

7 Administrative data for admitted patients

Introduction

This chapter presents a summary of patient-level administrative information, covering admitted patient election status, funding source, cross-border flows, care type, urgency of admission, mode of admission, mode of separation and inter-hospital contracted patient status. The data are derived from the AIHW's National Hospital Morbidity Database, a compilation of patient-level data for separations from public and private hospitals in Australia (see Chapter 1). Separations were included for all care types except *Newborn* episodes that did not include qualified days. However, Tables 7.11 and 7.12 also include *Newborn* episodes without qualified days. Records for *Hospital boarders* and *Posthumous organ procurement* were not included.

Data on Medicare eligibility status for admitted patients have, in previous reports, been presented in this chapter with data on patient election status and funding source. As for *Australian hospital statistics* for the years 2001–02 to 2004–05 (AIHW 2003, 2004a, 2005a), data on Medicare eligibility status have been included in Table 7.1 to allow comparison of data on Medicare eligibility status, patient election status and funding source over time, as far as is possible. Further information on Medicare eligibility status is included in Appendix 3.

For the purpose of reporting these data, the 'Patient election status' for patients whose funding source was reported as *Australian Health Care Agreements* and *Reciprocal health care agreements* was categorised as public. The 'Patient election status' for patients whose funding source was reported as *Private health insurance*, *Self-funded*, *Workers compensation*, *Motor vehicle third party personal claim*, *Other compensation*, *Department of Veterans' Affairs*, *Department of Defence* or *Correctional facility* was categorised as private, and the 'Patient election status' for patients whose funding source was reported as *Other hospital or public authority*, *Other* or *Not reported* was categorised according to the reported 'Admitted patient election status'. Separations for *Other hospital or public authority* in Tasmanian private hospitals were reported as public patients on the basis that the contracting hospital was a public hospital.

Caution should be taken when making comparisons with *Australian hospital statistics* reports published before 2001–02 as the categories presented in Tables 7.1 to 7.5 are not directly comparable because of changes in the data elements used (see Appendix 3 for more information).

Patient election status and funding source

Changes 2000–01 to 2004–05

Table 7.1 presents the number of separations and patient days by funding source and hospital sector for the years 2000–01 to 2004–05. Between 2000–01 and 2004–05 the number of

separations for private patients for both sectors combined increased by 19.7% (4.6% per year), and separations for public patients increased by 9.3% (2.2% per year). Between 2003–04 and 2004–05, public patient separations increased by 1.7% and private patient separations increased by 3.1%. After adjusting for coverage change and a Tasmanian hospital being recategorised from the private sector to the public sector (as detailed in Chapter 2), separations for public patients increased by 1.7% and separations for private patients increased by 3.9%. The number of separations for private patients in public hospitals increased by 2.8% between 2003–04 and 2004–05 and the number of separations for public patients in private hospitals increased between 2003–04 and 2004–05 by 5.2%. After the same adjustments the number of separations for private patients in public hospitals increased by 2.7% and the number of public patients in private hospitals increased by 10.1% between 2003–04 and 2004–05.

The proportion of separations for *Department of Veterans' Affairs* patients in public hospitals remained relatively stable between 2000–01 and 2004–05 at approximately 3.3% of total public hospital separations. Over the same period the proportion of separations in private hospitals that were for *Department of Veterans' Affairs* patients decreased each year from 8.1% in 2000–01 to 6.8% in 2004–05.

State and territory overview

Tables 7.2 to 7.6 are presented hierarchically using the data elements 'Admitted patient election status' and selected funding source categories. Accompanying tables published on the Internet present all funding source categories. The data element 'Funding source for hospital patient' (*National health data dictionary* version 12.0 (NHDC 2003)) provides information about the principal source of funds for an admitted patient episode.

There may have been some variation between jurisdictions in the definitions used for the funding source categories and in the way in which state- or territory-level data were mapped to the *National health data dictionary* format. In particular, Tasmania was not able to identify separations whose funding source was *Self-funded*. Therefore, the number of separations for this category may be underestimated, whereas the number of separations in the funding source categories of *Private health insurance* and *Other private* may be overestimated.

Public patients accounted for 54.1% of all hospital separations, 86.7% in public hospitals (3,705,791) and 3.4% in private hospitals (92,278) (Table 7.2). Patients whose funding source was reported as *Private health insurance* made up 57.6% of private patients in public hospitals, 80.0% of private patients in private hospitals and 34.8% of all separations. *Department of Veterans' Affairs* patients made up 4.8% of all hospital separations.

Overall, around 1.0% of patients were funded by *Workers compensation* (71,415 separations), and 0.4% were funded by *Motor vehicle third party personal claims* (25,327 separations). For these compensable separations, 56.5% were in private hospitals.

In both sectors combined there were 185.2 separations per 1,000 population (age-standardised) for public patients, compared with 154.4 for private patients (Table 7.3). The latter figure is underestimated because data were not available for about 21% of private hospitals separations in Tasmania and for all private free-standing day hospital facilities in the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory (see Appendix 4 for further details). The Northern Territory recorded the highest public patient separation rate for public hospitals (436.9 per 1,000). The separation rate for public patients in private hospitals in Western Australia (34.2 per 1,000) was markedly higher than the national rate.

Table 7.4 presents the average cost weight of separations in each state and territory by hospital sector, patient election status and funding source. The table has been restricted to separations with a care type of *Acute*, *Newborn* (with at least one qualified patient day) or for which the care type was *Not reported*. In the public sector, the average cost weights for private patients were higher than those for public patients for most states and territories. In the public sector, patients whose funding source was reported as *Motor vehicle third party personal claim* had average cost weights markedly higher than other funding source categories. In the private sector, however, patients whose funding source was reported as *Department of Veterans' Affairs* generally had the highest average cost weight. More detail about the Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Group classification and cost weights is included in Chapter 12.

Table 7.5 shows the number of patient days reported for each funding source category, by state or territory and hospital sector. Public patients accounted for 59.5% of total patient days, and *Private health insurance* funded patients accounted for 29.1% of patient days in all hospitals.

Age group

Table 7.6 presents the number of separations by patient election status, funding source, age group and hospital sector. For all hospitals, the most common age group for separations with an election status of *Public* was 65–74 years, accounting for 15.9% of *Public* patients in public hospitals and 19.2% of *Public* patients in private hospitals. Overall, 14.8% of separations with a funding source of *Private health insurance* were for patients aged 65–74 years, and 58.1% of all separations with a funding source of *Department of Veterans' Affairs* were for patients aged 75–84 years. Persons aged 35–44 years were in the most common age group for separations with a funding source of *Self-funded* (13.1% of separations in public hospitals and 27.4% of separations in private hospitals), and 25.3% of all separations with a funding source of *Motor vehicle third party personal claim* were for patients aged 15–24 years.

Within age groups, 10.6% of separations for persons aged 85+ years reported a funding source of *Department of Veterans' Affairs*, and for persons aged 15–24 years, 9.2% of separations reported a funding source of *Private health insurance*.

Cross-border flows

For cross-border flow information, the state or territory of usual residence is reported as one of the six states, the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory, other Australian territories (including Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory) or other (including resident overseas, at sea or no fixed address) (Tables 7.7 to 7.10). This information is derived from data on the area of usual residence of the patient stored in the National Hospital Morbidity Database as the state or territory and Statistical local area.

Table 7.7 presents the number of separations and age-standardised separation rates per 1,000 population in each jurisdiction by the state or territory of usual residence of the patient and hospital sector. Overall, 97.4% (6,834,737) of separations were for patients who were treated in their state or territory of residence. However, in the Australian Capital Territory, 72.0% of public hospital separations were for Australian Capital Territory residents (45,797), with most of the remainder being residents of New South Wales. This is a result of the Australian

Capital Territory being a referral centre for surrounding districts, which are part of New South Wales.

Table 7.8 presents the number of separations in each jurisdiction by state or territory of usual residence and patient election status and indicates the number of patients who were treated as public patients and as private patients in hospitals in a state other than their state of usual residence. In the Northern Territory, more than 90% of separations for patients whose state of usual residence was Western Australia and more than 95% of separations for patients whose state of usual residence was South Australia were for public patients. Almost 75% of separations in Queensland hospitals for patients whose state of usual residence was New South Wales and over 60% of separations in New South Wales hospitals for patients whose state of usual residence was Victoria were for private patients. For most states of usual residence, the age-standardised separation rate was higher for public patients than for private patients. However, for separations for patients whose state of residence was Queensland, the separation rate for private patients was higher than that for public patients.

The average cost weight of separations for each state and territory is presented in Table 7.9 by hospital sector, and by state or territory of usual residence, for separations with a care type of *Acute, Newborn* (with at least one qualified patient day) or for which the care type was *Not reported*. Generally, average cost weights in both the public and private sectors were higher in all jurisdictions for interstate patients than for patients resident in the state of hospitalisation. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data as the average cost weight for a small number of interstate patients can be inflated by the occurrence of relatively small numbers of separations with high cost weights. Public sector separations for Northern Territory residents had higher average cost weights in all other states and territories compared with the Northern Territory. This reflects a tendency for Northern Territory residents who require more complex treatment to attend hospitals in other states.

The notional cost of public patient separations for each state and territory of hospitalisation by state or territory of usual residence is presented in Table 7.10, based on the estimated average cost of the AR-DRG for each separation. This table has been restricted to separations with a care type of *Acute, Newborn* (with at least one qualified patient day) or for which a care type was *Not reported* and for which the admitted patient election status was reported as *Public*. These figures do not represent actual expenditure on these separations. These figures should also not be interpreted as an estimate of the total cost of public patients as they do not include estimates of costs for separations with non-acute care.

Nationally, using these notional estimates, approximately 97% of the estimated cost of public patients is for patients treated within their state or territory of residence. For Western Australia, more than 99% of the notional cost of public patients was for Western Australian residents, and for the Australian Capital Territory, over 30% of this notional cost was for separations of patients whose state of usual residence was other than the Australian Capital Territory.

Care type

The data element 'Care type' defines the overall nature of a clinical service provided to an admitted patient during an episode of care. Definitions of each care type are summarised in the glossary.

Not all states and territories supplied detailed information for rehabilitation and palliative care. For rehabilitation, a category of *Rehabilitation–not further specified* was used by some states and territories and is included in Tables 7.11 and 7.12. Because of the small number of separations reported in the palliative care subcategories, all palliative care separations have been reported as *Palliative care* in Tables 7.11 and 7.12, without disaggregation into subcategories.

The *Newborn* care type is used for all patients aged 9 days or less at admission. Newborn episodes of care comprise separations with qualified days only, separations with a mixture of qualified and unqualified days, and separations with unqualified days only. Most states and territories have implemented this *Newborn* definition; however, Tasmania and the Northern Territory did not report *Newborn* separations according to the *National health data dictionary* definition (see the glossary and Appendix 3). In South Australia, qualified and unqualified newborn care are defined as separate episodes of care. For the purpose of supplying data to the National Hospital Morbidity Database separate episodes occurring within a single stay in hospital are joined together.

Additionally, some states and territories reported data for *Hospital boarders* and *Posthumous organ procurement*, for which categories are included in the care type data element. This activity is not considered to be admitted patient care, so records relating to it have been excluded from this report. See Appendix 3 for more detail on this activity.

Table 7.11 presents the number of separations for each care type. For public and private sectors combined, 93.5% of separations were classified as episodes of *Acute care*, 3.6% as *Newborn* and 1.9% as *Rehabilitation care*. There was some variation among the states and territories and between the public and private sectors. For example, the proportion of public hospital separations for *Rehabilitation care* ranged from 0.9% (722) in the Northern Territory to 2.3% in Queensland (17,233).

Newborn separations with unqualified days only have been included in Tables 7.11 and 7.12 only in this report and, as such, will cause total separations in Table 7.11 to differ from those of other tables. They accounted for 203,044 separations, the majority (155,992 or 76.8%) in the public sector.

The average length of stay for episodes of *Acute care* in private hospitals (2.4 days) was shorter than that for public hospitals (3.2 days) (derived from Tables 7.11 and 7.12). The average length of stay for *Newborn* episodes with a mixture of qualified and unqualified days has been presented separately as the average number of qualified days and the average number of unqualified days. In the public sector, the average length of stay for these ‘mixed’ separations was 3.1 qualified days and 2.4 unqualified days, compared with 10.8 days for newborn separations with qualified days only and 2.8 days for newborn separations with no qualified days. In the private sector, the average length of stay for these ‘mixed’ separations was 4.3 qualified days and 3.7 unqualified days, compared with 7.4 days for qualified newborns and 4.4 days for unqualified newborns.

Non-acute care

Table 7.13 presents information by patient election status and mode of separation (see note on variations in the data domains used for this data element below) for separations with a non-acute care type – *Rehabilitation care*, *Palliative care*, *Psychogeriatric care*, *Geriatric evaluation and management* and *Maintenance care*, with the latter three combined as *Other non-acute care*.

Data on patients receiving non-acute care may provide information relevant to continuity of care.

Overall, 60.6% of all separations with non-acute care were in public hospitals and 50.4% of non-acute patients elected to be treated as public patients. For separations with non-acute care, the most common mode of separation was *Other*, which includes discharge to usual residence/ own accommodation/ welfare institution (70.1%), 7.4% reported a separation mode of *Discharge/transfer to a residential aged care service*, 6.2% had a separation mode of *Statistical discharge-type change* (indicating that the patient remained in the same hospital to receive other care) and 6.1% reported a separation mode of *Discharge/transfer to an(other) hospital* (acute or psychiatric) (see Table 7.13). There was some variation between hospital sectors in the modes of separation reported for non-acute care. For example, 8.3% of separations for non-acute care in public hospitals were transferred to another hospital (acute or psychiatric), compared with 2.7% in private hospitals. There was also variation in the mode of separation by type of non-acute care, as 84.3% of separations for *Rehabilitation care* reported a separation mode of *Other* compared with 33.8% of separations for *Palliative care* and 47.9% for *Other non-acute care*.

Table 7.14 presents information by age, sex and mode of separation for separations for non-acute care. The majority of separations for patients whose care type was reported as *Rehabilitation care* were for females (56.7%), and over half of the female patients were aged 75 years and over (53.4%, 40,754 separations). For *Palliative care*, the majority of separations were reported for males (55.1%) and 87.1% of all *Palliative care* patients were aged over 55 years. For *Other non-acute care*, the majority of separations were for females (58.2%), with 75 years and over the most common age group for both sexes (68.4%, 30,931).

Mode of admission

The data element 'Mode of admission' records the mechanism by which a patient begins an episode of care, and is presented in Table 7.15.

In both public and private hospitals, most separations had a mode of admission of *Other* (94.4%, 6,623,749), the term used to refer to all planned and unplanned admissions except transfers from other hospitals and statistical admissions. Public hospitals recorded higher proportions of both *Admitted patient transferred from another hospital* (202,969 or 4.7% of public hospital separations) and *Statistical admission: type change* (65,269 or 1.5% of public hospital separations) than were reported for private hospitals (78,312 or 2.9% and 6,601 or 0.2% of private hospital separations, respectively). Among the states and territories, New South Wales had the highest proportion of separations with an admission mode of *Admitted patient transferred from another hospital* (5.3%).

Mode of separation

The mode of separation records the status of the patient (discharged, transferred, care type change, died) at the time of separation and, for some categories, the place to which the person was discharged or transferred, as shown in Table 7.16. Because of changes in the *National health data dictionary* definition for some of the categories for this data element between version 9.0 in 2000–01 and version 12.0 in 2003–04 (NHDC 2000, 2003), and differences in the use of these definitions by jurisdictions, the use of some categories differs

between jurisdictions. For 2004–05, the category *Discharge/transfer to residential aged care service* includes separations where the patient was discharged to a residential aged care service which was their usual place of residence in Victoria. Consequently, the number of separations with a mode of separation of *Other* may be underestimated for those jurisdictions. As the reporting of the category *Discharge/transfer to residential aged care service* also differed over time for some jurisdictions, comparisons with mode of separation data from previous years should be interpreted with caution.

The majority of separations (6,462,819, 92.1%) were included in the *Other* category, suggesting that most patients go home after their episode of care. This was particularly the case in the private sector, where 96.7% of separations (2,652,697) were categorised as *Other* compared with 89.1% (3,810,122) in the public sector. The main difference between the sectors was that more public sector patients were transferred to other hospitals (5.9%) than was the case for private sector patients (1.8%). There were also greater proportions of separations in the public sector for the categories *Died* and the *Left against medical advice/discharge at own risk*.

There is a discrepancy between the number of patients reporting a mode of separation of *Discharge/transfer to an(other) hospital* (acute and psychiatric) (303,162, see Table 7.16) and the number of patients who recorded a mode of admission of *Admitted patient transferred from another hospital* (281,281, see Table 7.15). This may indicate that not all patients who are transferred from one hospital to another are having this recorded as their mode of admission.

Inter-hospital contracted patient status

Table 7.17 reports on the data element 'Inter-hospital contracted patient'. An episode of care for an inter-hospital contracted patient is defined in the *National health data dictionary* version 12.0 supplement (AIHW 2004c) as an episode of care for an admitted patient whose treatment and/or care is provided under an arrangement between a hospital purchaser of hospital care and a provider of an admitted service and for which the activity is recorded by both hospitals. Thus it includes separations under contract between hospitals, but does not include separations under contract between private hospitals and the jurisdiction or between private hospitals and regional or area health services.

Contracted care was reported for 0.5% (33,788) of separations. The total number of inter-hospital contracted patients was higher for private hospitals (23,834) than for public hospitals (8,954).

Approximately half (49.3%, 4,412 separations) of contracted care provided by public hospitals was purchased by private hospitals and 85.8% (20,440 separations) of contracted care provided by private hospitals was purchased by public hospitals.

As inter-hospital contracted patients are admitted patients of both the contracting and contracted hospital, these separations may represent double-counting of hospital activity in the National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Urgency of admission

Table 7.18 reports on the data element 'Urgency of admission'. This data element describes whether the admission was assigned an urgency status and, if so, whether the admission occurred on an emergency (admission should occur within 24 hours) or an elective basis. The table also includes information on whether the separations were considered to be *Surgical* or *Other*. These categories have been determined based on the *Surgical*, *Medical*, *Other* partitions of the AR-DRG classification which are assigned generally on the presence of operating room procedures for the *Surgical* partition and non-operating room procedures for the *Medical* and *Other* partitions (see Chapter 12). For this table the category *Other* includes both the *Medical* and *Other* partitions of the AR-DRG classification.

The majority of *Emergency* admissions were treated in the public sector (90.2%) and 55.7% of *Elective* admissions were treated in the private sector. For both the private and public sectors combined, 28.0% (1,967,494) of separations were assigned an *Emergency* status, 58.1% of separations (4,078,900) were assigned an *Elective* status and the status was *Not assigned* for 13.6% of separations. In the public hospital sector, 34.2% of separations that were assigned an *Elective* status and 11.3% of separations that were assigned an *Emergency* status were classified as *Surgical*. In the private sector, approximately 82.9% of separations were assigned an *Elective* status and 44.7% of these were classified as *Surgical*. An *Emergency* status was assigned for 7.1% of private hospital separations and 19.0% of these separations were classified as *Surgical*.

Hospital in the home care

Table 7.19 reports on the data element 'Hospital in the home', which is used to report the number of days of hospital in the home care provided. Most states and territories have hospital in the home programs under which admitted patients are provided with hospital care in the home. This care has been defined in the *National health data dictionary* version 12.0 (NHDC 2003) as occurring in the patient's (permanent or temporary) place of residence as a substitute for hospital accommodation, and within an episode of care for an admitted patient.

For 2004–05, New South Wales and Tasmania did not report this data element. For Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, data on hospital in the home care were provided as defined in the *National Health Data Dictionary*, and separations including this care were included in the National Hospital Morbidity Database. In South Australia, hospital in the home care was defined as separate episodes of care, and therefore the total number of patient days is equal to the number of hospital in the home care days for these separations.

Table 7.1: Separations and patient days^(a), by Medicare eligibility status, patient election status^(b), funding source and hospital sector, Australia, 2000–01 to 2004–05

	2000–01		2001–02		2002–03		2003–04		2004–05		Change in number of separations (per cent)	
	Separations ('000)	Patient days ('000)	Separations ('000)	Patient days ('000)	Separations ('000)	Patient days ('000)	Separations ('000)	Patient days ('000)	Separations ('000)	Patient days ('000)	Average since 2000–01	Average since 2003–04
Public hospitals												
Medicare eligible	3,867	15,636	3,948	16,166	4,073	16,357	4,182	16,324	4,257	16,596	2.4	1.8
Public	3,371	13,271	3,437	13,693	3,555	13,901	3,644	13,784	3,704	13,949	2.4	1.6
Private	496	2,365	511	2,473	518	2,456	538	2,541	553	2,647	2.8	2.8
Compensable ^(c)	41	206	39	197	42	203	43	205	43	211	1.3	1.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	133	817	132	833	138	855	138	860	136	826	0.6	-1.4
Other private	322	1,342	340	1,443	338	1,397	357	1,475	374	1,611	3.8	4.6
Not Medicare eligible	14	54	15	55	14	52	14	50	16	53	3.4	15.5
Not reported	2	36	2	16	4	16	5	44	4	13	26.9	-13.4
Total	3,882	15,726	3,966	16,237	4,091	16,425	4,201	16,419	4,276	16,662	2.4	1.8
Private hospitals												
Medicare eligible	2,230	6,608	2,366	6,750	2,493	6,925	2,595	7,015	2,680	6,984	4.7	3.3
Public	102	317	105	344	98	302	87	219	91	210	-2.5	5.2
Private	2,129	6,291	2,261	6,406	2,395	6,623	2,508	6,796	2,589	6,773	5.0	3.2
Compensable ^(c)	82	251	62	180	60	179	57	166	55	140	-9.3	-3.4
Department of Veterans' Affairs	183	933	184	919	193	953	190	945	186	891	0.4	-1.8
Other private	1,864	5,107	2,015	5,307	2,141	5,491	2,262	5,685	2,347	5,742	5.9	3.8
Not Medicare eligible	8	19	9	22	6	14	5	16	5	18	-9.7	1.3
Not reported	34	116	58	192	56	176	40	134	57	165	14.0	41.4
Total	2,272	6,743	2,433	6,964	2,554	7,115	2,641	7,165	2,742	7,166	4.8	3.9
All hospitals												
Medicare eligible	6,097	22,244	6,314	22,916	6,566	23,282	6,778	23,339	6,937	23,579	3.3	2.4
Public	3,472	13,588	3,542	14,037	3,653	14,203	3,731	14,002	3,795	14,159	2.2	1.7
Private	2,625	8,656	2,772	8,879	2,912	9,079	3,046	9,336	3,142	9,421	4.6	3.1
Compensable ^(c)	122	457	101	377	102	382	99	372	98	351	-5.4	-1.4
Department of Veterans' Affairs	316	1,750	315	1,752	331	1,809	328	1,805	323	1,717	0.5	-1.6
Other private	2,186	6,449	2,355	6,750	2,480	6,888	2,619	7,159	2,721	7,353	5.6	3.9
Not Medicare eligible	21	73	24	77	20	67	19	66	21	71	-0.7	11.6
Not reported	35	152	61	209	60	193	45	178	61	178	14.7	35.8
Total separations/patient days	6,154	22,469	6,398	23,201	6,645	23,541	6,841	23,583	7,019	23,829	3.3	2.6

(a) Separations and patient days 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) Changes in the data elements used to present data in this table may have resulted in discontinuities in some categories. See Appendix 3 for more detail.

(c) Includes separations for which the funding source was reported as *Workers compensation*, *Motor vehicle third party personal claim* and *Other compensation* for 2001–02 to 2004–05. This differs from Tables 7.2 to 7.6 because Other compensation is included in the Other private patients category in those tables.

Table 7.2: Separations^(a), by patient election status, funding source and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004-05

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	1,099,253	1,078,440	663,550	346,168	318,033	71,035	56,125	73,187	3,705,791
Public ^(c)	1,096,505	1,076,842	661,073	345,795	317,031	71,035	56,100	73,032	3,697,413
Private patients	244,824	140,910	70,211	37,092	47,563	15,197	7,513	2,704	566,014
Private health insurance	155,800	77,898	30,431	20,192	26,987	9,857	3,891	748	325,804
Self-funded ^(d)	18,696	14,279	14,330	968	2,082	0	124	262	50,741
Workers compensation	7,344	5,529	4,254	1,778	1,648	427	301	363	21,644
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	4,678	7,776	2,733	2,163	1,758	772	167	428	20,475
Department of Veterans' Affairs	56,153	34,367	14,712	9,684	14,042	4,134	2,623	575	136,290
Other ^(e)	2,153	1,061	3,751	2,307	1,046	7	407	328	11,060
Patient election status not reported	169	4,079	0	0	0	372	0	0	4,620
Total	1,344,246	1,223,429	733,761	383,260	365,596	86,604	63,638	75,891	4,276,425
Private hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	6,670	1,605	15,325	67,267	1,400	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	92,278
Public ^(c)	6,669	1,604	15,324	67,267	1,386	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	92,261
Private patients	740,528	701,533	661,521	241,448	210,429	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,643,361
Private health insurance	594,822	560,067	496,504	203,617	181,615	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,114,158
Self-funded ^(d)	82,192	82,459	70,708	12,720	9,607	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	260,139
Workers compensation	13,446	12,669	10,109	5,893	5,657	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	49,771
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	212	3,253	40	759	404	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4,852
Department of Veterans' Affairs	48,602	42,640	78,302	16,649	12,192	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	202,587
Other ^(e)	1,254	445	5,858	1,810	954	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	11,854
Patient election status not reported	0	1,129	0	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	6,786
Total	747,198	704,267	676,846	308,715	211,829	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,742,425
All hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	1,105,923	1,080,045	678,875	413,435	319,433	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3,798,069
Public ^(c)	1,103,174	1,078,446	676,397	413,062	318,417	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3,789,674
Private patients	985,352	842,443	731,732	278,540	257,992	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3,209,375
Private health insurance	750,622	637,965	526,935	223,809	208,602	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,439,962
Self-funded ^(d)	100,888	96,738	85,038	13,688	11,689	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	310,880
Workers compensation	20,790	18,198	14,363	7,671	7,305	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	71,415
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	4,890	11,029	2,773	2,922	2,162	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	25,327
Department of Veterans' Affairs	104,755	77,007	93,014	26,333	26,234	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	338,877
Other ^(e)	3,407	1,506	9,609	4,117	2,000	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	22,914
Patient election status not reported	169	5,208	0	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	11,406
Total	2,091,444	1,927,696	1,410,607	691,975	577,425	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	7,018,850

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as *Newborn* with no qualified days, and records for *Hospital boarders* and *Postinpatient organ procurement* have been excluded.

(b) 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*.

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

(d) Some states and territories were unable to identify all patients whose funding source may have been *Self-funded*, therefore the number of separations in this category may be overestimated.

(e) Includes separations whose patient election status was *Private* and whose funding source was reported as *Other compensation*, *Department of Defence*, *Correctional facilities*, *Other hospital or public authority*, *Other* and *Not reported*.

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Note: Separations are reported by state of hospitalisation and will include patients normally resident in another state/territory.

Table 7.3: Separations^(a) per 1,000 population, by patient election status, funding source and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004–05

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	158.9	210.6	170.0	176.2	197.7	143.0	187.9	436.9	180.8
Public ^(c)	158.5	210.3	169.3	176.0	197.1	143.0	187.8	436.0	180.4
Private patients	34.4	26.9	18.1	19.0	27.6	28.8	26.6	19.3	27.1
Private health insurance	22.2	15.1	7.9	10.2	16.4	19.1	13.2	4.6	15.8
Self-funded ^(d)	2.7	2.8	3.7	0.5	1.4	0.0	0.4	1.3	2.5
Workers compensation	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.1
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	0.7	1.5	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.6	0.5	2.2	1.0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	7.3	6.1	3.8	5.1	6.9	7.2	10.4	7.8	6.2
Other ^(e)	0.3	0.2	1.0	1.2	0.7	0.0	1.2	1.5	0.5
Patient election status not reported	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.2
Total	193.3	238.3	188.1	195.2	225.3	172.6	214.4	456.2	208.1
Private hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	0.9	0.3	3.9	34.2	0.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4.5
Public ^(c)	0.9	0.3	3.9	34.2	0.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4.5
Private patients	105.6	135.6	168.6	121.5	125.6	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	127.3
Private health insurance	85.2	108.6	126.3	102.1	108.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	102.1
Self-funded ^(d)	11.9	16.2	18.1	6.4	6.2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	12.7
Workers compensation	2.0	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2.4
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.2
Department of Veterans' Affairs	6.3	7.6	20.1	8.8	6.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	9.2
Other ^(e)	0.2	0.1	1.5	0.9	0.6	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.6
Patient election status not reported	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.3
Total	106.6	136.1	172.4	155.7	126.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	132.1
All hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	159.8	210.9	173.8	210.4	198.6	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	185.2
Public ^(c)	159.4	210.6	173.2	210.2	198.0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	184.8
Private patients	140.0	162.4	186.7	140.5	153.2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	154.4
Private health insurance	107.5	123.7	134.2	112.4	125.2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	117.8
Self-funded ^(d)	14.6	19.0	21.8	6.9	7.6	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	15.2
Workers compensation	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3.5
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	0.7	2.2	0.7	1.5	1.4	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1.3
Department of Veterans' Affairs	13.6	13.6	23.9	13.9	13.0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	15.4
Other ^(e)	0.5	0.3	2.5	2.1	1.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1.1
Patient election status not reported	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.6
Total	299.9	374.4	360.5	350.9	351.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	340.2

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as *Newborn* with no qualified days, and records for *Hospital boarders* and *Postinfectious organ procurement* have been excluded.

(b) 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*.

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

(d) Some states and territories were unable to identify all patients whose funding source may have been *Self-funded*, therefore the number of separations in this category may be overestimated.

(e) Includes separations whose patient election status was *Private* and whose funding source was reported as *Other compensation*, *Department of Defence*, *Correctional facilities*, *Other hospital or public authority*, *Other* and *Not reported*.

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Note: These data should be interpreted with caution because of cross-border flows of patients. That is, patients may be treated in a state or territory other than their state or territory of residence, but separation rates are calculated using the Estimated Resident Populations for the state/territory of hospitalisation.

Table 7.4: Average cost weight of separations^(a), by patient election status, funding source and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004–05

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	1.08	0.92	1.01	0.96	1.01	1.08	1.05	0.73	1.00
Public ^(c)	1.08	0.92	1.01	0.96	1.01	1.08	1.05	0.73	1.00
Private patients	1.25	1.24	1.06	1.23	1.18	1.06	1.39	1.40	1.21
Private health insurance	1.23	1.28	0.96	1.18	1.08	0.97	1.58	1.08	1.19
Self-funded ^(d)	1.26	0.77	1.01	0.88	0.79	..	1.11	1.26	1.02
Workers compensation	1.24	1.16	1.23	1.23	1.12	1.20	1.59	1.00	1.21
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	1.98	2.27	2.07	2.80	2.32	2.13	3.86	2.73	2.25
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.26	1.14	1.05	1.07	1.32	1.07	1.04	1.15	1.19
Other ^(e)	1.14	1.05	1.13	1.06	1.09	1.99	0.85	1.45	1.10
Patient election status not reported	1.46	1.19	..	..	..	0.93	..	..	1.18
Total	1.11	0.96	1.01	0.98	1.03	1.07	1.09	0.75	1.02
Private hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	0.86	0.51	0.50	0.51	0.62	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.54
Public ^(c)	0.86	0.51	0.50	0.51	0.62	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.54
Private patients	0.88	0.83	0.84	0.89	0.94	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.86
Private health insurance	0.89	0.86	0.86	0.89	0.93	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.88
Self-funded ^(d)	0.66	0.44	0.50	0.60	0.70	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.55
Workers compensation	1.03	0.96	0.91	0.96	1.08	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.98
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	1.08	1.07	1.06	1.02	0.99	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1.06
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1.12	1.20	1.01	1.20	1.19	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1.10
Other ^(e)	1.03	0.47	0.56	0.79	0.99	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.71
Patient election status not reported	..	0.32	..	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.72
Total	0.88	0.83	0.83	0.81	0.93	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.85

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as *Acute*, *Newborn* with qualified days, or was *Not reported*.

(b) 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*.

(c) Includes separations for which the funding source was reported as *Australian Health Care Agreements*, *Other hospital or public authority* and most patients in public psychiatric hospitals.

(d) Some states and territories were unable to identify all patients whose funding source may have been *Self-funded*, therefore the number of separations in this category may be underestimated and others may be overestimated.

(e) Includes separations whose patient election status was *Private* and whose funding source was reported as *Other compensation*, *Department of Defence*, *Correctional facilities*, *Other hospital or public authority*, *Other* and *Not reported*.

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.. Not applicable.

Note: Average cost weights have been calculated using AR-DRG version 5.1 (AR-DRG version 5.0 cost weights) for the public sector and AR-DRG version 4.2 (2002–03 cost weights) in the private sector.

Table 7.5: Patient days^(a), by patient election status, funding source and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004–05

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	4,567,633	3,637,815	2,494,467	1,288,806	1,238,989	320,256	195,586	212,335	13,955,887
Public ^(c)	4,558,160	3,593,252	2,489,015	1,287,310	1,238,449	320,256	195,451	211,842	13,893,735
Private patients	1,254,849	648,425	250,676	167,768	264,562	59,553	33,524	11,725	2,691,082
Private health insurance	718,898	356,542	110,454	81,462	134,150	29,760	19,166	1,839	1,452,271
Self-funded ^(d)	82,462	19,787	21,115	1,887	8,378	0	302	1,041	134,972
Workers compensation	30,257	17,077	13,111	5,521	5,547	1,176	1,152	1,263	75,104
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	29,947	41,680	16,395	16,716	13,289	4,686	1,257	3,829	127,799
Department of Veterans' Affairs	353,457	209,924	71,699	52,451	101,307	23,889	10,694	2,583	826,004
Other ^(e)	39,828	3,415	17,902	9,731	1,891	42	953	1,170	74,932
Patient election status not reported	1,083	12,793	0	0	0	1,311	0	0	15,187
Total	5,823,565	4,299,033	2,745,143	1,456,574	1,503,551	381,120	229,110	224,060	16,662,156
Private hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	9,619	2,824	45,746	149,180	3,628	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	211,410
Public ^(c)	9,618	2,823	45,745	149,180	3,602	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	211,381
Private patients	1,871,644	1,844,083	1,768,906	661,331	556,987	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	6,940,043
Private health insurance	1,487,305	1,468,802	1,300,802	530,772	476,132	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	5,473,019
Self-funded ^(d)	126,881	105,513	82,229	15,206	11,643	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	345,108
Workers compensation	28,344	31,458	15,027	10,480	14,076	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	103,773
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	704	29,442	94	1,914	1,178	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	34,243
Department of Veterans' Affairs	224,447	208,304	359,788	99,278	51,888	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	960,001
Other ^(e)	3,963	564	10,966	3,681	2,070	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	23,899
Patient election status not reported	0	1,160	0	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	15,003
Total	1,881,263	1,848,067	1,814,652	810,511	560,615	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	7,166,456
All hospitals									
Public patients ^(b)	4,577,252	3,640,639	2,540,213	1,437,986	1,242,617	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	14,167,297
Public ^(c)	4,567,778	3,596,075	2,534,760	1,436,490	1,242,051	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	14,105,116
Private patients	3,126,493	2,492,508	2,019,582	829,099	821,549	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	9,631,125
Private health insurance	2,206,203	1,825,344	1,411,256	612,234	610,282	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	6,925,290
Self-funded ^(d)	209,343	125,300	103,344	17,093	20,021	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	480,080
Workers compensation	58,601	48,535	28,138	16,001	19,623	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	178,877
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	30,651	71,122	16,489	18,630	14,467	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	162,042
Department of Veterans' Affairs	577,904	418,228	431,487	151,729	153,195	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,786,005
Other ^(e)	43,791	3,979	28,868	13,412	3,961	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	98,831
Patient election status not reported	1,083	13,953	0	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	30,190
Total	7,704,828	6,147,100	4,559,795	2,267,085	2,064,166	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	23,828,612

(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) Includes separations with a patient election status of *Public* and a funding source of *Australian Health Care Agreements*, *Reciprocal health care agreements*, *Other hospital or public authority*, *Other* or *Not reported*.

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

(d) Some states and territories were unable to identify all patients whose funding source may have been *Self-funded*, therefore the number of separations in this category may be underestimated and others may be overestimated.

(e) Includes separations with a patient election status of *Private* and a funding source of *Other compensation*, *Department of Defence*, *Correctional facilities*, *Other hospital or public authority*, *Other* and *Not reported*.

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Table 7.6: Separations^(a), by patient election status, funding source and age group, 2004-05

	<1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	Total ^(b)
Public hospitals												
Public patients ^(c)	100,069	119,150	155,610	305,210	461,710	412,326	434,259	502,764	588,421	471,885	154,377	3,705,791
Public ^(d)	99,936	118,913	155,358	303,387	459,609	411,560	433,555	501,877	587,611	471,347	154,250	3,697,413
Private patients	10,868	16,366	21,281	31,095	44,070	45,341	52,561	66,683	75,540	146,070	56,138	566,014
Private health insurance	9,789	13,058	16,519	13,950	24,101	28,411	37,775	50,210	55,591	56,396	20,004	325,804
Self-funded ^(e)	810	2,627	3,107	6,128	8,613	6,643	5,306	5,028	6,357	4,941	1,180	50,741
Workers compensation	0	0	15	4,104	4,840	5,207	4,610	2,403	359	101	5	21,644
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	47	355	1,204	5,405	3,915	2,970	2,413	1,579	1,173	1,135	279	20,475
Department of Veterans' Affairs	0	3	7	17	76	315	1,156	6,636	10,976	82,598	34,506	136,290
Other ^(f)	222	323	429	1,491	2,525	1,795	1,301	827	1,084	899	164	11,060
Patient election status not reported	350	180	165	1,261	1,056	395	304	299	362	207	41	4,620
Total	111,287	135,696	177,056	337,566	506,836	458,062	487,124	569,746	664,323	618,162	210,556	4,276,425
Private hospitals												
Public patients ^(c)	21,185	26,228	44,471	122,208	207,646	276,057	350,623	428,301	377,536	283,289	68,892	2,206,436
Public ^(d)	961	1,117	1,500	4,198	7,520	12,574	13,520	16,551	17,695	13,802	2,823	92,261
Private patients	1,321	4,460	6,161	38,915	58,444	59,382	55,746	61,638	51,794	149,885	46,897	534,633
Private health insurance	1,203	4,296	5,929	31,821	44,551	40,489	34,079	32,821	31,072	27,411	6,467	260,139
Self-funded ^(e)	1	2	8	3,535	8,627	13,615	14,349	8,335	1,116	172	11	49,771
Workers compensation	0	5	46	727	1,081	990	899	574	284	198	48	4,852
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	0	7	21	256	381	459	385	271	78	57	17	1,932
Department of Veterans' Affairs	7	21	19	1,629	2,149	1,346	576	193	40	21	6	6,007
Other ^(f)	110	119	138	947	1,655	2,483	5,458	19,444	19,204	122,026	40,348	211,932
Patient election status not reported	194	1	1	668	346	78	15	17	22	13	1	1,356
Total	22,700	30,679	50,633	161,791	266,436	335,517	406,384	489,956	429,352	433,187	115,790	2,742,425
All hospitals												
Public patients ^(c)	121,254	145,378	200,081	427,418	669,356	688,383	784,882	931,065	965,957	755,174	223,269	5,912,227
Public ^(d)	100,897	120,030	156,858	307,585	467,129	424,134	447,075	518,428	605,306	485,149	157,073	3,789,674
Private patients	12,189	20,816	27,442	70,010	102,514	104,723	108,307	128,321	127,334	295,955	103,035	1,100,647
Private health insurance	10,992	17,354	22,448	45,771	68,652	68,900	71,854	83,031	86,663	83,807	26,471	585,943
Self-funded ^(e)	811	2,629	3,115	9,663	17,240	20,258	19,655	13,363	7,473	5,113	1,191	100,512
Workers compensation	0	5	61	4,831	5,921	6,197	5,509	2,977	643	299	53	26,496
Motor vehicle third party personal claim	47	362	1,225	5,661	4,296	3,429	2,798	1,850	1,251	1,192	296	22,407
Department of Veterans' Affairs	7	24	26	1,646	2,225	1,661	1,732	6,829	11,016	82,619	34,512	142,297
Other ^(f)	332	442	567	2,438	4,180	4,278	6,759	20,271	20,288	122,925	40,512	222,992
Patient election status not reported	544	181	166	1,929	1,402	473	319	316	384	220	42	5,976
Total	133,987	166,375	227,689	499,357	773,272	793,579	893,508	1,059,702	1,093,675	1,051,349	326,346	7,018,850

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

(c) Includes separations for which the patient election status was *Public* and the funding source was reported as *Australian Health Care Agreements*, *Reciprocal health care agreements*, *Other hospital or public authority*, *Other* or *Not reported*.

(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) Some states and territories were unable to identify all patients whose funding source may have been *Self-funded*, therefore the number of separations in this category may be underestimated.

(f) Includes separations for which the patient election status was *Private* and the funding source was reported as *Other compensation*, *Department of Defence*, *Correctional facilities*, *Other hospital or public authority*, *Other* and *Not reported*.

Table 7.7: Separations^(a), by state or territory of usual residence and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004-05

State or territory of usual residence	State or territory of hospitalisation										Separations per 1,000 population
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total	Total	
Public hospitals											
New South Wales	1,316,445	19,005	9,113	507	1,682	271	15,910	299	1,363,232	196.0	
Victoria	5,410	1,195,726	1,674	428	2,000	314	227	274	1,206,053	234.9	
Queensland	10,191	1,133	717,742	318	313	149	101	343	730,290	187.2	
Western Australia	447	377	288	380,309	274	53	28	1,029	382,805	194.9	
South Australia	629	1,586	430	259	358,638	58	46	2,736	364,382	224.6	
Tasmania	300	1,353	195	50	117	85,637	21	0	87,673	174.8	
Australian Capital Territory	2,149	231	154	15	42	8	45,797	0	48,396	163.1	
Northern Territory	173	302	338	226	1,912	4	9	70,077	73,041	439.0	
Other Australian territories ^(b)	n.p.	785	10	123	0	0	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	
Not elsewhere classified ^(c)	n.p.	2,903	3,143	1,025	70	110	1,499	291	n.p.	n.p.	
Not reported	0	28	674	0	548	0	0	842	2,092	..	
Total	1,344,246	1,223,429	733,761	383,260	365,596	86,604	63,638	75,891	4,276,425	208.1	
Private hospitals											
New South Wales	724,750	6,390	23,324	195	1,330	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	763,368	108.8	
Victoria	6,218	694,822	1,536	154	1,430	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	704,298	136.1	
Queensland	2,881	747	649,606	129	198	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	653,671	166.5	
Western Australia	234	295	226	307,715	97	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	308,635	155.6	
South Australia	167	387	293	69	207,337	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	208,304	124.4	
Tasmania	170	825	237	27	63	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	44,940	88.7	
Australian Capital Territory	1,587	211	132	18	43	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	27,487	89.3	
Northern Territory	186	241	459	102	1,121	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	13,139	80.1	
Other Australian territories ^(b)	n.p.	44	102	34	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	
Not elsewhere classified ^(c)	n.p.	305	831	272	59	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	
Not reported	0	0	100	0	151	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	260	..	
Total	747,198	704,267	676,846	308,715	211,829	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,742,425	132.1	

(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) Includes Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island, Jervis Bay Territory. Records with a *State of usual residence* of *Other Australian territories* in New South Wales are currently under review.
(c) Includes resident overseas, at sea, no fixed address. Records with a *State of usual residence* of *Not elsewhere classified* in New South Wales are currently under review.
n.p. Not published.
.. Not applicable.

Table 7.8: Separations^(a), by state or territory of usual residence and patient election status, states and territories, 2004–05

State or territory of usual residence	State or territory of hospitalisation										Separations per 1,000 population
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total		
Public patients											
New South Wales	1,084,393	16,924	8,245	470	1,367	200	14,223	257	1,126,079	162.7	
Victoria	4,567	1,056,813	1,619	420	1,673	237	202	234	1,065,765	208.1	
Queensland	9,316	937	664,459	315	253	115	76	303	675,774	173.1	
Western Australia	354	285	259	411,084	229	46	24	994	413,275	210.3	
South Australia	519	1,101	401	243	313,569	54	41	2,640	318,568	198.1	
Tasmania	231	1,083	182	45	96	70,316	18	0	71,971	144.9	
Australian Capital Territory	1,593	178	144	10	29	7	40,212	0	42,173	141.1	
Northern Territory	126	250	302	213	1,655	3	7	67,828	70,384	420.6	
Other Australian territories ^(b)	n.p.	753	5	119	0	0	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	
Not elsewhere classified ^(c)	n.p.	1,693	2,608	516	38	67	1,323	152	n.p.	n.p.	
Not reported	0	28	651	0	524	0	0	779	1,982	..	
Total	1,105,923	1,080,045	678,875	413,435	319,433	71,045	56,126	73,187	3,798,069	185.2	
Private patients											
New South Wales	956,636	8,443	24,192	232	1,645	99	8,960	101	1,000,308	142.0	
Victoria	7,061	829,783	1,591	162	1,757	128	71	70	840,623	162.1	
Queensland	3,755	930	702,889	132	258	55	47	95	708,161	180.7	
Western Australia	327	377	255	276,940	142	12	13	88	278,154	140.3	
South Australia	277	863	322	85	252,406	11	12	121	254,097	150.9	
Tasmania	239	1,094	250	32	84	55,283	4	0	56,986	110.8	
Australian Capital Territory	2,143	263	142	23	56	4	31,078	0	33,709	111.4	
Northern Territory	233	289	495	115	1,378	2	4	11,943	14,459	89.5	
Other Australian territories ^(b)	n.p.	62	107	38	0	0	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	
Not elsewhere classified ^(c)	n.p.	339	1,366	781	91	0	490	139	n.p.	n.p.	
Not reported	0	0	123	0	175	4,416	0	70	4,784	..	
Total	985,352	842,443	731,732	278,540	257,992	60,010	40,679	12,627	3,209,375	154.4	
Total^(d)	2,091,444	1,927,696	1,410,607	691,975	577,425	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	7,018,850	340.2	

(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) Includes Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island, Jervis Bay Territory. Records with a *State of usual residence* of *Other Australian territories* in New South Wales are currently under review.

(c) Includes resident overseas, at sea, no fixed address. Records with a *State of usual residence* of *Not elsewhere classified* in New South Wales are currently under review.

(d) Includes patients whose patient election status was *Not reported*.

n.p. Not published.

.. Not applicable.

Table 7.9: Average cost weight of separations^(a), by state or territory of usual residence and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004–05

State or territory of usual residence	State or territory of hospitalisation										Total	
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT				
Public hospitals												
New South Wales	1.11	0.97	1.71	1.04	1.62	1.17	1.27	1.18	1.12			
Victoria	1.21	0.95	1.11	1.03	1.41	1.09	1.39	0.82	0.95			
Queensland	1.08	1.16	1.00	1.10	1.08	1.22	1.91	1.04	1.00			
Western Australia	1.20	1.38	1.15	0.98	1.08	0.96	1.26	0.75	0.98			
South Australia	1.50	1.59	0.98	0.76	1.02	1.85	1.41	0.59	1.02			
Tasmania	1.41	2.68	1.02	1.29	1.06	1.07	0.81	..	1.10			
Australian Capital Territory	1.64	1.28	1.57	0.60	1.39	1.41	1.01	..	1.04			
Northern Territory	1.52	1.86	1.53	1.61	2.79	1.13	0.58	0.75	0.82			
Other Australian territories ^(b)	1.14	1.28	1.75	1.38	..	..	..	..	1.17
Not elsewhere classified ^(c)	1.36	1.14	1.34	1.26	0.95	1.06	1.39	1.39	1.30			
Not reported	..	3.29	1.30	..	1.95	..	..	0.81	1.28	
Total	1.11	0.96	1.01	0.98	1.03	1.07	1.09	0.75	1.02			
Private hospitals												
New South Wales	0.87	1.18	1.09	1.13	1.31	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.89			
Victoria	0.80	0.83	0.92	0.91	1.14	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.83			
Queensland	0.86	1.06	0.82	1.17	1.04	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.82			
Western Australia	1.34	1.02	0.94	0.81	0.87	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.81			
South Australia	1.42	1.12	1.07	0.96	0.93	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.93			
Tasmania	1.71	1.83	1.10	1.52	0.89	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.94			
Australian Capital Territory	1.45	0.89	0.91	1.15	1.08	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.96			
Northern Territory	1.61	1.14	0.96	1.12	1.70	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.87			
Other Australian territories ^(b)	0.93	0.43	0.69	1.16	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.92			
Not elsewhere classified ^(c)	2.46	0.92	1.11	0.83	0.37	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.90			
Not reported	..	..	1.29	..	1.22	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1.24	
Total	0.88	0.83	0.83	0.81	0.93	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.85			

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as *Acute*, or *Newborn* with qualified patient days, or was *Not reported*.

(b) Includes Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island, Jervis Bay Territory.

(c) Includes resident overseas, at sea, no fixed address.

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.. Not applicable.

Note: Average cost weights have been calculated using AR-DRG version 5.1 (AR-DRG version 5.0 cost weights) for the public sector and AR-DRG version 4.2 (2002–03 cost weights) in the private sector.

Table 7.10 Notional cost^(a) (\$'000) of separations^(b), by state or territory of usual residence, public patients, states and territories, 2004–05

State or territory of usual residence	State or territory of hospitalisation									
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT ^(b)	NT	Total	
New South Wales	3,553,251	48,028	42,960	1,361	6,683	648	n.p.	916	n.p.	
Victoria	15,980	2,930,531	5,212	1,227	7,123	827	n.p.	591	n.p.	
Queensland	30,246	3,199	1,959,557	1,040	750	387	n.p.	910	n.p.	
Western Australia	1,330	1,131	861	1,111,772	784	132	n.p.	2,220	n.p.	
South Australia	2,365	5,334	1,230	523	936,664	278	n.p.	4,830	n.p.	
Tasmania	958	8,696	548	164	277	230,532	n.p.	..	n.p.	
Australian Capital Territory	7,343	713	677	19	121	10	n.p.	..	n.p.	
Northern Territory	627	1,535	1,418	1,064	14,018	9	n.p.	152,950	n.p.	
Other Australian territories ^(c)	9,073	2,951	22	503	..	..	n.p.	..	n.p.
Not elsewhere classified ^(d)	6,541	5,494	9,780	1,954	130	220	n.p.	540	n.p.	
Not reported	..	92	2,495	..	2,935	..	n.p.	1,842	n.p.	
Total	3,627,713	3,007,705	2,024,759	1,119,626	969,487	233,043	n.p.	164,798	n.p.	

(a) Separations for which the patient election status was *Public* and for which the care type was reported as *Acute*, *Newborn* with at least one qualified day or for which the care type was *Not reported* have been included. These data are based on the AR-DRG for each separation multiplied by the 2003–04 AR-DRG average public cost of \$3,119. These figures do not represent actual expenditure on these separations. These figures should also not be interpreted as an estimate of the total cost of public patients as they do not include estimates of costs for separations with non-acute care. The AIHW will work with states and territories to compile and present actual cross-border expenditures in future editions of Australian Hospital Statistics.

(b) ACT Health did not give permission for the release of these data because they do not reflect actual expenditure.

(c) Includes Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island, Jervis Bay Territory.

(d) Includes resident overseas, at sea, no fixed address.

n.p. Not published.

.. Not applicable.

Table 7.11: Separations^(a), by care type and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004-05

Care type	NSW	Vic ^(b)	Qld	WA	SA ^(c)	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Acute care	1,289,900	1,176,145	697,226	372,205	348,989	83,670	60,838	74,115	4,103,088
Rehabilitation care—not further specified	22,572	14,659	9,883	4,103	4,068	910	512	722	47,034
Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit	..	..	3,863	..	..	..	176	..	10,395
Rehabilitation care—according to a designated program	..	..	3,487	..	..	..	558	..	4,039
Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent	..	..	17,233	4,103	4,068	910	1,246	722	65,513
<i>Rehabilitation total</i>	22,572	14,659	30,403	8,206	8,136	1,820	2,000	1,444	20,624
Palliative care	8,956	4,781	3,971	628	1,460	420	396	12	12,950
Geriatric evaluation and management	878	10,598	443	949	5	19	9	49	12,950
Psychogeriatric care	1,047	2,067	375	721	..	8	3	6	4,227
Maintenance care	7,107	3,638	5,677	1,949	1,410	630	252	135	20,798
Newborn—qualified days only	9,255	9,241	6,271	2,360	2,549	930	851	835	32,292
Newborn—qualified and unqualified days ^(d)	4,506	2,188	2,327	345	926	0	43	0	10,335
Newborn—unqualified days only	57,361	36,882	29,853	13,909	10,317	2,901	2,504	2,265	155,992
<i>Newborn total</i>	71,122	48,311	38,451	16,614	13,792	3,831	3,398	3,700	198,619
Other admitted patient care	2	0	238	0	6,189	0	..	17	6,446
Not reported	23	112	0	0	0	17	0	0	152
Total	1,401,607	1,260,311	763,614	397,169	375,913	89,505	66,142	78,156	4,432,417
Private hospitals									
Acute care	705,591	684,037	654,864	302,198	207,535	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,647,495
Rehabilitation care—not further specified	37,201	11,442	..	1,588	3,589	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	53,820
Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit	..	..	9,815	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	9,815
Rehabilitation care—according to a designated program	..	..	2,573	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,573
Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent	..	..	2,824	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,824
<i>Rehabilitation total</i>	37,201	11,442	15,212	1,588	3,589	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	69,032
Palliative care	426	350	1,643	1,982	101	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4,502
Geriatric evaluation and management	1,011	0	12	1	6	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,030
Psychogeriatric care	1	4,484	3	62	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4,550
Maintenance care	211	79	1,199	197	8	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,694
Newborn—qualified days only	1,185	3,863	1,807	1,077	569	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	8,799
Newborn—qualified and unqualified days ^(d)	458	12	597	1,610	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,677
Newborn—unqualified days only	20,387	208	14,540	8,066	424	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	47,052
<i>Newborn total</i>	22,030	4,083	16,944	10,753	993	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	58,528
Other admitted patient care	1,114	0	1,509	0	21	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,645
Not reported	0	0	0	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1
Total	767,585	704,475	691,386	316,781	212,253	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,789,477

(a) Does not include 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) For South Australia the care type Other admitted patient care includes episodes of hospital in the home care.

(d) Tasmania and the Northern Territory did not supply Newborn care according to the National health data dictionary definition and did not report any separations with both qualified and unqualified days.

n.p. Not published.

.. Not applicable.

Table 7.12: Patient days^(a), by care type and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004–05

Care type	NSW	Vic ^(b)	Qld	WA	SA ^(c)	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Acute care	4,769,277	3,307,169	2,069,142	1,162,741	1,130,094	318,648	188,296	205,542	13,150,909
Rehabilitation care—not further specified	462,561	341,570	..	109,944	105,989	24,156	..	3,618	1,047,838
Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit	..	..	95,553	..	..	..	5,568	..	101,121
Rehabilitation care—according to a designated program	..	..	42,695	..	..	..	3,692	..	46,387
Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent	..	..	35,188	..	..	..	6,388	..	41,576
Rehabilitation total	462,561	341,570	173,436	109,944	105,989	24,156	15,648	3,618	1,236,922
Palliative care	106,647	76,814	35,487	6,811	16,422	4,663	6,041	319	253,204
Geriatric evaluation and management	10,719	278,764	7,992	11,098	n.p.	93	n.p.	1,028	309,882
Psychogeriatric care	98,273	63,262	9,359	34,347	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	225	205,603
Maintenance care	266,464	131,697	374,803	96,655	170,572	24,351	8,802	3,647	1,076,991
Newborn—qualified days only	95,926	90,913	68,445	33,257	32,895	9,107	9,981	9,647	350,171
Newborn—qualified and unqualified days (qualified days)	13,589	7,587	5,409	1,721	3,059	..	162	..	31,527
Newborn—qualified and unqualified days (unqualified days)	12,073	5,307	4,920	677	2,063	..	149	..	25,189
Newborn—unqualified days only	162,511	105,900	69,668	43,930	28,768	8,244	6,629	6,955	432,605
Newborn total	284,099	209,707	148,442	79,585	66,785	17,351	16,921	16,602	839,492
Other admitted patient care	n.p.	..	1,070	..	44,393	..	..	34	45,499
Not reported	107	1,257	..	..	..	n.p.	..	n.p.	1,448
Total^(e)	5,823,565	4,299,033	2,745,143	1,456,574	1,503,551	381,120	229,110	224,060	16,662,156
Private hospitals									
Acute care	1,640,490	1,617,911	1,623,617	733,205	515,477	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	6,379,833
Rehabilitation care—not further specified	214,135	173,669	..	33,088	38,252	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	459,144
Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit	..	..	49,171	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	49,171
Rehabilitation care—according to a designated program	..	..	14,457	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	14,457
Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent	..	..	19,785	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	19,785
Rehabilitation total	214,135	173,669	83,413	33,088	38,252	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	542,557
Palliative care	5,612	4,502	20,770	22,921	1,502	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	55,307
Geriatric evaluation and management	2,667	..	532	46	1,118	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4,363
Psychogeriatric care	1	25,223	38	2,548	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	27,810
Maintenance care	1,764	4,650	50,133	6,196	679	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	63,422
Newborn—qualified days only	8,337	22,080	20,857	7,881	3,481	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	64,844
Newborn—qualified and unqualified days (qualified days)	5,489	n.p.	1,465	4,626	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	11,612
Newborn—qualified and unqualified days (unqualified days)	2,090	n.p.	1,866	6,022	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	10,011
Newborn—unqualified days only	90,511	395	61,182	37,795	1,501	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	207,493
Newborn total	106,427	22,540	85,370	56,324	4,982	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	293,960
Other admitted patient care	2,768	..	13,827	..	106	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	16,704
Not reported	..	..	..	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4
Total^(e)	1,881,263	1,848,067	1,814,652	810,511	560,615	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	7,166,456

(a) Does not include records for Hospital boarders or Postthumous 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) For South Australia the care type Other admitted patient care includes episodes of hospital in the home care.

(d) The reporting of Newborns with unqualified days only is not compulsory for the Victorian private sector, therefore the average length of stay for other jurisdictions.

(e) Excludes separations for Newborn with unqualified days only.

n.p. Not published.

.. Not applicable.

Table 7.13: Separations for non-acute care^(a), by patient election status and mode of separation, all hospitals, Australia, 2004-05

Other non-acute care ^(a)	Discharge/ transfer to an (other) acute hospital	Discharge/ transfer to a residential aged care service ^(b)	Discharge/ transfer to an (other) psychiatric hospital	Discharge/ transfer to other health care ^(c)	Statistical discharge- type change	Left against medical advice/ discharge at own risk	Statistical discharge from leave	Died	Other ^(d)	Not reported	Total ^(e)
Male											
Under 14	6	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	112	0	123
15-24	23	2	8	3	49	3	2	1	212	0	303
25-34	36	7	7	4	95	13	1	0	358	1	522
35-44	43	23	6	10	96	11	6	2	270	0	467
45-54	69	70	5	9	75	11	4	11	383	3	640
55-64	115	200	8	25	177	12	13	46	591	2	1,189
65-74	478	673	52	46	371	18	33	137	2,021	5	3,834
75-84	882	1,897	92	102	909	20	46	463	2,954	3	7,368
85 and over	461	1,375	64	58	519	8	19	402	1,563	0	4,469
Total	2,113	4,247	242	259	2,294	96	124	1,062	8,464	14	18,915
Female											
Under 14	3	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	84	0	96
15-24	9	4	1	0	23	2	1	0	148	0	188
25-34	23	3	2	5	29	4	6	2	246	0	320
35-44	33	17	0	3	41	3	1	4	302	0	404
45-54	55	37	0	7	77	7	4	8	350	2	547
55-64	81	128	7	16	80	7	5	25	510	1	860
65-74	366	618	30	41	358	18	52	81	3,257	4	4,825
75-84	872	2,472	106	128	1,039	35	55	374	5,021	10	10,112
85 and over	673	3,101	145	118	1,030	9	22	562	3,308	11	8,979
Total	2,115	6,380	291	318	2,686	85	146	1,056	13,226	28	26,331
Persons^(f)											
Under 14	9	0	0	2	12	0	0	0	196	0	219
15-24	32	6	9	3	72	5	3	1	360	0	491
25-34	59	10	9	9	124	17	7	2	604	1	842
35-44	76	40	6	13	137	14	7	6	572	0	871
45-54	124	107	5	16	152	18	8	19	733	5	1,187
55-64	196	328	15	41	257	19	18	71	1,101	3	2,049
65-74	844	1,291	82	87	729	36	85	218	5,278	9	8,659
75-84	1,754	4,369	198	230	1,948	55	101	837	7,975	13	17,480
85 and over	1,134	4,476	209	176	1,551	17	41	965	4,871	11	13,451
Total	4,228	10,627	533	577	4,982	181	270	2,119	21,690	42	45,249

(a) Includes separations for which the care type was reported as *Rehabilitation*, *Palliative*, *Psychogeriatric*, *Geriatric evaluation and management* or *Maintenance*.

(b) Unless this is the usual place of residence (see text for exceptions).

(c) Includes mothercraft hospitals, except in jurisdictions where mothercraft facilities are considered acute.

(d) Includes discharge to usual residence/own accommodation/welfare institution (including prisons, hostels and group homes providing primarily welfare services).

(e) Includes separations for which the mode of separation was not reported.

(f) The total includes separations for which the sex/age of the person was not reported.

(g) Includes separations where the care type was reported as *Psychogeriatric*, *Geriatric evaluation and management* or *Maintenance*.

Table 7.14: Separations for non-acute care^(a), by sex, age group and mode of separation, all hospitals, Australia, 2004-05

Rehabilitation care	Discharge/ transfer to an(other) acute hospital		Discharge/ transfer to a residential aged care service ^(b)		Discharge/ transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital		Discharge/ transfer to other health care ^(c)		Left against medical advice/ discharge at own risk		Died	Other ^(d)	Not reported	Total ^(e)
	Discharge/ transfer to an(other) acute hospital	Discharge/ transfer to a residential aged care service ^(b)	Discharge/ transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital	Discharge/ transfer to other health care ^(c)	Statistical discharge— type change	Statistical discharge at risk	Statistical discharge from leave							
Male														
Under 14	7	0	0	0	0	3	2	6	0	129	0	129	0	147
15-24	79	5	1	8	8	71	22	20	0	1,259	0	1,259	7	1,472
25-34	111	11	4	11	11	75	56	31	0	1,948	0	1,948	3	2,250
35-44	171	9	1	15	15	112	56	34	0	2,987	0	2,987	4	3,389
45-54	249	53	3	15	15	198	36	29	7	4,280	7	4,280	11	4,881
55-64	439	88	3	22	22	372	42	19	17	8,004	17	8,004	14	9,020
65-74	698	193	4	37	37	683	38	39	37	10,866	37	10,866	30	12,625
75-84	1,178	570	6	79	79	1,215	61	55	106	14,559	106	14,559	70	17,899
85 and over	503	381	4	54	54	653	22	31	109	4,776	109	4,776	20	6,553
Total	3,435	1,310	26	241	241	3,382	335	264	276	48,808	276	48,808	159	58,236
Female														
Under 14	5	0	0	2	2	2	0	4	0	168	0	168	0	181
15-24	51	6	1	3	3	17	10	11	1	1,158	1	1,158	0	1,258
25-34	46	6	0	4	4	31	24	19	1	1,859	1	1,859	2	1,992
35-44	105	9	2	7	7	117	27	18	1	3,087	1	3,087	3	3,376
45-54	155	20	0	10	10	125	33	13	4	5,154	4	5,154	9	5,523
55-64	290	63	4	14	14	277	20	14	14	8,451	14	8,451	11	9,158
65-74	619	204	5	39	39	503	37	34	26	12,572	26	12,572	27	14,066
75-84	1,435	1,000	12	168	168	1,572	50	83	105	22,276	105	22,276	90	26,791
85 and over	966	1,328	7	199	199	1,275	36	67	128	9,896	128	9,896	61	13,963
Total	3,672	2,636	31	446	446	3,919	237	263	280	64,621	280	64,621	203	76,308
Persons^(f)														
Under 14	12	0	0	2	2	5	2	10	0	297	0	297	0	328
15-24	130	11	2	11	11	88	32	31	1	2,417	1	2,417	7	2,730
25-34	157	17	4	15	15	106	80	50	1	3,807	1	3,807	5	4,242
35-44	276	18	3	22	22	229	83	52	1	6,075	1	6,075	7	6,766
45-54	404	73	3	25	25	323	69	42	11	9,434	11	9,434	20	10,404
55-64	729	151	7	36	36	649	62	33	31	16,455	31	16,455	25	18,178
65-74	1,317	397	9	76	76	1,186	75	73	63	23,438	63	23,438	57	26,691
75-84	2,613	1,570	18	247	247	2,787	111	138	211	36,835	211	36,835	160	44,690
85 and over	1,469	1,709	11	253	253	1,928	58	98	237	14,672	237	14,672	81	20,516
Total	7,107	3,946	57	687	687	7,301	572	527	556	113,430	556	113,430	362	134,545

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Table 7.14 (continued): Separations for non-acute care^(a), by sex, age group and mode of separation, all hospitals, Australia, 2004-05

Palliative care	Discharge/ transfer to an(other) acute hospital	Discharge/ transfer to a residential aged care service ^(b)	Discharge/ transfer to a psychiatric hospital	Discharge/ transfer to other health care ^(c)	Statistical discharge— type change	Left against medical advice/ discharge at own risk		Died	Other ^(d)	Not reported	Total ^(e)
						Statistical discharge— type change	Statistical discharge from leave				
Male											
Under 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14	2	20
15-24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	30	0	45
25-34	8	0	0	0	0	3	3	35	37	0	83
35-44	20	1	0	4	7	3	3	135	131	2	305
45-54	52	2	0	11	12	5	4	510	405	12	1,013
55-64	123	28	0	18	40	7	10	1,271	887	13	2,397
65-74	168	77	0	28	73	9	20	2,136	1,552	22	4,085
75-84	191	147	2	25	90	8	13	2,702	1,194	18	4,390
85 and over	59	77	0	7	35	3	3	956	369	2	1,511
Total	622	332	2	93	257	38	52	7,763	4,619	71	13,849
Female											
Under 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	69	0	73
15-24	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	5	0	19
25-34	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	33	68	2	108
35-44	22	2	0	3	4	0	1	182	222	4	440
45-54	62	9	0	6	11	5	11	528	484	17	1,133
55-64	106	17	0	16	33	4	14	926	691	12	1,819
65-74	141	69	0	20	44	4	15	1,399	979	9	2,680
75-84	120	113	1	26	74	0	14	1,956	1,021	7	3,332
85 and over	51	90	0	1	53	0	3	1,135	338	1	1,672
Total	507	300	1	74	219	14	58	6,174	3,877	52	11,276
Persons^(f)											
Under 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	83	2	93
15-24	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	35	0	64
25-34	10	0	0	2	0	4	0	68	105	2	191
35-44	42	3	0	7	11	3	3	317	353	6	745
45-54	114	11	0	17	23	10	15	1,038	889	29	2,146
55-64	229	45	0	34	73	11	24	2,197	1,578	25	4,216
65-74	309	146	0	48	117	13	35	3,535	2,531	31	6,765
75-84	311	260	3	51	164	8	27	4,658	2,215	25	7,722
85 and over	110	167	0	8	88	3	6	2,092	707	3	3,184
Total	1,129	632	3	167	476	52	110	13,938	8,496	123	25,126

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Table 7.14 (continued): Separations for non-acute care^(a), by sex, age group and mode of separation, all hospitals, Australia, 2004-05

Other non-acute care ^(a)	Discharge/ transfer to an(other) acute hospital	Discharge/ transfer to a residential aged care service ^(b)	Discharge/ transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital	Discharge/ transfer to other health care ^(c)	Statistical discharge-type change	Left against medical advice/ discharge at own risk	Statistical discharge from leave	Died	Other ^(d)	Not reported	Total ^(e)
Male											
Under 14	6	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	112	0	123
15-24	23	2	8	3	49	3	2	1	212	0	303
25-34	36	7	7	4	95	13	1	0	358	1	522
35-44	43	23	6	10	96	11	6	2	270	0	467
45-54	69	70	5	9	75	11	4	11	383	3	640
55-64	115	200	8	25	177	12	13	46	591	2	1,189
65-74	478	673	52	46	371	18	33	137	2,021	5	3,834
75-84	882	1,897	92	102	909	20	46	463	2,954	3	7,368
85 and over	461	1,375	64	58	519	8	19	402	1,563	0	4,469
Total	2,113	4,247	242	259	2,294	96	124	1,062	8,464	14	18,915
Female											
Under 14	3	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	84	0	96
15-24	9	4	1	0	23	2	1	0	148	0	188
25-34	23	3	2	5	29	4	6	2	246	0	320
35-44	33	17	0	3	41	3	1	4	302	0	404
45-54	55	37	0	7	77	7	4	8	350	2	547
55-64	81	128	7	16	80	7	5	25	510	1	860
65-74	366	618	30	41	358	18	52	81	3,257	4	4,825
75-84	872	2,472	106	128	1,039	35	55	374	5,021	10	10,112
85 and over	673	3,101	145	118	1,030	9	22	562	3,308	11	8,979
Total	2,115	6,380	291	318	2,686	85	146	1,056	13,226	28	26,331
Persons^(f)											
Under 14	9	0	0	2	12	0	0	0	196	0	219
15-24	32	6	9	3	72	5	3	1	360	0	491
25-34	59	10	9	9	124	17	7	2	604	1	842
35-44	76	40	6	13	137	14	7	6	572	0	871
45-54	124	107	5	16	152	18	8	19	733	5	1,187
55-64	196	328	15	41	257	19	18	71	1,101	3	2,049
65-74	844	1,291	82	87	729	36	85	218	5,278	9	8,659
75-84	1,754	4,369	198	230	1,948	55	101	837	7,975	13	17,480
85 and over	1,134	4,476	209	176	1,551	17	41	965	4,871	11	13,451
Total	4,228	10,627	533	577	4,982	181	270	2,119	21,690	42	45,249

(a) Includes separations for which the care type was reported as *Rehabilitation*, *Palliative*, *Psychogeriatric*, *Geriatric evaluation and management* or *Maintenance*.

(b) Unless this is the usual place of residence (see text for exceptions to this general rule).

(c) Includes mothercraft hospitals, except in jurisdictions where mothercraft facilities are considered acute.

(d) Includes discharge to usual residence/own accommodation/welfare institution (including prisons, hostels and group homes providing primarily welfare services).

(e) Includes separations for which the mode of separation was not reported.

(f) The total includes separations for which the sex/age of the person was not reported.

(g) Includes separations where the care type was reported as *Psychogeriatric*, *Geriatric evaluation and management* or *Maintenance*.

Table 7.15: Separations^(a), by mode of admission and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004-05

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Admitted patient transferred from another hospital	80,923	50,923	23,024	25,908	16,299	3,411	2,114	367	202,969
Statistical admission: type change	26,000	13,933	11,808	3,553	6,708	1,344	1,256	667	65,269
Other ^(b)	1,227,968	1,158,183	698,929	353,799	340,312	71,593	60,268	74,857	3,985,909
Not reported	9,355	390	0	0	2,277	10,256	0	0	22,278
Total	1,344,246	1,223,429	733,761	383,260	365,596	86,604	63,638	75,891	4,276,425
Private hospitals									
Admitted patient transferred from another hospital	30,550	24,050	13,175	4,363	4,966	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	78,312
Statistical admission: type change	1,083	1,337	2,646	1,162	30	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	6,601
Other ^(b)	715,374	678,880	661,025	303,190	206,795	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,637,840
Not reported	191	0	0	0	38	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	19,672
Total	747,198	704,267	676,846	308,715	211,829	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,742,425
All hospitals									
Admitted patient transferred from another hospital	111,473	74,973	36,199	30,271	21,265	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	281,281
Statistical admission: type change	27,083	15,270	14,454	4,715	6,738	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	71,870
Other ^(b)	1,943,342	1,837,063	1,359,954	656,989	547,107	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	6,623,749
Not reported	9,546	390	0	0	2,315	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	41,950
Total	2,091,444	1,927,696	1,410,607	691,975	577,425	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	7,018,850

(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) *Other* refers to all planned and unplanned admissions except transfers from other hospitals and statistical admissions.
n.p. Not published.

Table 7.16: Separations^(a), by mode of separation and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004–05

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Discharge/transfer to an(other) acute hospital	92,388	72,632	37,663	16,429	19,237	3,738	2,678	2,406	247,171
Discharge/transfer to residential aged care service ^(b)	14,756	13,963	3,632	4,908	7,690	1,113	1,345	185	47,592
Discharge/transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital	3,042	1,165	137	794	1,269	0	15	6	6,428
Discharge/transfer to other health care accommodation ^(c)	3,473	0	2,561	560	725	862	331	1,543	10,055
Statistical discharge: type change	18,523	13,970	11,867	3,803	6,541	1,549	1,277	611	58,141
Left against medical advice/discharge at own risk	13,688	4,153	5,666	3,319	2,181	405	141	2,248	31,801
Statistical discharge from leave	2,038	4	822	1,613	175	14	0	0	4,666
Died	22,826	14,894	8,819	3,569	4,583	1,369	790	414	57,264
Other ^(d)	1,170,355	1,102,648	662,594	348,265	323,167	77,554	57,061	68,478	3,810,122
Not reported	3,157	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	3,185
Total	1,344,246	1,223,429	733,761	383,260	365,596	86,604	63,638	75,891	4,276,425
Private hospitals									
Discharge/transfer to an(other) acute hospital	15,902	14,229	11,346	3,289	4,273	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	49,365
Discharge/transfer to residential aged care service ^(b)	1,346	2,081	1,526	1,381	1,502	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	7,924
Discharge/transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital	72	17	0	74	34	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	198
Discharge/transfer to other health care accommodation ^(c)	375	0	561	12	48	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,673
Statistical discharge: type change	1,447	1,991	2,665	1,225	34	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	14,409
Left against medical advice/discharge at own risk	462	526	178	243	54	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,533
Statistical discharge from leave	18	0	29	17	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	64
Died	2,299	3,113	4,646	2,098	1,231	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	13,535
Other ^(d)	725,277	682,310	655,895	300,376	204,626	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,652,697
Not reported	0	0	0	0	27	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	27
Total	747,198	704,267	676,846	308,715	211,829	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,742,425

(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) Unless this is the usual place of residence (see text for exceptions).

(c) Includes mothercraft hospitals, except in jurisdictions where mothercraft facilities are considered acute.

(d) Includes discharge to usual residence/own accommodation/welfare institution (including prisons, hostels and group homes providing primarily welfare services).

n.p. Not published.

Table 7.17: Separations^(a), by inter-hospital contracted patient status and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004–05

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Inter-hospital contracted patient from public sector	1,232	1,362	0	336	1,588	0	0	24	4,542
Inter-hospital contracted patient from private sector	3,629	10	0	0	0	0	0	773	4,412
Not inter-hospital contracted patient	1,173,207	1,221,667	733,761	382,924	364,008	86,604	63,638	75,094	4,100,903
Not reported	166,178	390	0	0	0	0	0	0	166,568
Total	1,344,246	1,223,429	733,761	383,260	365,596	86,604	63,638	75,891	4,276,425
Private hospitals									
Inter-hospital contracted patient from public sector	4,857	1,782	1,376	7,646	686	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	20,440
Inter-hospital contracted patient from private sector	0	0	3,394	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3,394
Not inter-hospital contracted patient	742,341	702,485	672,017	301,069	211,143	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,707,258
Not reported	0	0	59	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	11,333
Total	747,198	704,267	676,846	308,715	211,829	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,742,425
All hospitals									
Inter-hospital contracted patient from public sector	6,089	3,144	1,376	7,982	2,274	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	24,982
Inter-hospital contracted patient from private sector	3,629	10	3,394	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	7,806
Not inter-hospital contracted patient	1,915,548	1,924,152	1,405,778	683,993	575,151	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	6,808,161
Not reported	166,178	390	59	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	177,901
Total separations	2,091,444	1,927,696	1,410,607	691,975	577,425	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	7,018,850

(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.
n.p. Not published.

Table 7.18: Separations^(a), by urgency of admission and hospital sector, states and territories, 2004–05

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Emergency	635,235	424,043	320,332	152,427	152,787	40,410	22,829	25,815	1,773,878
Surgical ^(b)	70,337	47,621	30,333	21,592	17,858	4,970	4,616	3,188	200,515
Other ^(b)	564,898	376,422	289,999	130,835	134,929	35,440	18,213	22,627	1,573,363
Elective	562,899	711,148	204,439	130,805	127,718	25,829	19,580	23,156	1,805,574
Surgical ^(b)	183,981	187,234	105,335	55,725	60,771	10,481	9,027	5,036	617,590
Other ^(b)	378,918	523,914	99,104	75,080	66,947	15,348	10,553	18,120	1,187,984
Not assigned	145,899	87,848	208,990	100,028	85,091	20,363	21,229	26,920	696,368
Not reported	213	390	0	0	0	2	0	0	605
Total	1,344,246	1,223,429	733,761	383,260	365,596	86,604	63,638	75,891	4,276,425
Private hospitals									
Emergency	23,024	31,863	80,862	27,695	25,058	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	193,616
Surgical ^(b)	4,835	5,315	15,059	3,898	4,893	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	36,847
Other ^(b)	18,189	26,548	65,803	23,797	20,165	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	156,769
Elective	682,570	652,470	486,455	219,896	166,702	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,273,326
Surgical ^(b)	316,346	247,603	224,522	108,318	88,424	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,016,985
Other ^(b)	366,224	404,867	261,933	111,578	78,278	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,256,341
Not assigned	41,604	19,934	109,529	61,124	20,069	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	257,151
Not reported	0	0	0	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	18,332
Total	747,198	704,267	676,846	308,715	211,829	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,742,425
All hospitals									
Emergency	658,259	455,906	401,194	180,122	177,845	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,967,494
Surgical ^(b)	75,172	52,936	45,392	25,490	22,751	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	237,362
Other ^(b)	583,087	402,970	355,802	154,632	155,094	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,730,132
Elective	1,245,469	1,363,618	690,894	350,701	294,420	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4,078,900
Surgical ^(b)	500,327	434,837	329,857	164,043	149,195	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,634,575
Other ^(b)	745,142	928,781	361,037	186,658	145,225	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,444,325
Not assigned	187,503	107,782	318,519	161,152	105,160	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	953,519
Not reported	213	390	0	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	18,937
Total separations	2,091,444	1,927,696	1,410,607	691,975	577,425	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	7,018,850

(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) Separations have been categorised as *Surgical* or *Other* based on the AR-DRG classification recorded for the separation. *Other* includes AR-DRGs in the *Medical* and *Other* partitions.
n.p. Not published.

Table 7.19: Separations^(a) with hospital in the home care, by hospital sector, states and territories, 2004–05

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA ^(b)	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Separations									
Same day	n.a.	6,304	242	2	948	n.a.	0	1	n.a.
Overnight	n.a.	31,793	920	419	5,241	n.a.	789	250	n.a.
Hospital in the home days	n.a.	230,609	8,437	5,983	44,393	n.a.	7,929	3,152	n.a.
<i>Total patient days</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>320,483</i>	<i>10,957</i>	<i>9,488</i>	<i>44,393</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>11,849</i>	<i>4,795</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
Private hospitals									
Separations									
Same day	n.a.	1	133	0	7	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Overnight	n.a.	511	56	213	14	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Hospital in the home days	n.a.	3,851	3,371	1,573	106	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
<i>Total patient days</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>5,061</i>	<i>3,371</i>	<i>3,489</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
All hospitals									
Separations									
Same day	n.a.	6,305	375	2	955	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Overnight	n.a.	32,304	976	632	5,255	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Hospital in the home days	n.a.	234,460	11,808	7,556	44,499	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Total patient days	n.a.	325,544	14,328	12,977	44,499	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.

(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) In South Australia, hospital in the home care was defined as separate episodes of care and therefore the total number of patient days is equal to the number of hospital in the home care days.

n.p. Not published.

n.a. Not available.