

2 Residential aged care services

As at 30 June 2004, there were 2,932 mainstream residential aged care services in Australia providing a total of 154,487 places. Also at 30 June 2004, there were 95 Multi-Purpose Services providing 1,757 residential care places, and 29 services receiving flexible funding under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Strategy providing 336 residential care places. At 30 June 2003, the comparable figures were 149,232 mainstream residential aged care places, 1,643 residential care places for Multi-Purpose Services and 306 residential care places for services receiving flexible funding under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Strategy.

Because of the flexible nature of the services provided by Multi-Purpose Services and services receiving flexible funding under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Strategy, only limited data are available on these services. Consequently, the remainder of this section presents data on mainstream residential aged care services only.

The number of mainstream services has declined since 30 June 1998 when a total of 3,015 services provided residential aged care. At the same time the corresponding number of operational places has risen from 139,917 to 156,580. This represents an increase in the average number of places per facility from 46.4 at 30 June 1998 to 53.4 at 30 June 2004.

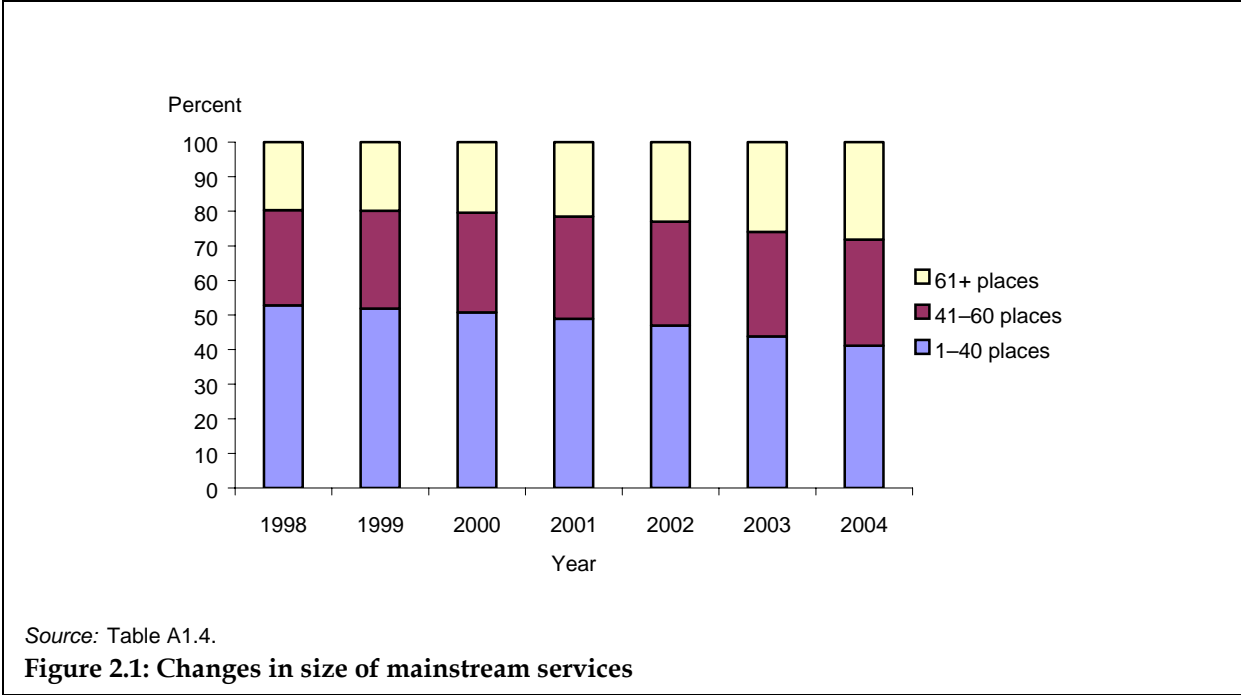


Figure 2.1 illustrates changes in the sizes of aged care services since 30 June 1998. At this date, services with 61 or more places accounted for 20% of total services; at 30 June 2004, 28% of services had 61 or more places. There was a reduction in the number of services with 40 or fewer places from 1,590 in 1998 to 1,205 in 2002. In 1998, 53% of services were this size, while in 2004 they accounted for 41% of services (Table A1.4).

The size of aged care services differs across jurisdictions. At the larger end of the continuum are services in the Australian Capital Territory (averaging 67 places per service), New South

Wales (57) and Queensland (56). Below the Australian average for beds per service (53), were Western Australia (50), South Australia (50) and Victoria (48). At the smaller end of service size are services in Tasmania (45) and the Northern Territory (29) (Unpublished data).

Around 65% of services in the Australian Capital Territory had more than 60 places. Tasmania has a comparatively large proportion of small services with 20 or fewer places (17%). In the Northern Territory, half the services (47%) have 20 or fewer places, and there were no services with more than 60 places (Table 2.2).

To some extent these state/territory patterns are associated with geographic differences. Two-thirds of services in remote and very remote regions have 20 or fewer places and most of the remainder in these regions have 40 or fewer places. In the Northern Territory, 60% of services are located in remote and very remote regions. Services in regional areas also tend to be smaller than those in major cities. Eighty-seven per cent of services in outer regional areas and 76% of services in inner regional areas have 60 or fewer places compared with 66% of services in major cities. Tasmania has no services categorised to major city location while all services in the Australian Capital Territory are categorised as major city services (Tables 2.1 and 2.3).

Table 2.1: Services, state/territory by remoteness^(a), 30 June 2004

State/territory	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	All regions
Number						
NSW	579	247	97	8	1	932
Vic	524	217	73	4	n.a.	818
Qld	241	153	85	10	8	497
WA	196	26	25	6	5	258
SA	205	37	50	5	0	297
Tas	n.a.	56	29	3	4	92
ACT	23	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	23
NT	n.a.	n.a.	6	7	2	15
Australia	1,768	736	365	43	20	2,932
Per cent						
NSW	62.1	26.5	10.4	0.9	0.1	100.0
Vic	64.1	26.5	8.9	0.5	n.a.	100.0
Qld	48.5	30.8	17.1	2.0	1.6	100.0
WA	76.0	10.1	9.7	2.3	1.9	100.0
SA	69.0	12.5	16.8	1.7	0.0	100.0
Tas	n.a.	60.9	31.5	3.3	4.3	100.0
ACT	100.0	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	100.0
NT	n.a.	n.a.	40.0	46.7	13.3	100.0
Australia	60.3	25.1	12.4	1.5	0.7	100.0

(a) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

n.a. Not applicable.

Table 2.2: Services, size by state/territory, 30 June 2004

Number of places	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
	Number								
1-20	67	87	45	25	18	16	1	7	266
21-40	264	308	139	77	112	33	3	3	939
41-60	269	262	157	88	93	23	4	5	901
61-80	180	74	75	40	42	12	11	0	434
81-100	74	43	45	15	21	1	1	0	200
101-120	35	21	19	11	4	4	1	0	95
121+	43	23	17	2	7	3	2	0	97
Total	932	818	497	258	297	92	23	15	2,932
Per cent									
1-20	7.2	10.6	9.1	9.7	6.1	17.4	4.3	46.7	9.1
21-40	28.3	37.7	28.0	29.8	37.7	35.9	13.0	20.0	32.0
41-60	28.9	32.0	31.6	34.1	31.3	25.0	17.4	33.3	30.7
61-80	19.3	9.0	15.1	15.5	14.1	13.0	47.8	0.0	14.8
81-100	7.9	5.3	9.1	5.8	7.1	1.1	4.3	0.0	6.8
101-120	3.8	2.6	3.8	4.3	1.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	3.2
121+	4.6	2.8	3.4	0.8	2.4	3.3	8.7	0.0	3.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 2.3: Services, size by remoteness^(a), 30 June 2004

Number of places	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	All regions
	Number					
1-20	62	79	83	26	16	266
21-40	504	266	156	11	2	939
41-60	599	217	79	4	2	901
61-80	306	100	26	2	0	434
81-100	145	39	16	0	0	200
101-120	71	22	2	0	0	95
121+	81	13	3	0	0	97
Australia	1,768	736	365	43	20	2,932
Per cent						
1-20	3.5	10.7	22.7	60.5	80.0	9.1
21-40	28.5	36.1	42.7	25.6	10.0	32.0
41-60	33.9	29.5	21.6	9.3	10.0	30.7
61-80	17.3	13.6	7.1	4.7	0.0	14.8
81-100	8.2	5.3	4.4	0.0	0.0	6.8
101-120	4.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	3.2
121+	4.6	1.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	3.3
Australia	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

3 Patterns of use

This section examines rates of usage of residential aged care, occupancy levels, length of stay and resident turnover. It also reports on admissions to and separations from residential aged care.

Usage rates

Age-specific usage rates for permanent residential aged care have been calculated for different sub-groups in the population based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2001 census (estimated resident population) and ABS population projections. Overall, usage rates of residential aged care increase with age. They are higher for women than men, particularly among older age groups.

For the Indigenous population, these rates at 30 June 2004 were 19.0 per 1,000 Indigenous persons aged 65–69 years, 30.7 per 1,000 aged 70–74 years, and 100.4 per 1,000 aged 75 years and over (Table 3.4). Rates for non-Indigenous people were lower for the younger age groups (5.9 per 1,000 non-Indigenous persons aged 65–69 years, and 13.8 per 1,000 persons aged 70–74 years). The rate for persons aged 75 years and over however, was higher at 101.8 per 1,000 persons. The total usage rate was higher for non-Indigenous persons (7.3 per 1,000 persons) than Indigenous persons (1.8 per 1,000 persons).

Based on Australian Institute of Health and Welfare projections of ABS estimated resident population by country of birth, the number of Australian-born people receiving permanent care at 30 June 2004 was estimated to be 57.8 per 1,000 persons aged 75–84 years and 257.8 per 1,000 aged 85 years and over. The corresponding rates for English-speaking people who were born overseas were slightly lower at 50.3 and 253.8 respectively, and the corresponding usage rates for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds were lower still at 47.6 and 195.1 per 1,000 respectively (Table 3.3).

Resident occupied place-days

During the 12-month period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, 53.1 million place-days were used in aged care services in Australia, consisting of 52.1 million days for permanent care and just over 1 million days for respite care (Table 3.5). Just under 2% of occupied place-days were used for respite purposes. This rate varied somewhat across the states and territories, with the smallest proportions provided in Victoria (1.6%) and the highest in the Northern Territory (4.6%). The rate for respite occupied place days also varied with remoteness from 1.7% in major cities to 3.6% in very remote areas.

Occupancy

The overall occupancy rate ranged from 91% in the Northern Territory to 98% in the Australian Capital Territory (Table 3.6). Australia-wide, the occupancy rate was 96%. The

occupancy rate was 96% in major cities, inner regional and outer regional areas. It was 94% in remote areas and 85% in very remote areas (Table 3.6).

Length of stay

Two standard measurements related to length of stay are the total or completed length of stay of a separated resident up to the point of leaving residential aged care, and the length of stay of an existing resident up to a particular point in time (in this publication up to 30 June 2004). It should be noted that for existing residents, length of stay is an incomplete measure, showing the time that residents have already spent in residential aged care, but not how much more time will be spent before leaving. It also excludes residents who only stayed a short time during 2003–04 and had already left residential aged care at 30 June 2004. This latter group is, however, included in the measure of completed length of stay.

The distribution of length of stay for existing permanent residents at 30 June 2004 was toward longer periods of stay (Table 3.7). Only 8% of permanent residents had been in residential aged care for less than 3 months. About 20% had been resident for between 3 months and 1 year, 50% for 1 to 5 years and 22% for 5 years or more.

For completed length of stay, 19% of permanent residents stayed less than 3 months with 20% staying between 3 months and 1 year. Just under 42% of permanent residents stayed between 1 and 5 years prior to separation, with 19% staying over 5 years (Table 3.9).

The average (mean) length of stay for permanent residents separating from residential care from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 was 164 weeks for women and 108 weeks for men. In aggregate, the average length of stay was 144 weeks (Table 3.10). The length of stay of residents at the time of separation varied among the states and territories. Permanent separations in the Australian Capital Territory had the longest average length of stay (173 weeks) and those in the Northern Territory had the shortest (126 weeks).

For those leaving respite care during the year under review, the average length of stay was 3.1 weeks, the same as the previous year (Table 3.11). Among those leaving respite care, the average length of stay varied from 2.3 weeks in Tasmania to 3.5 weeks in New South Wales and South Australia. The longest average length of stay was in very remote areas (5.0 weeks).

Since 1998–99, the overall trend for permanent resident separations has been toward increasing average length of stay (131.3 weeks in 1998–99 to 143.7 weeks in 2003–04). On the other hand, completed length of stay for respite care has declined from 3.5 weeks to 3.1 weeks over the same period (Table 3.1).

Table 3.1: Admissions, separations and completed length of stay in residential aged care 1998–99 to 2003–04

	Permanent admissions	Respite admissions	Permanent separations	Respite separations	Complete length of stay (permanent, weeks)	Complete length of stay (respite, weeks)
1998–99	45,258	40,806	44,079	40,939	131.3	3.5
1999–00	45,476	42,531	44,615	42,422	137.0	3.3
2000–01	46,545	43,606	45,481	43,586	142.4	3.2
2001–02	47,345	43,309	45,284	43,503	145.5	3.2
2002–03	51,200	45,445	47,467	45,334	143.0	3.1
2003–04	53,356	46,632	48,723	46,544	143.7	3.1

Note: Transfers are excluded from admissions and separations.

Turnover

The amount of turnover in the system is a function of the number of admissions, length of stay and the overall growth or reduction in the size of the system. Generally, the turnover for permanent and respite residents has been relatively stable over the last 6 years but fluctuates in a narrow band according to changes in these factors.

Approximately one-third of permanent places are associated with new admissions in a year, whereas respite places are used by 17 people per year (Table 3.2).

Table 3.2: Admissions and turnover, by type of care in residential aged care services, 1999–04

Type of care/year	Residential care					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Permanent care						
Admissions	45,258	45,476	46,545	47,345	51,200	53,356
Turnover	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.36	0.35
Respite care						
Admissions	40,806	42,531	43,606	43,309	45,445	46,632
Turnover	15.79	15.73	16.04	17.17	17.07	16.84
Permanent and respite care						
Admissions	86,064	88,007	90,151	90,654	96,645	99,988
Turnover	0.61	0.62	0.63	0.63	0.65	0.64

Note: Turnover is calculated separately for permanent and respite residents by firstly allocating permanent and respite places according to the number of residents in each category as at 30 June, and then dividing the places by the number of appropriate admissions in the year. The inverse of the resulting number is then defined as the turnover.

Admissions and separations

Permanent care

There were 99,988 admissions to residential aged care from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, of which 53% (53,356) were for permanent care (Tables 3.1). In 1998–99 there were fewer (86,064) admissions but the same proportion (53%) were for permanent care (Table 3.1) and

(AIHW 2004a). Between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2004 there were 95,267 separations from residential aged care. Separations after a period of permanent care totalled 48,723 which accounted for 51% of total separations. There were fewer separations in 1998–99 (85,018), but a similar proportion (52%) were after a period of permanent care (Tables 3.1 and AIHW 2004a).

For those whose destination is specified for 2003–04, 86% of those leaving permanent care died, 4% returned to the community, 5% moved to another residential aged care service and 6% were discharged to hospitals (1.5% were not clearly determined, Table 3.13). Among those who were reported as having died, 18% had stayed for less than 3 months, 19% for between 3 months and 1 year, 43% for 1 to 5 years and 20% for 5 years and more (Table 3.15). Those with shorter periods of stay were more likely to return to the community and less likely to die in residential aged care than those with longer periods of stay.

There is variation across states and territories with respect to destination on separation. The Northern Territory had the highest proportion of permanent residents returning to the community (7%). Tasmania had the highest percentage of permanent separations through death (95%), while Western Australia had the lowest percentage of separations through death (79%) and the highest proportion moving to hospital (10%) (Table 3.13).

Respite care

On 30 June 2004, respite residents made up 1.8% of all residents (Table 4.4), which is slightly lower than the 30 June 2003 proportion and the proportion of respite residents in nursing homes and hostels combined on 30 June 1997. This figure under-represents the importance of respite care, however, as it accounted for some 47% of 99,988 admissions from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (Table 3.1). This is explained by the short-term nature of respite care; while there were a large number of admissions for respite care (46,632) over the course of the 12-month period, there were relatively few respite residents at any one point in time. For example, there were 2,646 respite residents at 30 June 2004.

About 12% of respite separations had an unspecified destination on departure from residential care (Table 3.14). Of those for whom data were available, 79% returned to the community. A further 15% moved to another service, and 5% were discharged to hospitals. Deaths accounted for less than 2%.

For respite residents, state and territory variations in destination on separation were also evident (Table 3.14). After excluding those with an unspecified destination, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory had the highest proportions returning to the community (86% and 70% respectively), while New South Wales and South Australia had the lowest (61% and 64% respectively). Victoria and Queensland also had high proportions returning to the community (78% and 76% respectively).

A common pattern is that those states and territories with a lower rate of return to the community tended to have a higher rate of transfer to another service. Thus, in Western Australia and South Australia, 20% and 17% respectively of respite separations involved a transfer to another residential aged care service, compared with the national average of 15%.

Table 3.3: Age- and sex-specific usage rates for permanent residents, by English-speaking status, based on country of birth, 30 June 2004 (per 1,000 population)

Sex/age	Overseas born, non-English speaking			Total
	Australian born	Overseas born, English speaking	Overseas born, non-English speaking	
Females				
50–64	1.8	0.8	0.8	1.5
65–74	11.2	7.6	7.4	9.9
75–84	68.9	63.6	58.0	66.3
85+	299.3	300.1	236.3	291.7
<i>Total females</i>	<i>37.2</i>	<i>31.0</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>33.1</i>
Males				
50–64	1.9	1.0	1.0	1.6
65–74	10.8	6.6	6.6	9.2
75–84	42.2	35.2	35.6	39.9
85+	162.8	160.7	127.7	156.9
<i>Total males</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>13.8</i>
Persons				
50–64	1.9	0.9	0.9	1.5
65–74	11.0	7.1	7.0	9.6
75–84	57.8	50.3	47.6	54.9
85+	257.8	253.8	195.1	248.8
Total	27.1	21.4	15.3	23.9

Notes:

- (1) Recipients with unknown status have been pro rated.
- (2) Ratios are calculated using AIHW projections of ABS estimated resident population. (ABS 1998 and ABS 2004b).
- (3) Due to the unavailability of regular population estimates by language preference, English-speaking status is based on country of birth. People born in Australia, Ireland, United Kingdom, New Zealand, United States of America, Canada and South Africa are assumed to be from an English-speaking background.

Table 3.4: Age- and sex-specific usage rates for permanent residents^(a), by Indigenous status, 30 June 2004 (per 1,000 population)^(b)

Age	Indigenous			Non-Indigenous		
	Females	Males	Persons	Females	Males	Persons
0–49	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
50–54	2.6	3.7	3.1	0.7	0.7	0.7
55–59	5.6	4.7	5.1	1.3	1.4	1.4
60–64	8.6	9.8	9.2	2.7	2.9	2.8
65–69	14.5	24.2	19.0	5.8	5.9	5.9
70–74	27.6	34.5	30.7	14.6	13.0	13.8
75+	110.6	85.1	100.4	128.7	62.1	101.8
Total	2.1	1.6	1.8	10.5	4.1	7.3

- (a) Recipients with unknown status have been pro rated.
- (b) Ratios are calculated using ABS projections released in December 2004, cat. no.3238.0. (ABS 2004a).

Table 3.5: Occupied place-days, type of care by state/territory and remoteness^(a),
1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

State/ territory	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	All regions
	Number					
Permanent care						
NSW	12,596,010	4,189,104	1,196,119	44,122	4,055	18,029,410
Vic	9,313,937	2,999,117	756,278	17,068	n.a.	13,086,400
Qld	5,198,750	2,784,105	1,365,040	76,917	53,490	9,478,302
WA	3,461,028	496,319	318,475	51,468	29,063	4,356,353
SA	3,949,763	531,371	538,569	63,658	0	5,083,361
Tas	n.a.	1,040,159	345,872	13,236	7,260	1,406,527
ACT	530,117	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	530,117
NT	n.a.	n.a.	74,363	56,007	5,795	136,165
<i>Australia</i>	<i>35,049,605</i>	<i>12,040,175</i>	<i>4,594,716</i>	<i>322,476</i>	<i>99,663</i>	<i>52,106,635</i>
Respite care						
NSW	292,623	101,749	36,064	911	0	431,347
Vic	132,252	64,380	16,195	417	n.a.	213,244
Qld	71,029	48,680	22,736	1,704	812	144,961
WA	43,740	10,178	7,637	1,956	2,155	65,666
SA	70,141	14,298	11,203	3,087	0	98,729
Tas	n.a.	21,195	7,085	694	148	29,122
ACT	12,646	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12,646
NT	n.a.	n.a.	2,814	3,063	620	6,497
<i>Australia</i>	<i>622,431</i>	<i>260,480</i>	<i>103,734</i>	<i>11,832</i>	<i>3,735</i>	<i>1,002,212</i>
Permanent and respite care						
NSW	12,888,633	4,290,853	1,232,183	45,033	4,055	18,460,757
Vic	9,446,189	3,063,497	772,473	17,485	n.a.	13,299,644
Qld	5,269,779	2,832,785	1,387,776	78,621	54,302	9,623,263
WA	3,504,768	506,497	326,112	53,424	31,218	4,422,019
SA	4,019,904	545,669	549,772	66,745	0	5,182,090
Tas	n.a.	1,061,354	352,957	13,930	7,408	1,435,649
ACT	542,763	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	542,763
NT	n.a.	n.a.	77,177	59,070	6,415	142,662
Australia	35,672,036	12,300,655	4,698,450	334,308	103,398	53,108,847

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Table 3.5 (continued): Occupied place-days, type of care by state/territory and remoteness^(a), 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

State/ territory	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	All regions
	Per cent					
Permanent care						
NSW	69.9	23.2	6.6	0.2	0.0	100.0
Vic	71.2	22.9	5.8	0.1	n.a.	100.0
Qld	54.8	29.4	14.4	0.8	0.6	100.0
WA	79.4	11.4	7.3	1.2	0.7	100.0
SA	77.7	10.5	10.6	1.3	0.0	100.0
Tas	n.a.	74.0	24.6	0.9	0.0	100.0
ACT	100.0	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	100.0
NT	n.a.	n.a.	54.6	41.1	4.3	100.0
<i>Australia</i>	<i>67.3</i>	<i>23.1</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Respite care						
NSW	67.8	23.6	8.4	0.2	0.0	100.0
Vic	62.0	30.2	7.6	0.2	n.a.	100.0
Qld	49.0	33.6	15.7	1.2	0.6	100.0
WA	66.6	15.5	11.6	3.0	3.3	100.0
SA	71.0	14.5	11.3	3.1	0.0	100.0
Tas	n.a.	72.8	24.3	2.4	0.0	100.0
ACT	100.0	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	100.0
NT	n.a.	n.a.	43.3	47.1	9.5	100.0
<i>Australia</i>	<i>62.1</i>	<i>26.0</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Permanent and respite care						
NSW	69.8	23.2	6.7	0.2	0.0	100.0
Vic	71.0	23.0	5.8	0.1	n.a.	100.0
Qld	54.8	29.4	14.4	0.8	0.6	100.0
WA	79.3	11.5	7.4	1.2	0.7	100.0
SA	77.6	10.5	10.6	1.3	0.0	100.0
Tas	n.a.	73.9	24.6	1.0	0.0	100.0
ACT	100.0	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	100.0
NT	n.a.	n.a.	54.1	41.4	4.5	100.0
Australia	67.2	23.2	8.8	0.6	0.2	100.0

(a) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

n.a. Not applicable.

**Table 3.6: Average occupancy rate, state/territory by remoteness^(a),
1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004**

State/ territory	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	All regions
Per cent						
NSW	96.1	96.2	96.4	94.6	92.6	96.1
Vic	94.1	95.0	96.1	90.4	n.a.	94.4
Qld	96.7	97.1	95.0	89.9	91.8	96.5
WA	96.2	95.1	94.1	95.7	73.7	95.7
SA	97.5	95.9	96.4	95.8	0 ^(b)	97.2
Tas	n.a.	97.4	98.3	93.6	88.4	97.5
ACT	98.0	0 ^(b)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	98.0
NT	n.a.	n.a.	88.5	94.1	92.5	90.9
Australia	95.8	96.2	95.7	93.5	85.3	95.9

(a) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

(b) No places in this region.

The average occupancy rate =

(The sum of resident bed days in the period/The sum of available places in the period)*100, for each cell,
where / represents division and * represents multiplication).

Note: This table was supplied by DoHA.

n.a. Not applicable.

**Table 3.7: Permanent residents, length of stay to date by sex and state/territory^(a),
30 June 2004**

Sex/ length of stay	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
	Number								
Females									
<4 wks	833	586	446	186	223	71	19	8	2,372
4-<8 wks	784	696	470	202	211	74	21	2	2,460
8-<13 wks	830	685	427	257	268	73	18	4	2,562
13-<26 wks	2,156	1,757	1,167	613	610	160	51	25	6,539
26-<39 wks	2,047	1,638	969	550	611	142	57	12	6,026
39-<52 wks	2,362	1,771	1,121	630	745	196	63	28	6,916
1-<2 yrs	6,725	5,351	3,535	1,688	1,988	571	212	30	20,100
2-<3 yrs	4,907	3,575	2,603	1,239	1,332	369	154	37	14,216
3-<4 yrs	3,825	2,736	1,915	935	1,045	306	129	18	10,909
4-<5 yrs	2,633	1,925	1,337	636	829	222	98	13	7,693
5-<8 yrs	4,912	3,595	2,566	1,212	1,578	433	143	25	14,464
8+ yrs	3,973	2,242	2,014	770	989	278	97	17	10,380
Total females	35,987	26,557	18,570	8,918	10,429	2,895	1,062	219	104,637
Males									
<4 wks	462	355	254	117	123	27	11	2	1,351
4-<8 wks	462	330	223	97	125	32	9	4	1,282
8-<13 wks	491	343	280	109	136	37	11	6	1,413
13-<26 wks	1,113	853	679	308	311	83	20	12	3,379
26-<39 wks	986	750	551	253	275	69	27	12	2,923
39-<52 wks	1,030	756	551	263	301	82	23	15	3,021
1-<2 yrs	2,734	2,148	1,568	700	786	208	92	31	8,267
2-<3 yrs	1,838	1,287	996	405	519	141	67	14	5,267
3-<4 yrs	1,322	866	678	266	336	85	32	10	3,595
4-<5 yrs	856	612	533	184	231	52	29	15	2,512
5-<8 yrs	1,466	1,078	791	359	383	107	36	27	4,247
8+ yrs	1,245	683	631	195	218	77	30	21	3,100
Total males	14,005	10,061	7,735	3,256	3,744	1,000	387	169	40,357
Persons									
<4 wks	1,295	941	700	303	346	98	30	10	3,723
4-<8 wks	1,246	1,026	693	299	336	106	30	6	3,742
8-<13 wks	1,321	1,028	707	366	404	110	29	10	3,975
13-<26 wks	3,269	2,610	1,846	921	921	243	71	37	9,918
26-<39 wks	3,033	2,388	1,520	803	886	211	84	24	8,949
39-<52 wks	3,392	2,527	1,672	893	1,046	278	86	43	9,937
1-<2 yrs	9,459	7,499	5,103	2,388	2,774	779	304	61	28,367
2-<3 yrs	6,745	4,862	3,599	1,644	1,851	510	221	51	19,483
3-<4 yrs	5,147	3,602	2,593	1,201	1,381	391	161	28	14,504
4-<5 yrs	3,489	2,537	1,870	820	1,060	274	127	28	10,205
5-<8 yrs	6,378	4,673	3,357	1,571	1,961	540	179	52	18,711
8+ yrs	5,218	2,925	2,645	965	1,207	355	127	38	13,480
Total persons	49,992	36,618	26,305	12,174	14,173	3,895	1,449	388	144,994

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Table 3.7 (continued): Permanent residents, length of stay to date by sex and state/territory^(a), 30 June 2004

Sex/ length of stay	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
	Per cent								
Females									
<4 wks	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.5	1.8	3.7	2.3
4-<8 wks	2.2	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.6	2.0	0.9	2.4
8-<13 wks	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.6	2.5	1.7	1.8	2.4
13-<26 wks	6.0	6.6	6.3	6.9	5.8	5.5	4.8	11.4	6.2
26-<39 wks	5.7	6.2	5.2	6.2	5.9	4.9	5.4	5.5	5.8
39-<52 wks	6.6	6.7	6.0	7.1	7.1	6.8	5.9	12.8	6.6
1-<2 yrs	18.7	20.1	19.0	18.9	19.1	19.7	20.0	13.7	19.2
2-<3 yrs	13.6	13.5	14.0	13.9	12.8	12.7	14.5	16.9	13.6
3-<4 yrs	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.0	10.6	12.1	8.2	10.4
4-<5 yrs	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.9	7.7	9.2	5.9	7.4
5-<8 yrs	13.6	13.5	13.8	13.6	15.1	15.0	13.5	11.4	13.8
8+ yrs	11.0	8.4	10.8	8.6	9.5	9.6	9.1	7.8	9.9
<i>Total females</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Males									
<4 wks	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.3	2.7	2.8	1.2	3.3
4-<8 wks	3.3	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.2	2.3	2.4	3.2
8-<13 wks	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.7	2.8	3.6	3.5
13-<26 wks	7.9	8.5	8.8	9.5	8.3	8.3	5.2	7.1	8.4
26-<39 wks	7.0	7.5	7.1	7.8	7.3	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.2
39-<52 wks	7.4	7.5	7.1	8.1	8.0	8.2	5.9	8.9	7.5
1-<2 yrs	19.5	21.3	20.3	21.5	21.0	20.8	23.8	18.3	20.5
2-<3 yrs	13.1	12.8	12.9	12.4	13.9	14.1	17.3	8.3	13.1
3-<4 yrs	9.4	8.6	8.8	8.2	9.0	8.5	8.3	5.9	8.9
4-<5 yrs	6.1	6.1	6.9	5.7	6.2	5.2	7.5	8.9	6.2
5-<8 yrs	10.5	10.7	10.2	11.0	10.2	10.7	9.3	16.0	10.5
8+ yrs	8.9	6.8	8.2	6.0	5.8	7.7	7.8	12.4	7.7
<i>Total males</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Persons									
<4 wks	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.1	2.6	2.6
4-<8 wks	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.1	1.5	2.6
8-<13 wks	2.6	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.0	2.6	2.7
13-<26 wks	6.5	7.1	7.0	7.6	6.5	6.2	4.9	9.5	6.8
26-<39 wks	6.1	6.5	5.8	6.6	6.3	5.4	5.8	6.2	6.2
39-<52 wks	6.8	6.9	6.4	7.3	7.4	7.1	5.9	11.1	6.9
1-<2 yrs	18.9	20.5	19.4	19.6	19.6	20.0	21.0	15.7	19.6
2-<3 yrs	13.5	13.3	13.7	13.5	13.1	13.1	15.3	13.1	13.4
3-<4 yrs	10.3	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.7	10.0	11.1	7.2	10.0
4-<5 yrs	7.0	6.9	7.1	6.7	7.5	7.0	8.8	7.2	7.0
5-<8 yrs	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.9	13.8	13.9	12.4	13.4	12.9
8+ yrs	10.4	8.0	10.1	7.9	8.5	9.1	8.8	9.8	9.3
Total persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

**Table 3.8: Permanent residents, length of stay to date by sex and remoteness^(a),
30 June 2004**

Sex/ length of stay	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	Total
	Number					
Females						
<4 wks	1,600	576	180	13	3	2,372
4-<8 wks	1,610	593	236	16	5	2,460
8-<13 wks	1,689	621	239	12	1	2,562
13-<26 wks	4,283	1,612	599	40	5	6,539
26-<39 wks	4,073	1,389	520	35	9	6,026
39-<52 wks	4,674	1,606	605	29	2	6,916
1-<2 yrs	13,398	4,771	1,819	92	20	20,100
2-<3 yrs	9,627	3,304	1,175	90	20	14,216
3-<4 yrs	7,357	2,555	906	70	21	10,909
4-<5 yrs	5,308	1,701	636	38	10	7,693
5-<8 yrs	9,943	3,245	1,174	81	21	14,464
8+ yrs	7,130	2,287	891	52	20	10,380
Total females	70,692	24,260	8,980	568	137	104,637
Males						
<4 wks	927	288	126	8	2	1,351
4-<8 wks	851	310	115	6	0	1,282
8-<13 wks	919	337	139	12	6	1,413
13-<26 wks	2,214	815	315	26	9	3,379
26-<39 wks	1,912	693	291	17	10	2,923
39-<52 wks	1,985	718	287	24	7	3,021
1-<2 yrs	5,321	1,981	880	64	21	8,267
2-<3 yrs	3,481	1,272	457	38	19	5,267
3-<4 yrs	2,409	819	331	26	10	3,595
4-<5 yrs	1,660	569	249	28	6	2,512
5-<8 yrs	2,859	957	358	51	22	4,247
8+ yrs	2,068	670	306	36	20	3,100
Total males	26,606	9,429	3,854	336	132	40,357
Persons						
<4 wks	2,527	864	306	21	5	3,723
4-<8 wks	2,461	903	351	22	5	3,742
8-<13 wks	2,608	958	378	24	7	3,975
13-<26 wks	6,497	2,427	914	66	14	9,918
26-<39 wks	5,985	2,082	811	52	19	8,949
39-<52 wks	6,659	2,324	892	53	9	9,937
1-<2 yrs	18,719	6,752	2,699	156	41	28,367
2-<3 yrs	13,108	4,576	1,632	128	39	19,483
3-<4 yrs	9,766	3,374	1,237	96	31	14,504
4-<5 yrs	6,968	2,270	885	66	16	10,205
5-<8 yrs	12,802	4,202	1,532	132	43	18,711
8+ yrs	9,198	2,957	1,197	88	40	13,480
Total persons	97,298	33,689	12,834	904	269	144,994

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Table 3.8 (continued): Permanent residents, length of stay to date by sex and remoteness^(a), 30 June 2004

Sex/ length of stay	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	All regions
	Per cent					
Females						
<4 wks	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.3
4-<8 wks	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.6	2.4
8-<13 wks	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.1	0.7	2.4
13-<26 wks	6.1	6.6	6.7	7.0	3.6	6.2
26-<39 wks	5.8	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.6	5.8
39-<52 wks	6.6	6.6	6.7	5.1	1.5	6.6
1-<2 yrs	19.0	19.7	20.3	16.2	14.6	19.2
2-<3 yrs	13.6	13.6	13.1	15.8	14.6	13.6
3-<4 yrs	10.4	10.5	10.1	12.3	15.3	10.4
4-<5 yrs	7.5	7.0	7.1	6.7	7.3	7.4
5-<8 yrs	14.1	13.4	13.1	14.3	15.3	13.8
8+ yrs	10.1	9.4	9.9	9.2	14.6	9.9
<i>Total females</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Males						
<4 wks	3.5	3.1	3.3	2.4	1.5	3.3
4-<8 wks	3.2	3.3	3.0	1.8	0.0	3.2
8-<13 wks	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.5	3.5
13-<26 wks	8.3	8.6	8.2	7.7	6.8	8.4
26-<39 wks	7.2	7.3	7.6	5.1	7.6	7.2
39-<52 wks	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.1	5.3	7.5
1-<2 yrs	20.0	21.0	22.8	19.0	15.9	20.5
2-<3 yrs	13.1	13.5	11.9	11.3	14.4	13.1
3-<4 yrs	9.1	8.7	8.6	7.7	7.6	8.9
4-<5 yrs	6.2	6.0	6.5	8.3	4.5	6.2
5-<8 yrs	10.7	10.1	9.3	15.2	16.7	10.5
8+ yrs	7.8	7.1	7.9	10.7	15.2	7.7
<i>Total males</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Persons						
<4 wks	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	1.9	2.6
4-<8 wks	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.4	1.9	2.6
8-<13 wks	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7
13-<26 wks	6.7	7.2	7.1	7.3	5.2	6.8
26-<39 wks	6.2	6.2	6.3	5.8	7.1	6.2
39-<52 wks	6.8	6.9	7.0	5.9	3.3	6.9
1-<2 yrs	19.2	20.0	21.0	17.3	15.2	19.6
2-<3 yrs	13.5	13.6	12.7	14.2	14.5	13.4
3-<4 yrs	10.0	10.0	9.6	10.6	11.5	10.0
4-<5 yrs	7.2	6.7	6.9	7.3	5.9	7.0
5-<8 yrs	13.2	12.5	11.9	14.6	16.0	12.9
8+ yrs	9.5	8.8	9.3	9.7	14.9	9.3
Total persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

**Table 3.9: Separations of permanent residents, length of stay by sex and state/territory^(a),
1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004**

Sex/ length of stay	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
	Number								
Females									
<4 wks	885	442	308	145	244	36	13	2	2,075
4-<8 wks	545	347	257	117	169	34	5	1	1,475
8-<13 wks	504	317	212	117	115	17	7	1	1,290
13-<26 wks	800	626	396	201	195	62	12	9	2,301
26-<39 wks	609	418	288	171	148	52	19	2	1,707
39-<52 wks	538	380	228	142	141	44	11	3	1,487
1-<2 yrs	1,659	1,237	833	487	397	121	42	6	4,782
2-<3 yrs	1,162	944	672	344	333	111	31	5	3,602
3-<4 yrs	1,008	734	521	245	283	71	29	5	2,896
4-<5 yrs	711	546	383	175	196	50	20	8	2,089
5-<8 yrs	1,503	1,068	813	356	439	113	49	9	4,350
8+ yrs	1,014	619	528	194	284	74	33	2	2,748
Total females	10,938	7,678	5,439	2,694	2,944	785	271	53	30,802
Males									
<4 wks	786	408	350	154	236	35	16	5	1,990
4-<8 wks	500	328	240	104	135	26	5	1	1,339
8-<13 wks	401	267	216	103	117	31	10	6	1,151
13-<26 wks	670	525	353	169	188	41	21	6	1,973
26-<39 wks	473	333	230	123	114	37	6	4	1,320
39-<52 wks	378	279	210	74	85	27	9	4	1,066
1-<2 yrs	1,006	712	551	267	272	77	22	14	2,921
2-<3 yrs	650	447	366	151	194	57	18	3	1,886
3-<4 yrs	396	308	270	113	125	45	14	3	1,274
4-<5 yrs	299	220	181	66	96	27	14	4	907
5-<8 yrs	470	334	243	105	121	47	17	3	1,340
8+ yrs	283	155	177	55	58	16	9	1	754
Total males	6,312	4,316	3,387	1,484	1,741	466	161	54	17,921
Persons									
<4 wks	1,671	850	658	299	480	71	29	7	4,065
4-<8 wks	1,045	675	497	221	304	60	10	2	2,814
8-<13 wks	905	584	428	220	232	48	17	7	2,441
13-<26 wks	1,470	1,151	749	370	383	103	33	15	4,274
26-<39 wks	1,082	751	518	294	262	89	25	6	3,027
39-<52 wks	916	659	438	216	226	71	20	7	2,553
1-<2 yrs	2,665	1,949	1,384	754	669	198	64	20	7,703
2-<3 yrs	1,812	1,391	1,038	495	527	168	49	8	5,488
3-<4 yrs	1,404	1,042	791	358	408	116	43	8	4,170
4-<5 yrs	1,010	766	564	241	292	77	34	12	2,996
5-<8 yrs	1,973	1,402	1,056	461	560	160	66	12	5,690
8+ yrs	1,297	774	705	249	342	90	42	3	3,502
Total persons	17,250	11,994	8,826	4,178	4,685	1,251	432	107	48,723

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Table 3.9 (continued): Separations of permanent residents, length of stay by sex and state/territory^(a), 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Sex/ length of stay	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
	Per cent								
Females									
<4 wks	8.1	5.8	5.7	5.4	8.3	4.6	4.8	3.8	6.7
4-<8 wks	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.3	5.7	4.3	1.8	1.9	4.8
8-<13 wks	4.6	4.1	3.9	4.3	3.9	2.2	2.6	1.9	4.2
13-<26 wks	7.3	8.2	7.3	7.5	6.6	7.9	4.4	17.0	7.5
26-<39 wks	5.6	5.4	5.3	6.3	5.0	6.6	7.0	3.8	5.5
39-<52 wks	4.9	4.9	4.2	5.3	4.8	5.6	4.1	5.7	4.8
1-<2 yrs	15.2	16.1	15.3	18.1	13.5	15.4	15.5	11.3	15.5
2-<3 yrs	10.6	12.3	12.4	12.8	11.3	14.1	11.4	9.4	11.7
3-<4 yrs	9.2	9.6	9.6	9.1	9.6	9.0	10.7	9.4	9.4
4-<5 yrs	6.5	7.1	7.0	6.5	6.7	6.4	7.4	15.1	6.8
5-<8 yrs	13.7	13.9	14.9	13.2	14.9	14.4	18.1	17.0	14.1
8+ yrs	9.3	8.1	9.7	7.2	9.6	9.4	12.2	3.8	8.9
<i>Total females</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Males									
<4 wks	12.5	9.5	10.3	10.4	13.6	7.5	9.9	9.3	11.1
4-<8 wks	7.9	7.6	7.1	7.0	7.8	5.6	3.1	1.9	7.5
8-<13 wks	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.2	11.1	6.4
13-<26 wks	10.6	12.2	10.4	11.4	10.8	8.8	13.0	11.1	11.0
26-<39 wks	7.5	7.7	6.8	8.3	6.5	7.9	3.7	7.4	7.4
39-<52 wks	6.0	6.5	6.2	5.0	4.9	5.8	5.6	7.4	5.9
1-<2 yrs	15.9	16.5	16.3	18.0	15.6	16.5	13.7	25.9	16.3
2-<3 yrs	10.3	10.4	10.8	10.2	11.1	12.2	11.2	5.6	10.5
3-<4 yrs	6.3	7.1	8.0	7.6	7.2	9.7	8.7	5.6	7.1
4-<5 yrs	4.7	5.1	5.3	4.4	5.5	5.8	8.7	7.4	5.1
5-<8 yrs	7.4	7.7	7.2	7.1	7.0	10.1	10.6	5.6	7.5
8+ yrs	4.5	3.6	5.2	3.7	3.3	3.4	5.6	1.9	4.2
<i>Total males</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Persons									
<4 wks	9.7	7.1	7.5	7.2	10.2	5.7	6.7	6.5	8.3
4-<8 wks	6.1	5.6	5.6	5.3	6.5	4.8	2.3	1.9	5.8
8-<13 wks	5.2	4.9	4.8	5.3	5.0	3.8	3.9	6.5	5.0
13-<26 wks	8.5	9.6	8.5	8.9	8.2	8.2	7.6	14.0	8.8
26-<39 wks	6.3	6.3	5.9	7.0	5.6	7.1	5.8	5.6	6.2
39-<52 wks	5.3	5.5	5.0	5.2	4.8	5.7	4.6	6.5	5.2
1-<2 yrs	15.4	16.2	15.7	18.0	14.3	15.8	14.8	18.7	15.8
2-<3 yrs	10.5	11.6	11.8	11.8	11.2	13.4	11.3	7.5	11.3
3-<4 yrs	8.1	8.7	9.0	8.6	8.7	9.3	10.0	7.5	8.6
4-<5 yrs	5.9	6.4	6.4	5.8	6.2	6.2	7.9	11.2	6.1
5-<8 yrs	11.4	11.7	12.0	11.0	12.0	12.8	15.3	11.2	11.7
8+ yrs	7.5	6.5	8.0	6.0	7.3	7.2	9.7	2.8	7.2
Total persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

Table 3.10: Average length of stay (weeks) separations of permanent residents, state/territory^(a) by sex and remoteness^(b), 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Sex/state/ territory	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	All regions
Number						
Females						
NSW	165.6	160.9	153.2	171.2	0.0	163.8
Vic	157.4	158.2	185.9	154.2	n.a.	159.2
Qld	170.5	175.4	177.2	164.8	166.4	172.8
WA	156.4	129.0	142.7	195.1	307.0	153.6
SA	172.4	150.8	160.5	165.4	0.0	169.0
Tas	n.a.	176.8	153.9	69.5	114.1	169.3
ACT	199.1	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	199.1
NT	n.a.	n.a.	146.9	166.2	282.1	157.1
<i>Australia</i>	<i>164.4</i>	<i>163.0</i>	<i>165.7</i>	<i>165.6</i>	<i>195.4</i>	<i>164.3</i>
Males						
NSW	107.1	113.2	101.1	100.7	97.4	108.1
Vic	105.6	102.7	107.1	117.9	n.a.	105.0
Qld	114.8	114.7	125.8	113.6	110.1	116.3
WA	106.9	94.4	98.4	90.2	69.0	103.9
SA	103.2	111.2	93.8	68.0	0.0	102.8
Tas	n.a.	114.5	127.2	68.9	176.3	118.1
ACT	130.2	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	130.2
NT	n.a.	n.a.	72.8	77.7	348.1	95.4
<i>Australia</i>	<i>107.7</i>	<i>110.2</i>	<i>109.6</i>	<i>93.0</i>	<i>138.9</i>	<i>108.4</i>
Persons						
NSW	144.2	143.7	133.1	150.0	97.4	143.4
Vic	138.9	138.0	156.3	141.4	n.a.	139.7
Qld	150.1	150.5	157.8	134.1	140.4	151.1
WA	139.8	113.9	124.9	135.9	211.8	135.9
SA	147.2	134.9	134.3	123.7	0.0	144.4
Tas	n.a.	153.3	144.4	69.3	142.8	150.2
ACT	173.4	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	173.4
NT	n.a.	n.a.	117.0	109.5	326.1	126.0
Australia	144.0	143.0	144.3	128.8	167.9	143.7

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

(b) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

n.a. Not applicable.

Table 3.11: Average length of stay (weeks) separations of respite residents, state/territory^(a) by sex and remoteness^(b), 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Sex/state/ territory	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	All regions
	Number					
Females						
NSW	3.6	3.1	3.4	4.0	0.0	3.5
Vic	2.7	2.6	2.8	3.1	0.0	2.7
Qld	2.8	3.0	3.1	4.7	4.7	2.9
WA	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.0	4.5	3.1
SA	3.9	3.2	2.8	3.2	0.0	3.6
Tas	n.a.	2.4	2.3	2.3	6.3	2.4
ACT	2.5	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.5
NT	n.a.	n.a.	3.1	3.4	6.4	3.4
<i>Australia</i>	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.2	4.9	3.1
Males						
NSW	3.6	3.2	3.4	2.7	0.0	3.5
Vic	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.7	0.0	2.5
Qld	2.7	2.8	3.1	2.9	4.4	2.8
WA	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.4	5.4	2.9
SA	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.6	0.0	3.3
Tas	n.a.	2.2	2.5	4.0	3.7	2.3
ACT	2.4	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.4
NT	n.a.	n.a.	3.1	3.6	4.7	3.5
<i>Australia</i>	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.9	5.0	3.0
Persons						
NSW	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.5	0.0	3.5
Vic	2.6	2.5	2.8	3.0	0.0	2.6
Qld	2.8	2.9	3.1	4.0	4.6	2.9
WA	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.2	5.0	3.1
SA	3.8	3.2	2.8	3.0	0.0	3.5
Tas	n.a.	2.3	2.4	2.9	4.2	2.3
ACT	2.5	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.5
NT	n.a.	n.a.	3.1	3.5	5.7	3.4
Australia	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.1	5.0	3.1

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

(b) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

n.a. Not applicable.

Table 3.12: All separations, separation mode by sex and state/territory^(a), 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Sex/ separation mode	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
	Number								
Females									
Death	9,338	6,400	4,768	2,107	2,716	752	251	45	26,377
Return to community	7,423	5,726	3,592	1,236	1,743	965	400	129	21,214
To hospital	1,097	761	508	365	225	37	10	12	3,015
To another aged care service	2,158	1,221	847	592	527	98	50	19	5,512
Other	2,356	723	216	167	353	32	30	25	3,902
<i>Total females</i>	<i>22,372</i>	<i>14,831</i>	<i>9,931</i>	<i>4,467</i>	<i>5,564</i>	<i>1,884</i>	<i>741</i>	<i>230</i>	<i>60,020</i>
Males									
Death	5,408	3,550	2,950	1,195	1,610	436	149	47	15,345
Return to community	4,048	3,786	2,254	1,018	1,000	596	201	75	12,978
To hospital	675	447	280	201	146	32	14	14	1,809
To another aged care service	1,141	616	460	298	208	49	37	7	2,816
Other	1,319	436	173	111	206	21	16	17	2,299
<i>Total males</i>	<i>12,591</i>	<i>8,835</i>	<i>6,117</i>	<i>2,823</i>	<i>3,170</i>	<i>1,134</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>35,247</i>
Persons									
Death	14,746	9,950	7,718	3,302	4,326	1,188	400	92	41,722
Return to community	11,471	9,512	5,846	2,254	2,743	1,561	601	204	34,192
To hospital	1,772	1,208	788	566	371	69	24	26	4,824
To another aged care service	3,299	1,837	1,307	890	735	147	87	26	8,328
Other	3,675	1,159	389	278	559	53	46	42	6,201
Total persons	34,963	23,666	16,048	7,290	8,734	3,018	1,158	390	95,267
Per cent									
Females									
Death	41.7	43.2	48.0	47.2	48.8	39.9	33.9	19.6	43.9
Return to community	33.2	38.6	36.2	27.7	31.3	51.2	54.0	56.1	35.3
To hospital	4.9	5.1	5.1	8.2	4.0	2.0	1.3	5.2	5.0
To another aged care service	9.6	8.2	8.5	13.3	9.5	5.2	6.7	8.3	9.2
Other	10.5	4.9	2.2	3.7	6.3	1.7	4.0	10.9	6.5
<i>Total females</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Males									
Death	43.0	40.2	48.2	42.3	50.8	38.4	35.7	29.4	43.5
Return to community	32.1	42.9	36.8	36.1	31.5	52.6	48.2	46.9	36.8
To hospital	5.4	5.1	4.6	7.1	4.6	2.8	3.4	8.8	5.1
To another aged care service	9.1	7.0	7.5	10.6	6.6	4.3	8.9	4.4	8.0
Other	10.5	4.9	2.8	3.9	6.5	1.9	3.8	10.6	6.5
<i>Total males</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Persons									
Death	42.2	42.0	48.1	45.3	49.5	39.4	34.5	23.6	43.8
Return to community	32.8	40.2	36.4	30.9	31.4	51.7	51.9	52.3	35.9
To hospital	5.1	5.1	4.9	7.8	4.2	2.3	2.1	6.7	5.1
To another aged care service	9.4	7.8	8.1	12.2	8.4	4.9	7.5	6.7	8.7
Other	10.5	4.9	2.4	3.8	6.4	1.8	4.0	10.8	6.5
Total persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

**Table 3.13: Separations of permanent residents, separation mode by sex and state/territory^(a),
1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004**

Sex/ separation mode	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
	Number								
Females									
Death	9,183	6,358	4,729	2,095	2,668	742	250	44	26,069
Return to community	441	220	207	84	97	19	4	3	1,075
To hospital	583	510	317	270	83	9	2	5	1,779
To another aged care service	532	500	146	211	72	10	8	0	1,479
Other	199	90	40	34	24	5	7	1	400
<i>Total females</i>	<i>10,938</i>	<i>7,678</i>	<i>5,439</i>	<i>2,694</i>	<i>2,944</i>	<i>785</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>30,802</i>
Males									
Death	5,277	3,513	2,909	1,176	1,567	431	147	43	15,063
Return to community	313	212	180	64	59	15	5	4	852
To hospital	325	277	160	136	49	7	3	3	960
To another aged care service	243	240	88	90	49	7	2	3	722
Other	154	74	50	18	17	6	4	1	324
<i>Total males</i>	<i>6,312</i>	<i>4,316</i>	<i>3,387</i>	<i>1,484</i>	<i>1,741</i>	<i>466</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>17,921</i>
Persons									
Death	14,460	9,871	7,638	3,271	4,235	1,173	397	87	41,132
Return to community	754	432	387	148	156	34	9	7	1,927
To hospital	908	787	477	406	132	16	5	8	2,739
To another aged care service	775	740	234	301	121	17	10	3	2,201
Other	353	164	90	52	41	11	11	2	724
Total persons	17,250	11,994	8,826	4,178	4,685	1,251	432	107	48,723
Per cent									
Females									
Death	84.0	82.8	86.9	77.8	90.6	94.5	92.3	83.0	84.6
Return to community	4.0	2.9	3.8	3.1	3.3	2.4	1.5	5.7	3.5
To hospital	5.3	6.6	5.8	10.0	2.8	1.1	0.7	9.4	5.8
To another aged care service	4.9	6.5	2.7	7.8	2.4	1.3	3.0	0.0	4.8
Other	1.8	1.2	0.7	1.3	0.8	0.6	2.6	1.9	1.3
<i>Total females</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Males									
Death	83.6	81.4	85.9	79.2	90.0	92.5	91.3	79.6	84.1
Return to community	5.0	4.9	5.3	4.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	7.4	4.8
To hospital	5.1	6.4	4.7	9.2	2.8	1.5	1.9	5.6	5.4
To another aged care service	3.8	5.6	2.6	6.1	2.8	1.5	1.2	5.6	4.0
Other	2.4	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.3	2.5	1.9	1.8
<i>Total males</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Persons									
Death	83.8	82.3	86.5	78.3	90.4	93.8	91.9	81.3	84.4
Return to community	4.4	3.6	4.4	3.5	3.3	2.7	2.1	6.5	4.0
To hospital	5.3	6.6	5.4	9.7	2.8	1.3	1.2	7.5	5.6
To another aged care service	4.5	6.2	2.7	7.2	2.6	1.4	2.3	2.8	4.5
Other	2.0	1.4	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.9	2.5	1.9	1.5
Total persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

**Table 3.14: Separations of respite residents, separation mode by sex and state/territory^(a),
1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004**

Sex/ separation mode	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
	Number								
Females									
Death	155	42	39	12	48	10	1	1	308
Return to community	6,982	5,506	3,385	1,152	1,646	946	396	126	20,139
To hospital	514	251	191	95	142	28	8	7	1,236
To another aged care service	1,626	721	701	381	455	88	42	19	4,033
Other	2,157	633	176	133	329	27	23	24	3,502
<i>Total females</i>	<i>11,434</i>	<i>7,153</i>	<i>4,492</i>	<i>1,773</i>	<i>2,620</i>	<i>1,099</i>	<i>470</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>29,218</i>
Males									
Death	131	37	41	19	43	5	2	4	282
Return to community	3,735	3,574	2,074	954	941	581	196	71	12,126
To hospital	350	170	120	65	97	25	11	11	849
To another aged care service	898	376	372	208	159	42	35	4	2,094
Other	1,165	362	123	93	189	15	12	16	1,975
<i>Total males</i>	<i>6,279</i>	<i>4,519</i>	<i>2,730</i>	<i>1,339</i>	<i>1,429</i>	<i>668</i>	<i>256</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>17,326</i>
Persons									
Death	286	79	80	31	91	15	3	5	590
Return to community	10,717	9,080	5,459	2,106	2,587	1,527	592	197	32,265
To hospital	864	421	311	160	239	53	19	18	2,085
To another aged care service	2,524	1,097	1,073	589	614	130	77	23	6,127
Other	3,322	995	299	226	518	42	35	40	5,477
Total persons	17,713	11,672	7,222	3,112	4,049	1,767	726	283	46,544
Per cent									
Females									
Death	1.4	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.8	0.9	0.2	0.6	1.1
Return to community	61.1	77.0	75.4	65.0	62.8	86.1	84.3	71.2	68.9
To hospital	4.5	3.5	4.3	5.4	5.4	2.5	1.7	4.0	4.2
To another aged care service	14.2	10.1	15.6	21.5	17.4	8.0	8.9	10.7	13.8
Other	18.9	8.8	3.9	7.5	12.6	2.5	4.9	13.6	12.0
<i>Total females</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Males									
Death	2.1	0.8	1.5	1.4	3.0	0.7	0.8	3.8	1.6
Return to community	59.5	79.1	76.0	71.2	65.9	87.0	76.6	67.0	70.0
To hospital	5.6	3.8	4.4	4.9	6.8	3.7	4.3	10.4	4.9
To another aged care service	14.3	8.3	13.6	15.5	11.1	6.3	13.7	3.8	12.1
Other	18.6	8.0	4.5	6.9	13.2	2.2	4.7	15.1	11.4
<i>Total males</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Persons									
Death	1.6	0.7	1.1	1.0	2.2	0.8	0.4	1.8	1.3
Return to community	60.5	77.8	75.6	67.7	63.9	86.4	81.5	69.6	69.3
To hospital	4.9	3.6	4.3	5.1	5.9	3.0	2.6	6.4	4.5
To another aged care service	14.2	9.4	14.9	18.9	15.2	7.4	10.6	8.1	13.2
Other	18.8	8.5	4.1	7.3	12.8	2.4	4.8	14.1	11.8
Total persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

Table 3.15: Separations of permanent residents, length of stay by separation mode, 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Length of stay	Death	Return to community	To hospital	To another aged care service	Other	Total
	Number					
<4 wks	3,123	490	204	146	102	4,065
4-<8 wks	2,204	250	174	128	58	2,814
8-<13 wks	1,887	203	178	124	49	2,441
13-<26 wks	3,353	315	285	222	99	4,274
26-<39 wks	2,435	169	194	172	57	3,027
39-<52 wks	2,128	106	154	127	38	2,553
1-<2 yrs	6,482	196	502	418	105	7,703
2-<3 yrs	4,808	71	294	252	63	5,488
3-<4 yrs	3,682	40	239	172	37	4,170
4-<5 yrs	2,678	28	142	117	31	2,996
5-<8 yrs	5,165	30	243	204	48	5,690
8+ yrs	3,187	29	130	119	37	3,502
Total	41,132	1,927	2,739	2,201	724	48,723
Per cent (column)						
<4 wks	7.6	25.4	7.4	6.6	14.1	8.3
4-<8 wks	5.4	13.0	6.4	5.8	8.0	5.8
8-<13 wks	4.6	10.5	6.5	5.6	6.8	5.0
13-<26 wks	8.2	16.3	10.4	10.1	13.7	8.8
26-<39 wks	5.9	8.8	7.1	7.8	7.9	6.2
39-<52 wks	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.2	5.2
1-<2 yrs	15.8	10.2	18.3	19.0	14.5	15.8
2-<3 yrs	11.7	3.7	10.7	11.4	8.7	11.3
3-<4 yrs	9.0	2.1	8.7	7.8	5.1	8.6
4-<5 yrs	6.5	1.5	5.2	5.3	4.3	6.1
5-<8 yrs	12.6	1.6	8.9	9.3	6.6	11.7
8+ yrs	7.7	1.5	4.7	5.4	5.1	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Per cent (row)						
<4 wks	76.8	12.1	5.0	3.6	2.5	100.0
4-<8 wks	78.3	8.9	6.2	4.5	2.1	100.0
8-<13 wks	77.3	8.3	7.3	5.1	2.0	100.0
13-<26 wks	78.5	7.4	6.7	5.2	2.3	100.0
26-<39 wks	80.4	5.6	6.4	5.7	1.9	100.0
39-<52 wks	83.4	4.2	6.0	5.0	1.5	100.0
1-<2 yrs	84.1	2.5	6.5	5.4	1.4	100.0
2-<3 yrs	87.6	1.3	5.4	4.6	1.1	100.0
3-<4 yrs	88.3	1.0	5.7	4.1	0.9	100.0
4-<5 yrs	89.4	0.9	4.7	3.9	1.0	100.0
5-<8 yrs	90.8	0.5	4.3	3.6	0.8	100.0
8+ yrs	91.0	0.8	3.7	3.4	1.1	100.0
Total	84.4	4.0	5.6	4.5	1.5	100.0