8	8.3	13.3

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		
Total knee replacement									
Days waited at 50th percentile	242	188	74	138	193	326	219	137	178
Days waited at 90th percentile	519	463	287	498	505	639	633	1 060	492
% waited more than 365 days	29.1	18.6	6.4	20.0	26.0	41.0	29.6	22.2	23.1
Varicose veins stripping and ligation									
Days waited at 50th percentile	70	182	71	33	203	52	241	352	98
Days waited at 90th percentile	358	726	699	416	504	252	927	635	596
% waited more than 365 days	9.5	29.1	19.9	10.3	29.4	3.9	46.3	47.6	19.6
Not available/Not stated									
Days waited at 50th percentile	27	26	21	23	32	28	36	22	25
Days waited at 90th percentile	191	195	109	167	176	253	290	237	174
% waited more than 365 days	3.3	4.1	1.6	3.6	3.7	5.7	6.7	5.6	3.3
<b>Total</b>									
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>
2006-07									
Cataract extraction									
Days waited at 50th percentile	152	50	40	85	96	111	177	320	93
Days waited at 90th percentile	343	237	292	297	288	625	516	641	330
% waited more than 365 days	3.9	0.8	5.8	6.3	3.9	35.7	29.3	40.3	5.0
Cholecystectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	47	45	38	32	36	61	71	111	43
Days waited at 90th percentile	202	170	133	279	107	258	239	503	182
% waited more than 365 days	1.2	1.8	1.1	5.2	–	6.4	2.9	14.1	1.7
Coronary artery bypass graft									
Days waited at 50th percentile	15	9	15	26	24	43	19	..	17
Days waited at 90th percentile	76	80	91	67	83	196	77	..	88
% waited more than 365 days	0.1	0.2	0.1	–	–	0.4	–	..	0.1
Cystoscopy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	25	21	29	16	42	35	66	48	25
Days waited at 90th percentile	151	141	168	167	195	146	257	260	157
% waited more than 365 days	1.0	2.0	3.1	3.4	5.1	0.9	4.0	7.5	2.1
Haemorrhoidectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	44	53	42	36	32	94	81	np	44
Days waited at 90th percentile	237	265	201	359	158	298	160	np	241
% waited more than 365 days	2.1	3.7	4.8	8.2	0.7	8.8	–	np	3.3
Hysterectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	45	43	36	32	52	62	53	32	43
Days waited at 90th percentile	204	146	116	118	154	241	252	129	165
% waited more than 365 days	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.4	0.4	3.2	4.4	4.8	1.1



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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		
Inguinal herniorrhaphy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	48	45	40	32	47	77	79	77	45
Days waited at 90th percentile	231	198	168	232	141	424	224	362	217
% waited more than 365 days	1.2	2.4	2.4	5.0	1.5	13.6	1.4	9.5	2.4
Myringoplasty									
Days waited at 50th percentile	125	62	62	143	186	154	252	440	93
Days waited at 90th percentile	354	278	379	485	434	1 106	952	863	378
% waited more than 365 days	6.5	6.2	11.0	14.8	22.6	28.6	35.7	58.3	11.4
Myringotomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	42	28	38	68	49	37	61	13	39
Days waited at 90th percentile	232	92	150	301	133	114	321	116	152
% waited more than 365 days	1.1	0.2	1.1	5.5	0.6	–	6.1	5.0	1.3
Prostatectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	44	23	28	23	55	51	30	45	35
Days waited at 90th percentile	223	225	128	122	232	83	218	441	206
% waited more than 365 days	2.6	5.2	1.9	1.9	4.3	–	5.1	15.4	3.4
Septoplasty									
Days waited at 50th percentile	203	75	56	159	129	np	167	205	113
Days waited at 90th percentile	370	376	545	561	354	np	851	1 814	405
% waited more than 365 days	11.4	10.7	16.9	19.1	9.5	np	29.4	42.9	13.6
Tonsillectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	123	53	42	112	80	117	194	154	75
Days waited at 90th percentile	345	199	183	461	364	1 278	943	683	332
% waited more than 365 days	4.3	2.0	3.8	17.5	9.8	35.5	35.8	20.2	6.1
Total hip replacement									
Days waited at 50th percentile	134	132	62	83	111	244	140	164	106
Days waited at 90th percentile	356	361	245	326	468	617	330	413	358
% waited more than 365 days	5.9	9.4	5.3	7.1	16.5	38.3	8.1	27.3	8.6
Total knee replacement									
Days waited at 50th percentile	221	170	74	115	171	392	233	203	162
Days waited at 90th percentile	365	437	343	399	559	654	527	434	390
% waited more than 365 days	9.9	15.6	9.0	12.0	28.5	54.0	24.1	36.4	13.4
Varicose veins stripping and ligation									
Days waited at 50th percentile	59	109	77	51	284	39	218	305	83
Days waited at 90th percentile	230	431	770	336	747	254	957	1 269	426
% waited more than 365 days	1.9	14.0	22.6	8.9	35.5	3.3	41.3	46.7	12.8
Not available/Not stated									
Days waited at 50th percentile	26	26	21	24	33	32	38	26	26
Days waited at 90th percentile	184	189	114	183	163	280	239	246	174
% waited more than 365 days	1.2	3.3	1.8	3.8	2.7	6.9	5.1	5.9	2.4

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		
<b>Total</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	35	30	25	29	40	38	63	35	32
Days waited at 90th percentile	260	208	142	225	206	343	364	370	226
% waited more than 365 days	1.9	3.3	2.5	4.6	3.9	9.2	9.9	10.2	3.1
2007-08									
Cataract extraction									
Days waited at 50th percentile	168	43	48	59	73	417	175	184	87
Days waited at 90th percentile	340	231	317	265	225	737	484	498	326
% waited more than 365 days	2.9	1.7	6.0	3.3	1.2	51.5	18.5	20.1	4.3
Cholecystectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	53	50	37	33	50	78	83	76	47
Days waited at 90th percentile	202	194	117	194	154	420	227	384	188
% waited more than 365 days	0.7	1.4	0.7	1.8	0.6	13.8	1.8	10.5	1.4
Coronary artery bypass graft									
Days waited at 50th percentile	14	11	9	24	20	31	13	..	14
Days waited at 90th percentile	102	151	67	56	113	140	84	..	97
% waited more than 365 days	0.1	0.2	0.2	–	–	0.8	–	..	0.2
Cystoscopy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	26	21	33	20	35	49	51	52	26
Days waited at 90th percentile	156	163	137	146	119	174	279	181	157
% waited more than 365 days	0.9	2.0	3.0	3.1	1.1	2.4	4.0	3.5	1.8
Haemorrhoidectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	50	65	37	39	48	68	72	79	50
Days waited at 90th percentile	249	260	167	245	168	440	168	307	245
% waited more than 365 days	1.9	4.2	2.5	2.9	1.7	12.5	–	6.1	2.8
Hysterectomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	52	52	36	42	54	66	85	78	49
Days waited at 90th percentile	239	161	121	161	167	221	308	158	192
% waited more than 365 days	1.8	1.2	0.7	1.1	0.8	3.5	4.1	3.4	1.4
Inguinal herniorrhaphy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	56	52	40	35	51	98	90	74	50
Days waited at 90th percentile	231	232	145	196	201	424	237	461	225
% waited more than 365 days	0.8	4.1	0.9	1.5	2.4	15.5	1.8	11.5	2.2
Myringoplasty									
Days waited at 50th percentile	177	63	62	166	200	441	417	406	104
Days waited at 90th percentile	365	322	358	408	551	1 432	860	1 043	411
% waited more than 365 days	9.8	5.9	9.9	15.8	32.2	60.0	64.0	55.6	14.5
Myringotomy									
Days waited at 50th percentile	63	39	36	73	57	44	94	44	48
Days waited at 90th percentile	315	113	168	355	159	150	418	106	182
% waited more than 365 days	2.4	0.5	0.9	9.4	0.7	–	13.8	3.6	2.4

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		
<b>Prostatectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	47	22	36	28	58	39	45	50	36
Days waited at 90th percentile	232	234	155	105	217	135	178	160	203
% waited more than 365 days	1.7	5.6	3.0	0.9	2.5	–	3.0	–	3.0
<b>Septoplasty</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	224	105	68	156	148	507	196	153	141
Days waited at 90th percentile	369	364	625	382	459	1 557	645	1 913	389
% waited more than 365 days	11.3	9.7	14.5	12.3	18.6	60.4	32.4	21.1	13.1
<b>Tonsillectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	148	67	40	146	109	96	289	95	88
Days waited at 90th percentile	350	271	188	443	399	539	677	385	349
% waited more than 365 days	4.1	2.9	3.8	18.0	14.3	15.7	43.2	11.2	7.1
<b>Total hip replacement</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	134	121	62	84	114	294	185	129	107
Days waited at 90th percentile	357	405	230	246	484	679	478	928	359
% waited more than 365 days	6.3	12.7	3.3	3.1	16.4	39.6	21.3	21.7	8.9
<b>Total knee replacement</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	235	166	77	118	207	381	226	292	160
Days waited at 90th percentile	367	505	294	307	656	762	496	618	386
% waited more than 365 days	10.5	18.7	6.9	5.7	34.9	53.9	25.2	37.5	13.6
<b>Varicose veins stripping and ligation</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	71	140	57	66	258	46	401	123	91
Days waited at 90th percentile	290	480	353	397	603	331	867	987	430
% waited more than 365 days	2.7	20.3	9.4	12.9	34.3	9.1	53.6	27.1	13.8
<b>Not available/Not stated</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	27	27	22	25	35	28	42	28	27
Days waited at 90th percentile	200	203	113	160	175	263	261	229	181
% waited more than 365 days	1.2	3.4	1.8	2.2	2.7	6.2	6.1	5.6	2.3
<b>Total</b>									
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>2008-09</b>									
<b>Cataract extraction</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	168	56	42	49	59	197	121	146	84
Days waited at 90th percentile	348	190	224	190	259	570	339	372	320
% waited more than 365 days	3.8	1.0	2.2	0.8	1.3	30.4	8.8	10.2	3.6
<b>Cholecystectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	53	47	40	32	44	59	85	82	47
Days waited at 90th percentile	189	175	117	149	148	426	226	253	170
% waited more than 365 days	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.9	0.5	14.1	3.5	4.9	1.8

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		
<b>Coronary artery bypass graft</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	15	15	10	15	17	29	11	..	14
Days waited at 90th percentile	80	184	74	35	119	142	51	..	93
% waited more than 365 days	–	1.3	0.1	–	0.2	–	–	..	0.4
<b>Cystoscopy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	26	19	33	22	35	36	80	49	25
Days waited at 90th percentile	118	126	145	161	100	158	394	213	133
% waited more than 365 days	0.8	1.2	1.4	2.5	1.1	1.2	12.1	3.0	1.5
<b>Haemorrhoidectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	51	68	42	30	38	204	84	73	51
Days waited at 90th percentile	191	248	166	178	179	591	164	318	216
% waited more than 365 days	1.6	5.0	2.1	1.4	3.4	30.8	–	8.0	3.3
<b>Hysterectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	50	48	41	56	50	55	77	56	48
Days waited at 90th percentile	215	141	119	160	184	280	235	208	171
% waited more than 365 days	1.6	0.6	0.5	1.1	1.0	4.3	3.5	1.1	1.2
<b>Inguinal herniorrhaphy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	58	52	47	32	48	68	87	80	52
Days waited at 90th percentile	241	214	145	156	217	622	272	206	218
% waited more than 365 days	2.3	3.4	1.2	0.9	1.1	22.7	5.7	1.5	3.0
<b>Myringoplasty</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	190	82	70	101	153	71	273	82	92
Days waited at 90th percentile	366	316	328	381	451	450	689	593	370
% waited more than 365 days	10.9	6.9	8.1	11.4	16.3	15.0	40.0	16.2	10.8
<b>Myringotomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	45	43	33	58	48	49	119	35	44
Days waited at 90th percentile	195	120	119	212	109	154	353	128	141
% waited more than 365 days	1.1	0.3	1.2	2.5	0.4	1.0	8.9	2.5	1.2
<b>Prostatectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	55	23	40	28	56	51	42	108	41
Days waited at 90th percentile	182	227	121	72	136	109	467	216	172
% waited more than 365 days	2.2	4.8	1.7	0.1	2.4	–	13.3	–	2.8
<b>Septoplasty</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	237	86	69	110	106	136	420	105	128
Days waited at 90th percentile	369	353	413	336	337	909	728	1 203	378
% waited more than 365 days	12.3	8.5	12.6	8.6	7.7	29.0	58.5	30.3	12.6
<b>Tonsillectomy</b>									
Days waited at 50th percentile	145	80	48	101	74	113	346	66	85
Days waited at 90th percentile	361	281	168	301	277	244	560	413	335
% waited more than 365 days	8.2	2.6	3.5	5.8	1.8	7.4	46.1	11.2	5.7

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic Qld (a)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA Tas (b)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>		
Total hip replacement									
Days waited at 50th percentile	125	107	68	68	102	370	170	59	100
Days waited at 90th percentile	364	348	242	218	374	757	489	391	364
% waited more than 365 days	8.9	9.2	4.0	1.8	11.0	50.5	22.0	12.5	9.6
Total knee replacement									
Days waited at 50th percentile	223	143	86	83	182	493	249	172	147
Days waited at 90th percentile	376	463	343	271	429	825	589	409	393
% waited more than 365 days	14.0	17.1	7.9	4.2	19.0	69.9	37.3	11.1	14.9
Varicose veins stripping and ligation									
Days waited at 50th percentile	69	110	55	91	116	104	298	118	87
Days waited at 90th percentile	270	486	275	393	344	584	749	524	373
% waited more than 365 days	2.2	17.0	5.9	12.4	7.9	13.9	35.4	21.1	10.6
Not available/Not stated									
Days waited at 50th percentile	28	25	22	26	29	32	44	25	26
Days waited at 90th percentile	194	172	113	149	172	315	256	181	168
% waited more than 365 days	1.7	2.6	1.5	1.9	2.4	8.4	6.3	3.9	2.3
<b>Total</b>									
<b>Days waited at 50th percentile</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Days waited at 90th percentile</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>% waited more than 365 days</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>

(a) For 2005-06, the total number of admissions for Queensland includes 644 admissions that were removed from the waiting list for elective admission before 30 June 2005 and separated before 30 June 2006. It is expected that these admissions would be counterbalanced overall by the number of admissions occurring in a similar way in future reporting periods. The total number of admissions for Queensland includes 507 patients who were removed from the waiting list for elective admission before 30 June 2007 and separated before 30 June 2008. It is expected that these admissions would be counterbalanced overall by the number of admissions occurring in a similar way in future reporting periods.

(b) Includes data for the Mersey Community Hospital.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW various years, *Australian hospital statistics*, Health Services Series, AIHW Cat. nos HSE 41, 50, 55, 71 and 84, Canberra.

Table 10A.29

**Table 10A.29 NSW elective surgery waiting times by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (per cent) (a), (b)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (c)					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	38.9	15.7	5.1	1.5	3.3
Category 2 (over 90 days)	40.2	38.7	28.9	16.2	7.4
Category 3 (over 12 months)	10.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.3
All patients	22.7	13.7	8.5	3.7	2.5
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	21.7	22.8	12.9	7.9	7.2
Category 2 (over 90 days)	28.8	29.5	25.5	24.3	14.5
Category 3 (over 12 months)	20.8	15.8	4.4	4.6	6.4
All patients	23.6	22.9	14.2	12.5	9.2
Waiting time data coverage					
Per cent of elective surgery separations	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Waiting times are counted as the time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) There is no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' is used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively.

(c) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.30

Table 10A.30 NSW elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical speciality, 2008-09

	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthal- mology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
Waiting time at Census date											
Category 1											
No. patients on waiting list	87	112	776	325	56	73	136	102	394	118	31
No. of extended wait patients	3	6	11	2	-	-	3	1	28	18	2
% overdue	3.4	5.4	1.4	0.6	-	-	2.2	1.0	7.1	15.3	6.5
Category 2											
No. patients on waiting list	134	1 089	3 739	1 794	254	650	1 146	431	1 939	165	66
No. of extended wait patients	12	165	295	31	14	18	95	11	183	13	10
% overdue	9.0	15.2	7.9	1.7	5.5	2.8	8.3	2.6	9.4	7.9	15.2
Category 3											
No. patients on waiting list	23	7 114	7 271	3 866	674	12 845	15 213	1 277	2 137	366	110
No. of extended wait patients	-	159	64	40	5	29	333	6	35	3	-
% overdue	-	2.2	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.2	2.2	0.5	1.6	0.8	-
Waiting time at admission											
Category 1											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	2 215	2 862	18 264	8 096	1 286	1 757	5 461	3 212	5 268	2 709	1 087
No. of extended wait patients	159	197	1 122	432	70	60	196	119	1 091	200	100
% overdue	7.2	6.9	6.1	5.3	5.4	3.4	3.6	3.7	20.7	7.4	9.2
Category 2											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	954	4 490	19 276	10 965	1 191	3 480	5 519	2 714	9 063	1 192	761
No. of extended wait patients	77	1 244	2 648	1 074	137	387	1 043	224	1 516	176	133
% overdue	8.1	27.7	13.7	9.8	11.5	11.1	18.9	8.3	16.7	14.8	17.5

Table 10A.30

Table 10A.30 **NSW elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical speciality, 2008-09**

Waiting time at Census date	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthal- mology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
Category 3											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	329	7 411	14 296	7 418	1 014	16 752	17 094	2 390	4 491	902	313
No. of extended wait patients	3	874	546	191	44	791	1 886	63	199	11	3
% overdue	0.9	11.8	3.8	2.6	4.3	4.7	11.0	2.6	4.4	1.2	1.0

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished).



**Table 10A.31 Victorian elective surgery waiting times by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (per cent) (a), (b)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (c)					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	0.7	–	–	–	–
Category 2 (over 90 days)	42.3	36.8	34.0	35.1	32.9
Category 3 (over 12 months)	20.8	14.2	10.5	9.3	9.3
All patients	29.7	23.8	20.5	21.3	20.3
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	–	–	–	–	–
Category 2 (over 90 days)	23.6	27.7	25.3	29.9	27.0
Category 3 (over 12 months)	8.7	10.3	8.5	9.7	7.9
All patients	13.7	16.2	14.5	16.5	14.6
Waiting time data coverage					
Per cent of elective surgery separations	77.0	77.9	77.9	78.1	79.2

(a) Waiting times are counted as the time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) There is no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' is used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively.

(c) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Victorian Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.32

**Table 10A.32 Victorian elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09**

Waiting time at Census date		Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthal- mology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
Category 1												
No. patients on waiting list		64	46	311	153	28	35	59	143	236	41	17
No. of extended wait patients		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
% overdue		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Category 2												
No. patients on waiting list		271	1 269	3 637	1 619	540	692	4 719	1 279	2 076	368	250
No. of extended wait patients		131	223	916	198	256	42	2 438	460	627	178	29
% overdue		48.3	17.6	25.2	12.2	47.4	6.1	51.7	36.0	30.2	48.4	11.6
Category 3												
No. patients on waiting list		18	2 939	2 420	1 290	94	3 991	2 980	1 602	672	803	156
No. of extended wait patients		3	158	240	23	10	126	468	277	72	185	10
% overdue		16.7	5.4	9.9	1.8	10.6	3.2	15.7	17.3	10.7	23.0	6.4
Waiting time at admission												
Category 1												
No. patients admitted from waiting list		1 729	1 978	9 098	4 496	1 123	1 335	3 387	7 253	8 156	1 274	814
No. of extended wait patients		-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
% overdue		-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.6
Category 2												
No. patients admitted from waiting list		926	6 629	16 850	8 295	1 602	5 022	11 131	5 831	8 813	992	2 224
No. of extended wait patients		312	1 381	4 979	1 804	541	413	4 554	1 799	2 288	315	70
% overdue		33.7	20.8	29.5	21.7	33.8	8.2	40.9	30.9	26.0	31.8	3.1

Table 10A.32

Table 10A.32 **Victorian elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09**

Waiting time at Census date	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthal- mology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
Category 3											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	172	5 097	6 375	3 276	158	11 531	4 813	3 010	2 502	923	686
No. of extended wait patients	3	423	621	139	20	205	735	517	152	237	6
% overdue	1.7	8.3	9.7	4.2	12.7	1.8	15.3	17.2	6.1	25.7	0.9

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Victorian Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.33

**Table 10A.33 Queensland elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (per cent) (a), (b)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (c)					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	5.4	11.0	6.4	8.0	6.4
Category 2 (over 90 days)	11.3	20.5	20.5	21.4	22.1
Category 3 (over 12 months)	30.5	32.8	32.5	24.4	15.5
All patients	22.2	26.5	25.6	21.6	17.8
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	10.4	14.3	13.2	14.7	13.0
Category 2 (over 90 days)	9.4	15.6	17.7	16.9	18.4
Category 3 (over 12 months)	8.5	10.2	11.7	11.2	8.7
All patients	9.6	14.1	14.9	15.0	14.7
Waiting time data coverage					
Per cent of elective surgery separations	95.0	95.0	95.0	98.0	98.0

(a) Waiting times are counted as the time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) There is no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' is used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively.

(c) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Source: Queensland Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.34

Table 10A.34 Queensland elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09

	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthalmology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
Waiting time at Census date (a)											
Category 1											
No. patients on waiting list	196	149	788	355	58	42	298	298	628	124	24
No. of extended wait patients	3	2	43	5	3	4	13	42	67	8	-
% overdue	1.5	1.3	5.5	1.4	5.2	9.5	4.4	14.1	10.7	6.5	-
Category 2											
No. patients on waiting list	172	1 610	4 213	1 572	292	765	4 515	1 204	1 142	170	116
No. of extended wait patients	6	223	822	71	111	116	1 485	352	248	48	-
% overdue	3.5	13.9	19.5	4.5	38.0	15.2	32.9	29.2	21.7	28.2	-
Category 3											
No. patients on waiting list	40	1 565	2 514	1 351	101	2 642	4 873	1 002	1 033	206	175
No. of extended wait patients	-	294	372	65	11	264	817	389	101	90	4
% overdue	-	18.8	14.8	4.8	10.9	10.0	16.8	38.8	9.8	43.7	2.3
Waiting time at admission											
Category 1											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	3 474	2 564	12 585	6 100	941	990	8 735	3 933	5 094	1 473	800
No. of extended wait patients	112	367	1 530	699	66	98	478	641	1 843	191	43
% overdue	3.2	14.3	12.2	11.5	7.0	9.9	5.5	16.3	36.2	13.0	5.4
Category 2											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	994	6 262	13 115	7 316	682	4 176	10 625	3 631	3 436	642	936
No. of extended wait patients	150	1 393	2 883	616	133	461	2 366	749	669	75	40
% overdue	15.1	22.2	22.0	8.4	19.5	11.0	22.3	20.6	19.5	11.7	4.3

Table 10A.34

**Table 10A.34 Queensland elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09**

Category 3	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthalmology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
No. patients admitted from waiting list	93	1 842	3 325	2 619	91	4 339	4 379	1 029	1 045	125	407
No. of extended wait patients	5	316	252	63	6	181	494	254	92	13	9
% overdue	5.4	17.2	7.6	2.4	6.6	4.2	11.3	24.7	8.8	10.4	2.2

(a) Patients on the waiting list at 1 July 2008.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Queensland Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.35

**Table 10A.35 WA elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (per cent) (a), (b)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (c)					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	40.9	27.4	26.2	13.9	21.1
Category 2 (over 90 days)	52.4	53.0	46.2	40.1	30.1
Category 3 (over 12 months)	24.9	19.7	6.5	4.1	3.1
All patients	34.2	31.8	21.9	17.0	14.2
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	17.8	18.9	28.8	12.3	14.1
Category 2 (over 90 days)	31.8	32.1	44.0	30.2	24.7
Category 3 (over 12 months)	7.6	8.3	24.3	5.4	4.5
All patients	17.3	18.4	31.6	16.0	14.3
Waiting time data coverage					
Per cent of elective surgery separations	72.0	76.0	67.0	79.0	78.0

(a) Waiting times are counted as the time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) There is no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' is used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively.

(c) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Source: WA Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.36

**Table 10A.36 WA elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09**

Waiting time at Census date (a)	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthalmology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
<b>Category 1</b>											
No. patients on waiting list	21	25	136	20	12	85	43	184	171	45	151
No. of extended wait patients	1	3	11	-	3	5	5	68	44	25	12
% overdue	4.8	12.0	8.1	-	25.0	5.9	11.6	37.0	25.7	55.6	7.9
<b>Category 2</b>											
No. patients on waiting list	18	556	747	79	98	326	819	308	327	51	153
No. of extended wait patients	1	147	215	3	45	124	247	131	97	5	33
% overdue	5.6	26.4	28.8	3.8	45.9	38.0	30.2	42.5	29.7	9.8	21.6
<b>Category 3</b>											
No. patients on waiting list	9	578	866	382	54	1 397	1 027	283	209	158	523
No. of extended wait patients	1	18	28	1	8	25	48	16	1	15	11
% overdue	11.1	3.1	3.2	0.3	14.8	1.8	4.7	5.7	0.5	9.5	2.1
<b>Waiting time at admission</b>											
<b>Category 1</b>											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	483	884	3 290	805	278	803	1 532	2 543	3 300	556	3 663
No. of extended wait patients	60	101	356	35	55	119	83	532	642	105	467
% overdue	12.4	11.4	10.8	4.3	19.8	14.8	5.4	20.9	19.5	18.9	12.7
<b>Category 2</b>											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	113	2 629	4 417	1 179	327	2 154	3 703	993	2 746	486	1 374
No. of extended wait patients	1	1 053	759	95	124	772	1 187	281	451	100	154
% overdue	0.9	40.1	17.2	8.1	37.9	35.8	32.1	28.3	16.4	20.6	11.2



**Table 10A.36 WA elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09**

Category 3	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthal- mology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
No. patients admitted from waiting list	42	2 093	3 024	1 491	85	5 791	2 839	688	1 749	273	2 922
No. of extended wait patients	-	210	203	22	5	99	206	59	66	44	30
% overdue	-	10.0	6.7	1.5	5.9	1.7	7.3	8.6	3.8	16.1	1.0

(a) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June 2008.

- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: WA Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.37

**Table 10A.37 SA elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (a), (b)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (c)					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	19.8	22.9	21.6	26.0	0.8
Category 2 (over 90 days)	27.9	20.8	16.8	11.2	1.1
Category 3 (over 12 months)	13.5	12.2	11.3	6.5	0.1
All patients	17.1	15.1	13.5	9.3	0.3
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	20.0	22.4	22.5	21.5	17.4
Category 2 (over 90 days)	24.9	22.9	22.1	27.1	15.6
Category 3 (over 12 months)	9.4	10.5	9.5	11.4	7.2
All patients	16.9	18.0	17.4	19.2	13.2
Waiting time data coverage					
Per cent of elective surgery separations	62.2	60.4	61.6	67.7	70.6

(a) For 2004-05, waiting times are counted as time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1. In previous periods, SA counted the waiting time in all urgency categories.

(b) There is no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' is used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively.

(c) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Source: SA Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.38

Table 10A.38 SA elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09

Waiting time at Census date	Cardio-thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynaecology	Neurosurgery	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
<b>Category 1</b>											
No. patients on waiting list	4	34	127	55	8	25	21	89	90	17	-
No. of extended wait patients	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
% overdue	-	-	0.8	-	12.5	-	-	1.1	1.1	-	..
<b>Category 2</b>											
No. patients on waiting list	40	305	504	327	54	167	207	255	286	14	-
No. of extended wait patients	6	5	5	1	-	-	1	2	3	-	-
% overdue	15.0	1.6	1.0	0.3	-	-	0.5	0.8	1.0	-	..
<b>Category 3</b>											
No. patients on waiting list	10	1 007	1 094	695	23	1 227	1 758	466	338	19	-
No. of extended wait patients	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
% overdue	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.6	-	-	..
<b>Waiting time at admission</b>											
<b>Category 1</b>											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	615	1 141	3 293	2 659	338	610	927	1 977	2 480	681	-
No. of extended wait patients	38	127	471	240	49	71	58	333	1 122	62	-
% overdue	6.2	11.1	14.3	9.0	14.5	11.6	6.3	16.8	45.2	9.1	..
<b>Category 2</b>											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	414	1 989	3 317	2 519	323	839	1 298	1 518	1 598	138	-
No. of extended wait patients	129	283	588	213	38	131	191	236	367	12	-
% overdue	31.2	14.2	17.7	8.5	11.8	15.6	14.7	15.5	23.0	8.7	..

Table 10A.38

Table 10A.38 SA elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09

Category 3	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthal- mology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
No. patients admitted from waiting list	36	2 083	2 819	2 670	35	3 089	3 224	785	804	42	-
No. of extended wait patients	2	168	163	53	-	90	378	180	76	6	-
% overdue	5.6	8.1	5.8	2.0	-	2.9	11.7	22.9	9.5	14.3	..

- Nil or rounded to zero. ... Not applicable.

Source: SA Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.39

Table 10A.39 **Tasmanian elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (a), (b)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (c)					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	na	52.0	39.7	46.4	48.0
Category 2 (over 90 days)	na	66.0	64.8	68.5	68.6
Category 3 (over 12 months)	na	31.0	32.0	40.3	27.2
All patients	na	49.0	48.8	54.4	51.3
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	na	28.0	25.0	23.4	27.1
Category 2 (over 90 days)	na	43.0	46.1	51.2	48.2
Category 3 (over 12 months)	na	23.0	22.6	28.8	28.5
All patients	na	32.0	32.4	34.4	35.1
Waiting time data coverage					
Per cent of elective surgery separations	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Waiting times are counted as time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) There is no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' is used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively.

(c) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

na Not available.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.40

**Table 10A.40 Tasmania elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09**

		Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthal- mology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
Waiting time at Census date												
Category 1												
No. patients on waiting list		47	75	186	66	146	17	33	83	53	6	1
No. of extended wait patients		27	44	111	9	6	8	6	41	22	4	1
% overdue		57.4	58.7	59.7	13.6	4.1	47.1	18.2	49.4	41.5	66.7	100.0
Category 2												
No. patients on waiting list		-	179	1 696	354	148	29	1 212	239	272	27	65
No. of extended wait patients		-	124	1 317	124	98	8	876	178	122	11	38
% overdue		..	69.3	77.7	35.0	66.2	27.6	72.3	74.5	44.9	40.7	58.5
Category 3												
No. patients on waiting list		-	161	586	99	10	350	1 080	189	300	26	139
No. of extended wait patients		-	24	263	4	3	23	251	114	106	4	7
% overdue		..	14.9	44.9	4.0	30.0	6.6	23.2	60.3	35.3	15.4	5.0
Waiting time at admission												
Category 1												
No. patients admitted from waiting list		399	610	1 613	947	125	81	426	1 095	836	124	83
No. of extended wait patients		159	330	393	161	39	18	79	194	296	39	7
% overdue		39.8	54.1	24.4	17.0	31.2	22.2	18.5	17.7	35.4	31.5	8.4
Category 2												
No. patients admitted from waiting list		-	279	1 644	1 135	110	216	1 130	388	966	123	232
No. of extended wait patients		-	101	874	389	64	90	763	155	382	65	116
% overdue		..	36.2	53.2	34.3	58.2	41.7	67.5	39.9	39.5	52.8	50.0

Table 10A.40

**Table 10A.40 Tasmania elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09**

Category 3	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthal- mology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
No. patients admitted from waiting list	–	362	500	296	–	1 483	746	61	468	66	786
No. of extended wait patients	–	44	122	16	–	476	402	13	64	17	206
% overdue	..	12.2	24.4	5.4	..	32.1	53.9	21.3	13.7	25.8	26.2

– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.41

**Table 10A.41 ACT elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (a), (b)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (c)					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	0.8	0.9	6.8	6.6	0.8
Category 2 (over 90 days)	60.9	54.2	54.0	54.5	51.2
Category 3 (over 12 months)	34.2	34.1	24.3	20.9	15.4
All patients	45.3	42.8	38.7	38.5	34.4
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	9.2	3.7	7.2	4.1	5.9
Category 2 (over 90 days)	55.6	48.3	49.1	53.4	54.9
Category 3 (over 12 months)	30.2	27.0	30.4	29.0	24.8
All patients	32.5	29.9	32.4	34.0	34.5
Waiting time data coverage					
Per cent of elective surgery separations	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Waiting times are counted as time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) There is no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' is used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively.

(c) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished).



Table 10A.42

**Table 10A.42 ACT elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical specialty, 2008-09**

		Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthalmology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
Waiting time at Census date												
Category 1												
No. patients on waiting list		np	6	25	13	np	np	17	np	21	10	19
No. of extended wait patients		-	np	-	-	-	74	-	-	1	-	-
% overdue		np	np	-	-	np	np	-	np	4.8	-	-
Category 2												
No. patients on waiting list		17	446	308	177	121	74	984	217	442	36	149
No. of extended wait patients		np	288	138	33	44	26	610	111	208	13	47
% overdue		np	64.6	44.8	18.6	36.4	35.1	62.0	51.2	47.1	36.1	31.5
Category 3												
No. patients on waiting list		np	544	109	168	np	786	330	69	167	128	102
No. of extended wait patients		-	129	10	22	np	59	98	18	29	1	5
% overdue		np	23.7	9.2	13.1	np	7.5	29.7	26.1	17.4	0.8	4.9
Waiting time at admission												
Category 1												
No. patients admitted from waiting list		110	153	598	340	131	79	235	239	374	301	299
No. of extended wait patients		np	8	29	21	5	5	11	7	53	18	7
% overdue		np	5.2	4.8	6.2	3.8	6.3	4.7	2.9	14.2	6.0	2.3
Category 2												
No. patients admitted from waiting list		121	588	853	611	180	179	1 120	273	664	85	387
No. of extended wait patients		15	454	419	248	124	67	766	199	326	21	140
% overdue		12.4	77.2	49.1	40.6	68.9	37.4	68.4	72.9	49.1	24.7	36.2

Table 10A.42

Table 10A.42 ACT elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical speciality, 2008-09

Category 3	Cardio-thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynaecology	Neurosurgery	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
No. patients admitted from waiting list	np	273	118	195	np	987	138	57	154	152	109
No. of extended wait patients	-	197	19	35	np	100	40	31	57	56	7
% overdue	np	72.2	16.1	17.9	np	10.1	29.0	54.4	37.0	36.8	6.4

- Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished).

**Table 10A.43 NT elective surgery waiting times, by clinical urgency category, public hospitals (a), (b)**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Per cent of patients on waiting lists with extended waits (c)					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	61.4	53.6	53.7	57.0	49.7
Category 2 (over 90 days)	64.2	57.0	51.7	52.4	50.0
Category 3 (over 12 months)	42.2	42.6	39.3	35.8	24.2
All patients	55.9	49.0	45.9	44.9	39.1
Per cent of patients admitted from waiting lists with extended waits					
Category 1 (over 30 days)	17.2	16.7	19.2	19.6	24.3
Category 2 (over 90 days)	30.5	31.0	43.0	37.9	41.6
Category 3 (over 12 months)	14.9	22.7	39.9	29.1	19.7
All patients	21.5	22.5	31.1	28.6	29.8
Waiting time data coverage (d)					
Per cent of elective surgery separations	71.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Waiting times are counted as time waited in the most recent urgency category plus any time waited in more urgent categories, for example time in category 2, plus time spent previously in category 1.

(b) Extended waits include those patients overdue in any category, that is, it is not restricted to patients waiting greater than 365 days. There is no specified or agreed desirable wait for category 3 patients, so the term 'extended wait' is used for category 3 patients waiting longer than 12 months for elective surgery, as well as for category 1 and 2 patients waiting longer than the agreed desirable waits of 30 and 90 days respectively.

(c) Data show patients on the waiting list at 30 June 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

(d) In previous reports, waiting times coverage data were derived including scopes. Data from 2004-05 exclude these scopes.

Source: NT Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.44

Table 10A.44 NT elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical speciality, 2008-09

	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthal- mology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
Waiting time at Census date											
Category 1											
No. patients on waiting list	na	26	120	77	na	12	54	2	12	na	10
No. of extended wait patients	na	13	59	31	na	8	25	1	9	na	7
% overdue	na	50.0	49.2	40.3	na	66.7	46.3	50.0	75.0	na	70.0
Category 2											
No. patients on waiting list	na	144	465	139	na	198	140	13	26	na	19
No. of extended wait patients	na	52	249	50	na	108	77	5	12	na	15
% overdue	na	36.1	53.5	36.0	na	54.5	55.0	38.5	46.2	na	78.9
Category 3											
No. patients on waiting list	na	274	309	80	na	256	126	21	17	na	1
No. of extended wait patients	na	93	66	3	na	31	55	11	3	na	-
% overdue	na	33.9	21.4	3.8	na	12.1	43.7	52.4	17.6	na	-
Waiting time at admission											
Category 1											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	na	292	866	1 032	na	118	310	57	40	na	49
No. of extended wait patients	na	69	276	132	na	38	102	23	19	na	14
% overdue	na	23.6	31.9	12.8	na	32.2	32.9	40.4	47.5	na	28.6
Category 2											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	na	229	724	508	na	521	171	50	57	na	24
No. of extended wait patients	na	91	354	91	na	255	87	31	30	na	7
% overdue	na	39.7	48.9	17.9	na	48.9	50.9	62.0	52.6	na	29.2

Table 10A.44

Table 10A.44 NT elective surgery waiting times, public hospitals, by clinical urgency category and surgical speciality, 2008-09

Waiting time at Census date	Cardio- thoracic	Ear, Nose & Throat	General	Gynae- cology	Neuro- surgery	Ophthal- mology	Ortho- paedic	Plastic	Urology	Vascular	Other
Category 3											
No. patients admitted from waiting list	na	187	298	119	na	390	90	18	15	na	4
No. of extended wait patients	na	57	66	9	na	41	30	10	3	na	2
% overdue	na	30.5	22.1	7.6	na	10.5	33.3	55.6	20.0	na	50.0

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NT Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.45

**Table 10A.45 Separations for selected procedures or diagnoses per 1000 people, all hospitals, by patient's usual residence 2008-09 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

<i>Selected procedures</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (f)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Coronary artery bypass graft</b>										
Separations	no.	4 388	3 512	3 086	752	1 240	241	203	..	13 422
Separations not within State of residence	%	5	4	7	1	12	-	47	..	..
Separation rate		0.58	0.62	0.71	0.35	0.65	0.41	0.67	..	0.59
SRR		0.98	1.05	1.21	0.59	1.11	0.70	1.13	..	..
Lower bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.95	1.02	1.17	0.55	1.05	0.62	0.98	..	..
Upper bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		1.01	1.09	1.26	0.64	1.17	0.79	1.29	..	..
<b>Coronary angioplasty</b>										
Separations	no.	11 570	9 271	6 326	3 348	2 775	845	912	..	35 047
Separations not within State of residence	%	2	3	9	1	9	2	48	..	..
Separation rate		1.51	1.62	1.43	1.53	1.48	1.43	2.89	..	1.53
SRR		0.99	1.06	0.94	1.00	0.97	0.94	1.89	..	..
Lower bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.97	1.04	0.92	0.97	0.93	0.88	1.77	..	..
Upper bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		1.01	1.08	0.97	1.04	1.01	1.00	2.01	..	..
<b>Caesarean section</b>										
Separations	no.	28 166	21 682	20 328	10 037	6 506	1 876	1 614	1 065	91 274
Separations not within State of residence (%)	%	2	2	1	0	1	0	19	3	..
Separation rate		8.40	8.40	9.90	9.80	9.20	9.00	8.90	8.70	8.90
SRR		0.90	0.90	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	..
Lower bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.89	0.89	1.09	1.08	0.98	0.96	0.95	0.95	..
Upper bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.91	0.91	1.12	1.12	1.03	1.05	1.05	1.06	..
In-hospital birth separations	no.	94 450	69 532	60 670	29 794	19 525	6 267	5 630	3 718	289 586
Proportion of births to public patients	%	66	67	66	62	67	60	63	77	66
In-hospital birth separation rate		28.2	26.9	29.5	29.0	27.6	30.1	30.5	30.3	28.2
Separations per 100 in-hospital birth separations (g)		29.8	31.2	33.5	33.7	33.3	29.9	28.7	28.6	31.5

Table 10A.45

**Table 10A.45 Separations for selected procedures or diagnoses per 1000 people, all hospitals, by patient's usual residence 2008-09 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

<i>Selected procedures</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (f)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Public hospitals		26.5	27.9	27.4	27.9	30.3	28.7	23.6	26.1	27.4
Public patients		25.2	27.3	26.8	27.5	29.7	27.2	22.9	25.9	26.6
Private patients		34.6	35.9	39.9	33.7	36.6	41.4	34.2	29.7	35.6
Private hospitals		40.3	39.4	47.4	45.4	41.6	31.7	38.8	38.9	42.1
<b>Cholecystectomy</b>										
Separations	no.	15 293	11 974	10 023	4 442	3 944	964	793	330	47 763
Separations not within State of residence	%	2	1	2	–	2	1	21	4	..
Separation rate		2.12	2.19	2.31	2.03	2.31	1.85	2.32	1.66	2.17
SRR		0.97	1.01	1.07	0.93	1.06	0.85	1.07	0.76	..
Lower bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.96	0.99	1.05	0.91	1.03	0.80	1.00	0.68	..
Upper bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.99	1.03	1.10	0.96	1.10	0.91	1.15	0.84	..
<b>Hip replacement</b>										
Separations	no.	9 747	8 307	5 224	3 232	3 041	891	703	84	31 229
Separations not within State of residence	%	2	2	5	1	3	1	35	6	..
Separation rate		1.25	1.43	1.20	1.49	1.54	1.48	2.37	0.77	1.35
SRR		0.93	1.06	0.89	1.11	1.14	1.10	1.75	0.57	..
Lower bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.92	1.04	0.87	1.08	1.10	1.03	1.62	0.45	..
Upper bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.95	1.08	0.92	1.15	1.18	1.18	1.88	0.69	..
<b>Hysterectomy (h)</b>										
Separations	no.	8 025	6 018	5 821	2 627	2 371	667	510	184	26 223
Separations not within State of residence	%	2	3	3	–	2	–	21	2	..
Separation rate		2.25	2.20	2.67	2.39	2.84	2.62	2.85	1.74	2.39
SRR		0.94	0.92	1.12	1.00	1.19	1.10	1.19	0.73	..
Lower bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.92	0.90	1.10	0.96	1.14	1.02	1.09	0.63	..
Upper bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.96	0.94	1.15	1.04	1.24	1.19	1.29	0.84	..

Table 10A.45

**Table 10A.45 Separations for selected procedures or diagnoses per 1000 people, all hospitals, by patient's usual residence 2008-09 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

<i>Selected procedures</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (f)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Tonsillectomy</b>										
Separations	no.	14 241	10 685	10 023	5 679	4 092	640	1 069	231	46 660
Separations not within State of residence	%	2	2	2	—	1	—	26	1	..
Separation rate		2.16	2.13	2.37	2.68	2.82	1.38	3.20	0.93	2.28
SRR		0.95	0.94	1.04	1.18	1.24	0.60	1.41	0.41	..
Lower bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.94	0.93	1.02	1.15	1.21	0.56	1.33	0.36	..
Upper bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.97	0.96	1.06	1.21	1.28	0.65	1.50	0.47	..
<b>Myringotomy (with insertion of tube)</b>										
Separations	no.	9 964	9 218	7 405	4 802	4 570	559	867	279	37 664
Separations not within State of residence	%	2	2	3	—	1	17	25	—	..
Separation rate		1.50	1.84	1.74	2.27	3.16	1.16	2.67	1.10	1.83
SRR		0.82	1.00	0.95	1.24	1.72	0.63	1.46	0.60	..
Lower bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.81	0.98	0.93	1.21	1.67	0.58	1.37	0.53	..
Upper bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.84	1.02	0.97	1.28	1.77	0.68	1.56	0.67	..
<b>Knee replacement</b>										
Separations	no.	12 795	7 853	7 509	3 802	3 534	706	806	112	37 117
Separations not within State of residence	%	2	3	6	—	5	—	37	—	..
Separation rate		1.66	1.37	1.72	1.75	1.85	1.17	2.60	0.91	1.62
SRR		1.03	0.85	1.06	1.08	1.14	0.73	1.61	0.56	..
Lower bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		1.01	0.83	1.04	1.05	1.11	0.68	1.50	0.46	..
Upper bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		1.05	0.87	1.09	1.12	1.18	0.79	1.72	0.67	..
<b>Prostatectomy</b>										
Separations	no.	10 893	9 255	5 722	2 721	2 611	668	620	96	32 586
Separations not within State of residence	%	3	2	5	—	2	1	38	2	..
Separation rate		3.01	3.44	2.71	2.60	2.91	2.38	4.29	1.71	3.00



Table 10A.45

**Table 10A.45 Separations for selected procedures or diagnoses per 1000 people, all hospitals, by patient's usual residence 2008-09 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

<i>Selected procedures</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (f)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
SRR		1.00	1.15	0.90	0.87	0.97	0.79	1.43	0.57	..
Lower bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		0.98	1.13	0.88	0.84	0.93	0.73	1.32	0.46	..
Upper bound for 95% confidence interval of SRR		1.02	1.18	0.92	0.91	1.01	0.85	1.54	0.68	..

(a) The procedures and diagnoses are defined using ICD-10-AM codes.

(b) Australian totals includes other territories and excludes overseas residents and unknown state of residence.

(c) Separations for each procedure exclude multiple procedures for the same separation within the same group.

(d) Rate per 1000 population was directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001.

(e) Excludes separations for which the care type was reported as 'newborn with no qualified days', and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ

(f) Data for Tasmania does not include two private hospitals that account for approximately one eighth of Tasmania's total hospital separations.

(g) Caesarean sections separations divided by separations for which in-hospital birth was reported. This is an approximate measure of the proportion of all births that are by caesarean section, as births out of hospital are not included.

(h) Females aged 15–69 years only.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

SRR = Standardised separation rate ratio.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.46

Table 10A.46 Rate of unplanned/unexpected readmission within 28 days of selected surgical admissions, 2008-09 (a)

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)	no.
	Rate per 1000 separations									
Surgical procedure prior to separation										
Knee replacement	25.0	27.7	42.5	15.9	15.1	np	np	np	27.7	235
Hip replacement	18.7	21.7	33.5	14.2	16.8	21.3	np	np	21.8	143
Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	24.1	29.7	29.8	30.2	40.4	50.1	np	np	29.5	573
Hysterectomy	34.9	36.7	36.9	32.1	38.1	44.9	np	np	36.9	356
Prostatectomy	39.1	25.7	43.6	33.8	33.4	23.8	np	np	33.8	242
Cataract surgery	3.6	4.7	4.1	3.2	5.6	np	np	28.9	4.5	202
Appendicectomy	28.0	20.6	25.5	28.0	37.2	36.8	28.1	29.5	26.4	513

(a) This indicator is limited to public hospitals.

(b) Total rates and numbers for Australia do not include WA.

**np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) Admitted Patient Care National Minimum Data Set.

Table 10A.47

**Table 10A.47 Rate of unplanned/unexpected readmission within 28 days of selected surgical admissions, by Indigenous status, remoteness and SEIFA, 2008-09 (a)**

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)	no.
	Rate per 1000 separations									
	Knee replacement									
Hospital peer group										
Peer group A	30.8	29.7	41.3	24.7	24.9	np	np	np	32.0	184
Peer group B	13.3	24.5	np	17.8	np	np	-	-	19.6	30
Other peer groups	18.1	21.9	-	9.5	np	-	-	-	17.5	21
Indigenous status (c)										
Indigenous	np	np	np	-	np	np	np	np	np	1
Other Australians (d)	25.1	27.7	43.5	16.0	15.1	np	np	-	28.8	229
Remoteness of residence (e)										
Major cities	18.5	32.3	44.2	10.1	17.6	-	np	-	26.4	129
Inner regional	36.4	22.3	38.2	28.7	np	np	np	-	29.3	68
Outer regional	34.0	19.5	45.3	26.2	np	np	np	np	29.8	34
Remote & Very remote	np	np	np	-	np	np	np	np	np	3
SEIFA of residence (f)										
Quintile 1	22.3	26.9	43.7	46.5	12.3	np	np	np	25.4	66
Quintile 2	32.1	32.6	46.5	12.8	np	np	np	np	32.6	75
Quintile 3	18.8	17.9	40.9	7.8	np	np	np	np	23.9	36
Quintile 4	20.4	30.3	43.4	21.6	np	np	np	np	28.5	37
Quintile 5	21.5	33.8	np	19.8	np	-	np	np	26.0	20
	Hip replacement									
Hospital peer group										
Peer group A	23.3	26.5	32.4	22.5	19.2	np	np	np	25.4	116
Peer group B	np	np	np	18.6	np	np	-	-	13.3	15

Table 10A.47

**Table 10A.47 Rate of unplanned/unexpected readmission within 28 days of selected surgical admissions, by Indigenous status, remoteness and SEIFA, 2008-09 (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)	
Other peer groups	12.3	16.9	–	3.6	np	–	–	–	13.9	
Indigenous status (c)										
Indigenous	np	np	np	–	–	np	–	np	1	
Other Australians (d)	18.4	21.7	33.8	14.2	16.8	np	np	–	21.7	
Remoteness of residence (e)										
Major cities	14.3	26.0	28.7	15.2	17.3	–	np	–	20.6	
Inner regional	30.3	18.3	38.3	23.9	np	np	np	–	26.3	
Outer regional	19.5	np	np	–	np	np	np	np	20.9	
Remote & Very remote	np	np	np	0.1	np	np	–	np	–	
SEIFA of residence (f)										
Quintile 1	16.5	np	34.4	–	np	np	np	np	16.4	
Quintile 2	23.9	25.0	np	6.5	np	np	np	np	24.7	
Quintile 3	27.4	22.5	24.0	13.2	np	np	np	np	24.7	
Quintile 4	np	25.9	47.0	28.0	np	np	np	np	27.0	
Quintile 5	np	29.0	np	17.5	np	–	np	np	16.1	
				Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy						
Hospital peer group										
Peer group A	27.1	36.4	31.2	53.2	53.4	48.9	np	np	33.5	
Peer group B	14.9	31.2	np	4.3	np	np	–	–	27.6	
Other peer groups	20.3	15.8	np	24.3	11.3	–	–	np	15.7	
Indigenous status (c)										
Indigenous	25.1	np	26.7	29.2	np	np	np	np	30.3	
Other Australians (d)	24.1	29.6	30.1	30.3	39.7	50.8	np	np	29.6	
Remoteness of residence (e)										
Peer group A									421	
Peer group B									102	
Other peer groups									49	
Indigenous status (c)										
Indigenous									28	
Other Australians (d)									524	

Table 10A.47

**Table 10A.47 Rate of unplanned/unexpected readmission within 28 days of selected surgical admissions, by Indigenous status, remoteness and SEIFA, 2008-09 (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)
Major cities	26.7	34.8	40.1	30.1	50.7	–	np	np	34.4
Inner regional	16.2	23.4	10.9	18.1	20.7	55.1	np	–	20.5
Outer regional	26.3	25.1	17.9	43.2	26.8	np	np	np	28.1
Remote & Very remote	np	np	np	44.3	np	np	np	np	19.4
SEIFA of residence (f)									
Quintile 1	23.3	26.1	25.9	41.5	34.9	37.5	np	np	27.0
Quintile 2	25.2	23.2	26.3	34.0	39.5	np	np	np	25.8
Quintile 3	24.3	31.4	25.9	27.6	54.7	np	np	np	31.9
Quintile 4	24.0	35.8	39.2	28.1	54.2	np	np	np	36.6
Quintile 5	21.0	39.2	32.8	26.0	np	–	np	np	28.3
Hospital peer group									
Peer group A	36.6	38.8	37.2	40.8	44.4	43.3	np	np	38.7
Peer group B	22.0	41.1	40.0	32.0	np	np	–	–	37.2
Other peer groups	37.8	19.8	np	–	27.1	–	–	–	27.7
Indigenous status (c)									
Indigenous	np	np	np	66.7	np	np	np	np	65.8
Other Australians (d)	33.5	36.7	36.1	30.8	37.8	43.0	np	np	35.6
Remoteness of residence (e)									
Major cities	30.6	39.2	35.6	36.7	52.5	–	np	–	37.4
Inner regional	42.4	39.5	40.4	34.8	np	np	np	–	39.7
Outer regional	32.4	16.0	37.0	29.0	np	np	np	np	29.1
Remote & Very remote	np	np	np	0.1	np	np	–	np	24.8
SEIFA of residence (f)									

Table 10A.47

Table 10A.47 Rate of unplanned/unexpected readmission within 28 days of selected surgical admissions, by Indigenous status, remoteness and SEIFA, 2008-09 (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)
Quintile 1	47.3	28.0	42.6	22.5	44.2	np	np	np	42.0
Quintile 2	38.2	42.1	35.4	22.1	np	np	np	np	37.5
Quintile 3	13.3	45.6	47.6	35.1	np	np	np	np	35.3
Quintile 4	29.8	41.6	23.7	44.6	np	np	np	np	34.3
Quintile 5	25.7	np	np	28.8	np	–	np	np	25.8
					Prostatectomy				
Hospital peer group									
Peer group A	42.5	30.4	33.4	38.8	41.5	23.8	np	np	36.3
Peer group B	31.3	22.6	np	32.3	np	–	–	–	36.3
Other peer groups	24.4	18.8	np	29.9	27.9	–	–	–	21.3
Indigenous status (c)									
Indigenous	np	np	np	np	np	np	–	np	np
Other Australians (d)	39.5	25.8	44.1	32.8	33.5	24.3	np	np	34.4
Remoteness of residence (e)									
Major cities	42.0	23.3	51.2	32.6	42.3	–	np	–	36.3
Inner regional	28.3	27.2	39.2	40.4	np	np	np	–	27.4
Outer regional	47.3	37.8	np	26.3	np	np	np	np	35.4
Remote & Very remote	np	np	np	38.6	np	np	–	np	np
SEIFA of residence (f)									
Quintile 1	32.6	24.7	44.4	41.7	41.9	np	np	np	32.6
Quintile 2	42.4	32.5	np	19.4	np	np	np	np	38.3
Quintile 3	44.9	18.5	np	22.6	np	np	np	np	29.6
Quintile 4	53.2	26.0	38.5	74.1	np	np	np	np	36.3
Quintile 5	20.9	29.6	np	40.5	np	–	np	np	31.2

Table 10A.47

**Table 10A.47 Rate of unplanned/unexpected readmission within 28 days of selected surgical admissions, by Indigenous status, remoteness and SEIFA, 2008-09 (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)
Cataract surgery									
Hospital peer group									
Peer group A	3.3	5.2	4.4	8.2	10.9	np	np	32.1	5.2
Peer group B	np	7.3	–	1.5	np	–	–	–	6.4
Other peer groups	4.2	1.0	np	2.3	1.9	–	–	np	2.7
Indigenous status (c)									
Indigenous	np	np	np	5.8	np	np	np	np	15.4
Other Australians (d)	3.6	4.7	3.8	3.2	5.7	np	np	19.0	4.4
Remoteness of residence (e)									
Major cities	4.6	6.3	3.9	2.8	8.3	–	np	np	5.5
Inner regional	2.6	2.4	np	1.0	np	np	np	–	2.5
Outer regional	np	np	5.6	9.3	4.7	np	np	24.5	4.1
Remote & Very remote	np	np	np	5.7	–	np	–	np	7.6
SEIFA of residence (f)									
Quintile 1	3.8	3.6	6.5	9.6	6.2	np	np	np	5.1
Quintile 2	2.3	3.5	np	2.5	np	np	np	np	2.8
Quintile 3	3.4	5.9	3.6	1.0	np	np	np	np	4.6
Quintile 4	np	5.7	np	5.1	np	np	–	np	4.8
Quintile 5	12.0	5.7	np	4.8	np	–	np	np	7.3
Appendicectomy									
Hospital peer group									
Peer group A	31.5	18.8	25.1	31.6	36.0	41.4	28.1	30.5	27.1
Peer group B	18.2	27.6	23.5	24.0	np	np	–	–	23.5
Other peer groups	22.2	21.1	np	17.0	35.6	–	–	np	26.1

Table 10A.47

**Table 10A.47 Rate of unplanned/unexpected readmission within 28 days of selected surgical admissions, by Indigenous status, remoteness and SEIFA, 2008-09 (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)
Indigenous status (c)									
Indigenous	35.2	np	np	36.5	np	np	np	np	42.6
Other Australians (d)	27.8	20.3	24.5	27.5	35.1	38.0	28.4	np	25.7
Remoteness of residence (e)									
Major cities	26.3	21.5	25.1	31.5	33.9	np	22.8	np	25.3
Inner regional	34.5	22.7	21.0	26.3	np	43.7	np	np	29.2
Outer regional	26.6	np	30.8	18.3	43.7	np	np	np	28.4
Remote & Very remote	np	np	np	15.4	np	np	–	np	24.2
SEIFA of residence (f)									
Quintile 1	23.1	18.2	25.5	30.4	37.8	23.3	np	np	24.8
Quintile 2	32.2	15.5	31.1	26.5	48.2	np	np	np	30.4
Quintile 3	29.9	29.2	23.6	28.0	np	np	np	np	27.3
Quintile 4	20.1	16.0	21.6	34.3	31.7	np	np	np	21.3
Quintile 5	34.0	23.5	28.7	21.3	np	–	np	np	29.0

(a) This indicator is limited to public hospitals.

(b) Total rates and numbers for Australia do not include WA.

(c) Data for Tasmania and the ACT should be interpreted with caution until further assessment of Indigenous identification is completed. The Australian totals for Indigenous/Other Australians do not include data for the ACT and Tasmania.

(d) 'Other Australians' includes readmissions for non-Indigenous people and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.

(e) Disaggregation by remoteness area is by usual residence, not remoteness of hospital. Separations are reported by jurisdiction of hospital, regardless of the jurisdiction of usual residence.



**Table 10A.47 Rate of unplanned/unexpected readmission within 28 days of selected surgical admissions, by Indigenous status, remoteness and SEIFA, 2008-09 (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)
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(f) Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) quintiles are based on the ABS Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD), with quintile 1 being the most disadvantaged and quintile 5 being the least disadvantaged. The SEIFA quintiles represent approximately 20 per cent of the national population, but do not necessarily represent 20 per cent of the population in each State or Territory. Disaggregation by SEIFA is based on the patient's usual residence, not the location of the hospital.

**np** Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished) Admitted Patient Care National Minimum Data Set.

Table 10A.48

**Table 10A.48 Pre-anaesthetic consultations, public hospitals, NSW (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Hospitals reporting	no.	6	6	6
Reports	no.	11	6	9
Numerator (pre-anaesthetic consultations)	no.	6 400	2 858	7 800
Denominator (procedures)	no.	6 428	2 858	10 833
Consultation rate	per 100 procedures	99.56	100.0	72.0
Standard error ( $\pm$ )		1.0	0.8	17.2
National performance at 80th centile (consultation rate)	%	100	100	100
National performance at 20th centile (consultation rate)	%	92	93	32
Potential centile gains (consultations)	no.	27	-1	3 032
Change represented by potential gains	%	0.42	- 0.03	28
Potential outlier gains (consultations)	no.	–	–	–
Potential stratum gains (consultations)	no.	28	–	651

(a) Health organisations contribute data voluntarily to the ACHS and therefore the samples are not necessarily representative of all hospitals in each jurisdiction.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ACHS (unpublished).

Table 10A.49

**Table 10A.49 Pre-anaesthetic consultations, public hospitals, Victoria (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Hospitals reporting	no.	4	np	np
Reports	no.	6	np	np
Numerator (pre-anaesthetic consultations)	no.	8 757	np	np
Denominator (procedures)	no.	9 660	np	np
Consultation rate	per 100 procedures	91	np	np
Standard error ( $\pm$ )		0.8	np	np
National performance at 80th centile (consultation rate)	%	100	np	np
National performance at 20th centile (consultation rate)	%	92	np	np
Potential centile gains (consultations)	no.	902	np	np
Change represented by potential gains	%	9.33	np	np
Potential outlier gains (consultations)	no.	–	np	np
Potential stratum gains (consultations)	no.	903	np	np

(a) Health organisations contribute data voluntarily to the ACHS and therefore the samples are not necessarily representative of all hospitals in each jurisdiction.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: ACHS (unpublished).

Table 10A.50

**Table 10A.50 Episodes of *Staphylococcus aureus* (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA, 2009-10 (a)**

Unit	NSW (b), (c)	Vic (d)	Qld (e), (f)	WA	SA	Tas (f)	ACT	NT	Aust (g)
<b>Infection rates</b>									
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	np
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	rate per 10 000 patient days	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.3	np
<b>Total</b>	<b>rate per 10 000 patient days</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>np</b>
<b>Number of infections</b>									
Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	no.	109	79	90	28	29	1	9	19
Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	no.	184	267	201	108	109	37	28	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Coverage (h)</b>		<b>85</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) The SAB patient episodes were associated with both admitted patient care and with non-admitted patient care (including emergency departments and outpatient clinics). No denominator is available to describe the total admitted and non-admitted patient activity of public hospitals. However, the number of patient days for admitted patient activity is used as the denominator to take into account the large differences between the sizes of the public hospital sectors among the jurisdictions. The comparability of the SAB rates among jurisdictions and over time is limited because the count of patient days reflects the amount of admitted patient activity, but does not necessarily reflect the amount of non-admitted patient activity. The amount of hospital activity that patient days reflect varies among jurisdictions and over time because of variation in admission practices.

(b) Total SAB patient episodes and rates include data for the whole financial year; SAB patient episodes and rates for Methicillin sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA) only and Methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) are only for the period 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010. MRSA only and MSSA only data are not available for the period 1 July 2009 to 31 December 2009.

(c) Data do not comply with the definition of SAB as used by the other jurisdictions, and are therefore not comparable (see Data Quality Statement for definition used).

(d) The denominator has been calculated by excluding rehabilitation beds. When the patient day data for a particular quarter were incomplete for a hospital, data from that quarter were excluded from both the numerator and denominator.

(e) Only includes patients 14 years of age and over.

(f) Coverage estimates are preliminary.

Table 10A.50

**Episodes of *Staphylococcus aureus* (including MRSA) bacteraemia (SAB) in acute care hospitals, by MRSA and MSSA, 2009-10 (a)**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW (b), (c)</i>	<i>Vic (d)</i>	<i>Qld (e), (f)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (f)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (g)</i>
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(g) The calculation of an Australian total is not appropriate given that NSW data are not comparable with other jurisdictions.

(h) Number of patient days for hospitals included in the surveillance data as a proportion of total patient days for all public hospitals. The provision of 'acute' services varies among jurisdictions, so it is not possible to exclude 'non-acute' hospitals from the indicator in a way that would be uniform among the states and territories. Therefore all public hospitals have been included in the scope (and coverage) so that the same approach is taken for each State and Territory.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

*Source:* ALHW (unpublished) sourced from state and territory healthcare-associated infection surveillance data.

Table 10A.51

**Table 10A.51 Proportion of accredited beds in public hospitals (per cent) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total beds accredited by ACHS or other agency									
2004-05	95	100	97	93	98	83	100	100	96
2005-06	93	100	97	96	98	83	100	100	96
2006-07	85	100	94	100	97	83	100	100	93
2007-08	85	100	97	100	98	82	100	100	93
2008-09	95	100	98	100	98	80	100	100	97

(a) Accreditation status at 30 June. Where average available beds for various years were not available, bed numbers at 30 June were used.

Source: AIHW (various years), *Australian hospital statistics*, AIHW Cat. nos. HSE 41, 50, 55, 71 and 84 Canberra.

Table 10A.52

## Table 10A.52 Separations for falls that occurred in a health care setting, 2008-09

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT	NT	Aust
	Number								
Hospital sector									
Private	1 126	914	1 120	406	289	np	np	np	3 997
Public	5 431	3 760	2 255	1 359	972	np	np	np	14 400
Indigenous status (b)									
Indigenous	60	8	55	49	17	5	–	44	233
Other Australians (c)	6 497	4 666	3 320	1 716	1 244	366	284	66	17 509
Remoteness of residence (d)									
Major cities	4 624	3 200	2 023	1 276	933	np	246	np	12 306
Inner regional	1 436	1 125	773	239	140	261	np	np	4 001
Outer regional	422	338	473	158	136	101	13	64	1 705
Remote and Very remote	29	4	96	89	52	5	–	43	318
SEIFA of residence (e)									
Quintile 1	1 444	874	905	148	410	198	5	35	4 019
Quintile 2	1 902	853	537	390	261	33	27	9	4 012
Quintile 3	1 186	985	706	521	242	75	17	26	3 758
Quintile 4	758	947	798	288	200	63	68	34	3 156
Quintile 5	1 221	1 008	415	415	148	np	167	np	3 379
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>6 557</b>	<b>4 674</b>	<b>3 375</b>	<b>1 765</b>	<b>1 261</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>18 397</b>
	Rate per 1000 separations								
Hospital sector									
Private	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.1	np	np	np	1.2
Public	3.6	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.6	np	np	np	2.9
Indigenous status (b)									
Indigenous	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.6	–	0.7	0.8
Other Australians (c)	2.8	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.3	1.5	2.3

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	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT	NT	Aust
Remoteness of residence (d)									
Major cities	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.0	np	2.3	np	2.2
Inner regional	2.8	2.5	2.0	2.3	2.1	2.7	np	np	2.5
Outer regional	2.6	2.9	1.9	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.4	1.4	2.2
Remote and Very remote	1.8	np	1.7	1.6	2.3	1.8	–	0.7	1.5
SEIFA of residence (e)									
Quintile 1	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.3	1.9	2.4	2.1	0.7	2.3
Quintile 2	3.0	2.3	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.6	3.0	0.8	2.5
Quintile 3	2.8	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.4	1.2	2.3
Quintile 4	2.3	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.5	1.6	2.0	2.0
Quintile 5	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.2	1.8	np	2.6	np	2.2
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>

(a) Data for Tasmania does not include two private hospitals that account for approximately one eighth of Tasmania's total hospital separations.

(b) Data for Tasmania and the ACT should be interpreted with caution until further assessment of Indigenous identification is completed. The Australian totals for Indigenous/Other Australians do not include data for the ACT and Tasmania.

(c) 'Other Australians' includes hospitalisations of non-Indigenous people and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.

(d) Disaggregation by remoteness area is by usual residence, not remoteness of hospital. Separations are reported by jurisdiction of hospitalisation, regardless of the jurisdiction of usual residence.

(e) Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) quintiles are based on the ABS Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD), with quintile 1 being the most disadvantaged and quintile 5 being the least disadvantaged. The SEIFA quintiles represent approximately 20 per cent of the national population, but do not necessarily represent 20 per cent of the population in each State or Territory. Disaggregation by SEIFA is based on the patient's usual residence, not the location of the hospital.

(f) Total includes separations for which a SEIFA category or remoteness area could not be assigned as the place of residence was unknown or not stated.

np Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Hospital Morbidity Database.



Table 10A.53

## Table 10A.53 Separations for intentional self-harm that occurred in a health care setting, 2008-09

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT	NT	Aust
Hospital sector									
Private	61	69	126	120	8	np	np	np	392
Public	195	96	192	194	48	np	np	np	770
Indigenous status (b)									
Indigenous	12	np	15	6	-	np	-	-	35
Other Australians (c)	244	np	303	308	56	np	31	4	1 078
Remoteness of residence (d)									
Major cities	171	125	232	233	38	-	np	np	826
Inner regional	56	25	53	34	5	np	np	-	193
Outer regional	17	13	27	32	8	np	np	np	102
Remote and Very remote	-	-	4	13	3	-	np	np	21
SEIFA of residence (e)									
Quintile 1	49	25	73	18	24	np	-	np	196
Quintile 2	70	18	35	54	11	np	np	-	194
Quintile 3	42	38	48	78	10	5	np	np	225
Quintile 4	31	35	89	75	np	5	9	np	250
Quintile 5	52	47	71	87	np	-	15	np	277
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1 162</b>
	Rate per 1000 separations								
Hospital sector									
Private	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	-	np	np	np	0.1
Public	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	np	np	np	0.2
Indigenous status (b)									
Indigenous	0.2	np	0.2	0.1	-	np	-	-	0.1
Other Australians (c)	0.1	np	0.2	0.4	0.1	np	0.3	np	0.2
Remoteness of residence (d)									

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	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (a)	ACT	NT	Aust
Major cities	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	–	np	np	0.2
Inner regional	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	np	np	–	0.1
Outer regional	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	np	np	np	0.1
Remote and Very remote	–	–	np	0.3	np	–	np	np	0.1
SEIFA of residence (e)									
Quintile 1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	np	–	np	0.1
Quintile 2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	np	np	–	0.1
Quintile 3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	np	np	0.1
Quintile 4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	np	0.2	0.2	np	0.2
Quintile 5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	np	–	0.2	np	0.2
<b>Total (f)</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>0.2</b>

(a) Data for Tasmania does not include two private hospitals that account for approximately one eighth of Tasmania's total hospital separations.

(b) Data for Tasmania and the ACT should be interpreted with caution until further assessment of Indigenous identification is completed. The Australian totals for Indigenous/Other Australians do not include data for the ACT and Tasmania.

(c) 'Other Australians' includes hospitalisations of non-Indigenous people and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.

(d) Disaggregation by remoteness area is by usual residence, not remoteness of hospital. Separations are reported by jurisdiction of hospital, regardless of the jurisdiction of usual residence.

(e) Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) quintiles are based on the ABS Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD), with quintile 1 being the most disadvantaged and quintile 5 being the least disadvantaged. The SEIFA quintiles represent approximately 20 per cent of the national population, but do not necessarily represent 20 per cent of the population in each State or Territory. Disaggregation by SEIFA is based on the patient's usual residence, not the location of the hospital.

(f) Total includes separations for which a SEIFA category or remoteness area could not be assigned as the place of residence was unknown or not stated.

np Not published. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table 10A.54

Table 10A.54 **Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group and region (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
<b>Nurses (registered and enrolled) in workforce</b>						
Major cities	no.	159 662	159 880	na	174 206	176 935
Inner regional	no.	50 080	51 726	na	55 721	56 787
Outer regional	no.	22 287	23 699	na	24 479	25 354
Remote and very remote	no.	5 460	5 504	na	5 855	6 674
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>253 592</b>	<b>254 956</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>277 297</b>	<b>283 087</b>
Proportion of Nurses aged under 30						
Major cities	%	13.4	10.2	na	15.0	15.0
Inner regional	%	8.6	6.7	na	10.1	9.8
Outer regional	%	8.4	6.4	na	10.1	10.6
Remote and very remote	%	10.2	8.6	na	11.6	12.5
Total (c)	%	11.8	9.0	na	13.6	13.6
Proportion of Nurses aged 30 to 39						
Major cities	%	25.1	22.6	na	24.5	23.5
Inner regional	%	21.3	18.5	na	21.2	19.0
Outer regional	%	21.9	19.2	na	20.9	19.4
Remote and very remote	%	23.7	20.6	na	23.6	22.9
Total (c)	%	24.0	21.4	na	23.6	22.2
Proportion of Nurses aged 40 to 49						
Major cities	%	33.1	32.9	na	29.3	28.7
Inner regional	%	39.3	37.4	na	33.7	32.6
Outer regional	%	38.2	37.4	na	33.2	32.8
Remote and very remote	%	34.4	34.9	na	31.4	29.3
Total (c)	%	34.8	34.3	na	30.4	29.7
Proportion of Nurses aged 50 to 59						
Major cities	%	22.8	26.9	na	24.1	25.4
Inner regional	%	25.0	30.0	na	28.0	30.6
Outer regional	%	24.9	29.5	na	27.6	29.1
Remote and very remote	%	25.3	28.2	na	26.7	27.5
Total (c)	%	23.5	27.8	na	25.2	26.8
Proportion of Nurses aged 60+						
Major cities	%	5.6	7.4	na	7.0	7.5
Inner regional	%	5.8	7.3	na	7.0	8.0
Outer regional	%	6.6	7.7	na	8.2	8.1
Remote and very remote	%	6.3	7.7	na	6.7	7.9
Total (d)	%	5.9	7.5	na	7.2	7.7

(a) Nurses are allocated to a region based on postcode of main job. Region is based on Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) — Remoteness Areas.

(b) Includes registered and enrolled nurses (including midwives) who are employed in nursing, on extended leave and looking for work in nursing.

(c) Percentages are the percentage of those within a region for each age group.

(d) Total includes 'not stated' for ASGC Remoteness Areas.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW Nursing and Midwifery Labour Force Surveys (unpublished)

Table 10A.55

Table 10A.55 Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group (a)

Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld (c)	WA (d)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT (e)
2004								
Nurses (registered and enrolled) in workforce								
Nurses aged under 30	12.6	14.3	9.4	8.1	11.4	6.9	8.0	14.6
Nurses aged 30 to 39	24.0	25.5	24.1	21.2	23.7	19.5	20.2	27.5
Nurses aged 40 to 49	35.4	33.1	33.8	35.8	38.2	38.0	36.7	30.6
Nurses aged 50 to 59	22.4	22.1	25.0	27.0	22.5	28.4	28.9	23.6
Nurses aged 60+	5.6	5.0	7.7	7.9	4.2	7.3	6.2	3.7
<b>Total nurses in workforce</b>	<b>79 293</b>	<b>70 986</b>	<b>42 690</b>	<b>23 895</b>	<b>23 836</b>	<b>6 347</b>	<b>4 048</b>	<b>2 496</b>
2005								
Nurses (registered and enrolled) in workforce								
Nurses aged under 30	12.7	7.4	5.9	6.1	10.1	8.7	8.5	na
Nurses aged 30 to 39	23.9	21.1	18.9	18.2	22.1	19.1	20.2	na
Nurses aged 40 to 49	33.9	33.2	35.1	34.5	37.0	36.1	34.6	na
Nurses aged 50 to 59	23.8	29.6	30.7	31.9	25.5	29.2	30.2	na
Nurses aged 60+	5.7	8.6	9.5	9.2	5.2	6.9	6.5	na
<b>Total nurses in workforce</b>	<b>77 075</b>	<b>72 153</b>	<b>42 973</b>	<b>23 839</b>	<b>24 279</b>	<b>6 823</b>	<b>4 284</b>	<b>na</b>
2006 (f)								
Nurses (registered and enrolled) in workforce								
Nurses aged under 30	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Nurses aged 30 to 39	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Nurses aged 40 to 49	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Nurses aged 50 to 59	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Nurses aged 60+	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total nurses in workforce</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

Table 10A.55

Table 10A.55 Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group (a)

Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld (c)	WA (d)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT (e)
<b>2007</b>								
Nurses (registered and enrolled) in workforce								
Nurses aged under 30	%	15.5	13.3	9.8	8.8	10.8	12.8	17.6
Nurses aged 30 to 39	%	24.0	23.6	21.0	20.6	17.5	23.5	23.5
Nurses aged 40 to 49	%	29.2	31.5	33.0	34.3	34.1	32.6	27.8
Nurses aged 50 to 59	%	24.2	24.2	27.8	28.9	29.1	26.1	25.0
Nurses aged 60+	%	7.1	7.4	8.5	7.4	8.4	4.9	6.2
<b>Total nurses in workforce</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>81 606</b>	<b>51 436</b>	<b>25 047</b>	<b>24 952</b>	<b>7 329</b>	<b>4 413</b>	<b>3 234</b>
<b>2008</b>								
Nurses (registered and enrolled) in workforce								
Nurses aged under 30	%	14.5	13.4	12.4	11.8	10.2	11.7	16.9
Nurses aged 30 to 39	%	22.9	23.0	21.3	21.3	16.9	22.4	24.2
Nurses aged 40 to 49	%	28.6	31.3	30.4	32.4	32.8	30.1	28.0
Nurses aged 50 to 59	%	26.1	24.8	27.3	27.8	30.6	28.7	24.8
Nurses aged 60+	%	7.9	7.5	8.6	6.7	9.5	7.1	6.1
<b>Total nurses in workforce</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>82 450</b>	<b>51 249</b>	<b>27 858</b>	<b>27 017</b>	<b>7 570</b>	<b>4 632</b>	<b>4 353</b>

(a) Includes registered and enrolled nurses in the workforce: those who are employed in nursing, on extended leave and looking for work in nursing.

(b) Estimates for 2005 are derived from responses to the 2006 AIHW Nursing and Midwifery Labour Force Survey, weighted to 2005 registration and enrolment benchmarks. For 2008, Victorian data was affected by large numbers of online survey records not being able to be used for technical reasons. Estimates for 2007 and 2008 should be treated with caution due to low response rate (39.9 per cent and 33.3 per cent).

(c) Estimates for 2007 and 2008 should be treated with caution due to low response rate (33.9 per cent and 32.9 per cent respectively).

(d) Estimates for 2005, 2007 and 2008 should be treated with caution due to low response rates (26.9 per cent, 36.7 per cent and 34.4 per cent respectively).

Table 10A.55

Table 10A.55 **Nursing workforce (includes midwives), by age group (a)**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (e)</i>
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(e) Estimates for 2004, 2007 and 2008 should be treated with caution due to low response rates (35.1 per cent, 28.7 per cent and 34.9 per cent respectively). Estimates for 2005 are not separately published due to very low response rate (13.7 per cent) in that jurisdiction to the AIHW Nursing and Midwifery Labour Force Survey. Data for the NT are affected by the transient nature of the nursing labour force in that jurisdiction. According to the Nursing Board Annual Report, approximately one-third of all nurses do not re-register each year, primarily because they no longer practise in the jurisdiction. There has been some variation across years in the degree to which nurses who are interstate have been removed from the renewal process and hence the survey.

(f) Data for 2006 are not available.

**na** Not available.

*Source*: AIHW Nursing and Midwifery Labour Force Surveys (unpublished)

Table 10A.56

Table 10A.56 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group and region (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
<b>Medical practitioners in workforce</b>						
<b>Major cities</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>45 994</b>	<b>47 632</b>	<b>49 835</b>	<b>50 981</b>	<b>52 877</b>
<b>Inner regional</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 471</b>	<b>7 577</b>	<b>7 816</b>	<b>8 141</b>	<b>8 686</b>
<b>Outer regional</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 710</b>	<b>2 993</b>	<b>3 061</b>	<b>3 258</b>	<b>3 516</b>
<b>Remote and very remote (d)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>1 001</b>	<b>867</b>
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>59 004</b>	<b>61 165</b>	<b>63 688</b>	<b>68 812</b>	<b>70 431</b>
Medical practitioners under 30						
Major cities	%	11.0	12.4	10.2	10.2	11.1
Inner regional	%	9.3	8.8	7.4	8.2	8.1
Outer regional	%	7.5	7.9	8.8	7.1	8.0
Remote and very remote (d)	%	5.8	8.4	13.0	9.6	5.9
Total (e)	%	10.6	11.6	9.8	9.7	10.4
Medical practitioners aged 30 to 39						
Major cities	%	26.3	26.4	25.7	27.1	27.2
Inner regional	%	21.0	21.1	21.1	22.3	22.2
Outer regional	%	24.1	24.6	22.6	24.7	26.8
Remote and very remote (d)	%	29.7	29.7	30.1	29.9	30.0
Total (e)	%	25.7	25.8	25.0	26.3	26.4
Medical practitioners aged 40 to 49						
Major cities	%	27.5	27.0	27.0	26.2	25.9
Inner regional	%	32.4	31.7	29.8	29.0	27.7
Outer regional	%	30.9	30.7	30.3	30.0	28.1
Remote and very remote (d)	%	28.7	29.0	27.2	28.8	32.4
Total (e)	%	28.0	27.6	27.4	26.7	26.2
Medical practitioners aged 50 to 59						
Major cities	%	20.8	20.3	21.1	20.4	20.4
Inner regional	%	24.0	25.4	26.9	25.6	26.7
Outer regional	%	22.5	22.2	23.6	24.0	22.5
Remote and very remote (d)	%	20.8	19.7	16.3	18.7	19.4
Total (e)	%	21.1	20.9	21.7	21.0	21.3
Medical practitioners aged 60+						
Major cities	%	14.4	13.8	16.0	16.1	15.4
Inner regional	%	13.3	13.1	14.8	14.8	15.2
Outer regional	%	14.9	14.7	14.7	14.3	14.6
Remote and very remote (d)	%	15.1	13.1	13.4	13.1	12.3
Total (e)	%	14.7	14.0	16.0	16.2	15.7

(a) Medical practitioners are allocated to a region based on postcode of main job. Region is based on 2006 version Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) — Remoteness Areas.

(b) Includes employed medical practitioners, registered medical practitioners on extended leave and registered medical practitioners looking for work in medicine.

(c) Percentages are the percentage of those within a region for each age group.

Table 10A.56 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group and region (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
(d)	Remote and very remote areas includes Migratory areas. Estimates for remote and very remote areas should be treated with caution due to the relatively small number of medical practitioners used to produce these estimates.					
(e)	Total includes 'not stated' for ASGC Remoteness Areas.					
<i>Source:</i> AIHW Medical Labour Force Surveys (unpublished)						



Table 10A.57

Table 10A.57 Medical practitioner workforce, by age group (a)

	Unit	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Q/d (d)	WA (e)	SA	Tas (f)	ACT	NT (g)
2004									
Medical practitioners in workforce									
Medical practitioners under 30	%	11.3	13.1	7.8	8.0	9.2	5.6	6.8	13.1
Medical practitioners aged 30 to 39	%	26.7	25.9	24.4	23.5	27.6	17.6	21.7	32.8
Medical practitioners aged 40 to 49	%	26.3	27.5	30.7	29.2	28.5	32.1	33.3	27.5
Medical practitioners aged 50 to 59	%	20.3	20.2	22.3	21.8	21.6	27.6	25.5	17.8
Medical practitioners aged 60+	%	15.4	13.4	14.8	17.5	13.0	17.2	12.6	8.8
<b>Total Medical practitioners in workforce</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>21 406</b>	<b>15 757</b>	<b>8 718</b>	<b>4 895</b>	<b>5 011</b>	<b>1 416</b>	<b>1 302</b>	<b>497</b>
2005									
Medical practitioners in workforce									
Medical practitioners under 30	%	13.6	14.4	6.5	8.8	8.7	4.5	6.7	19.9
Medical practitioners aged 30 to 39	%	26.7	26.5	24.4	23.2	27.8	17.4	21.1	34.0
Medical practitioners aged 40 to 49	%	26.0	27.3	30.5	28.4	27.6	32.6	33.2	22.6
Medical practitioners aged 50 to 59	%	19.9	19.4	22.8	22.3	21.8	28.5	26.1	15.6
Medical practitioners aged 60+	%	13.8	12.4	15.8	17.3	14.1	17.0	13.0	7.9
<b>Total Medical practitioners in workforce</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>22 015</b>	<b>16 085</b>	<b>9 474</b>	<b>4 990</b>	<b>5 006</b>	<b>1 481</b>	<b>1 381</b>	<b>732</b>
2006									
Medical practitioners in workforce									
Medical practitioners under 30	%	9.1	13.3	7.1	9.5	8.3	4.2	6.7	18.5
Medical practitioners aged 30 to 39	%	25.1	26.0	23.5	23.6	26.7	18.9	25.1	33.1
Medical practitioners aged 40 to 49	%	26.4	26.1	29.9	28.3	28.3	30.4	28.8	26.9
Medical practitioners aged 50 to 59	%	22.0	20.2	23.6	21.3	21.4	28.4	23.6	14.7
Medical practitioners aged 60+	%	17.4	14.3	15.8	17.3	15.3	18.0	15.8	6.9
<b>Total Medical practitioners in workforce</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>21 656</b>	<b>16 900</b>	<b>9 937</b>	<b>6 378</b>	<b>5 178</b>	<b>1 384</b>	<b>1 364</b>	<b>891</b>

Table 10A.57

Table 10A.57 Medical practitioner workforce, by age group (a)

Unit	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Q/d (d)	WA (e)	SA	Tas (f)	ACT	NT (g)
2007								
Medical practitioners in workforce								
Medical practitioners under 30	9.2	11.9	7.6	12.0	8.8	4.2	4.7	13.9
Medical practitioners aged 30 to 39	24.4	26.2	28.0	27.4	27.5	19.4	37.1	28.9
Medical practitioners aged 40 to 49	26.4	25.6	28.5	26.3	26.7	28.0	28.2	29.1
Medical practitioners aged 50 to 59	22.4	19.7	21.0	19.9	21.1	28.7	16.4	16.4
Medical practitioners aged 60+	17.5	16.6	14.9	14.3	16.1	19.7	13.6	11.7
<b>Total Medical practitioners in workforce</b>	<b>21 530</b>	<b>17 515</b>	<b>12 436</b>	<b>7 758</b>	<b>5 526</b>	<b>1 638</b>	<b>1 486</b>	<b>924</b>
2008								
Medical practitioners in workforce								
Medical practitioners under 30	11.2	11.9	5.1	13.3	9.6	4.1	20.9	14.0
Medical practitioners aged 30 to 39	24.2	26.7	28.6	28.1	27.6	18.5	27.3	32.8
Medical practitioners aged 40 to 49	26.0	25.7	27.8	26.4	25.2	27.6	23.1	25.6
Medical practitioners aged 50 to 59	21.9	20.5	22.3	19.0	20.6	29.3	18.6	16.8
Medical practitioners aged 60+	16.6	15.1	16.2	13.2	17.1	20.6	10.1	10.8
<b>Total Medical practitioners in workforce</b>	<b>21 958</b>	<b>17 813</b>	<b>13 571</b>	<b>6 995</b>	<b>5 791</b>	<b>1 607</b>	<b>1 830</b>	<b>865</b>

(a) Includes employed medical practitioners, registered medical practitioners on extended leave and registered medical practitioners looking for work in medicine.

(b) Estimates based on responses to the Medical Labour Force Survey weighted to financial registrants holding general, conditional specialist, limited prescribing and referring or non-practising registration.

(c) Estimates for 2007 and 2008 are based on survey responses from general, specific and provisional registered medical practitioners responses, weighted to all registered medical practitioners.

(d) Estimates for 2007 and 2008 are derived from responses to the Medical Labour Force Survey weighted to all registrants excluding some conditional registration types. From 2004 to 2006, responses to annual Medical Labour Force Surveys were weighted to general registrants and conditionally registered specialists only.

Table 10A.57

Table 10A.57 **Medical practitioner workforce, by age group (a)**

	Unit	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Q/d (d)	WA (e)	SA	Tas (f)	ACT	NT (g)
(e)	Estimates for 2006, 2007 and 2008, the scope was consistent, that is, the survey population and the benchmark figures are based on general and conditional registrants. For 2004 and 2005, the survey was administered to both general and conditional registrants but benchmark figures were for general registrants only. For 2008 the benchmark used was the total number of registered practitioners in 2008 using 2007 age by sex proportions. Estimates for 2007 and 2008, the benchmark data includes a significant number of registered medical practitioners that were no longer active in the workforce. This inflated the perception of the medical labour force in WA. It is also unknown how significantly past years have been affected. Care should be taken when interpreting these figures.								
(f)	Estimates are based on responses to the AIHW Medical Labour Force Survey weighted to general registrants, conditionally registered specialists and non-practising practitioners only.								
(g)	Estimates for 2005, 2006 and 2007 should be treated with caution due to the low response rate (31.8 per cent, 28.6 per cent and 27.1 per cent respectively). Estimates for 2007 are derived from responses to the 2007 Medical Labour Force Survey weighted to 2007 number of registered practitioners using 2008 age by sex proportions. Estimates for 2006 derived from responses to the 2007 Medical Labour Force Survey weighted to 2006 number of registered practitioners by age and sex. Estimates for 2005 derived from responses to the 2004 Medical Labour Force Survey weighted to 2005 number of registered practitioners by age and sex. Care should be taken when interpreting these figures.								

Source: AIHW Medical Labour Force Surveys (unpublished)

Table 10A.58

**Table 10A.58 Recurrent cost per casemix-adjusted separation, selected public acute hospitals 2008-09 (a)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT (b)	Aust
Total separations (c)	'000	1 506	1 337	883	467	374	95	90	95	4 847
Acute separations (d)	'000	1 427	1 300	826	435	342	90	84	94	4 598
Proportion of separations not acute	%	5.2	2.8	6.5	6.9	8.6	5.3	6.7	1.1	5.1
Average cost weight (e)	no.	1.07	0.98	1.01	0.97	1.11	1.04	1.00	0.70	1.02
Casemix-adjusted separations (f)	'000	1 611	1 310	892	453	415	99	90	67	4 944
Total admitted patient days (c)	'000	6 114	4 037	3 073	1 647	1 594	394	293	270	17 423
Admitted patient days for acute patients	'000	4 975	3 531	2 404	1 253	1 144	291	224	253	14 075
Proportion of bed days not acute	%	18.6	12.5	21.8	23.9	28.2	26.1	23.5	6.3	19.2
Total recurrent expenditure	\$m	10 209	7 912	5 755	3 258	2 467	693	586	443	31 323
Admitted patient cost proportion (g)		0.69	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.68	0.80	0.70
Total admitted patient recurrent expenditure	\$m	7 062	5 675	4 005	2 269	1 761	467	399	354	21 993
Public patient day proportion (h)		na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Newborn episodes with no qualified days	'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Relative stay index (i)		1.10	0.90	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.90	1.20	1.00
<i>Average cost data for selected included hospitals</i>										
<i>Non-medical labour costs per casemix-adjusted separation</i>										
Nursing	\$	1 184	1 200	1 154	1 164	1 094	1 194	1 238	1 541	1 180
Diagnostic/allied health (j)	\$	317	370	294	338	222	308	299	334	321
Administrative	\$	314	291	296	381	253	271	320	335	305
Other staff	\$	206	218	304	312	135	275	139	398	233
Superannuation	\$	232	232	270	244	215	280	327	245	242
Total non-medical labour costs	\$	2 253	2 310	2 318	2 440	1 920	2 328	2 322	2 854	2 281

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Table 10A.58 Recurrent cost per casemix-adjusted separation, selected public acute hospitals 2008-09 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT (b)	Aust
<i>Other recurrent costs per casemix-adjusted separation</i>										
Domestic services	\$	125	101	115	110	97	95	169	138	114
Repairs/maintenance	\$	86	81	98	118	90	89	56	133	90
Medical supplies (j)	\$	409	387	478	336	308	571	395	363	403
Drug supplies	\$	221	237	232	262	199	270	129	236	229
Food supplies	\$	43	47	33	33	27	47	17	43	40
Administration	\$	206	256	240	197	52	228	273	244	214
Other	\$	77	154	26	156	351	215	145	386	126
Total other recurrent costs	\$	1 166	1 263	1 222	1 212	1 124	1 516	1 184	1 544	1 215
Total excluding medical labour costs	\$	3 419	3 573	3 540	3 652	3 044	3 844	3 506	4 398	3 496
<i>Medical labour costs per casemix-adjusted separation</i>										
Public patients										
Salaried/sessional staff	\$	546	616	806	847	664	634	698	848	658
Visiting medical officer payments	\$	228	66	79	161	196	146	247	62	146
Private patients (estimated) (k)	\$	260	124	81	182	170	192	173	54	171
Total medical labour costs	\$	1 035	807	966	1 190	1 030	972	1 118	964	974
Total labour costs (medical + non-medical)	\$	3 288	3 117	3 284	3 630	2 950	3 300	3 440	3 818	3 255
<b>Total recurrent cost per casemix-adjusted separation</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4 454</b>	<b>4 380</b>	<b>4 507</b>	<b>4 842</b>	<b>4 074</b>	<b>4 817</b>	<b>4 624</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>4 471</b>
<b>Experimental estimates of recurrent cost per casemix-adjusted acute non-psychiatric separations (l)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4 629</b>	<b>3 896</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>4 856</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

(a) Psychiatric hospitals, drug and alcohol services, mothercraft hospitals, unpeered and other, hospices, rehabilitation facilities, small non-acute hospitals and multi-purpose services are excluded from this table. The data are based on hospital establishments for which expenditure data were provided, including networks of hospitals in some jurisdictions. Some small hospitals with incomplete expenditure data were not included. Expenditure data exclude depreciation.

(b) These figures should be interpreted in conjunction with the consideration of cost disabilities associated with hospital service delivery in the NT.

Table 10A.58

**Table 10A.58 Recurrent cost per casemix-adjusted separation, selected public acute hospitals 2008-09 (a)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT (b)	Aust	
(c)	Excludes separations for which the care type was reported as newborn with no qualified days, and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement.										
(d)	Separations for which the care type was reported as acute and unspecified and newborn episodes of care with qualified days.										
(e)	Average cost weight from the National Hospital Cost Data Collection, using the 2005-06 AR-DRG version 5.1 cost weights for separations for which the care type was reported as acute, newborn with at least one qualified day or was not reported.										
(f)	Casemix-adjusted separations are the product of total separations and average cost weight.										
(g)	Of the selected hospitals, three small hospitals had their admitted patient cost proportion estimated by the Health and Allied Services Advisory Council ratio. Admitted patient cost proportion was previously called the inpatient fraction.										
(h)	Eligible public patient days as a proportion of total patient days, excluding newborns with no qualified days. Public patients defined by patient election status equal to public.										
(i)	Relative stay index based on public hospitals using the indirect method. The indirectly standardised relative stay index is not technically comparable between cells but is a comparison of the hospital group with the national average of public hospitals based on the casemix of that group. Relative stay index based on AR-DRG version 5.1.										
(j)	Queensland pathology services are purchased from the statewide pathology service rather than being provided by each hospital's employees resulting in higher medical supplies costs and lower diagnostic staff costs.										
(k)	Estimated private patient medical costs calculated as the sum of salary/sessional and visiting medical officer payments divided by the number of public patient days multiplied by the number of private patient days. This is a notional estimate of the medical costs for all non-public patients, including those self funded and those funded by private health insurance, compensation and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.										
(l)	Estimates relate to a subset of the selected public hospitals only. This subset excludes hospitals where the inpatient fraction was equal to the acute inpatient fraction and more than 1000 non-acute patient days were recorded. Also excludes hospitals where the apparent cost of non-acute patients exceeded \$1000 per day and more than \$1 000 000 of apparent expenditure on non-acute patients days was reported. These data are provided by states and territories on a voluntary basis.										
	<b>na</b> Not available.										

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.59

Table 10A.59 Costs and utilisation by hospital peer group, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Principal referral: major cities (>20 000 acute weighted separations) and regional (>16 000 acute weighted separations)										
Number of hospitals	no.	26	18	16	4	4	2	2	2	74
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	37 129	56 360	40 489	54 613	50 887	40 163	44 935	40 051	44 594
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	434	396	381	443	495	485	447	396	398
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		1.11	1.01	1.05	1.08	1.20	1.02	1.00	0.74	1.06
Relative stay index (f)		1.10	0.90	0.98	1.06	1.06	1.01	0.86	1.22	1.01
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	4 432	4 374	4 519	4 836	4 023	4 713	4 624	5 287	4 455
Specialist women's and children's (>10 000 acute weighted separations)										
Number of hospitals	no.	3	2	3	2	1	—	—	—	11
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	17 779	28 624	15 211	20 295	30 164	..	..	..	20 634
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	235	238	203	198	313	..	..	..	227
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		1.27	1.30	1.24	1.23	1.15	..	..	..	1.25
Relative stay index (f)		1.14	0.97	0.97	1.06	np	..	..	..	1.05
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	5 082	5 166	5 339	4 932	np	..	..	..	5 087
Total principal referral and specialist women's and children's										
Number of hospitals	no.	29	20	19	6	5	2	2	2	85
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	35 127	53 586	36 498	43 174	46 742	40 163	44 935	40 051	41 493
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	423	314	386	387	459	485	447	396	380
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		1.12	1.02	1.07	1.10	1.19	1.02	1.00	0.74	1.07
Relative stay index (f)		1.10	0.91	0.98	1.06	1.07	1.01	0.86	1.22	1.01
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	4 465	4 426	4 579	4 852	4 124	4 713	4 624	5 287	4 501

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Table 10A.59 Costs and utilisation by hospital peer group, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Large major cities (>10 000 acute weighted separations)										
Number of hospitals	no.	9	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	17
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	14 044	16 595	19 539	20 196	16 412	..	..	..	15 993
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	286	117	274	284	299	..	..	..	253
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		1.12	0.87	0.83	0.76	1.24	..	..	..	1.00
Relative stay index (f)		1.01	0.90	0.85	0.93	0.99	..	..	..	0.97
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	3 969	4 198	3 316	4 396	3 903	..	..	..	3 968
Large regional (>8 000 acute weighted separations) and remote (>5 000 acute weighted separations)										
Number of hospitals	no.	5	7	2	3	-	1	-	-	18
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	12 754	14 576	12 068	15 979	..	9 061	..	..	13 719
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	279	228	252	283	..	262	..	..	243
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		0.90	0.84	0.81	0.78	..	1.28	..	..	0.86
Relative stay index (f)		0.98	0.95	0.90	0.92	..	np	..	..	0.95
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	5 046	3 909	4 324	4 126	..	np	..	..	4 383
Total large hospitals										
Number of hospitals	no.	14	9	4	5	2	1	-	-	35
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	13 583	15 025	15 803	17 665	16 412	9 061	..	..	14 823
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	283	208	263	283	299	262	..	..	259
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		1.04	0.85	0.82	0.77	1.24	1.28	..	..	0.93
Relative stay index (f)		1.00	0.94	0.87	0.93	0.99	np	..	..	0.97
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	4 283	3 946	3 693	4 248	3 903	np	..	..	4 156



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Table 10A.59 Costs and utilisation by hospital peer group, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Medium (5000 to 10 000 acute weighted separations)										
Number of hospitals	no.	13	4	3	6	4	-	-	-	30
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	8 149	9 000	8 875	10 059	8 958	..	..	..	8 825
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	166	206	201	173	199	..	..	..	172
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		0.95	0.72	0.69	0.81	0.83	..	..	..	0.85
Relative stay index (f)		0.98	0.93	0.66	0.93	0.92	..	..	..	0.93
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	4 150	3 979	3 455	5 114	3 951	..	..	..	4 260
Medium (2000 to 5000 acute weighted separations)										
Number of hospitals	no.	23	13	9	2	9	-	-	-	56
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	3 675	4 097	3 769	3 365	3 477	..	..	..	3 745
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	123	111	127	121	131	..	..	..	122
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		0.80	0.69	0.79	0.80	0.87	..	..	..	0.78
Relative stay index (f)		1.13	1.04	0.87	0.91	0.90	..	..	..	1.02
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	4 820	4 193	4 381	5 354	3 398	..	..	..	4 362
Total medium										
Number of hospitals	no.	36	17	12	8	13	-	-	-	86
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	5 291	5 250	5 046	8 386	5 163	..	..	..	5 517
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	150	133	145	160	154	..	..	..	148
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		0.88	0.70	0.74	0.81	0.85	..	..	..	0.82
Relative stay index (f)		1.05	0.99	0.79	0.93	0.91	..	..	..	0.97

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	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	4 434	4 098	4 003	5 138	3 696	..	..	..	4 315
Small regional acute (<2000 acute weighted separations and less than 40 per cent not acute or outlier bed days)										
Number of hospitals	no.	43	21	21	4	12	5	-	-	106
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	1 120	993	1 167	1 363	1 037	468	..	..	1 073
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	48	37	53	63	50	20	..	..	46
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		0.79	0.77	0.74	0.80	0.84	0.89	..	..	0.78
Relative stay index (f)		1.07	1.25	0.88	1.14	1.01	1.67	..	..	1.08
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	4 787	5 277	3 850	5 640	5 067	4 481	..	..	4 754
Remote acute (<5000 acute weighted separations)										
Number of hospitals	no.	5	-	17	11	3	1	-	3	40
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	826	..	736	2 263	1 786	397	..	5 085	1 564
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	36	..	43	85	67	22	..	104	54
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		0.67	..	0.77	0.79	0.85	0.78	..	0.52	0.72
Relative stay index (f)		0.96	..	1.05	0.88	0.92	np	..	1.01	0.95
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	7 686	..	6 815	5 804	3 309	np	..	5 912	5 897
Total small acute										
Number of hospitals	no.	48	21	38	15	15	6	-	3	146
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	1 089	993	974	2 023	1 187	456	..	5 085	1 208
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	47	37	44	79	53	21	..	104	49
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		0.78	0.77	0.75	0.79	0.84	0.88	..	0.52	0.76
Relative stay index (f)		1.07	1.25	0.94	0.93	0.98	1.59	..	1.01	1.04
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	4 991	5 277	4 883	5 784	4 531	4 355	..	5 912	5 162

**Total hospitals in cost per casemix adjusted separation analysis**

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	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>Number of hospitals</b>	no.	127	67	73	34	35	9	2	5	352
<b>Separations per hospital (b)</b>	no.	11 430	19 658	11 702	13 082	10 042	10 236	44 935	19 071	13 342
<b>AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)</b>	no.	226	173	209	227	241	256	447	250	209
<b>Total expenditure (d)</b>	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
<b>Average cost weight (e)</b>		1.07	0.98	1.01	0.97	1.11	1.04	1.00	0.70	1.02
<b>Relative stay index (f)</b>		1.10	0.90	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.90	1.20	1.00
<b>Cost per casemix adjusted separation</b>	\$	4 454	4 380	4 507	4 842	4 074	4 817	4 624	5 361	4 471
Small non-acute (<2000 acute weighted separations more than 40 per cent not acute or outlier bed days)										
<b>Number of hospitals</b>	no.	59	15	28	43	25	5	1	-	176
<b>Separations per hospital (b)</b>	no.	630	892	871	419	588	244	na	..	618
<b>Total expenditure</b>	\$'000	441 171	89 169	128 205	190 481	124 835	18 654	np	..	995 447
<b>Multi-purpose service</b>										
<b>Number of hospitals</b>	no.	18	9	9	39	2	2	-	-	79
<b>Separations per hospital (b)</b>	no.	284	550	617	250	835	101	..	..	345
<b>Total expenditure</b>	\$'000	57 631	44 390	36 542	71 844	7 677	6 245	..	..	224 329
<b>Hospice</b>										
<b>Number of hospitals</b>	no.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
<b>Separations per hospital (b)</b>	no.	..	..	..	..	..	266	..	..	266
<b>Total expenditure</b>	\$'000	..	..	..	..	..	np	..	..	np
<b>Rehabilitation</b>										
<b>Number of hospitals</b>	no.	5	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	8
<b>Separations per hospital (b)</b>	no.	423	..	..	4 755	981	..	..	..	1 104
<b>Total expenditure</b>	\$'000	98 697	..	..	np	47 563	..	..	..	np

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Table 10A.59 Costs and utilisation by hospital peer group, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>Mothercraft</b>										
Number of hospitals	no.	3	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	7
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	1 970	2 086	1 754	..	..	..	na	..	1 691
Total expenditure	\$'000	19 168	10 185	np	..	..	..	np	..	36 262
<b>Other non-acute</b>										
Number of hospitals	no.	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	866	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	866
Total expenditure	\$'000	153 346	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	153 346
<b>Total non-acute</b>										
Number of hospitals	no.	59	15	28	43	25	5	1	-	176
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	630	892	871	419	588	244	na	..	618
Total expenditure	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
<b>Psychiatric (g)</b>										
Number of hospitals	no.	8	1	4	1	2	3	-	-	19
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	744	492	102	1 462	1 070	144	..	..	573
Total expenditure	\$'000	210 814	np	112 544	np	116 552	14 990	..	..	577 027
<b>Unpeered and other acute (includes hospitals with fewer than 200 separations)</b>										
Number of hospitals	no.	33	12	65	16	18	11	-	-	155
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	342	496	66	198	297	102	..	..	201
Total expenditure	\$'000	189 154	76 301	75 924	80 278	33 909	18 114	..	..	473 680
<b>Total</b>										
<b>Number of hospitals used in this analysis</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>702</b>
<b>Average beds per hospital (h)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Number of hospitals</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>756</b>
<b>Separations per hospital</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 634</b>	<b>14 177</b>	<b>5 196</b>	<b>4 973</b>	<b>4 682</b>	<b>3 389</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>19 071</b>	<b>6 920</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>10 208 851</b>	<b>7 912 293</b>	<b>5 754 650</b>	<b>3 258 180</b>	<b>2 466 883</b>	<b>693 156</b>	<b>586 093</b>	<b>442 788</b>	<b>31 322 893</b>
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Teaching (excluding psychiatric)	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Number of hospitals	no.	20	5	22	6	8	3	2	2	68
Separations per hospital (b)	no.	39 769	27 963	31 564	38 739	35 003	29 796	44 935	40 051	35 315
AR-DRGs (5+) per hospital (c)	no.	421	237	358	335	385	410	447	396	375
Total expenditure (d)	\$'000	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Average cost weight (e)		1.15	1.15	1.07	1.15	1.17	1.04	1.00	0.74	1.11
Relative stay index (f)		1.12	0.99	0.98	1.07	1.05	1.02	0.86	1.22	1.05
Cost per casemix adjusted separation	\$	4 475	4 972	4 636	5 107	4 108	4 830	4 624	5 287	4 600

(a) The data are based on hospital establishments for which expenditure data were provided, including networks of hospitals in some jurisdictions. Some small hospitals with incomplete expenditure data were not included.

(b) Separations for which the care type was reported as newborn with no qualified days, and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement have been excluded.

(c) The number of different version 5.1 AR-DRGs provided by a hospital for which there were at least five acute separations.

(d) Expenditure and cost per casemix adjusted separation data exclude depreciation.

(e) Average cost weight from the National Hospital Cost Data Collection, based on acute and unspecified separations and Newborn episodes of care with qualified days, using the 2006-07 AR-DRG version 5.1 cost weights.

(f) Relative stay index based on observed vs expected length of stay based on age and AR-DRG Version 5.1, public hospitals using the indirect method. The indirectly standardised relative stay index is not technically comparable between cells but is a comparison of the hospital group with the national average of public hospitals based on the casemix of that group.

(g) Psychiatric hospitals consist of a mix of short-term acute, long-term, psychogeriatric and forensic psychiatric hospitals.

(h) Calculated by dividing total number of available beds across all hospitals by total number of hospitals.

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Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.60

**Table 10A.60 Capital cost per casemix-adjusted separation — indicative estimates for inpatient services at major public acute hospitals, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic (d)	Qld	WA (d)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT (e)	Aust
<b>Land</b>										
Asset value at 30 June	\$m	1 630	na	646	383	282	36	25	12	3 015
User cost of capital	\$m	130	na	52	31	23	3	2	1	241
Casemix-adjusted separations	'000	1 611	1 310	892	453	415	99	90	67	4 944
Inpatient fraction		0.69	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.68	0.80	0.70
Cost per casemix-adj. separation	\$	56	na	41	68	38	20	15	12	34
<b>Buildings</b>										
Asset value at 30 June	\$m	7 125	3 782	4 610	1 569	1 690	293	494	302	19 866
User cost of capital	\$m	570	303	369	126	135	23	40	24	1 589
Annual depreciation	\$m	298	105	121	34	61	8	10	11	648
Casemix-adjusted separations	'000	1 611	1 310	892	453	415	99	90	67	4 944
Inpatient fraction		0.69	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.68	0.80	0.70
Cost per casemix-adj. separation	\$	372	311	384	352	330	216	377	422	317
<b>Equipment</b>										
Asset value at 30 June	\$m	722	784	820	138	169	95	37	21	2 785
User cost of capital	\$m	58	63	66	11	14	8	3	2	223
Annual depreciation	\$m	155	116	68	26	30	12	7	4	418
Casemix-adjusted separations	'000	1 611	1 310	892	453	415	99	90	67	4 944
Inpatient fraction		0.69	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.68	0.80	0.70
Cost per casemix-adj. separation	\$	91	136	105	82	73	139	76	67	91
Interest payments	\$m	8.2	—	—	10.4	—	—	0.1	—	18.6
Interest payments per separation	\$	3.5	—	—	22.9	—	—	0.8	—	2.6
<b>Total capital cost (excl. land) per casemix-adj. separation</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>405</b>

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**Table 10A.60 Capital cost per casemix-adjusted separation — indicative estimates for inpatient services at major public acute hospitals, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (d)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT (e)</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(a) Capital cost is defined as the user cost of capital (calculated at 8 per cent of the current value of non-current physical assets) plus the depreciation amount. The capital cost per casemix-adjusted separation is equal to the capital cost adjusted by the inpatient fraction, divided by the number of casemix-adjusted separations.

(b) Where possible, data relate to inpatients in public acute hospitals, with the scope the same as that for recurrent cost per casemix adjusted separations calculated by the AIHW, that is - psychiatric hospitals, drug and alcohol services, mothercraft hospitals, unpeered and other, hospices, rehabilitation facilities and small non-acute and multi-purpose services are excluded.

(c) Inpatient fractions sourced from AIHW's Australian Hospital Statistics for all jurisdictions.

(d) The asset values and depreciation amounts for Victoria and WA relate to inpatients only and so have not been adjusted by the inpatient fraction.

(e) Interest payments are not reported.

**na** Not available. - Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* State and Territory governments (unpublished); AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.61

Table 10A.61 Relative stay index for patients in public hospitals, by patient election status 2008-09 (a), (b)

Accommodation status	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Public patients (c)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Public (d)	1.03	0.91	0.94	0.99	0.99	1.00	0.90	1.18	0.97
Private patients	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Private health insurance	1.08	0.96	1.02	1.12	1.08	1.06	0.93	0.96	1.05
Self-funded	1.02	0.88	0.83	0.81	0.90	–	0.95	1.17	0.95
Workers compensation	1.14	1.03	1.17	1.20	1.09	1.01	0.88	1.64	1.12
Motor vehicle 3rd party personal claim	1.27	0.90	1.22	1.19	1.15	1.13	0.84	1.53	1.09
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.01	0.92	0.95	1.01	1.02	1.13	0.68	0.98	0.98
Other private (e)	1.55	1.13	1.11	1.10	1.04	1.76	1.00	1.16	1.28
Patient election status not reported	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>0.99</b>

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as acute or newborn with qualified days, or was not reported.

(b) Relative stay index based on all hospitals using the indirect method using AR-DRG version 5.1. The indirectly standardised relative stay index is not technically comparable between cells but is a comparison of the hospital group with the national average based on the casemix of that group.

(c) Includes separations whose patient election status was Public and whose funding source was reported as *Australian Health Care Agreements, Reciprocal Health Care Agreements*, other hospital or public authority, other or not reported, and most patients in Public psychiatric hospitals.

(d) Includes patients whose funding source was reported as *Australian Health Care Agreements*, other hospital or public authority and most patients in Public psychiatric hospitals.

(e) Includes patients whose funding source was reported as other compensation, Department of Defence, Correctional facilities, other hospital or public authority, other and unknown.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.



Table 10A.62

**Table 10A.62 Relative stay index, indirectly standardised, patients in public hospitals, by medical, surgical and other type of diagnosis related group 2008-09 (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Medical	1.03	0.89	0.92	0.99	0.99	1.01	0.90	1.11	0.96
Surgical	1.08	0.98	1.02	1.06	1.04	1.02	0.88	1.39	1.04
Other	1.15	0.96	1.05	0.98	1.06	1.00	0.89	1.16	1.05
<b>All public hospitals</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>0.99</b>

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as acute or newborn with qualified days, or was not reported. Relative stay index based on all hospitals using AR-DRG version 5.1.

(b) The indirectly standardised relative stay index is not technically comparable between cells but is a comparison of the hospital group with the national average based on the casemix of that group.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.63

Table 10A.63 NSW recurrent cost per non-admitted patient occasion of service, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Emergency dept.		Outpatient		Other		Total	
	\$	no.	\$	no.	\$	no.	\$	no.
Public acute								
Principal referral and specialist women's and children's	216	882 510	139	8 428 689	101	1 164 306	142	10 475 505
Large	151	689 374	103	2 694 304	80	690 388	107	4 074 066
Medium	164	559 006	73	1 154 536	124	440 748	107	2 154 290
Small	98	141 249	111	1 110 675	103	108 954	103	360 878
Unpeered and other	96	26 353	9	3 621 901	84	503 100	19	4 151 354
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>2 298 492</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>16 010 105</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2 907 496</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>21 216 093</b>
Public psychiatric	na	na	894	46 561	na	na	907	46 561

(a) These data are based on the hospitals that participated in the 2008-09 National Hospital Cost Data Collection.

na Not available.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.64 **Victorian recurrent cost per encounter, public hospitals (a)**

	<i>Encounters (no.)</i>	<i>Cost per encounter (\$)</i>
2002-03	1 096 883	125
2003-04	1 116 425	133
2004-05	1 141 593	140
2005-06	1 190 007	146
2006-07	1 228 145	152
2007-08	1 243 082	158
2008-09	1 290 337	167

(a) Data for 2002-03 based on 12–14 hospitals. Data for 2003-04 based on 16 hospitals. Data for 2004-05 based on nine hospitals. Data for 2005-06 based on 14 hospitals.

Source: Victorian Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.65

Table 10A.65 WA recurrent cost per non-admitted patient occasion of service, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Emergency dept.		Outpatient		Other		Total	
	\$	no.	\$	no.	\$	no.	\$	no.
Public acute								
Principal referral and specialist women's and children's	530	229 705	244	1 611 707	78	10 857	278	1 852 269
Large	411	133 032	119	290 118	78	30 934	152	454 084
Medium	214	105 399	126	515 736	78	40 991	117	662 126
Small	na	131 683	213	367 379	78	72 764	191	440 143
Unpeered and other	na	85 514	180	241 705	78	80 629	154	322 334
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>685 333</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>3 026 645</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>236 175</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>3 730 956</b>
Public psychiatric	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) These data are based on the hospitals that participated in the 2008-09 National Hospital Cost Data Collection.

(b) Total cost per emergency department calculated using data for metropolitan hospitals only.

na Not available.

Source: WA Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.66

Table 10A.66 SA recurrent cost per non-admitted patient occasion of service, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Emergency dept.		Outpatient		Other		Total	
	\$	no.	\$	no.	\$	no.	\$	no.
Public acute								
Principal referral and specialist women's and children's	529	257 999	355	990 999	na	na	391	1 248 998
Large	333	38 518	287	139 747	na	na	297	178 265
Medium	213	142 719	85	196 281	na	na	139	339 000
Small	60	62 979	34	88 939	na	na	45	151 918
Unpeered and other	–	9 055	–	21 995	na	na	–	31 050
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>511 270</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>1 437 961</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>1 949 231</b>
Public psychiatric	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) These data are based on the hospitals that participated in the 2008-09 National Hospital Cost Data Collection.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SA Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.67

Table 10A.67 Tasmanian recurrent cost per non-admitted patient occasion of service, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Emergency dept.		Outpatient		Other		Total	
	\$	no.	\$	no.	\$	no.	\$	no.
Public acute								
Principal referral and specialist women's and children's	575	80 151	213	389 290	na	na	na	na
Large	353	49 957	185	89 672	na	na	na	na
Medium	..	..	..	..	na	na	na	na
Small	..	..	..	..	na	na	na	na
Unpeered and other	44	12 234	78	6 582	na	na	na	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>142 342</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>485 544</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
Public psychiatric	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) These data are based on the hospitals that participated in the 2008-09 National Hospital Cost Data Collection.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.68

Table 10A.68 ACT recurrent cost per non-admitted patient occasion of service, public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)

	Emergency dept.		Outpatient		Other		Total	
	\$	no.	\$	no.	\$	no.	\$	no.
Public acute								
Principal referral and specialist women's and children's	na	54 117	na	230 384	na	na	na	284 501
Large	na	47 781	na	57 435	na	na	na	105 216
Medium	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Small	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Unpeered and other	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>101 898</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>287 819</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>389 717</b>
Public psychiatric	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) These data are based on the hospitals that participated in the 2008-09 National Hospital Cost Data Collection.

na Not available.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished).

**Table 10A.69 Non-admitted clinic occasions of service reported at Tier 0 clinics, sample results, public sector, Australia, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

<i>Tier 0 clinic</i>	<i>Occasions of service</i>	<i>Average cost per occasion of service</i>
	no.	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 905 554</b>	<b>269</b>

(a) Depreciation costs are included.

(b) Tier 0 figures stated here represent the total of all non-admitted clinical activity reported at any level of detail. That is, Tier 0 results incorporate all non-admitted clinic data reported at Tier 0 and both Tier 1 and Tier 2.

(c) Based on data from 205 public sector hospitals.

(d) Victorian outpatient data is not included. Victoria is working on to rectify this problem in the future.

*Source:* Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA), *National Hospital Cost Data Collection (NHCDC), Round 13 (2008-09)*.



Table 10A.70

Table 10A.70 **Emergency department average cost per occasion of service, by triage class, public sector, Australia, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

<i>Emergency triage category</i>	<i>Estimated (f)</i>		<i>Sample</i>	
	<i>Occasions of service</i>	<i>Average cost per occasion of service</i>	<i>Occasions of service</i>	<i>Average cost per occasion of service</i>
	no.	\$	no.	\$
Admitted triage 1	28 714	1 535	24 125	1 545
Admitted triage 2	255 006	851	210 616	861
Admitted triage 3	607 369	702	492 907	713
Admitted triage 4	326 323	585	261 125	589
Admitted triage 5	31 746	422	25 470	420
Non-admitted triage 1	9 109	815	7 319	847
Non-admitted triage 2	179 032	561	139 047	565
Non-admitted triage 3	981 167	462	754 183	472
Non-admitted triage 4	1 873 145	343	1 388 754	349
Non-admitted triage 5	695 990	221	500 504	217
Did not wait (g)	156 390	41	126 258	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 143 990</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>3 930 308</b>	<b>451</b>

(a) Not all hospitals that submit data to the National Hospital Cost Data Collection submit emergency department data. The emergency department national database contains only acute hospitals with emergency department cost and activity.

(b) Based on data from 159 public sector hospitals.

(c) Victorian emergency department data are not included. Victoria is working to rectify this problem in the future.

(d) Costing and admission practices vary between jurisdictions and hospitals.

(e) Depreciation costs are included.

(f) Estimated population costs are obtained by weighting the sample results according to the known characteristics of the population.

(g) 'Did not wait' means those presentations to an emergency department who were triaged but did not wait until the completion of their treatment at which time they would have been either admitted to hospital or discharged home.

Source: DoHA, *NHCDC Round 13* (2008-09).

**Table 10A.71 Non-admitted clinic occasions of service for Tier 1 clinics, sample results, public sector, Australia, 2008-09 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

<i>Tier 1 clinic</i>	<i>Average cost per occasion of service</i>	
	<i>Occasions of service</i>	<i>no.</i>
		<i>\$</i>
Allied health and/or clinical nurse specialist	1 757 643	162
Dental	34 378	300
Medical	4 064 037	386
Obstetrics and gynaecology	1 925 889	168
Paediatric	368 498	312
Psychiatric	142 267	616
Surgical	2 988 560	220
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 281 272</b>	<b>270</b>

(a) Depreciation costs are included.

(b) The Tier 1 figures stated here represent the non-admitted clinical activity which is reported in speciality categories listed above or at a lower level of detail that is mapped to the above specialities (that is, Tier 1 results incorporate Tier 2 results rolled into Tier 1 clinic data).

(c) Based on data from 177 public sector hospitals.

(d) Victorian outpatient data are not included. Victoria is working to rectify this problem in the future.

Source: DoHA, NHCDC Round 13 (2008-09).

**Table 10A.72 NSW patient evaluation of hospital services**


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<i>Time period</i>	February 2007, 2008, and 2009. In 2010 the survey was conducted on a monthly basis throughout the year for the admitted patient and emergency department categories and provided for internet, mail and telephone responses to the survey questionnaire. Details from the 2010 survey are not yet available.
<i>Sampling details</i>	Mailout survey, specific to patient category
<i>Respondents</i>	Overnight admitted patients, day only patients, paediatric admitted patients, outpatients, non-admitted emergency patients, community health patients and adult rehabilitation admitted patients in public health services.
<i>Sample size</i>	216 000 in 2009
<i>Response rate</i>	38.4 per cent in 2009
<i>Size of underlying population</i>	1.5 million
<i>Organisation</i>	IPSOS/Eureka
<i>Organisation funding the survey</i>	NSW Health (Area Health Services, Children's Hospital Westmead)
<i>Survey results</i>	In 2009 66 per cent reported they would definitely recommend the service to others. Both measures have increased from 2007 when 88 per cent rated overall care as good, very good or excellent and 62 per cent reported they would recommend the service to others. Further information and copies of the patient survey annual reports are available at <a href="http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/hospitals/patient_survey/index.asp">http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/hospitals/patient_survey/index.asp</a>
<i>How information from the survey was used to help improve public hospital quality</i>	Area Health Services produce an annual action plan in response to the survey. Data is used to inform statewide service improvement programs. Key performance indicator regarding the patient survey results is included in Area Health Service Performance Agreements.

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*Source:* NSW Government (unpublished).

**Table 10A.73 Victorian patient evaluation of hospital services**

<i>Time period</i>	July to December 2009
<i>Sampling details</i>	Mailed questionnaires - now have an option to complete online
<i>Respondents</i>	Admitted adult patients in public acute and sub acute care hospitals. The following categories of patients are excluded from the survey:- Patients under 18; Patients who decline participation; Episodes involving perinatal death; Episodes involving termination of pregnancy; Patients in the following care types:- Drug & Alcohol, Mental Health, Palliative Care; HITH, Patients who die in hospital
<i>Sample size</i>	36 038 surveys sent 13 595 returned
<i>Response rate</i>	38 per cent
<i>Size of underlying population</i>	Eligible adult inpatients of Victorian public hospitals
<i>Organisation conducting the survey</i>	UltraFeedback Pty Ltd
<i>Organisation funding the survey</i>	Department of Health Victoria
<i>Survey results</i>	Mean Scores (Scores are between 20 [poor] - 100 [excellent])
	Overall Care Index 78.4
	Access and Admission Index 77.0
	General Patient Information Index 82.4
	Treatment and Related Information Index 78.9
	Complaints Management Index 80.3
	Physical Environment Index 75.9
	Discharge and Follow-up Index 77.3
	Consumer Participation Index 79.7

Table 10A.73

**Table 10A.73 Victorian patient evaluation of hospital services**

<i>How information from the survey was used to help improve public hospital quality</i>	Hospitals now receive three "Priority to Improve" areas with the reports. These are based on items that most closely relate to overall satisfaction and if addressed are most likely to improve the Overall Care Index score.
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Source: Victorian Government (unpublished).

**Table 10A.74 Queensland patient evaluation of hospital services**

<i>Time period</i>	November 2009
<i>Sampling details</i>	The survey was conducted by inviting participants to complete a survey booklet, online, or by telephone with trained telephone interviewers. Women could participate by telephone in any language with the help of a Translating and Interpreting Service interpreter.
<i>Respondents</i>	All women who had a baby between 22 July 2009 and 04 August 2009 in a Queensland public or private hospital.
<i>Sample size</i>	2 384 women
<i>Response rate</i>	29 per cent
<i>Size of underlying population</i>	59 228
<i>Organisation conducting the survey</i>	Queensland Centre for Mothers and Babies, The University of Queensland
<i>Organisation funding the survey</i>	Maternity, Child Health and Safety Branch, Queensland Health
<i>Survey results</i>	<p>The following is a summary of the results from the 2009 Having a baby in Queensland Pilot Survey</p> <p>Overall satisfaction with the quality of care provided is to be determined from responses to questions asked in regards to different stages of having a baby in this pilot survey. Quality of care questions were asked of women with regard to their pregnancy, their labour and birth, and their postnatal care, in order to gauge any differences in the quality of care during the different stages of having a baby in Queensland.</p> <p>Quality of care during pregnancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 92 per cent of women agreed that carers treated them with respect</li> <li>• 92 per cent agreed that carers respected their privacy</li> <li>• 91 per cent agreed that carers talked in a way that they could understand</li> <li>• 89 per cent agreed that carers treated them with kindness and understanding</li> <li>• 89 per cent agreed that carers were open and honest</li> <li>• 88 per cent agreed that carers generally cared about their wellbeing</li> <li>• 85 per cent agreed that carers respected their decisions</li> <li>• 83 per cent agreed that carers treated them as individuals</li> </ul>

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**Queensland patient evaluation of hospital services**

Quality of care during labour and birth:

- 96 per cent agreed that carers talked in a way that they could understand
- 95 per cent agreed that carers treated them with respect
- 94 per cent agreed that carers treated them with kindness and understanding
- 93 per cent agreed that carers genuinely cared about the wellbeing
- 91 per cent agreed that carers respected their privacy
- 91 per cent agreed that carers were open and honest
- 89 per cent agreed that carers treated them as individuals
- 87 per cent agreed that carers respected their decisions

Quality of postnatal care:

- 94 per cent agreed that carers treated them with respect
- 93 per cent agreed that carers talked in a way that they could understand
- 92 per cent agreed that carers respected their privacy
- 92 per cent agreed that carers treated them with kindness and understanding
- 91 per cent agreed that carers were open and honest
- 88 per cent agreed that carers genuinely cared about the wellbeing
- 87 per cent agreed that carers respected their decisions
- 85 per cent agreed that carers treated them as individuals

*How information from the survey was used to help improve public hospital quality*

The pilot survey for the Statewide "Having a Baby in Queensland" maternity survey has informed the development of the full survey and methodology currently being conducted with the full survey results to be available in early 2011. Individual facility survey reports will be provided to District CEOs to assist in planning and the identification of service improvement initiatives. The process to take place will be as follows;

- Hospital survey results are provided to hospitals
- Hospitals review their results in detail and determine areas for improvement
- Hospitals develop Management Action Plans to address areas for improvement
- Hospitals implement Management Action Plans
- Governance units at an District or State level monitor the implementation of Action Plans

Source: Queensland Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.75

<b>Table 10A.75 WA patient evaluation of hospital services</b>	
<i>Time period</i>	July 2009 to June 2010
<i>Sampling details</i>	CATI self report adults and parent/guardian reports child
<i>Respondents</i>	Survey conducted on admitted patients and emergency department patients, including adults and children. Scope was all public patients in WA hospitals. Four groups are reported on, child and adult admitted either same day or for 0 to 34 nights and child and adult emergency department patients.
<i>Sample size</i>	6 347 admitted patients and 2 585 emergency patients
<i>Response rate</i>	92.1 per cent of eligible Admitted respondents, 92.3 per cent of eligible Emergency respondents
<i>Size of underlying population</i>	Previously we have used the WA state population as our underlying population but a more accurate measure would be of people who have attended a WA public hospital, which is 667 900. Note: this increase on previous years is due to the change in the time period where data can be collected from February to June to the whole year.
<i>Organisation conducting the survey</i>	Edith Cowan University, Survey Research Centre
<i>Organisation funding the survey</i>	WA Department of Health
<i>Survey results</i>	<p>2009-10 Admitted Patient Survey results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall indicator of satisfaction - 78.6, an improvement from 77.8 in 2008-09.</li> </ul> <p>2009-10 Results for Emergency Patients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results from 2008-09 cannot be used in comparison with 2009-10 as only tertiary hospital emergency departments were surveyed that year, which is not a comparable group to that surveyed in 2009-10.</li> <li>• Overall score of satisfaction - 77.0, improving from 2007-08 result, 75.7.</li> </ul>
<i>How information from the survey was used to help improve public hospital quality</i>	Each participating hospital receives detailed information from the survey that is used to inform service improvement. Hospitals can also request a workshop to assist in the interpretation of the survey results so that the best use can be made of them. In WA, many hospitals use patient satisfaction as a performance indicator and the use made of the results is hospital-based. Some examples of how hospitals have used the survey to improve public hospital quality include the implementation of a process to record and cross reference for food allergies, to improve communication with patients on rights and services available, a Customer Liaison Officer has been employed to increase patient involvement, patient care plans are being stored in wall desk of all rooms, improved discharge coordination procedures and brochures introduced to inform patients on how the ED works.



**Table 10A.75 WA patient evaluation of hospital services**

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na Not available.

Source: WA Government (unpublished).

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**Table 10A.76 SA patient evaluation of hospital services**

<i>Time period</i>	August to November 2008
<i>Sampling details</i>	Telephone (CATI: Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing)
<i>Respondents</i>	South Australians admitted to public hospitals aged 16 to 80 years, who received between 1 and 34 nights of care in June (Metropolitan hospitals) and between May and July (Country hospitals) in 2008. Exclusion criteria were: psychiatric/substance abuse, chemotherapy, renal dialysis and maternity patients; patients discharged to a nursing home or other institution; patients identifying as Aboriginal, or unknown race. The sample comprised 8 metropolitan and 7 regional hospitals.
<i>Sample size</i>	4785 SA adults
<i>Response rate</i>	Response rate: 73.2 per cent
<i>Size of underlying population</i>	6458
<i>Organisation conducting the survey</i>	Population Research and Outcome Studies Unit, SA Health
<i>Organisation funding the survey</i>	South Australian Quality and Safety Council

**Table 10A.76 SA patient evaluation of hospital services**
*Survey results*

## Characteristics of the sample

There were more emergency patients (54.2 per cent) than non-emergency patients (45.8 per cent) in the study; More than one third of patients reported staying one day (36.1 per cent) while another one third spent two/three days (32.7 per cent); The average length of hospital stay was 3.36 days.

## Total Patient Satisfaction Score

The total patient satisfaction score was 88.0. The highest levels were reported by:

Males (89.2 per cent);

The elderly (90.3 per cent of those aged 65 years or more) had significantly higher levels of satisfaction;

Country residents (90.0 per cent);

Those born in Australia (88.2 per cent);

Those whose main language spoken at home was Italian (91.0 per cent);

Those with never/primary school education (90.0 per cent) (ie those with lower levels of education were more satisfied);

Those with incomes between \$20 000 and \$40 000 per annum (89.0 per cent) were more satisfied.

## Seven areas of patient satisfaction

The overall level of satisfaction for each of the seven areas of patient satisfaction were:

"Co-ordination and consistency of care" – 93.0;

"Information and communication" – 90.8;

"Meeting personal for as well as clinical needs" – 89.3;

"Availability of people caring for the patient" – 88.4;

"Access to the hospital" – 87.2;

"Residential aspects of hospital" – 85.5;

"Patient's right to be involved in care and treatment" – 81.4.

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**Table 10A.76 SA patient evaluation of hospital services**


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**Individual Questions**

Responses to individual questions asked in the interviews highlighted some key points.

**In particular, overall:**

96.7 per cent of patients rated their care as acceptable, good or excellent.

**In addition:**

93.2 per cent would recommend their hospital to a friend or relative;

86.2 per cent of patients felt they had received enough attention from the nursing staff;

63.9 per cent found the time waiting for a nurse after using the call system acceptable;

86.6 per cent felt doctors spent enough time on their care;

81.2 per cent found the way health care professionals (nurses, physiotherapists) provided assistance was acceptable;

64.2 per cent were admitted to hospital within one month;

84.2 per cent felt they received enough information about their progress while in hospital;

89.0 per cent felt that their stay helped them to maintain and restore health or cope better with their problem;

84.1 per cent gained relief of pain as a result of their hospital stay.

*How information from the survey was used to help improve public hospital quality*

The PEHS program has made it possible identify sub-groups of patients who are less or more satisfied with hospital care and services, highlight gaps in information and services that affect SA hospital patients and assist hospital administrators to set priorities for allocation of resources.

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*Source:* SA Government (unpublished).

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**Table 10A.77 Tasmanian patient evaluation of hospital services**

*Time period*

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is reviewing its approach to conducting consumer satisfaction surveys and therefore has not conducted a statewide survey for this reporting period. The development of a whole of DHHS Consumer and Community Engagement Strategy will include the development of a mechanism for patient satisfaction data and information to be collected for all health and human services that DHHS provides, including public hospitals. It is anticipated that this mechanism will provide all DHHS consumers and their families/carers with the opportunity to provide real-time feedback about their experiences in receiving DHHS care and services. It will also allow for data and information capture and comparison across our services.

While a statewide system is under development local surveys are being conducted by individual services, however, data and information from these surveys are not available at time of reporting.

<i>Sampling details</i>	na
<i>Respondents</i>	na
<i>Sample size</i>	na
<i>Response rate</i>	na
<i>Size of underlying population</i>	na
<i>Organisation conducting the survey</i>	na
<i>Organisation funding the survey</i>	na
<i>Survey results</i>	na

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<i>How information from the survey was used to help improve public hospital quality</i>	na
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na Not available.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished).

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**Table 10A.78 ACT patient evaluation of hospital services**
*Time period*

There were three surveys conducted in the first hospital in three different time period:

- a) between March and June 2009 (Survey 1);
- b) between October and December 2009 (survey 2); and
- c) between January and June 2010 (survey 3) which will be reported on in October 2010.

The survey in the second hospital was conducted between 1 September to 31 October 2009.

*Sampling details*

The survey method in the first hospital involves a postal questionnaire that has been specifically designed for each of the survey areas. The survey questions were updated between the first and second survey.

The survey method in the second hospital was also done by mailing the questionnaire.

*Respondents*

In the first hospital, each month eligible consenting patients who are discharged from the hospital during the reporting period are surveyed. Only those consumers who have provided informed consent are eligible to participate. Consumers are able to "opt out" of participating in the survey.

In the second hospital, discharged patients from five clinical areas were mailed a survey to complete. The sampling, distribution, collation and interpretation were performed by the organisation conducting the survey. The five clinical areas are Inpatient; Emergency Department; Day Surgery, Inpatient Mental Health, and Palliative Care.

*Sample size*

In the first hospital, sample size for its first survey was 186 patients; sample size for the second survey was 298 patients.

In the second hospital, the following are sample size for each different areas: Inpatient - 183

Emergency Department - 135

Day Surgery - 200

Inpatient Mental Health - 19

Palliative Care - 107

*Response rate*

In the first hospital, the response rate for the Survey 1 was 27 per cent and 30 per cent for the Survey 2.

In the second hospital, the following are the response rate for each different areas:

Inpatient - 43 per cent

Emergency Department - 27 per cent

Day Surgery - 57 per cent

Inpatient Mental Health - 30 per cent

Palliative Care - 40 per cent

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**Table 10A.78 ACT patient evaluation of hospital services**

*Size of underlying population* Information on the size of underlying population was not available from the first hospital, however, in the second hospital the size of underlying population were 1004 for inpatients; 6171 for Emergency Department; 721 for Day Surgery; 80 for Inpatient Mental Health ; and 249 for Palliative Care.

*Organisation conducting the survey* UltraFeedback conducted the survey in the first hospital and Press Ganey in the second hospital.

*Organisation funding the survey* ACT Health funded the survey in the first hospital and Calvary Health Care ACT funded the survey in the second hospital.

*Survey results* In the first hospital, Survey 1 showed that 96 per cent of respondents were fairly or very satisfied with all aspects of their hospital stay. 64 per cent of respondents felt that they were helped a great deal by their hospital stay. 85 per cent of respondents felt that their length of stay in hospital was about right. Survey 2 showed that 80 per cent of respondents felt they were helped quite a bit or a great deal by their hospital stay. 82 per cent of respondents felt that the health care or treatment met their needs quite a bit or a great deal. Patients of the Canberra Hospital returned a mean satisfaction score of 4.04 (where 1=very dissatisfied and 5=very satisfied) when asked to consider their satisfaction with all aspects of their experience with the health service.

The hospital showed high levels of satisfaction in several areas including courtesy of treatment staff, confidence in treatment staff, help for pain, compassion shown by staff, and staff response to health care problems. Areas identified for improvement included willingness of staff to listen, involvement in decisions, ease of access to consumer information for carers, and time to access equipment.

In the second hospital, the overall results for the survey are provided for each of the clinical units surveyed: Inpatients - 79.1 mean points: 74.1 mean points: Day surgery - 86.8 mean points: Inpatient Mental Health - 70.8 mean points: Palliative Care - 89.6 mean points

*How information from the survey was used to help improve public hospital quality* The objective of the survey in the first hospital is to enable the improvements in service provision to its consumers and provide an opportunity for quality improvement by benchmarking against similar services in Australia.

Data from the survey in the second hospital provides an immense amount of patient and family feedback about the hospital performance against a broad range of criteria. This feedback is distilled into a List of Priority Items, and this list provides the hospital a focus for the continuous improvement of our clinical and hospitality services

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Source: ACT Government (unpublished).



**Table 10A.79 NT patient evaluation of hospital services**

<i>Time period</i>	Various times throughout 2010
<i>Sampling details</i>	<p>Various methods:          Most of the hospitals have the surveys bedside for the patients to complete voluntarily.          Few surveys are done face to face using Aboriginal Liaison officers and volunteers.          Some hospitals hand out the surveys and then collect them.</p>
<i>Respondents</i>	Various, admitted patients in public acute hospitals and some clinic patients.
<i>Sample size</i>	Small percentage of actual inpatient numbers at any given time as the hospitals have regular repeat patients.
<i>Response rate</i>	50 per cent
<i>Size of underlying population</i>	The population of the NT is 227 025 (according to the ABS website).
<i>Organisation conducting the survey</i>	Department of Health and Families
<i>Organisation funding the survey</i>	Department of Health and Families
<i>Survey results</i>	<p>Consistent questions asked and average response rate includes:          Were you told why you were in hospital, 91 per cent Yes          Medical explanations provided when necessary, 89 per cent Yes          Where you told about services that are available to you, 68 per cent Yes          Where you told about your rights and responsibilities, 51 per cent Yes          Where you advised how to complain, 0.4 per cent Yes</p>
<i>How information from the survey was used to help improve public hospital quality</i>	<p>Aboriginal Liaison Officers, ALO's, now have a private area for patients to be able to meet with them.          Additional DVD players have been purchased to play DVD's created to show patients what to expect.          Patient Care Assistants, PCA's and ALO's have been trained in the use to allow them to show the various DVD's that have been created for patients.          Ward pamphlets created.</p>
<i>Source:</i>	NT Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.80

**Table 10A.80 NSW selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2007-08	2008-09
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	4	6
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	5	2
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	14	16
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	2
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	1
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	6	1
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery.	–	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NSW government (unpublished).

Table 10A.81

**Table 10A.81 Victoria selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2007-08	2008-09
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	1	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	7	7
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	11	3
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	2	1
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	2	1
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery.	6	3
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Victorian government (unpublished).

Table 10A.82

**Table 10A.82 Queensland selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2007-08	2008-09
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	8	2
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	5	2
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	–	1
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	5	6
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery.	1	2
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Queensland government (unpublished).

**Table 10A.83 WA selected sentinel events (number) (a), (b)**

	2007-08	2008-09
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	1	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	9	3
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	3	3
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	2	2
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	4	2
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery.	5	1
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	2	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

(b) Data for 2007-08 include both public and private hospitals while data for 2008-09 are for public hospitals only. Therefore 2007-08 data are not comparable with 2008-09.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: WA government (unpublished).

Table 10A.84

**Table 10A.84 SA selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2007-08	2008-09
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	1	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	5	6
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	3	7
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	1	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	–	–
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery.	2	2
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SA government (unpublished).

Table 10A.85

**Table 10A.85 Tasmania selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2007-08	2008-09
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	1	–
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	1	–
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	1	–
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery.	–	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>–</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tasmanian government (unpublished).

Table 10A.86

**Table 10A.86 ACT selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2007-08	2008-09
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	–	–
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	np	–
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	–	–
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery.	–	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>–</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: ACT government (unpublished).



Table 10A.87 **NT selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2007-08	2008-09
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	–	–
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	–	–
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	–	–
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	–	–
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	–	–
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	–	–
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery.	1	–
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NT government (unpublished).

Table 10A.88

**Table 10A.88 Australia selected sentinel events (number) (a)**

	2007-08	2008-09
Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.	15	8
Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit.	32	20
Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure.	32	30
Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage.	1	2
Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility.	4	4
Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs.	18	10
Maternal death or serious morbidity associated with labour or delivery.	15	8
Infant discharged to the wrong family.	2	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>82</b>

(a) Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 10A.89

**Table 10A.89 Separations, same day separations, patient days, average length of stay and costs for MDC 14 and MDC 15, public hospitals, Australia, 2008-09**

	Unit	AR-DRG			Total (all acute separations in public hospitals) (a)
		Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (MDC14)	Newborns and other neonates (MDC15)		
Separations	no.	350 337	65 895		4 746 200
Same day separations	no.	86 722	6 101		2 438 905
Per cent same day separations	%	24.8	9.3		51.4
Separations per 10 000 population (b)	no.	161.9	30.4		2 192.8
Patient days	no.	900 796	510 907		14 844 260
Patient days per 10 000 population	no.	416.2	236.1		6 858.4
Average length of stay (ALOS)	days	2.6	7.8		3.1
ALOS (days) excluding same day	days	3.1	8.4		5.4
Cost by volume (c)	\$'000	1 379 651	615 999		18 788 372
Cost by proportion	%	7.3	3.3		100.0

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as acute, or newborn with qualified patient days, or was not reported.

(b) Crude rate based on the Australian population as at 31 December 2008.

(c) Based on the 2007–08 AR–DRG version 5.1 estimated public cost estimates.

Abbreviations: ALOS—average length of stay, MDC—Major Diagnostic Category, DRG—Diagnosis Related Group, ECMO—extracorporeal membrane oxygenation.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.90

Table 10A.90 Separations by major diagnostic category (AR-DRGs) version 5.1, public hospitals, 2008-09

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Separations									
Pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium	no. 113 655	85 903	72 296	32 541	27 385	6 041	5 357	7 159	350 337
Newborns and other neonates	no. 25 879	15 530	11 646	4 679	4 554	1 222	1 282	1 103	65 895
Total acute (a) separations	no. 1 460 817	1 345 098	852 572	453 946	362 926	92 747	83 912	94 183	4 746 201
Proportion of all separations									
Pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium	% 7.8	6.4	8.5	7.2	7.5	6.5	6.4	7.6	7.4
Newborns and other neonates	% 1.8	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.4
Separations per 1000 population									
Pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium	no. 16.1	16.0	16.6	14.8	17.0	12.1	15.4	32.3	16.2
Newborns and other neonates	no. 3.7	2.9	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.4	3.7	5.0	3.0

(a) Includes separations for which the type of episode of care was reported as 'acute', or 'newborn with qualified patient days', or was not reported.

Source: AIHW 2010, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09*, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.; AIHW; ABS (unpublished), Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2009, Cat. no. 3101.0; table AA.2.

Table 10A.91

## Table 10A.91 10 Diagnosis related groups with highest cost, by volume, public hospitals, Australia, 2008-09 (a)

AR-DRG	Separations		Same day separations		Separations per 10 000 population (b)		Patient days per 10 000 population (b)		ALOS (days)		Cost by volume
	no.	no.	%	per 10 000	no.	per 10 000	per 10 000	ALOS (days)	ALOS (days), excluding same day	no.	
Tracheostomy or Ventilation >95 hours	9 317	42	0.5	4.3	296 347	136.9	31.8	32.0	859 717		
Vaginal Delivery W/O complications	104 967	3 403	3.2	48.5	278 918	128.9	2.7	2.7	452 828		
Admit For Renal Dialysis	857 423	855 966	99.8	396.2	858 295	396.6	1.0	1.6	491 303		
Caesarean Delivery W/O complications	43 705	86	0.2	20.2	176 176	81.4	4.0	4.0	338 539		
Schizophrenia Disorders W Mental Health Legal Status	15 033	–	–	7.0	470 456	217.4	31.3	31.3	326 878		
Knee Replacement and Reattachment	12 183	20	0.2	5.6	87 454	40.4	7.2	7.2	212 715		
Major Affective Disorder Age<70 W/O Catastrophic or Severe CC	17 860	–	–	8.3	256 327	118.4	14.4	14.4	214 963		
Chronic Obstructive Airway Disease W Catastrophic or Severe CC	20 869	801	3.8	9.6	157 005	72.5	7.5	7.8	144 601		
Major Small and Large Bowel Pr+Ccc	5 107	26	0.5	2.4	87 619	40.5	17.2	17.2	142 450		
Chemotherapy	126 925	126 859	99.9	58.6	126 993	58.7	1.0	2.0	161 829		

(a) Based on the 2007–08 AR–DRG version 5.1 estimated public cost estimates.

(b) Crude rate based on Australian population as at 31 December 2008.

ALOS = Average Length of Stay. CC = complication or comorbidity. W = with. W/O = without.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW 2010, Australian Hospital Statistics 2008-09, Health Services Series No. 34, Cat no. HSE 84, AIHW, Canberra.

Table 10A.92

Table 10A.92 Intervention rates for selected primiparae, 2009 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic (b)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (c)	NT	Aust (d)
Proportion of inductions for selected primiparae										
Public hospitals										
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	8 311	6 022	4 062	1 782	1 669	na	423	211	22 480
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	2 815	1 731	1 118	573	619	na	108	61	7 025
Rate	%	33.9	28.7	27.5	32.2	37.1	na	25.5	28.9	31.3
Private hospitals										
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	2 814	2 067	2 244	1 512	644	na	190	100	9 571
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	1 001	709	733	597	264	na	54	33	3 391
Rate	%	35.6	34.3	32.7	39.5	41.0	na	28.4	33.0	35.4
Proportion of caesareans for selected primiparae										
Public hospitals										
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	8 311	6 022	4 062	1 782	1 669	na	423	211	22 480
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	1 907	1 325	985	463	414	na	68	56	5 218
Rate	%	22.9	22.0	24.2	26.0	24.8	na	16.1	26.5	23.2
Private hospitals										
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	2 814	2 067	2 244	1 512	644	na	190	100	9 571
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	866	555	833	523	197	na	57	32	3 063
Rate	%	30.8	26.9	37.1	34.6	30.6	na	30.0	32.0	32.0

(a) Selected primiparae: mothers with no previous deliveries, 25–29 years of age (inclusive), singleton pregnancy, gestation 37 to 41 weeks (inclusive), and vertex presentation.

(b) Data for Victoria are preliminary.

(c) ACT data are preliminary. Care must be taken when interpreting percentages as these data include both ACT and non-ACT residents where the birth occurred in the ACT.

(d) Totals for Australia include only jurisdictions for which data are available.  
na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments.

Table 10A.93

**Table 10A.93 Intervention rates for selected primiparae, NSW (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Proportion of inductions for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	6 946	6 930	7 641	7 897	8 311
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	1 988	1 968	2 484	2 564	2 815
Rate	%	28.6	28.4	32.5	32.5	33.9
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	2 520	2 195	2 570	2 634	2 814
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	935	778	916	900	1 001
Rate	%	37.1	35.4	35.6	34.2	35.6
Proportion of caesareans for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	6 946	6 930	7 641	7 897	8 311
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	1 471	1 432	1 652	1 714	1 907
Rate	%	21.2	20.7	21.6	21.7	22.9
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	2 520	2 195	2 570	2 634	2 814
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	699	659	751	748	866
Rate	%	27.7	30.0	29.2	28.4	30.8

(a) Selected primiparae: mothers with no previous deliveries, 25–29 years of age (inclusive), singleton pregnancy, gestation 37 to 41 weeks (inclusive), and vertex presentation.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.94

**Table 10A.94 Intervention rates for selected primiparae, Victoria (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Proportion of inductions for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	5 230	5 622	6 101	6 022	6 022
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	1 609	1 734	1 885	1 731	1 731
Rate	%	30.8	30.8	30.9	28.7	28.7
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	1 802	1 818	1 849	2 067	2 067
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	656	676	659	709	709
Rate	%	36.4	37.2	35.6	34.3	34.3
Proportion of caesareans for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	5 230	5 622	6 101	6 022	6 022
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	1 173	1 312	1 380	1 325	1 325
Rate	%	22.4	23.3	22.6	22.0	22.0
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	1 802	1 818	1 849	2 067	2 067
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	488	500	530	555	555
Rate	%	27.1	27.5	28.7	26.9	26.9

(a) Selected primiparae: mothers with no previous deliveries, 25–29 years of age (inclusive), singleton pregnancy, gestation 37 to 41 weeks (inclusive), and vertex presentation.

Source: Victorian Government (unpublished).



Table 10A.95

**Table 10A.95 Intervention rates for selected primiparae, Queensland (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Proportion of inductions for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	3 389	3 453	3 777	3 937	4 062
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	936	1 028	1 075	1 120	1 118
Rate	%	27.6	29.8	28.5	28.4	27.5
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	2 000	2 034	2 175	2 237	2 244
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	713	678	718	738	733
Rate	%	35.7	33.3	33.0	33.0	32.7
Proportion of caesareans for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	3 389	3 453	3 777	3 937	4 062
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	810	846	900	967	985
Rate	%	23.9	24.5	23.8	24.6	24.2
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	2 000	2 034	2 175	2 237	2 244
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	736	796	854	809	833
Rate	%	36.8	39.1	39.3	36.2	37.1

(a) Selected primiparae: mothers with no previous deliveries, 25–29 years of age (inclusive), singleton pregnancy, gestation 37 to 41 weeks (inclusive), and vertex presentation.

Source: Queensland Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.96

Table 10A.96 **Intervention rates for selected primiparae, WA (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Proportion of inductions for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	1 474	1 606	1 776	1 758	1 782
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	496	504	573	503	573
Rate	%	33.6	31.4	32.3	28.6	32.2
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	1 215	1 280	1 452	1 453	1 512
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	475	501	573	546	597
Rate	%	39.1	39.1	39.5	37.6	39.5
Proportion of caesareans for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	1 474	1 606	1 776	1 758	1 782
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	364	372	418	407	463
Rate	%	24.7	23.2	23.5	23.2	26.0
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	1 215	1 280	1 452	1 453	1 512
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	464	479	460	437	523
Rate	%	38.2	37.4	31.7	30.1	34.6

(a) Selected primiparae: mothers with no previous deliveries, 25–29 years of age (inclusive), singleton pregnancy, gestation 37 to 41 weeks (inclusive), and vertex presentation.

Source: WA Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.97

**Table 10A.97 Intervention rates for selected primiparae, SA (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Proportion of inductions for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	1 393	1 338	1 534	1 579	1 669
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	483	487	554	567	619
Rate	%	34.7	36.4	36.1	35.9	37.1
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	586	634	632	632	644
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	233	246	275	250	264
Rate	%	39.8	38.8	43.5	39.6	41.0
Proportion of caesareans for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	1 393	1 338	1 534	1 579	1 669
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	357	341	394	405	414
Rate	%	25.6	25.5	25.7	25.6	24.8
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	586	634	632	632	644
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	222	197	208	209	197
Rate	%	37.9	31.1	32.9	33.1	30.6

(a) Selected primiparae: mothers with no previous deliveries, 25–29 years of age (inclusive), singleton pregnancy, gestation 37 to 41 weeks (inclusive), and vertex presentation.

Source: SA Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.98

Table 10A.98 **Intervention rates for selected primiparae, Tasmania (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Proportion of inductions for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	268	325	369	407	na
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	74	80	66	56	na
Rate	%	27.6	24.6	17.9	13.8	na
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	215	235	228	236	na
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	95	95	90	70	na
Rate	%	44.2	40.4	39.5	29.7	na
Proportion of caesareans for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	268	325	369	407	na
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	10	15	20	21	na
Rate	%	3.7	4.6	5.4	5.2	na
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	215	235	228	236	na
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	17	18	20	29	na
Rate	%	7.9	7.7	8.8	12.3	na

(a) Selected primiparae: mothers with no previous deliveries, 25–29 years of age (inclusive), singleton pregnancy, gestation 37 to 41 weeks (inclusive), and vertex presentation.

na Not available.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.99

**Table 10A.99 Intervention rates for selected primiparae, ACT (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009 (c)</i>
Proportion of inductions for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	345	397	460	453	423
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	83	74	97	99	108
Rate	%	24.1	18.6	21.1	21.9	25.5
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	225	241	208	229	190
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	53	84	60	71	54
Rate	%	23.6	34.9	28.8	31.0	28.4
Proportion of caesareans for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	345	397	460	453	423
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	71	73	92	75	68
Rate	%	20.6	18.4	20.0	16.6	16.1
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	225	241	208	229	190
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	64	62	71	70	57
Rate	%	28.4	25.7	34.1	30.6	30.0

(a) Selected primiparae: mothers with no previous deliveries, 25–29 years of age (inclusive), singleton pregnancy, gestation 37 to 41 weeks (inclusive), and vertex presentation.

(b) Care must be taken when interpreting percentages as these data include both ACT and non-ACT residents where the birth occurred in the ACT. Between 2004 and 2008, 15.9 per cent of women who gave birth in the ACT were not residents.

(c) Data are preliminary.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.100

Table 10A.100 **Intervention rates for selected primiparae, NT (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Proportion of inductions for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	189	178	180	234	211
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	49	48	41	61	61
Rate	%	25.9	27.0	22.8	26.1	28.9
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	80	54	83	na	100
Selected primiparae inductions	no.	34	43	57	na	33
Rate	%	42.5	79.6	68.7	na	33.0
Proportion of caesareans for selected primiparae						
Public hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	189	178	180	234	211
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	50	53	49	52	56
Rate	%	26.5	29.8	27.2	22.2	26.5
Private hospitals						
Selected primiparae who gave birth	no.	80	54	83	na	100
Selected primiparae caesareans	no.	38	22	22	na	32
Rate	%	47.5	40.7	26.5	na	32.0

(a) Selected primiparae: mothers with no previous deliveries, 25–29 years of age (inclusive), singleton pregnancy, gestation 37 to 41 weeks (inclusive), and vertex presentation.

**na** Not available.

Source: NT Government (unpublished).

Table 10A.101

Table 10A.101 **Multiparous mothers who have had a previous caesarean section by current method of birth, 2008 (a)**

	Unit	NSW (b)	Vic (b)	Qld	WA (b)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT (b)	Aust
<b>Number</b>										
Non-instrumental vaginal	no.	2 053	1 395	1 441	483	497	134	140	136	6 279
Instrumental vaginal (c)	no.	506	447	275	172	141	23	31	15	1 610
Caesarean section	no.	11 539	9 371	9 014	4 635	2 800	767	614	450	39 190
Not stated	no.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	no.	14 099	11 213	10 730	5 290	3 438	924	785	601	47 080
<b>Per cent</b>										
Non-instrumental vaginal	%	14.6	12.4	13.4	9.1	14.5	14.5	17.8	22.6	13.3
Instrumental vaginal (c)	%	3.6	4.0	2.6	3.3	4.1	2.5	3.9	2.5	3.4
Caesarean section	%	81.8	83.6	84.0	87.6	81.4	83.0	78.2	74.9	83.2
Not stated	%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) For multiple births, the method of birth of the first born baby was used. Data present method of birth for multiparous women who have had a previous caesarean, not just women who had a previous primary caesarean section.

(b) Non-instrumental vaginal' includes all women who had a vaginal breech birth, whether or not instruments were used. For the remaining jurisdictions, vaginal breech births are only included where instruments were not used.

(c) Instrumental vaginal birth includes forceps and vacuum extraction.

— Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Laws P.J., Li Z., Sullivan E.A., 2010, Australia's Mothers and Babies 2008, AIHW Cat. No. PER 50, AIHW National Perinatal Statistics Unit (Perinatal Statistics Series No. 24), Sydney.

Table 10A.102

Table 10A.102 Perineal status after vaginal births, 2008 (a), (b), (c)

Number	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas (d)	ACT	NT	Aust
Intact	no.	16 994	20 209	12 876	7 863	3 809	2 246	1 274	1 401	66 672
1st degree laceration	no.	19 072	6 019	6 811	3 175	3 400	726	628	426	40 257
2nd degree laceration	no.	17 382	11 714	9 461	4 599	3 603	921	1 509	566	49 755
3rd/4th degree laceration	no.	1 056	778	623	317	250	71	92	60	3 247
Episiotomy	no.	9 063	10 103	4 685	2 470	1 609	560	363	235	29 088
Combined laceration and episiotomy	no.	1 855	743	587	979	620	—	68	41	4 893
Other (e), (f)	no.	1 433	—	5 173	767	44	—	3	23	7 443
Not stated	no.	14	—	3	—	2	—	—	2	21
<b>Total confinements</b>	no.	<b>66 869</b>	<b>49 566</b>	<b>40 219</b>	<b>20 170</b>	<b>13 337</b>	<b>4 524</b>	<b>3 937</b>	<b>2 754</b>	<b>201 376</b>
Proportion of perineal										
Intact	%	25.4	40.8	32.0	39.0	28.6	49.6	32.4	50.9	33.1
1st degree laceration	%	28.5	12.1	16.9	15.7	25.5	16.0	16.0	15.5	20.0
2nd degree laceration	%	26.0	23.6	23.5	22.8	27.0	20.4	38.3	20.6	24.7
3rd/4th degree laceration	%	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.6	2.3	2.2	1.6
Episiotomy	%	13.6	20.4	11.6	12.2	12.1	12.4	9.2	8.5	14.4
Combined laceration and episiotomy	%	2.8	1.5	1.5	4.9	4.6	—	1.7	1.5	2.4
Other (e), (f)	%	2.1	—	12.9	3.8	0.3	—	0.1	0.8	3.7
Not stated	%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1	—
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) 1st degree laceration: perineal laceration, rupture or tear during delivery involving fourchette, labia, skin, slight, vagina, vulva; 2nd degree laceration: perineal laceration, rupture or tear during delivery as with 1st degree also involving pelvic floor, perineal muscles, vaginal muscles; 3rd degree laceration: perineal laceration, rupture or tear during delivery as with 2nd degree also involving anal sphincter, rectovaginal septum, sphincter NOS; 4th degree laceration: perineal laceration, rupture or tear during delivery as with 3rd degree also involving anal mucosa, rectal mucosa.

(b) For multiple births, the perineal status after delivery of the first born was used.

(c) Data include all women who gave birth vaginally, including births in public hospitals, private hospitals and outside of hospital, such as homebirths.



Table 10A.102

**Table 10A.102 Perineal status after vaginal births, 2008 (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas (d)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(d) For Tasmania cases where both a laceration and episiotomy occurred were coded as episiotomy.

(e) For NSW, includes unspecified perineal tear and vulval or perineal haematoma.

(f) For WA, includes cases where the perineum was intact but a graze was reported.  
 – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* Laws P.J., Li Z., Sullivan E.A., 2010, Australia's Mothers and Babies 2008, AIHW Cat. No. PER 50, AIHW National Perinatal Statistics Unit (Perinatal Statistics Series No. 24), Sydney.

Table 10A.103

**Table 10A.103 Separations, patient days, ALOS and estimated cost per separation for selected maternity AR-DRG (version 5.2) in public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>O01A — Caesarean Delivery W Ccc</b>										
Separations	no.	957	861	656	431	288	67	64	66	3 391
Patient days	no.	9 130	8 878	4 971	4 035	3 128	580	425	750	31 897
ALOS	days	9.54	10.31	7.57	9.35	10.87	8.66	6.64	11.36	9.41
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	41	26	18	16	13	2	2	3	121
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	12 963	17 802	12 138	18 674	15 188	19 042	13 797	20 393	15 229
Direct	\$/DRG	9 776	14 064	10 393	16 798	11 819	13 191	9 814	14 723	12 216
Overhead	\$/DRG	3 187	3 739	1 745	1 876	3 370	5 852	3 983	5 669	3 013
<b>O01B — Caesarean Delivery W Scc</b>										
Separations	no.	3 144	2 569	1 767	1 103	846	201	168	163	9 960
Patient days	no.	18 782	14 438	8 784	6 209	5 090	1 127	869	1 325	56 624
ALOS	days	5.97	5.62	4.97	5.63	6.02	5.61	5.17	8.13	5.69
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	55	32	21	22	24	3	2	4	163
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	9 152	9 942	9 291	12 888	10 008	12 469	10 113	13 506	10 021
Direct	\$/DRG	6 905	7 783	7 937	10 898	7 598	8 687	7 140	9 845	7 904
Overhead	\$/DRG	2 247	2 159	1 354	1 990	2 410	3 782	2 973	3 661	2 117
<b>O01C — Caesarean Delivery W/O Csc</b>										
Separations	no.	15 007	11 695	8 740	4 198	3 211	922	652	548	44 973
Patient days	no.	61 762	47 783	31 688	17 041	13 928	3 603	2 530	2 871	181 207
ALOS	days	4.12	4.09	3.63	4.06	4.34	3.91	3.88	5.24	4.03
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	57	35	21	25	25	3	2	4	172
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	7 676	7 534	7 741	10 685	8 088	9 876	8 143	8 382	8 022
Direct	\$/DRG	5 786	5 853	6 627	8 466	5 902	6 860	5 858	6 025	6 251
Overhead	\$/DRG	1 890	1 680	1 114	2 219	2 186	3 016	2 285	2 358	1 771

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**Table 10A.103 Separations, patient days, ALOS and estimated cost per separation for selected maternity AR-DRG (version 5.2) in public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>O02A — Vaginal Delivery W Or Pr W Csc</b>										
Separations	no.	408	382	259	207	93	24	31	25	1 429
Patient days	no.	2 041	1 668	1 062	847	435	109	129	140	6 431
ALOS	days	5.00	4.37	4.10	4.09	4.66	4.54	4.16	5.60	4.50
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	47	28	19	20	13	3	2	4	136
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	8 276	8 010	8 730	11 042	8 459	12 783	10 624	12 884	8 907
Direct	\$/DRG	6 219	6 297	7 360	8 951	6 590	8 447	7 569	9 728	6 995
Overhead	\$/DRG	2 057	1 713	1 370	2 091	1 869	4 336	3 055	3 156	1 912
<b>O02B — Vaginal Delivery W Or Pr W/O Csc</b>										
Separations	no.	1 555	1 017	822	340	326	47	83	57	4 248
Patient days	no.	5 325	3 090	2 565	1 245	1 115	173	273	238	14 024
ALOS	days	3.42	3.04	3.12	3.66	3.43	3.68	3.29	4.18	3.30
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	54	34	21	21	19	3	2	4	158
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	6 020	5 313	6 021	8 608	5 396	8 214	5 041	6 794	6 026
Direct	\$/DRG	4 509	4 171	5 108	7 213	4 191	5 499	3 658	4 864	4 735
Overhead	\$/DRG	1 511	1 143	913	1 395	1 205	2 715	1 383	1 930	1 291
<b>O03Z — Ectopic Pregnancy</b>										
Separations	no.	929	819	612	351	167	59	66	57	3 060
Patient days	no.	1 851	1 499	1 152	675	335	129	127	140	5 909
ALOS	days	1.99	1.83	1.88	1.92	2.00	2.19	1.92	2.46	1.93
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	46	29	22	15	13	3	2	3	133
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	4 524	4 248	6 299	6 062	5 231	6 099	5 253	5 983	5 094
Direct	\$/DRG	3 467	3 443	5 528	5 012	4 030	4 393	3 963	4 581	4 130
Overhead	\$/DRG	1 057	806	771	1 050	1 201	1 706	1 290	1 403	964

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**Table 10A.103 Separations, patient days, ALOS and estimated cost per separation for selected maternity AR-DRG (version 5.2) in public hospitals, 2008-09 (a)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>O04Z — Postpartum &amp; Post Abortn W Or Pr</b>										
Separations	no.	387	492	290	179	119	52	19	22	1 559
Patient days	no.	823	1 042	692	490	376	68	46	103	3 640
ALOS	days	2.13	2.12	2.38	2.75	3.15	1.31	2.42	4.68	2.33
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	52	35	20	20	21	3	2	3	156
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	3 567	3 621	4 928	6 661	5 721	3 595	4 635	9 146	4 449
Direct	\$/DRG	2 742	2 883	4 299	5 379	3 511	2 671	3 308	7 172	3 504
Overhead	\$/DRG	825	738	629	1 282	2 210	924	1 327	1 973	945
<b>O05Z — Abortn W Or Pr</b>										
Separations	no.	7 235	8 464	3 216	2 272	6 192	443	231	1 119	29 172
Patient days	no.	8 076	8 795	3 515	2 466	6 300	472	253	1 208	31 085
ALOS	days	1.12	1.04	1.09	1.09	1.02	1.07	1.10	1.08	1.07
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	67	37	23	24	30	3	2	4	190
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	1 698	1 617	2 569	2 549	1 285	2 356	2 894	1 103	1 746
Direct	\$/DRG	1 288	1 273	2 267	1 848	1 009	1 749	2 118	870	1 374
Overhead	\$/DRG	409	344	303	701	276	608	776	234	372
<b>O60A — Vaginal Delivery W Csc</b>										
Separations	no.	4 316	3 658	2 170	1 732	1 097	295	282	293	13 842
Patient days	no.	19 891	14 636	8 277	8 026	4 748	1 288	1 164	1 599	59 629
ALOS	days	4.61	4.00	3.81	4.64	4.33	4.37	4.13	5.46	4.31
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	59	33	23	24	22	3	2	4	170
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	6 460	6 070	6 094	9 118	6 102	8 101	7 716	7 976	6 696
Direct	\$/DRG	4 762	4 748	5 096	7 878	4 729	5 602	5 400	5 717	5 249
Overhead	\$/DRG	1 698	1 322	997	1 240	1 373	2 499	2 316	2 260	1 447

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	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>O60B — Vaginal delivery W/O Csc</b>										
Separations	no.	36 708	29 347	18 955	10 420	6 798	2 026	1 969	1 301	107 525
Patient days	no.	103 007	76 633	45 246	29 370	18 888	5 603	4 599	4 277	287 623
ALOS	days	2.81	2.61	2.39	2.82	2.78	2.77	2.34	3.29	2.67
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	62	33	25	28	28	4	2	5	187
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	4 874	3 716	4 213	5 932	3 894	5 804	3 297	3 743	4 457
Direct	\$/DRG	3 610	2 874	3 513	4 761	2 884	3 942	2 341	2 636	3 429
Overhead	\$/DRG	1 264	842	700	1 170	1 010	1 862	956	1 107	1 028
<b>O60C — Vaginal Delivery Single Uncomplicated</b>										
Separations	no.	10 047	3 908	6 916	2 469	1 781	609	486	537	26 754
Patient days	no.	20 414	7 966	11 625	5 038	3 365	1 281	796	1 406	51 891
ALOS	days	2.03	2.04	1.68	2.04	1.89	2.10	1.64	2.62	1.94
Sample size (b)	no. hospitals	62	33	28	26	26	7	2	5	189
Average cost (c)	\$/DRG	4 252	2 919	3 194	4 494	2 671	3 783	2 281	2 855	3 626
Direct	\$/DRG	3 124	2 252	2 711	3 516	1 901	2 620	1 618	1 963	2 783
Overhead	\$/DRG	1 128	667	482	978	770	1 164	663	892	844

(a) Estimated population costs are obtained by weighting the sample results according to the known characteristics of the population.

(b) The sample size is the number of hospitals contributing to the cost and activity data for each AR-DRG.

(c) Average cost is affected by a number of factors, some of which are admission practices, sample size, remoteness and the type of hospitals contributing to the collection. Direct comparison between jurisdictions is difficult as there are differences in hospital costing systems. Higher average costs for smaller jurisdictions can be in part attributable to diseconomies of scale.

ALOS = patient's Average Length of Stay. c = catastrophic. cc = complications and co-morbidities. Or Pr = operating room procedure. s = severe. w/o = without. w = with.

Source: DoHA, NHCDC Round 13 (2008-09).

Table 10A.104

Table 10A.104 **Baby's Apgar scores at five minutes, by birthweight, public hospitals**

	Unit	NSW	Vic (a)	Qld	WA	SA (b)	Tas	ACT (c)	NT (d)	Aust
2005										
Birthweight less than 1500g	no. of live births	767	620	484	267	240	44	69	46	2 537
Apgar score 0	% of live births	3.3	2.3	3.7	1.5	2.1	2.3	2.9	4.4	2.8
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	15.1	16.9	11.4	8.6	13.3	6.8	7.3	19.6	13.7
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	12.8	10.8	8.1	10.9	7.9	11.4	11.6	10.9	10.6
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	67.4	68.9	76.5	78.3	76.7	79.5	78.3	65.2	72.0
Birthweight 1500-1999g	no. of live births	910	586	565	282	224	52	66	59	2 744
Apgar score 0	% of live births	-	0.2	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	0.1
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	1.4	0.7	0.7	1.1	-	-	1.5	-	0.9
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	4.2	3.9	2.8	3.9	4.5	1.9	3.0	3.4	3.7
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	93.5	94.7	96.5	94.7	95.5	98.1	95.5	96.6	94.9
Birthweight 2000-2499g	no. of live births	2 701	1 953	1 650	741	621	174	159	169	8 168
Apgar score 0	% of live births	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	0.1
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	-	1.3	1.2	0.4
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	2.5	2.4	1.6	1.6	2.1	1.7	0.6	2.4	2.1
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	96.4	96.9	97.7	97.8	97.6	97.1	98.1	96.5	97.0
Birthweight 2500g and over	no. of live births	62 819	42 376	34 917	14 659	12 078	3 652	2 811	2 607	175 919
Apgar score 0	% of live births	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.6	2.1	0.9
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	98.7	98.9	99.1	99.1	98.6	98.9	99.3	97.6	98.8
2006										
Birthweight less than 1500g	no. of live births	1 014	455	585	299	196	40	75	52	2 716
Apgar score 0	% of live births	3.7	2.4	3.3	2.3	2.0	2.5	-	-	2.9

Table 10A.104

Table 10A.104 **Baby's Apgar scores at five minutes, by birthweight, public hospitals**

	Unit	NSW	Vic (a)	Qld	WA	SA (b)	Tas	ACT (c)	NT (d)	Aust
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	10.6	12.6	13.2	7.4	4.6	7.5	18.7	17.3	11.0
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	12.5	12.6	9.2	13.0	9.7	20.0	5.3	7.7	11.5
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	71.4	71.4	73.7	76.3	83.7	70.0	76.0	75.0	73.5
Birthweight 1500-1999g	no. of live births	1 012	641	590	308	193	54	73	56	2 927
Apgar score 0	% of live births	0.2	0.1	-	-	-	1.9	-	5.4	0.2
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.3	-	1.9	-	-	0.9
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	5.1	4.7	3.7	4.9	3.1	3.7	5.5	-	4.5
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	93.2	93.7	95.1	94.8	96.9	92.6	94.5	94.6	94.1
Birthweight 2000-2499g	no. of live births	2 872	2 042	1 673	798	616	194	172	187	8 554
Apgar score 0	% of live births	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.7	-	0.4
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	1.9	2.1	1.4	2.8	2.1	1.0	3.5	1.6	1.9
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	97.0	97.1	97.6	96.6	97.4	98.5	94.8	98.4	97.2
Birthweight 2500g and over	no. of live births	64 305	44 192	35 847	15 734	12 538	3 845	3 145	2 637	182 243
Apgar score 0	% of live births	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	0.1	-
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.7	0.9
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	98.6	98.8	99.1	98.9	98.9	99.0	98.7	98.1	98.8
2007										
Birthweight less than 1500g	no. of live births	774	658	543	289	215	54	64	57	2 654
Apgar score 0	% of live births	2.1	3.0	2.6	1.4	1.4	9.2	1.6	-	2.4
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	13.8	14.3	10.3	8.0	11.2	5.6	21.9	14.0	12.4
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	14.3	15.5	12.0	15.9	9.3	11.1	18.8	22.8	14.1
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	69.8	66.1	74.4	74.7	78.1	74.1	57.8	59.6	70.6

Table 10A.104

Table 10A.104 **Baby's Apgar scores at five minutes, by birthweight, public hospitals**

	Unit	NSW	Vic (a)	Qld	WA	SA (b)	Tas	ACT (c)	NT (d)	Aust
Birthweight 1500-1999g	no. of live births	942	712	610	344	195	69	89	45	3 006
Apgar score 0	% of live births	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.5	1.5	-	-	1.2
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.2	7.2	-	6.7	8.8	5.4
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	92.8	93.4	93.1	93.0	92.3	97.1	93.3	88.9	93.0
Birthweight 2000-2499g	no. of live births	2 827	2 067	1 667	858	653	172	165	166	8 575
Apgar score 0	% of live births	0.1	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	-	-	-	0.1
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	-	1.2	1.8	0.5
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	2.9	3.1	1.6	2.2	1.5	1.7	1.2	3.0	2.5
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	96.4	96.1	97.7	97.1	97.9	98.3	97.6	95.8	96.8
Birthweight 2500g and over	no. of live births	66 970	46 496	38 689	16 111	13 194	3 905	3 304	2 721	191 390
Apgar score 0	% of live births	-	-	-	-	-	0.2	-	-	-
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	1.0	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.8	1.0
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	98.9	98.6	99.0	98.8	98.7	98.7	98.5	97.8	98.8
2008										
Birthweight less than 1500g	no. of live births	849	628	564	297	204	79	65	47	2 733
Apgar score 0	% of live births	3.1	3.0	2.1	1.7	1.5	3.8	-	6.4	2.6
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	17.1	13.5	14.2	7.1	14.2	6.3	15.4	14.9	14.0
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	14.6	19.9	12.8	17.9	9.3	3.8	30.8	23.4	15.6
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	64.2	63.5	70.4	73.4	75.0	86.1	53.9	53.2	67.3
Birthweight 1500-1999g	no. of live births	1 052	628	602	332	240	87	74	43	3 058
Apgar score 0	% of live births	0.3	3.0	-	0.3	-	4.6	1.4	-	0.9
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.8	13.5	1.5	0.6	0.8	2.3	4.1	2.3	3.7
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	5.6	19.9	5.3	6.6	3.3	3.5	16.2	4.7	8.6
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	93.3	63.5	92.9	92.5	95.8	89.7	78.4	93.0	86.7



Table 10A.104

Table 10A.104 **Baby's Apgar scores at five minutes, by birthweight, public hospitals**

	Unit	NSW	Vic (a)	Qld	WA	SA (b)	Tas	ACT (c)	NT (d)	Aust
Birthweight 2000-2499g	no. of live births	2 880	1 985	1 706	817	605	209	159	185	8 546
Apgar score 0	% of live births	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	2.4	-	-	0.1
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.5	-	-	0.5
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	2.4	3.2	1.8	1.7	2.8	1.9	1.3	1.1	2.4
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	96.2	96.3	97.5	97.4	96.9	95.2	98.7	98.4	96.7
Birthweight 2500g and over	no. of live births	67 810	46 453	39 345	16 366	13 402	3 957	3 367	2 742	193 442
Apgar score 0	% of live births	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	0.1	-
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	1.0	1.3	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.6	1.6	1.0
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	98.5	98.6	99.0	98.9	99.0	98.7	98.0	98.1	98.7
2009										
Birthweight less than 1500g	no. of live births	829	628	530	319	222	na	55	52	2 635
Apgar score 0	% of live births	2.1	3.0	4.0	2.2	2.3	na	3.6	1.9	na
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	17.0	13.5	12.3	6.9	7.2	na	5.5	21.2	na
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	11.8	19.9	14.3	16.9	8.6	na	23.6	9.6	na
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	67.4	63.5	67.2	73.4	82.0	na	67.3	67.3	na
Birthweight 1500-1999g	no. of live births	933	628	616	321	260	na	57	61	2 876
Apgar score 0	% of live births	0.3	3.0	-	0.6	-	na	-	-	na
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.9	13.5	0.8	1.3	1.5	na	5.3	1.6	na
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	4.5	19.9	4.6	9.4	5.0	na	10.5	13.1	na
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	93.9	63.5	94.3	88.5	93.5	na	84.2	83.4	na
Birthweight 2000-2499g	no. of live births	2 847	1 985	1 837	825	669	na	161	204	8 528
Apgar score 0	% of live births	-	0.1	-	-	-	na	-	-	na
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.1	na	1.2	-	na
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	2.9	3.2	2.3	3.0	4.2	na	3.1	3.4	na
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	96.0	96.3	96.7	96.4	98.8	na	95.7	96.6	na

Table 10A.104

Table 10A.104 **Baby's Apgar scores at five minutes, by birthweight, public hospitals**

	Unit	NSW	Vic (a)	Qld	WA	SA (b)	Tas	ACT (c)	NT (d)	Aust
Birthweight 2500g and over	no. of live births	67 545	46 453	39 738	16 311	13 345	na	3 261	2 749	189 402
Apgar score 0	% of live births	–	–	–	–	–	na	0.1	–	na
Apgar score 1-3	% of live births	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	na	0.1	0.1	na
Apgar score 4-6	% of live births	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.1	na	1.8	1.7	na
Apgar score 7-10	% of live births	98.4	98.6	98.7	98.7	98.8	na	98.0	98.2	na

(a) Data for 2009 are preliminary.

(b) SA data exclude live births if Apgar scores are not recorded.

(c) Data for 2009 are preliminary. In 2008 15.7 per cent of women who gave birth in the ACT were not residents.

(d) 2005 data exclude one baby with birthweight 0–1499g with unknown Apgar score.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 10A.105

Table 10A.105 **Fetal deaths**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (a)	NT	Aust (a)
2004										
Total all births (b)	no.	86 367	62 919	50 275	25 492	17 263	5 853	4 199	3 577	255 971
Fetal deaths (c), (d)	no.	473	502	335	197	123	44	25	26	1 725
Fetal death rate per 1000 total relevant births		5.5	8.0	6.7	7.7	7.1	7.5	6.0	7.3	6.7
2005										
Total all births (b)	no.	87 083	63 811	52 048	26 444	17 910	6 361	4 242	3 701	261 628
Fetal deaths (c), (d)	no.	494	524	387	191	110	53	36	42	1 837
Fetal death rate per 1000 total relevant births		5.7	8.2	7.4	7.2	6.1	8.3	8.5	11.3	7.0
2006										
Total all births (b)	no.	87 856	65 583	53 024	27 940	18 342	6 518	4 520	3 735	267 544
Fetal deaths (c), (d)	no.	520	347	359	164	82	43	41	39	1 595
Fetal death rate per 1000 total relevant births		5.9	5.3	6.8	5.9	4.5	6.6	9.1	10.4	6.0
2007										
Total all births (b)	no.	89 991	70 720	61 683	29 325	19 740	6 703	4 783	3 923	286 889
Fetal deaths (c), (d)	no.	496	407	434	161	78	41	30	29	1 676
Fetal death rate per 1000 total relevant births		5.5	5.8	7.0	5.5	4.0	6.1	6.3	7.4	5.8
2008										
Total all births (b)	no.	95 152	71 555	63 554	32 051	20 324	6 822	4 818	3 963	298 269
Fetal deaths (c), (d)	no.	468	380	422	201	95	47	14	21	1 648
Fetal death rate per 1000 total relevant births		4.9	5.3	6.6	6.3	4.7	6.9	2.9	5.3	5.5

(a) Data may exclude stillbirth data which were not received or processed by the ABS in time for the finalisation of the 2008 reference year. According to scope rules, these 2008 data will be included in the 2010 reference year.

(b) All births is the number of live births and fetal deaths combined. Fetal deaths by definition include only infants of a gestational age of at least 20 weeks or weighing at least 400 grams.

(c) Perinatal deaths (including fetal deaths) for years 2004-2007 have been subject to a revision of scope rules. See ABS Perinatal Deaths, Australia, 2007 (cat.no. 3304.0) Explanatory Notes 18-20 for further information.

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**Table 10A.105 Fetal deaths**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (a)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (a)</i>
(d) Fetal death (stillbirth) is the birth of a child who did not at any time after delivery breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as a heartbeat. Fetal deaths by definition include only infants of a gestational age of at least 20 weeks or weighing at least 400 grams.										
Source: ABS Perinatal deaths, Australia, Cat. no. 3304.0, Canberra (unpublished).										

Table 10A.106

## Table 10A.106 Neonatal deaths

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2004										
	Total live births (a)	no. 85 894	62 417	49 940	25 295	17 140	5 809	4 174	3 551	254 246
	Neonatal deaths (b), (c)	272	206	186	55	36	15	25	21	816
	Neonatal death rate per 1000 live births	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.2	2.1	2.6	6.0	5.9	3.2
2005										
	Total live births (a)	no. 86 589	63 287	51 661	26 253	17 800	6 308	4 206	3 659	259 791
	Neonatal deaths (b), (c)	309	242	192	76	59	13	20	21	932
	Neonatal death rate per 1000 live births	3.6	3.8	3.7	2.9	3.3	2.1	4.8	5.7	3.6
2006										
	Total live births (a)	no. 87 336	65 236	52 665	27 776	18 260	6 475	4 479	3 696	265 949
	Neonatal deaths (b), (c)	301	201	185	93	33	16	15	20	864
	Neonatal death rate per 1000 live births	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.3	1.8	2.5	3.3	5.4	3.2
2007										
	Total live births (a)	no. 89 495	70 313	61 249	29 164	19 662	6 662	4 753	3 894	285 213
	Neonatal deaths (b), (c)	286	200	218	40	55	21	15	21	856
	Neonatal death rate per 1000 live births	3.2	2.8	3.6	1.4	2.8	3.2	3.2	5.4	3.0
2008										
	Total live births (a)	no. 94 684	71 175	63 132	31 850	20 229	6 775	4 804	3 942	296 621
	Neonatal deaths (b), (c)	317	187	209	60	37	15	17	10	853
	Neonatal death rate per 1000 live births	3.3	2.6	3.3	1.9	1.8	2.2	3.5	2.5	2.9

(a) Total live births are all live births registered in the calendar year.

(b) Perinatal deaths (including neonatal deaths) for years 2004-2007 have been subject to a revision of scope rules. See ABS Perinatal Deaths, Australia, 2007 (cat.no. 3304.0) Explanatory Notes 18-20 for further information.

(c) A neonatal death is the death within 28 days of birth of a child who after delivery, breathes or shows any evidence of life such as a heartbeat.

Source: ABS Perinatal deaths, Australia, Cat. no. 3304.0, Canberra (unpublished).

Table 10A.107 **Neonatal, fetal and perinatal death rates, Australia (a)**

	<i>Fetal death rate (b)</i>	<i>Neonatal death rate (c)</i>	<i>Perinatal death rate (d)</i>
1996	6.5	3.5	10.0
1997	6.0	3.2	9.2
1998	5.3	3.0	8.3
1999	5.1	3.4	8.5
2000	5.2	3.1	8.3
2001	5.2	3.3	8.4
2002	4.9	3.1	8.0
2003	6.5	3.3	9.8
2004	6.7	3.2	9.9
2005	7.0	3.6	10.6
2006	6.0	3.2	9.2
2007	5.8	3.0	8.8
2008	5.5	2.9	8.4

(a) Perinatal deaths (including fetal and neonatal deaths) for years 2003-2007 have been subject to a revision of scope rules. See ABS Perinatal Deaths, Australia, 2007 (cat.no. 3304.0) Explanatory Notes 18-20 for further information.

(b) Fetal death (stillbirth) is the birth of a child who did not at any time after delivery breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as a heartbeat. Fetal deaths by definition include only infants of a gestational age of at least 20 weeks or weighing at least 400 grams.

(c) A neonatal death is the death within 28 days of birth of a child who after delivery, breathes or shows any evidence of life such as a heartbeat.

(d) Perinatal deaths are fetal and neonatal deaths combined. Fetal deaths exclude those records where gestational age was less than 20 weeks or birthweight was known to be less than 400 grams.

Source: ABS Perinatal deaths, Australia, Cat. no. 3304.0, Canberra (unpublished).

Table 10A.108

## Table 10A.108 Perinatal deaths

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (a)	NT	Aust (a)
2004										
Total all births (b)	no.	86 367	62 919	50 275	25 492	17 263	5 853	4 199	3 577	255 971
Perinatal deaths (c), (d)	no.	745	708	521	252	159	59	50	47	2 541
Perinatal death rate per 1000 total births		8.6	11.3	10.4	9.9	9.2	10.1	11.9	13.1	9.9
2005										
Total all births (b)	no.	87 083	63 811	52 048	26 444	17 910	6 361	4 242	3 701	261 628
Perinatal deaths (c), (d)	no.	803	766	579	267	169	66	56	63	2 769
Perinatal death rate per 1000 total births		9.2	12.0	11.1	10.1	9.4	10.4	13.2	17.0	10.6
2006										
Total all births (b)	no.	87 856	65 583	53 024	27 940	18 342	6 518	4 520	3 735	267 544
Perinatal deaths (c), (d)	no.	821	548	544	257	115	59	56	59	2 459
Perinatal death rate per 1000 total births		9.3	8.4	10.3	9.2	6.3	9.1	12.4	15.8	9.2
2007										
Total all births (b)	no.	89 991	70 720	61 683	29 325	19 740	6 703	4 783	3 923	286 889
Perinatal deaths (c), (d)	no.	782	607	652	201	133	62	45	50	2 532
Perinatal death rate per 1000 total births		8.7	8.6	10.6	6.9	6.7	9.2	9.4	12.7	8.8
2008										
Total all births (b)	no.	95 152	71 555	63 554	32 051	20 324	6 822	4 818	3 963	298 269
Perinatal deaths (c), (d)	no.	785	567	631	261	132	62	31	31	2 501
Perinatal death rate per 1000 total births		8.2	7.9	9.9	8.1	6.5	9.1	6.4	7.8	8.4

(a) Data may exclude stillbirth data which were not received or processed by the ABS in time for the finalisation of the 2008 reference year. According to scope rules, these 2008 data will be included in the 2010 reference year.

(b) Total all births is the number live births and fetal deaths combined. Fetal deaths by definition include only infants of a gestational age of at least 20 weeks or weighing at least 400 grams.

(c) Perinatal deaths for years 2004-2007 have been subject to a revision of scope rules. See ABS Perinatal Deaths, Australia, 2007 (cat.no. 3304.0) Explanatory Notes 18-20 for further information.

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**Table 10A.108 Perinatal deaths**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT (a)</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust (a)</i>
(d)	Perinatal deaths are fetal and neonatal deaths combined. Fetal deaths exclude those records where gestational age was less than 20 weeks or birthweight was known to be less than 400 grams.									

*Source:* ABS Perinatal deaths, Australia, Cat. no. 3304.0, Canberra (unpublished).



Table 10A.109

Table 10A.109 Perinatal, neonatal and fetal deaths, 2004–2008 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Fetal deaths (b)										
Indigenous										
Total all births (c)	no.	18 000	na	19 592	10 065	3 911	na	na	7 811	66 256
Fetal deaths	no.	89	na	160	79	23	na	na	97	473
Fetal death rate per 1000 total births		4.9	na	8.2	7.8	5.9	na	na	12.4	7.1
Non-Indigenous (d)										
Total all births (c)	no.	428 449	na	260 992	131 187	89 668	na	na	11 088	1 304 045
Fetal deaths	no.	2 362	na	1 777	835	465	na	na	60	8 008
Fetal death rate per 1000 total births		5.5	na	6.8	6.4	5.2	na	na	5.4	6.1
Neonatal deaths (e)										
Indigenous										
Total live births (f)	no.	17 911	na	19 432	9 986	3 888	na	na	7 714	65 783
Neonatal deaths	no.	84	na	116	49	15	na	na	65	347
Neonatal death rate per 1000 live births		4.7	na	6.0	4.9	3.9	na	na	8.4	5.3
Non-Indigenous (d)										
Total live births (f)	no.	426 087	na	259 215	130 352	89 203	na	na	11 028	1 296 037
Neonatal deaths	no.	1 401	na	874	275	205	na	na	28	3 974
Neonatal death rate per 1000 live births		3.3	na	3.4	2.1	2.3	na	na	2.5	3.1
Perinatal deaths (g)										
Indigenous										
Total all births (c)	no.	18 000	na	19 592	10 065	3 911	na	na	7 811	66 256
Perinatal deaths	no.	173	na	276	128	38	na	na	162	820
Perinatal death rate per 1000 total births		9.6	na	14.1	12.7	9.7	na	na	20.7	12.4
Non-Indigenous (d)										
Total all births (c)	no.	428 449	na	260 992	131 187	89 668	na	na	11 088	1 304 045
Perinatal deaths	no.	3 763	na	2 651	1 110	670	na	na	88	11 982

Table 10A.109

Table 10A.109 Perinatal, neonatal and fetal deaths, 2004–2008 (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Perinatal death rate	per 1000 total births	8.8	na	10.2	8.5	7.5	na	na	7.9	9.2

(a) Perinatal deaths (including fetal and neonatal deaths) for years 1999-2007 have been subject to a revision of scope rules. See ABS Perinatal Deaths, Australia, 2007 (cat.no. 3304.0) Explanatory Notes 18-20 for further information.

(b) Fetal death (stillbirth) is the birth of a child who did not at any time after delivery breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as a heartbeat. Fetal deaths by definition include only infants of a gestational age of at least 20 weeks or weighing at least 400 grams.

(c) Total all births is the number of live births and fetal deaths combined. Fetal deaths by definition include only infants of a gestational age of at least 20 weeks or weighing at least 400 grams

(d) Non-Indigenous includes Indigenous status not stated

(e) A neonatal death is the death within 28 days of birth of a child who after delivery, breathes or shows any evidence of life such as a heartbeat.

(f) Total live births are all live births registered in the calendar year.

(g) Perinatal deaths are fetal and neonatal deaths combined. Fetal deaths exclude those records where gestational age was less than 20 weeks or birthweight was known to be less than 400 grams.

na Not available.

Source: ABS Perinatal deaths, Australia, Cat. no. 3304.0, Canberra (unpublished).