

# 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, inter-hospital contracted patient status and hospital-in-the-home care. 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 and records for *Hospital boarders* and *Posthumous organ procurement*. However, Tables 7.11 and 7.12 also include *Newborn* episodes without qualified days.

Data on Medicare eligibility status for admitted patients have been included in Table 7.1 to allow comparison of data on Medicare eligibility status, patient election status and funding source for the years 2001–02 to 2005–06. Further information on Medicare eligibility status is included in Appendix 1.

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 for patients whose funding source was reported as *Other hospital or public authority*, *Other* or *Not reported*, the patient election status was categorised according to the reported Admitted patient election status.

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 1 for more information).

## Patient election status and funding source

### Changes 2001–02 to 2005–06

Table 7.1 presents the number of separations and patient days by Medicare eligibility, patient election status, funding source and hospital sector for the years 2001–02 to 2005–06. Between 2001–02 and 2005–06 the number of separations for private patients for both sectors combined increased by 17.6% (4.1% per year), and separations for public patients increased by 12.0% (2.9% per year). Between 2004–05 and 2005–06, public patient separations increased by 4.5% and private patient separations increased by 3.7%. After adjusting for coverage change (as detailed in Chapter 2), separations for public patients increased by 4.3% and for

private patients by 3.7%. Between 2004–05 and 2005–06 the number of separations for private patients in public hospitals increased by 4.7% and the number of separations for public patients in private hospitals increased by 8.9%.

The proportion of separations for *Department of Veterans' Affairs* patients in public hospitals decreased from 3.3% in 2001–02 to 3.0% in 2005–06 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 7.5% in 2001–02 to 6.5% in 2005–06.

## State and territory overview

Tables 7.2 to 7.6 are presented using patient election status and selected funding source categories. Accompanying tables published on the Internet present all funding source categories. The funding source categories (*National health data dictionary* version 12 (NHDC 2003)) provide 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 54.3% (3,967,826) of all hospital separations, 86.6% in public hospitals (3,867,734) and 3.5% in private hospitals (100,092) (Table 7.2). Patients whose funding source was reported as *Private health insurance* made up 59.1% of private patients in public hospitals, 80.1% of private patients in private hospitals and 34.8% of all separations. *Department of Veterans' Affairs* patients made up 4.6% of all hospital separations.

Overall, around 1.0% of patients were funded by *Workers compensation* (74,448 separations), and 0.4% were funded by *Motor vehicle third party personal claims* (26,338 separations). For these compensable separations, 56.8% were in private hospitals.

In both sectors combined there were 190.4 separations per 1,000 population (age-standardised) for public patients, compared with 157.2 for private patients (Table 7.3). The latter figure is underestimated because data were not available for all private free-standing day hospital facilities in the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory (see Appendix 2 for further details). The Northern Territory recorded the highest public patient separation rate for public hospitals (466.4 per 1,000). The separation rate for public patients in private hospitals in Western Australia (34.3 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, private patients whose funding source was reported as *Self-funded* generally had the lowest 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 59.0% of total patient days, and *Private health insurance* funded patients accounted for 29.5% 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 15.6% of *Public patients* in public hospitals and 19.1% of *Public patients* in private hospitals. Overall, 19.5% of separations with a funding source of *Private health insurance* were for patients aged 55–64 years, and 55.3% of all separations with a funding source of *Department of Veterans' Affairs* were for patients aged 75–84 years. Patients aged 25–34 years were in the most common age group for separations with a funding source of *Self-funded* (16.7% of separations in public hospitals and 16.8% of separations in private hospitals), and 24.5% of all separations with a funding source of *Motor vehicle third party personal claim* were for patients aged 15–24 years.

Within age groups, 24.8% of separations for patients aged 85+ years reported a funding source of *Department of Veterans' Affairs*, and for those aged 15–24 years, 26.3% 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 not elsewhere classified (including resident overseas, at sea or no fixed address) (Tables 7.7 to 7.10). This information is derived from the patient's area of usual residence 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, 97.5% of separations (7,126,412) were for patients who were treated in their state or territory of residence. However, in the Australian Capital Territory, only 74.9% of public hospital separations were for Australian Capital Territory residents (53,997), 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. Almost 77% of separations in Queensland hospitals for patients whose state of usual residence was New South Wales and 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 for which the admitted patient election status was reported as *Public* and with a care type of *Acute, Newborn* (with at least one qualified patient day) or *Not reported*. 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.

## Care type

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 1). 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. These activities are not considered to be admitted patient care, so records relating to these activities have been excluded from this report. See Appendix 1 for more detail.

Table 7.11 presents the number of separations for each care type. For public and private sectors combined, 93.2% of separations were classified as episodes of *Acute care*, 3.6% as *Newborn* and 2.0% 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 0.6% (507) in the Northern Territory to 2.1% in Queensland (16,155).

*Newborn* separations without any qualified days 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 213,840 separations, the majority (164,839 or 77.1%) 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 patient days for *Newborn* episodes with a mixture of qualified and unqualified days are presented separately as the number of qualified days and the number of unqualified days. In the public sector, the average length of stay for these 'mixed' *Newborn* separations was 3.1 qualified days and 2.4 unqualified days, compared with 10.7 days for *Newborn* separations with qualified days only and 2.7 days for *Newborn* separations with unqualified days only. In the private sector, the average length of stay for these 'mixed' *Newborn* separations was 4.1 qualified days and 3.6 unqualified days, compared with 7.4 days for *Newborn* separations with qualified days only and 4.3 days for *Newborn* separations with unqualified days only.

## 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* and *Other non-acute care* (which comprises *Psychogeriatric care*, *Geriatric evaluation and management* and *Maintenance care*). Data on patients receiving non-acute care may provide information relevant to continuity of care.

Overall, 55.0% of all separations with non-acute care were in public hospitals and 47.3% 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 (72.1%), 6.9% reported a separation mode of *Discharge/transfer to a residential aged care service*, 6.2% reported a separation mode of *Discharge/transfer to an(other) hospital* (acute or psychiatric) and 5.8% had a separation mode of *Statistical discharge-type change* (indicating that the patient remained in the same hospital to receive other care) (see Table 7.13). There was some variation between hospital sectors in the modes of separation reported for non-acute care. For example, 9.2% of separations for non-acute care in public hospitals were transferred to another hospital (acute or psychiatric), compared with 2.6% in private hospitals. There was also variation in the mode of separation by type of non-acute care, as 84.7% of separations for *Rehabilitation care* reported a separation mode of *Other* compared with 32.6% of separations for *Palliative care* and 54.9% 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 (56.6%), and over half of the female patients were aged 75 years and over (51.1%, 43,862 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 (58.5%), and 62.9% (32,828) of all *Other non-acute care* separations were for people aged 75 years and over.

## Mode of admission

Mode of admission records the mechanism by which a patient begins an episode of care (Table 7.15).

In both public and private hospitals, most separations had a mode of admission of *Other* (94.3%, 6,894,675), 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* (209,246 or 4.7% of public hospital separations) and *Statistical admission: type change* (63,502 or 1.4%) than were reported for private hospitals (86,160 or 3.0% and 13,253 or 0.5% 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* (5.1%).

## 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 in 2003–04 (NHDC 2000, 2003), and differences in the use of these definitions by jurisdictions, the use of some categories differs between jurisdictions. Consequently, the number of separations with a mode of separation of *Other* may be underestimated. 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 treated with caution.

The majority of separations (6,738,095, 92.2%) 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 97.0% of separations (2,760,178) were categorised as *Other* compared with 89.1% (3,977,917) in the public sector. The main difference between the sectors was that more public sector patients (6.0%) were transferred to other hospitals (acute and psychiatric) 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 *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) (321,152, see Table 7.16) and the number of patients who recorded a mode of admission of *Admitted patient transferred from another hospital* (295,406, 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, or that some patients were admitted and separated in different reporting years.

## Inter-hospital contracted patient status

An episode of care for an inter-hospital contracted patient (Table 7.17) is defined in the *National health data dictionary* version 12 supplement (AIHW 2004b) 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. These data should be interpreted with caution as the activity reported here 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 1.1% of separations (79,375). The total number of inter-hospital contracted patients was higher for private hospitals (69,654) than for public hospitals (9,721).

Approximately half (45.7%, 4,438 separations) of contracted care provided by public hospitals was purchased by private hospitals and 94.3% (65,690 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 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 (90.3%) and 55.8% of *Elective* admissions were treated in the private sector. For both the private and public sectors combined, 28.2% of separations (2,063,768) were assigned an *Emergency* status, 57.7% of separations (4,219,469) were assigned an *Elective* status and the status was *Not assigned* for 13.9% of separations. In the public hospital sector, 33.7% of separations that were assigned an *Elective* status and 11.1% of separations that were assigned an *Emergency* status were classified as *Surgical*. In the private sector, approximately 82.8% of separations were assigned an *Elective* status and 44.6% of these were classified as *Surgical*. An *Emergency* status was assigned for 7.0% of private hospital separations and 19.3% of these separations were classified as *Surgical*.

## Hospital in the home care

Table 7.19 reports on hospital-in-the-home care, and 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 (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 2005-06, New South Wales and Tasmania did not report this data element. For all other states and territories, 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.

Several Queensland public and private hospitals conducted hospital-in-the-home programs during the 2005-06 financial year. Although the number of admitted patient separations involving hospital in the home care has remained fairly steady in recent years, the number of days of care provided under these programs has been increasing. Nevertheless, hospital-in-the-home care remains a very small percentage of total admitted patient activity.

For Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia, there were 48,057 separations that reported hospital-in-the-home care. They accounted for 403,810 patient days, of which 271,449 days (67.2%) were reported as hospital-in-the-home days. Same day separations accounted for 17.3% of separations (8,303) reporting hospital-in-the-home care for these states.

**Table 7.1: Separations and patient days<sup>(a)</sup>, by Medicare eligibility status, patient election status, funding source and hospital sector, Australia, 2001–02 to 2005–06**

|                                       | 2001–02            |                     | 2002–03            |                     | 2003–04            |                     | 2004–05            |                     | 2005–06            |                     | 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 2001–02                      | Since 2004–05 |
| <b>Public hospitals</b>               |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |                     |  |               |
| Medicare eligible                     | 3,948              | 16,166              | 4,073              | 16,357              | 4,182              | 16,324              | 4,257              | 16,596              | 4,446              | 16,885              | 3.0  | 4.4           |
| Public                                | 3,437              | 13,693              | 3,555              | 13,901              | 3,644              | 13,784              | 3,704              | 13,949              | 3,867              | 14,118              | 3.0  | 4.4           |
| Private                               | 511                | 2,473               | 518                | 2,456               | 538                | 2,541               | 553                | 2,647               | 579                | 2,767               | 3.2  | 4.7           |
| Compensable <sup>(b)</sup>            | 39                 | 197                 | 42                 | 203                 | 43                 | 205                 | 43                 | 211                 | 45                 | 221                 | 3.1  | 3.6           |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs       | 132                | 833                 | 138                | 855                 | 138                | 860                 | 136                | 826                 | 135                | 817                 | 0.5  | -1.3          |
| Other private                         | 340                | 1,443               | 338                | 1,397               | 357                | 1,475               | 374                | 1,611               | 400                | 1,729               | 4.2  | 7.0           |
| Not Medicare eligible                 | 15                 | 55                  | 14                 | 52                  | 14                 | 50                  | 16                 | 53                  | 16                 | 62                  | 1.7  | 3.4           |
| Not reported                          | 2                  | 16                  | 4                  | 16                  | 5                  | 44                  | 4                  | 13                  | 4                  | 47                  | 18.7                                       | 11.1          |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>3,966</b>       | <b>16,237</b>       | <b>4,091</b>       | <b>16,425</b>       | <b>4,201</b>       | <b>16,419</b>       | <b>4,276</b>       | <b>16,662</b>       | <b>4,466</b>       | <b>16,993</b>       | <b>3.0</b>                                 | <b>4.4</b>    |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>              |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |                     |  |               |
| Medicare eligible                     | 2,366              | 6,750               | 2,493              | 6,925               | 2,595              | 7,015               | 2,680              | 6,984               | 2,779              | 7,150               | 4.1  | 3.7           |
| Public                                | 105                | 344                 | 98                 | 302                 | 87                 | 219                 | 91                 | 210                 | 100                | 226                 | -1.2                                       | 8.9           |
| Private                               | 2,261              | 6,406               | 2,395              | 6,623               | 2,508              | 6,796               | 2,589              | 6,773               | 2,680              | 6,924               | 4.3  | 3.5           |
| Compensable <sup>(b)</sup>            | 62                 | 180                 | 60                 | 179                 | 57                 | 166                 | 55                 | 140                 | 57                 | 141                 | -1.8                                       | 4.2           |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs       | 184                | 919                 | 193                | 953                 | 190                | 945                 | 186                | 891                 | 186                | 886                 | 0.3  | -0.2          |
| Other private                         | 2,015              | 5,307               | 2,141              | 5,491               | 2,262              | 5,685               | 2,347              | 5,742               | 2,436              | 5,897               | 4.9  | 3.8           |
| Not Medicare eligible                 | 9                  | 22                  | 6                  | 14                  | 5                  | 16                  | 5                  | 18                  | 11                 | 33                  | 5.9  | 112.6         |
| Not reported                          | 58                 | 192                 | 56                 | 176                 | 40                 | 134                 | 57                 | 165                 | 56                 | 155                 | -1.1                                       | -2.4          |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>2,433</b>       | <b>6,964</b>        | <b>2,554</b>       | <b>7,115</b>        | <b>2,641</b>       | <b>7,165</b>        | <b>2,742</b>       | <b>7,166</b>        | <b>2,846</b>       | <b>7,338</b>        | <b>4.0</b>                                 | <b>3.8</b>    |
| <b>All hospitals</b>                  |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |                     |  |               |
| Medicare eligible                     | 6,314              | 22,916              | 6,566              | 23,282              | 6,778              | 23,339              | 6,937              | 23,579              | 7,225              | 24,034              | 3.4  | 4.1           |
| Public                                | 3,542              | 14,037              | 3,653              | 14,203              | 3,731              | 14,002              | 3,795              | 14,159              | 3,966              | 14,343              | 2.9  | 4.5           |
| Private                               | 2,772              | 8,879               | 2,912              | 9,079               | 3,046              | 9,336               | 3,142              | 9,421               | 3,259              | 9,691               | 4.1  | 3.7           |
| Compensable <sup>(b)</sup>            | 101                | 377                 | 102                | 382                 | 99                 | 372                 | 98                 | 351                 | 102                | 362                 | 0.2  | 3.9           |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs       | 315                | 1,752               | 331                | 1,809               | 328                | 1,805               | 323                | 1,717               | 320                | 1,703               | 0.4  | -0.6          |
| Other private                         | 2,355              | 6,750               | 2,480              | 6,888               | 2,619              | 7,159               | 2,721              | 7,353               | 2,836              | 7,626               | 4.8  | 4.2           |
| Not Medicare eligible                 | 24                 | 77                  | 20                 | 67                  | 19                 | 66                  | 21                 | 71                  | 27                 | 94                  | 3.3  | 30.5          |
| Not reported                          | 61                 | 209                 | 60                 | 193                 | 45                 | 178                 | 61                 | 178                 | 60                 | 202                 | -0.2                                       | -1.5          |
| <b>Total separations/patient days</b> | <b>6,398</b>       | <b>23,201</b>       | <b>6,645</b>       | <b>23,541</b>       | <b>6,841</b>       | <b>23,583</b>       | <b>7,019</b>       | <b>23,829</b>       | <b>7,312</b>       | <b>24,331</b>       | <b>3.4</b>                                 | <b>4.2</b>    |

(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) Includes separations for which the funding source was reported as *Workers compensation*, *Motor vehicle third party personal claim* and *Other compensation*. 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<sup>(a)</sup>, by patient election status, funding source and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005-06**

|  | NSW              | Vic              | Qld              | WA             | SA             | Tas           | ACT           | NT            | Total            |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                  |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 1,162,558        | 1,118,590        | 682,293          | 354,206        | 328,855        | 77,264        | 63,139        | 80,829        | 3,867,734        |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 1,159,895        | 1,117,441        | 681,062          | 353,798        | 327,698        | 76,950        | 63,108        | 80,685        | 3,860,637        |
| Private patients                         | 257,579          | 149,523          | 68,024           | 40,754         | 48,812         | 17,034        | 8,997         | 2,556         | 593,279          |
| Private health insurance                 | 167,616          | 86,150           | 28,610           | 23,809         | 28,106         | 11,101        | 4,674         | 741           | 350,807          |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 20,289           | 14,125           | 14,433           | 882            | 1,855          | 0             | 160           | 341           | 52,085           |
| Workers compensation                     | 7,546            | 5,416            | 4,471            | 1,870          | 1,708          | 534           | 382           | 341           | 22,268           |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 4,915            | 8,426            | 2,387            | 2,269          | 1,896          | 864           | 178           | 383           | 21,318           |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 54,802           | 34,253           | 13,769           | 9,572          | 14,205         | 4,489         | 3,020         | 401           | 134,511          |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 2,411            | 1,153            | 4,354            | 2,352          | 1,042          | 46            | 583           | 349           | 12,290           |
| Patient election status not reported     | 326              | 4,731            | 0                | 0              | 0              | 6             | 0             | 0             | 5,063            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>1,420,463</b> | <b>1,272,844</b> | <b>750,317</b>   | <b>394,960</b> | <b>377,667</b> | <b>94,304</b> | <b>72,136</b> | <b>83,385</b> | <b>4,466,076</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                 |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 7,540            | 1,879            | 15,617           | 69,188         | 1,042          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 100,092          |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 7,539            | 1,879            | 15,617           | 69,184         | 1,031          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 100,074          |
| Private patients                         | 758,359          | 717,089          | 695,914          | 250,205        | 219,155        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,740,848        |
| Private health insurance                 | 612,463          | 574,864          | 524,257          | 210,958        | 189,178        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,196,184        |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 84,408           | 86,198           | 74,374           | 14,096         | 10,183         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 273,530          |
| Workers compensation                     | 13,240           | 12,210           | 11,491           | 5,943          | 5,760          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 52,180           |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 346              | 3,150            | 41               | 799            | 440            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 5,020            |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 46,714           | 40,425           | 78,727           | 16,810         | 12,660         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 201,300          |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 1,188            | 242              | 7,024            | 1,599          | 934            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 12,634           |
| Patient election status not reported     | 0                | 1,013            | 0                | 0              | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 4,967            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>765,899</b>   | <b>719,981</b>   | <b>711,531</b>   | <b>319,393</b> | <b>220,197</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>2,845,907</b> |
| <b>All hospitals</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 1,170,098        | 1,120,469        | 697,910          | 423,394        | 329,897        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 3,967,826        |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 1,167,434        | 1,119,320        | 696,679          | 422,982        | 328,729        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 3,960,711        |
| Private patients                         | 1,015,938        | 866,612          | 763,938          | 290,959        | 267,967        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 3,334,127        |
| Private health insurance                 | 780,079          | 661,014          | 552,867          | 234,767        | 217,284        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,546,991        |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 104,697          | 100,323          | 88,807           | 14,978         | 12,038         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 325,615          |
| Workers compensation                     | 20,786           | 17,626           | 15,962           | 7,813          | 7,468          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 74,448           |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 5,261            | 11,576           | 2,428            | 3,068          | 2,336          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 26,338           |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 101,516          | 74,678           | 92,496           | 26,382         | 26,865         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 335,811          |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 3,599            | 1,395            | 11,378           | 3,951          | 1,976          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 24,924           |
| Patient election status not reported     | 326              | 5,744            | 0                | 0              | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 10,030           |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>2,186,362</b> | <b>1,992,825</b> | <b>1,461,848</b> | <b>714,353</b> | <b>597,864</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>7,311,983</b> |

(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* and *Other hospital or public authority*.

(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*.

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

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**Table 7.3: Separations<sup>(a)</sup> per 1,000 population, by patient election status, funding source and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005-06**

|  | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Total        |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 166.0        | 215.0        | 170.9        | 176.2        | 202.0        | 154.6        | 207.5        | 466.4        | 185.6        |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 165.6        | 214.8        | 170.6        | 176.0        | 201.2        | 154.0        | 207.4        | 465.6        | 185.3        |
| Private patients                         | 35.5         | 27.8         | 17.0         | 20.2         | 27.8         | 31.7         | 30.9         | 16.7         | 27.7         |
| Private health insurance                 | 23.5         | 16.4         | 7.2          | 11.8         | 16.8         | 21.1         | 15.5         | 4.6          | 16.6         |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 2.9          | 2.8          | 3.6          | 0.4          | 1.2          | 0.0          | 0.5          | 1.7          | 2.5          |
| Workers compensation                     | 1.1          | 1.1          | 1.1          | 0.9          | 1.1          | 1.1          | 1.1          | 1.1          | 1.1          |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 0.7          | 1.7          | 0.6          | 1.1          | 1.2          | 1.8          | 0.5          | 1.9          | 1.0          |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 6.8          | 5.8          | 3.4          | 4.8          | 6.7          | 7.5          | 11.6         | 5.2          | 5.8          |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 0.4          | 0.2          | 1.1          | 1.2          | 0.7          | 0.1          | 1.7          | 1.6          | 0.6          |
| Patient election status not reported     | 0.0          | 0.9          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.2          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>201.5</b> | <b>243.8</b> | <b>188.0</b> | <b>196.4</b> | <b>229.7</b> | <b>186.3</b> | <b>238.4</b> | <b>483.0</b> | <b>213.6</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 1.0          | 0.3          | 3.8          | 34.3         | 0.7          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 4.7          |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 1.0          | 0.3          | 3.8          | 34.3         | 0.7          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 4.7          |
| Private patients                         | 106.5        | 135.9        | 172.6        | 122.9        | 129.1        | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 129.4        |
| Private health insurance                 | 86.5         | 109.4        | 130.0        | 103.4        | 111.9        | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 104.1        |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 12.0         | 16.7         | 18.6         | 7.0          | 6.5          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 13.2         |
| Workers compensation                     | 1.9          | 2.4          | 2.9          | 2.9          | 3.7          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 2.5          |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 0.1          | 0.6          | 0.0          | 0.4          | 0.3          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 0.2          |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 5.9          | 6.8          | 19.3         | 8.4          | 6.1          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 8.8          |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 0.2          | 0.0          | 1.8          | 0.8          | 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.         | 0.2          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>107.6</b> | <b>136.5</b> | <b>176.4</b> | <b>157.2</b> | <b>129.8</b> | <b>n.p.</b>  | <b>n.p.</b>  | <b>n.p.</b>  | <b>134.4</b> |
| <b>All hospitals</b>                     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 167.0        | 215.3        | 174.8        | 210.5        | 202.6        | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 190.4        |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 166.6        | 215.1        | 174.4        | 210.3        | 201.8        | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 190.0        |
| Private patients                         | 142.0        | 163.8        | 189.6        | 143.1        | 156.9        | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 157.2        |
| Private health insurance                 | 110.0        | 125.7        | 137.2        | 115.2        | 128.8        | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 120.7        |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 15.0         | 19.4         | 22.3         | 7.4          | 7.7          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 15.7         |
| Workers compensation                     | 3.0          | 3.4          | 4.0          | 3.8          | 4.8          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 3.6          |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 0.8          | 2.3          | 0.6          | 1.5          | 1.5          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 1.3          |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 12.7         | 12.6         | 22.7         | 13.2         | 12.8         | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 14.6         |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 0.5          | 0.3          | 2.9          | 2.0          | 1.3          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 1.2          |
| Patient election status not reported     | 0.0          | 1.1          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | n.p.         | n.p.         | n.p.         | 0.5          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>309.1</b> | <b>380.2</b> | <b>364.4</b> | <b>353.7</b> | <b>359.5</b> | <b>n.p.</b>  | <b>n.p.</b>  | <b>n.p.</b>  | <b>348.0</b> |

(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 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* and *Other hospital or public authority*.

(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*.

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.

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**Table 7.4: Average cost weight of separations<sup>(a)</sup>, by patient election status, funding source and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005-06**

|  | NSW         | Vic         | Qld         | WA          | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT          | Total       |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 1.04        | 0.92        | 1.00        | 0.94        | 0.99        | 1.06        | 1.00        | 0.71        | 0.98        |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 1.04        | 0.92        | 1.00        | 0.94        | 0.98        | 1.06        | 1.00        | 0.71        | 0.98        |
| Private patients                         | 1.19        | 1.19        | 1.05        | 1.30        | 1.16        | 1.03        | 1.22        | 1.40        | 1.18        |
| Private health insurance                 | 1.16        | 1.20        | 0.95        | 1.30        | 1.08        | 0.92        | 1.31        | 1.25        | 1.15        |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 1.20        | 0.76        | 1.00        | 0.87        | 0.77        | ..          | 0.94        | 1.36        | 1.00        |
| Workers compensation                     | 1.27        | 1.16        | 1.38        | 1.34        | 1.09        | 1.24        | 1.48        | 1.27        | 1.26        |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 1.83        | 2.20        | 1.86        | 2.67        | 2.27        | 2.18        | 2.98        | 2.40        | 2.14        |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 1.22        | 1.12        | 1.05        | 1.05        | 1.29        | 1.07        | 0.98        | 1.29        | 1.16        |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 1.24        | 1.11        | 1.17        | 1.25        | 0.93        | 1.05        | 1.11        | 1.03        | 1.17        |
| Patient election status not reported     | 1.10        | 1.27        | ..          | ..          | ..          | 1.06        | ..          | ..          | 1.26        |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>1.07</b> | <b>0.95</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>0.98</b> | <b>1.01</b> | <b>1.06</b> | <b>1.03</b> | <b>0.74</b> | <b>1.00</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 0.90        | 0.54        | 0.50        | 0.52        | 0.89        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        | 0.56        |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 0.90        | 0.54        | 0.50        | 0.52        | 0.89        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        | 0.56        |
| Private patients                         | 0.94        | 0.89        | 0.89        | 0.97        | 0.98        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        | 0.92        |
| Private health insurance                 | 0.95        | 0.92        | 0.91        | 0.96        | 0.97        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        | 0.93        |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 0.75        | 0.56        | 0.64        | 0.75        | 0.84        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        | 0.66        |
| Workers compensation                     | 1.19        | 1.09        | 1.09        | 1.11        | 1.19        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        | 1.13        |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 1.19        | 1.26        | 1.34        | 1.07        | 1.07        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        | 1.20        |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 1.12        | 1.16        | 0.99        | 1.20        | 1.12        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        | 1.08        |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 1.07        | 1.32        | 0.70        | 0.95        | 0.94        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        | 0.82        |
| Patient election status not reported     | ..          | 0.51        | ..          | ..          | ..          | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        | 0.73        |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>0.94</b> | <b>0.89</b> | <b>0.88</b> | <b>0.87</b> | <b>0.98</b> | <b>n.p.</b> | <b>n.p.</b> | <b>n.p.</b> | <b>0.91</b> |

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as *Acute*, *Newborn* with qualified days, or *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* or *Other hospital or public authority*.

(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*.

Note: Average cost weights have been calculated using AR-DRG version 5.0 public cost weights (2004-05) for both the public sector and the private sector.

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**Table 7.5: Patient days<sup>(a)</sup>, by patient election status, funding source and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005–06**

|  | NSW              | Vic              | Qld              | WA               | SA               | Tas            | ACT            | NT             | Total             |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                   |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 4,662,336        | 3,627,489        | 2,499,608        | 1,256,012        | 1,306,642        | 332,114        | 205,489        | 232,795        | 14,122,485        |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 4,652,758        | 3,623,710        | 2,495,304        | 1,254,309        | 1,306,089        | 331,771        | 205,163        | 232,262        | 14,101,366        |
| Private patients                         | 1,312,509        | 683,041          | 247,400          | 197,991          | 264,895          | 65,087         | 38,815         | 11,514         | 2,821,252         |
| Private health insurance                 | 766,148          | 389,956          | 99,828           | 112,007          | 134,250          | 33,712         | 21,392         | 2,079          | 1,559,372         |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 101,801          | 19,534           | 21,520           | 1,577            | 9,696            | 0              | 352            | 1,533          | 156,013           |
| Workers compensation                     | 28,404           | 16,393           | 17,624           | 6,109            | 5,276            | 1,437          | 1,404          | 1,306          | 77,953            |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 32,619           | 45,540           | 13,612           | 18,397           | 14,259           | 5,849          | 1,196          | 3,477          | 134,949           |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 347,173          | 208,011          | 75,343           | 48,637           | 99,453           | 24,002         | 12,122         | 2,125          | 816,866           |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 36,364           | 3,607            | 19,473           | 11,264           | 1,961            | 87             | 2,349          | 994            | 76,099            |
| Patient election status not reported     | 1,989            | 44,971           | 0                | 0                | 0                | 2,329          | 0              | 0              | 49,289            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>5,976,834</b> | <b>4,355,501</b> | <b>2,747,008</b> | <b>1,454,003</b> | <b>1,571,537</b> | <b>399,530</b> | <b>244,304</b> | <b>244,309</b> | <b>16,993,026</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                   |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 10,848           | 3,235            | 43,642           | 152,854          | 3,102            | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 226,245           |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 10,847           | 3,235            | 43,642           | 152,828          | 3,079            | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 226,193           |
| Private patients                         | 1,873,946        | 1,879,772        | 1,837,010        | 675,930          | 572,370          | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 7,103,151         |
| Private health insurance                 | 1,495,831        | 1,505,311        | 1,359,991        | 542,028          | 490,958          | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 5,618,863         |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 127,311          | 118,971          | 86,080           | 17,000           | 12,470           | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 367,567           |
| Workers compensation                     | 28,109           | 29,840           | 17,866           | 10,391           | 13,218           | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 105,388           |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 1,672            | 30,247           | 66               | 1,784            | 1,006            | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 35,697            |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 218,471          | 195,020          | 361,585          | 101,375          | 52,623           | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 953,354           |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 2,552            | 383              | 11,422           | 3,352            | 2,095            | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 22,282            |
| Patient election status not reported     | 0                | 1,063            | 0                | 0                | 0                | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 8,231             |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>1,884,794</b> | <b>1,884,070</b> | <b>1,880,652</b> | <b>828,784</b>   | <b>575,472</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>7,337,627</b>  |
| <b>All hospitals</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                   |
| Public patients <sup>(b)</sup>           | 4,673,184        | 3,630,724        | 2,543,250        | 1,408,866        | 1,309,744        | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 14,348,730        |
| Public <sup>(c)</sup>                    | 4,663,605        | 3,626,945        | 2,538,946        | 1,407,137        | 1,309,168        | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 14,327,559        |
| Private patients                         | 3,186,455        | 2,562,813        | 2,084,410        | 873,921          | 837,265          | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 9,924,403         |
| Private health insurance                 | 2,261,979        | 1,895,267        | 1,459,819        | 654,035          | 625,208          | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 7,176,235         |
| Self-funded <sup>(d)</sup>               | 229,112          | 138,505          | 107,600          | 18,577           | 22,166           | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 523,580           |
| Workers compensation                     | 56,513           | 46,233           | 35,490           | 16,500           | 18,494           | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 183,341           |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 34,291           | 75,787           | 13,678           | 20,181           | 15,265           | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 170,646           |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 565,644          | 403,031          | 436,928          | 150,012          | 152,076          | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 1,770,220         |
| Other <sup>(e)</sup>                     | 38,916           | 3,990            | 30,895           | 14,616           | 4,056            | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 98,381            |
| Patient election status not reported     | 1,989            | 46,034           | 0                | 0                | 0                | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 57,520            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>7,861,628</b> | <b>6,239,571</b> | <b>4,627,660</b> | <b>2,282,787</b> | <b>2,147,009</b> | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>24,330,653</b> |

(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* or *Other hospital or public authority*.

(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<sup>(a)</sup>, by patient election status, funding source, age group and hospital sector, Australia, 2005-06**

|  | <1             | 1-4            | 5-14           | 15-24          | 25-34          | 35-44          | 45-54          | 55-64            | 65-74            | 75-84            | 85+            | Total <sup>(b)</sup> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                      |
| Public patients <sup>(c)</sup>           | 105,853        | 120,730        | 158,148        | 316,225        | 472,274        | 429,476        | 456,019        | 529,954          | 605,276          | 508,982          | 164,746        | 3,867,734            |
| Public <sup>(d)</sup>                    | 105,594        | 120,542        | 157,970        | 314,702        | 470,696        | 428,828        | 455,512        | 529,182          | 604,471          | 508,509          | 164,580        | 3,860,637            |
| Private patients                         | 10,948         | 16,346         | 21,151         | 33,358         | 45,606         | 46,422         | 55,737         | 73,501           | 81,179           | 144,632          | 64,398         | 593,279              |
| Private health insurance                 | 9,802          | 13,093         | 16,279         | 15,319         | 24,918         | 29,090         | 40,389         | 55,574           | 61,725           | 62,447           | 22,171         | 350,807              |
| Self-funded <sup>(e)</sup>               | 832            | 2,475          | 3,073          | 6,275          | 8,687          | 6,699          | 5,343          | 5,494            | 6,624            | 5,361            | 1,221          | 52,085               |
| Workers compensation                     | 0              | 0              | 13             | 4,147          | 4,944          | 5,237          | 4,850          | 2,565            | 415              | 87               | 10             | 22,268               |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 48             | 341            | 1,217          | 5,668          | 3,969          | 3,189          | 2,545          | 1,750            | 1,239            | 1,069            | 283            | 21,318               |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 0              | 2              | 7              | 19             | 78             | 294            | 1,045          | 7,281            | 10,257           | 75,011           | 40,517         | 134,511              |
| Other <sup>(f)</sup>                     | 266            | 435            | 562            | 1,930          | 3,010          | 1,913          | 1,565          | 837              | 919              | 657              | 196            | 12,290               |
| Patient election status not reported     | 177            | 176            | 179            | 1,393          | 1,378          | 468            | 256            | 357              | 364              | 242              | 73             | 5,063                |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>116,978</b> | <b>137,252</b> | <b>179,478</b> | <b>350,976</b> | <b>519,258</b> | <b>476,366</b> | <b>512,012</b> | <b>603,812</b>   | <b>686,819</b>   | <b>653,856</b>   | <b>229,217</b> | <b>4,466,076</b>     |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                 |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                      |
| Public patients <sup>(c)</sup>           | 986            | 1,181          | 1,689          | 4,952          | 8,384          | 12,243         | 14,187         | 18,567           | 19,120           | 15,300           | 3,483          | 100,092              |
| Public <sup>(d)</sup>                    | 986            | 1,181          | 1,689          | 4,951          | 8,383          | 12,240         | 14,185         | 18,565           | 19,116           | 15,295           | 3,483          | 100,074              |
| Private patients                         | 21,242         | 28,768         | 49,201         | 161,932        | 258,356        | 330,881        | 397,410        | 506,911          | 431,224          | 428,205          | 126,718        | 2,740,848            |
| Private health insurance                 | 19,948         | 24,536         | 42,545         | 121,063        | 199,427        | 269,144        | 340,561        | 440,442          | 379,379          | 288,113          | 71,026         | 2,196,184            |
| Self-funded <sup>(e)</sup>               | 1,220          | 4,125          | 6,488          | 34,169         | 45,994         | 43,092         | 35,811         | 35,249           | 32,166           | 28,250           | 6,966          | 273,530              |
| Workers compensation                     | 5              | 23             | 29             | 3,802          | 8,460          | 13,764         | 15,134         | 9,130            | 1,397            | 386              | 50             | 52,180               |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 1              | 8              | 35             | 796            | 1,007          | 1,087          | 942            | 582              | 322              | 204              | 36             | 5,020                |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 1              | 3              | 6              | 100            | 530            | 1,324          | 3,184          | 20,058           | 16,928           | 110,639          | 48,527         | 201,300              |
| Other <sup>(f)</sup>                     | 67             | 73             | 98             | 2,002          | 2,938          | 2,470          | 1,778          | 1,450            | 1,032            | 613              | 113            | 12,634               |
| Patient election status not reported     | 132            | 57             | 32             | 1,286          | 981            | 500            | 552            | 614              | 484              | 275              | 54             | 4,967                |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>22,360</b>  | <b>30,006</b>  | <b>50,922</b>  | <b>168,170</b> | <b>267,721</b> | <b>343,624</b> | <b>412,149</b> | <b>526,092</b>   | <b>450,828</b>   | <b>443,780</b>   | <b>130,255</b> | <b>2,845,907</b>     |
| <b>All hospitals</b>                     |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                      |
| Public patients <sup>(c)</sup>           | 106,839        | 121,911        | 159,837        | 321,177        | 480,658        | 441,719        | 470,206        | 548,521          | 624,396          | 524,282          | 168,229        | 3,967,826            |
| Public <sup>(d)</sup>                    | 106,580        | 121,723        | 159,659        | 319,653        | 479,079        | 441,068        | 469,697        | 547,747          | 623,587          | 523,804          | 168,063        | 3,960,711            |
| Private patients                         | 32,190         | 45,114         | 70,352         | 195,290        | 303,962        | 377,303        | 453,147        | 580,412          | 512,403          | 572,837          | 191,116        | 3,334,127            |
| Private health insurance                 | 29,750         | 37,629         | 58,824         | 136,382        | 224,345        | 298,234        | 380,950        | 496,016          | 441,104          | 350,560          | 93,197         | 2,546,991            |
| Self-funded <sup>(e)</sup>               | 2,052          | 6,600          | 9,561          | 40,444         | 54,681         | 49,791         | 41,154         | 40,743           | 38,790           | 33,611           | 8,187          | 325,615              |
| Workers compensation                     | 5              | 23             | 42             | 7,949          | 13,404         | 19,001         | 19,984         | 11,695           | 1,812            | 473              | 60             | 74,448               |
| Motor vehicle third party personal claim | 49             | 349            | 1,252          | 6,464          | 4,976          | 4,276          | 3,487          | 2,332            | 1,561            | 1,273            | 319            | 26,338               |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs          | 1              | 5              | 13             | 119            | 608            | 1,618          | 4,229          | 27,339           | 27,185           | 185,650          | 89,044         | 335,811              |
| Other <sup>(f)</sup>                     | 333            | 508            | 660            | 3,932          | 5,948          | 4,383          | 3,343          | 2,287            | 1,951            | 1,270            | 309            | 24,924               |
| Patient election status not reported     | 309            | 233            | 211            | 2,679          | 2,359          | 968            | 808            | 971              | 848              | 517              | 127            | 10,030               |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>139,338</b> | <b>167,258</b> | <b>230,400</b> | <b>519,146</b> | <b>786,975</b> | <b>819,990</b> | <b>924,161</b> | <b>1,129,904</b> | <b>1,137,647</b> | <b>1,097,636</b> | <b>359,472</b> | <b>7,311,983</b>     |

(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 *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* or *Other hospital or public authority*.

(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 and others may be overestimated.

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

Table 7.7: Separations<sup>(a)</sup>, by state or territory of usual residence and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005–06

| State or territory of usual residence       | State or territory of hospitalisation |                  |                |                |                |               |               |               |                  |              | Total population <sup>(b)</sup><br>per 1,000 |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|--|
|   | NSW                                   | Vic              | Qld            | WA             | SA             | Tas           | ACT           | NT            | Total            | Separations  |  |
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                     |                                       |                  |                |                |                |               |               |               |                  |              |  |
| New South Wales                             | 1,388,752                             | 18,996           | 8,612          | 421            | 1,667          | 276           | 17,592        | 358           | 1,436,674        | 203.8        |  |
| Victoria                                    | 5,815                                 | 1,244,738        | 1,636          | 512            | 1,996          | 266           | 212           | 295           | 1,255,470        | 240.4        |  |
| Queensland                                  | 11,476                                | 1,283            | 734,980        | 334            | 366            | 155           | 151           | 344           | 749,089          | 187.7        |  |
| Western Australia                           | 500                                   | 542              | 305            | 391,985        | 319            | 67            | 30            | 1,538         | 395,286          | 196.6        |  |
| South Australia                             | 665                                   | 1,640            | 421            | 327            | 370,637        | 46            | 66            | 2,531         | 376,333          | 228.9        |  |
| Tasmania                                    | 282                                   | 1,435            | 213            | 58             | 85             | 93,366        | 25            | 20            | 95,484           | 188.7        |  |
| Australian Capital Territory                | 2,557                                 | 210              | 139            | 22             | 66             | 15            | 53,997        | 18            | 57,024           | 188.0        |  |
| Northern Territory                          | 191                                   | 237              | 292            | 203            | 2,020          | 13            | 7             | 77,886        | 80,849           | 468.1        |  |
| Other Australian territories <sup>(c)</sup> | n.p.                                  | 0                | 15             | 117            | 0              | 0             | 0             | 0             | n.p.             | n.p.         |  |
| Not elsewhere classified <sup>(d)</sup>     | n.p.                                  | 3,763            | 3,018          | 981            | 72             | 100           | 56            | 379           | n.p.             | n.p.         |  |
| Not reported                                | 0                                     | 0                | 686            | 0              | 439            | 0             | 0             | 16            | 1,141            | ..           |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>1,420,463</b>                      | <b>1,272,844</b> | <b>750,317</b> | <b>394,960</b> | <b>377,667</b> | <b>94,304</b> | <b>72,136</b> | <b>83,385</b> | <b>4,466,076</b> | <b>213.6</b> |  |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                    |                                       |                  |                |                |                |               |               |               |                  |              |  |
| New South Wales                             | 748,172                               | 6,650            | 25,201         | 232            | 1,408          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 788,911          | 110.7        |  |
| Victoria                                    | 6,370                                 | 709,902          | 1,522          | 202            | 1,387          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 719,552          | 136.4        |  |
| Queensland                                  | 3,154                                 | 894              | 682,428        | 171            | 211            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 686,970          | 170.3        |  |
| Western Australia                           | 786                                   | 268              | 222            | 318,292        | 79             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 319,759          | 157.4        |  |
| South Australia                             | 174                                   | 438              | 244            | 55             | 215,603        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 216,566          | 127.6        |  |
| Tasmania                                    | 234                                   | 1,022            | 297            | 33             | 52             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 58,744           | 113.5        |  |
| Australian Capital Territory                | 1,754                                 | 204              | 145            | 23             | 32             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 28,563           | 91.1         |  |
| Northern Territory                          | 174                                   | 253              | 485            | 115            | 1,175          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 14,392           | 85.3         |  |
| Other Australian territories <sup>(c)</sup> | n.p.                                  | 1                | 196            | 44             | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.             | n.p.         |  |
| Not elsewhere classified <sup>(d)</sup>     | n.p.                                  | 349              | 782            | 226            | 37             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.             | n.p.         |  |
| Not reported                                | 0                                     | 0                | 9              | 0              | 213            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 230              | ..           |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>765,899</b>                        | <b>719,981</b>   | <b>711,531</b> | <b>319,393</b> | <b>220,197</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>2,845,907</b> | <b>134.4</b> |  |

(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) Rates per 1,000 population were directly age-standardised as detailed in Appendix 1.

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

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Table 7.8: Separations<sup>(a)</sup>, by state or territory of usual residence and patient election status, states and territories, 2005-06

| State or territory of usual residence       | State or territory of hospitalisation |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |              | Separations per 1,000 population <sup>(b)</sup> |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|---|--|
|   | NSW                                   | Vic              | Qld              | WA             | SA             | Tas           | ACT           | NT            | Total            |              |   |  |
| <b>Public patients</b>                      |                                       |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |              |   |  |
| New South Wales                             | 1,144,682                             | 16,316           | 7,917            | 401            | 1,329          | 219           | 15,747        | 314           | 1,186,925        | 169.4        |   |  |
| Victoria                                    | 4,895                                 | 1,097,929        | 1,583            | 520            | 1,636          | 208           | 179           | 266           | 1,107,216        | 212.8        |   |  |
| Queensland                                  | 10,634                                | 1,048            | 684,483          | 299            | 278            | 124           | 128           | 315           | 697,309          | 174.6        |   |  |
| Western Australia                           | 385                                   | 376              | 283              | 420,924        | 265            | 61            | 23            | 1,503         | 423,820          | 210.7        |   |  |
| South Australia                             | 520                                   | 1,119            | 392              | 318            | 324,151        | 42            | 53            | 2,498         | 329,093          | 202.1        |   |  |
| Tasmania                                    | 230                                   | 1,090            | 205              | 60             | 67             | 81,209        | 24            | 18            | 82,903           | 165.7        |   |  |
| Australian Capital Territory                | 2,032                                 | 164              | 125              | 15             | 54             | 10            | 47,065        | 18            | 49,483           | 162.1        |   |  |
| Northern Territory                          | 157                                   | 185              | 266              | 184            | 1,689          | 9             | 7             | 75,747        | 78,244           | 451.4        |   |  |
| Other Australian territories <sup>(c)</sup> | n.p.                                  | 0                | 5                | 113            | 0              | 0             | 0             | 0             | n.p.             | n.p.         |   |  |
| Not elsewhere classified <sup>(d)</sup>     | n.p.                                  | 2,242            | 1,992            | 560            | 18             | 82            | 39            | 136           | n.p.             | n.p.         |   |  |
| Not reported                                | 0                                     | 0                | 659              | 0              | 410            | 0             | 0             | 14            | 1,083            | ..           |   |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>1,170,098</b>                      | <b>1,120,469</b> | <b>697,910</b>   | <b>423,394</b> | <b>329,897</b> | <b>81,964</b> | <b>63,265</b> | <b>80,829</b> | <b>3,967,826</b> | <b>190.4</b> |   |  |
| <b>Private patients</b>                     |                                       |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |              |   |  |
| New South Wales                             | 991,938                               | 9,302            | 25,896           | 252            | 1,746          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 1,038,317        | 145.0        |   |  |
| Victoria                                    | 7,289                                 | 852,504          | 1,575            | 194            | 1,747          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 863,594          | 163.2        |   |  |
| Queensland                                  | 3,995                                 | 1,119            | 732,925          | 206            | 299            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 738,735          | 183.4        |   |  |
| Western Australia                           | 901                                   | 427              | 244              | 289,353        | 133            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 291,211          | 143.3        |   |  |
| South Australia                             | 319                                   | 953              | 273              | 64             | 262,089        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 263,789          | 154.4        |   |  |
| Tasmania                                    | 286                                   | 1,364            | 305              | 31             | 70             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 69,369           | 132.2        |   |  |
| Australian Capital Territory                | 2,278                                 | 249              | 159              | 30             | 44             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 36,100           | 117.0        |   |  |
| Northern Territory                          | 208                                   | 305              | 511              | 134            | 1,506          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 15,230           | 90.9         |   |  |
| Other Australian territories <sup>(c)</sup> | n.p.                                  | 1                | 206              | 48             | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.             | n.p.         |   |  |
| Not elsewhere classified <sup>(d)</sup>     | n.p.                                  | 388              | 1,808            | 647            | 91             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.             | n.p.         |   |  |
| Not reported                                | 0                                     | 0                | 36               | 0              | 242            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 284              | ..           |   |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>1,015,938</b>                      | <b>866,612</b>   | <b>763,938</b>   | <b>290,959</b> | <b>267,967</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>3,334,127</b> | <b>157.2</b> |   |  |
| <b>Total<sup>(e)</sup></b>                  | <b>2,186,362</b>                      | <b>1,992,825</b> | <b>1,461,848</b> | <b>714,353</b> | <b>597,864</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>7,311,983</b> | <b>348.0</b> |   |  |

(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) Rates per 1,000 population were directly age-standardised as detailed in Appendix 1.

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

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

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Table 7.9: Average cost weight of separations<sup>(a)</sup>, by state or territory of usual residence and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005–06

| State or territory of usual residence       | State or territory of hospitalisation |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |  |  | Total       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|-------------|--|
|   | NSW                                   | Vic         | Qld         | WA          | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT          |  |  |             |  |
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                     |                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |             |  |
| New South Wales                             | 1.06                                  | 0.96        | 1.63        | 1.24        | 1.60        | 1.09        | 1.21        | 1.26        |  |  | 1.07        |  |
| Victoria                                    | 1.16                                  | 0.95        | 1.08        | 1.01        | 1.49        | 1.13        | 1.49        | 1.00        |  |  | 0.95        |  |
| Queensland                                  | 1.05                                  | 1.25        | 0.99        | 1.20        | 1.11        | 1.01        | 1.40        | 0.97        |  |  | 0.99        |  |
| Western Australia                           | 1.24                                  | 0.88        | 1.05        | 0.98        | 0.96        | 1.69        | 0.96        | 0.67        |  |  | 0.98        |  |
| South Australia                             | 1.65                                  | 1.72        | 1.21        | 0.95        | 0.99        | 1.02        | 0.90        | 0.60        |  |  | 0.99        |  |
| Tasmania                                    | 1.34                                  | 2.65        | 1.29        | 0.81        | 2.17        | 1.06        | 0.91        | 2.60        |  |  | 1.08        |  |
| Australian Capital Territory                | 1.52                                  | 1.35        | 0.82        | 0.96        | 1.33        | 0.76        | 0.96        | 1.35        |  |  | 0.99        |  |
| Northern Territory                          | 1.66                                  | 2.43        | 1.49        | 1.40        | 2.68        | 3.58        | 1.10        | 0.73        |  |  | 0.79        |  |
| Other Australian territories <sup>(b)</sup> | 1.01                                  | ..          | 1.12        | 1.26        | ..          | ..          | ..          | ..          |  |  | 1.02        |  |
| Not elsewhere classified <sup>(c)</sup>     | 1.39                                  | 1.22        | 1.29        | 1.49        | 0.82        | 1.49        | 1.80        | 1.47        |  |  | 1.34        |  |
| Not reported                                | ..                                    | ..          | 1.23        | ..          | 2.20        | ..          | ..          | 0.95        |  |  | 1.59        |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>1.07</b>                           | <b>0.95</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>0.98</b> | <b>1.01</b> | <b>1.06</b> | <b>1.03</b> | <b>0.74</b> |  |  | <b>1.00</b> |  |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                    |                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |             |  |
| New South Wales                             | 0.93                                  | 1.12        | 1.02        | 0.86        | 1.35        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 0.94        |  |
| Victoria                                    | 0.94                                  | 0.88        | 0.84        | 0.78        | 1.16        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 0.88        |  |
| Queensland                                  | 0.94                                  | 1.14        | 0.88        | 1.12        | 1.19        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 0.88        |  |
| Western Australia                           | 1.27                                  | 1.00        | 0.90        | 0.87        | 1.08        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 0.87        |  |
| South Australia                             | 1.53                                  | 0.95        | 0.83        | 1.01        | 0.97        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 0.97        |  |
| Tasmania                                    | 1.72                                  | 1.82        | 0.82        | 1.55        | 1.75        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 1.03        |  |
| Australian Capital Territory                | 1.50                                  | 1.12        | 1.07        | 0.78        | 1.05        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 1.04        |  |
| Northern Territory                          | 1.59                                  | 0.94        | 1.17        | 1.32        | 1.75        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 0.94        |  |
| Other Australian territories <sup>(b)</sup> | 1.08                                  | 0.49        | 0.57        | 1.01        | ..          | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 1.05        |  |
| Not elsewhere classified <sup>(c)</sup>     | 2.48                                  | 0.99        | 1.21        | 0.97        | 0.73        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 0.97        |  |
| Not reported                                | ..                                    | ..          | 1.26        | ..          | 1.22        | n.p.        | n.p.        | n.p.        |  |  | 1.22        |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>0.94</b>                           | <b>0.89</b> | <b>0.88</b> | <b>0.87</b> | <b>0.98</b> | <b>n.p.</b> | <b>n.p.</b> | <b>n.p.</b> |  |  | <b>0.91</b> |  |

(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.

Note: Average cost weights have been calculated using AR-DRG version 5.0 cost weights (2004–05) for both the public sector and the private sector.

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**Table 7.10: Notional cost<sup>(a)</sup> (\$'000) of separations<sup>(b)</sup>, by state or territory of usual residence, public patients, all hospitals, states and territories, 2005–06**

| State or territory of usual residence       | State or territory of hospitalisation |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |                    |                |             |             | Total |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
|   | NSW                                   | Vic              | Qld              | WA               | SA               | Tas            | ACT <sup>(b)</sup> | NT             | NT          | Total       |       |
| New South Wales                             | 3,850,737                             | 49,883           | 42,025           | 1,393            | 7,030            | 716            | n.p.               | 1,111          | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| Victoria                                    | 17,715                                | 3,263,308        | 5,293            | 1,368            | 7,554            | 545            | n.p.               | 823            | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| Queensland                                  | 35,397                                | 3,854            | 2,144,138        | 986              | 1,063            | 411            | n.p.               | 936            | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| Western Australia                           | 1,483                                 | 1,031            | 975              | 1,194,653        | 823              | 342            | n.p.               | 3,288          | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| South Australia                             | 2,969                                 | 7,237            | 1,460            | 960              | 1,021,823        | 139            | n.p.               | 4,878          | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| Tasmania                                    | 913                                   | 9,676            | 847              | 146              | 513              | 265,190        | n.p.               | 143            | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| Australian Capital Territory                | 9,446                                 | 684              | 308              | 40               | 226              | 28             | n.p.               | 77             | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| Northern Territory                          | 883                                   | 1,577            | 1,301            | 888              | 16,312           | 124            | n.p.               | 178,789        | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| Other Australian territories <sup>(c)</sup> | 6,191                                 | ..               | 26               | 462              | ..               | ..             | n.p.               | ..             | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| Not elsewhere classified <sup>(d)</sup>     | 18,662                                | 8,836            | 7,795            | 2,155            | 46               | 327            | n.p.               | 467            | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| Not reported                                | ..                                    | ..               | 2,625            | ..               | 2,640            | ..             | n.p.               | 46             | n.p.        | n.p.        |       |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>3,944,395</b>                      | <b>3,346,087</b> | <b>2,206,793</b> | <b>1,203,051</b> | <b>1,058,029</b> | <b>267,822</b> | <b>n.p.</b>        | <b>190,558</b> | <b>n.p.</b> | <b>n.p.</b> |       |

(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 *Not reported* have been included. These data are based on the AR-DRG for each separation multiplied by the 2004–05 AR-DRG average public cost of \$3,332. 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.

(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.

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Table 7.11: Separations<sup>(a)</sup>, by care type and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005–06

| Care type   | NSW              | Vic <sup>(b)</sup> | Qld            | WA             | SA             | Tas           | ACT           | NT            | Total            |
|---|------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                               |                  |                    |                |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Acute care  | 1,365,120        | 1,226,607          | 714,135        | 381,662        | 364,264        | 91,158        | 68,831        | 81,459        | 4,293,236        |
| Rehabilitation care—not further specified             | 22,152           | 13,143             | ..             | 6,179          | 7,086          | 911           | ..            | 507           | 49,978           |
| Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit    | ..               | ..                 | 9,856          | ..             | ..             | ..            | 467           | ..            | 10,323           |
| Rehabilitation care—according to a designated program | ..               | ..                 | 4,275          | ..             | ..             | ..            | 204           | ..            | 4,479            |
| Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent         | ..               | ..                 | 2,024          | ..             | ..             | ..            | 881           | ..            | 2,905            |
| <i>Rehabilitation total</i>                           | 22,152           | 13,143             | 16,155         | 6,179          | 7,086          | 911           | 1,552         | 507           | 67,685           |
| Palliative care                                       | 8,333            | 4,729              | 3,921          | 942            | 1,384          | 372           | 493           | 168           | 20,342           |
| Geriatric evaluation and management                   | 1,316            | 11,232             | 513            | 638            | 1              | 14            | 135           | 66            | 13,915           |
| Psychogeriatric care                                  | 1,105            | 1,979              | 583            | 716            | 28             | 162           | 2             | 8             | 4,583            |
| Maintenance care                                      | 6,892            | 3,228              | 5,286          | 2,077          | 1,336          | 544           | 245           | 142           | 19,750           |
| Newborn—qualified days only                           | 9,801            | 9,676              | 7,148          | 2,363          | 2,704          | 1,132         | 864           | 1,017         | 34,705           |
| Newborn—qualified and unqualified days <sup>(c)</sup> | 4,404            | 2,250              | 2,293          | 383            | 864            | 0             | 14            | 0             | 10,208           |
| Newborn—unqualified days only                         | 60,312           | 39,206             | 31,548         | 15,087         | 10,235         | 3,355         | 2,744         | 2,352         | 164,839          |
| <i>Newborn total</i>                                  | 74,517           | 51,132             | 40,989         | 17,833         | 13,803         | 4,487         | 3,622         | 3,369         | 209,752          |
| Other admitted patient care                           | ..               | 0                  | 283            | 0              | ..             | 0             | ..            | 18            | 301              |
| Not reported  | 1,340            | 0                  | 0              | 0              | 0              | 11            | 0             | 0             | 1,351            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1,480,775</b> | <b>1,312,050</b>   | <b>781,865</b> | <b>410,047</b> | <b>387,902</b> | <b>97,659</b> | <b>74,880</b> | <b>85,737</b> | <b>4,630,915</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                              |                  |                    |                |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Acute care  | 715,820          | 697,934            | 687,322        | 312,786        | 214,896        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,722,924        |
| Rehabilitation care—not further specified             | 47,158           | 12,447             | ..             | 1,532          | 4,536          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 66,037           |
| Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit    | ..               | ..                 | 10,855         | ..             | ..             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 10,855           |
| Rehabilitation care—according to a designated program | ..               | ..                 | 2,554          | ..             | ..             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,554            |
| Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent         | ..               | ..                 | 4,396          | ..             | ..             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 4,396            |
| <i>Rehabilitation total</i>                           | 47,158           | 12,447             | 17,805         | 1,532          | 4,536          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 83,842           |
| Palliative care                                       | 369              | 486                | 1,775          | 2,138          | 144            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 5,399            |
| Geriatric evaluation and management                   | 738              | 0                  | 4              | 0              | 23             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 766              |
| Psychogeriatric care                                  | 0                | 5,108              | 9              | 26             | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 10,831           |
| Maintenance care                                      | 224              | 66                 | 1,428          | 185            | 8              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,305            |
| Newborn—qualified days only                           | 1,042            | 3,940              | 1,822          | 1,195          | 590            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 8,833            |
| Newborn—qualified and unqualified days <sup>(c)</sup> | 401              | ..                 | 750            | 1,531          | ..             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,725            |
| Newborn—unqualified days only                         | 21,189           | 7                  | 15,121         | 8,485          | 371            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 49,001           |
| <i>Newborn total</i>                                  | 22,632           | 3,947              | 17,693         | 11,211         | 961            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 60,559           |
| Other admitted patient care                           | 147              | 0                  | 616            | 0              | ..             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 763              |
| Not reported  | 0                | 0                  | 0              | 0              | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 7,519            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>787,088</b>   | <b>719,988</b>     | <b>726,652</b> | <b>327,878</b> | <b>220,568</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>2,894,908</b> |

(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) 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.

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.. Not applicable.

**Table 7.12: Patient days<sup>(a)</sup>, by care type and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005–06**

| Care type   | NSW              | Vic <sup>(b)</sup> | Qld              | WA               | SA               | Tas            | ACT            | NT             | Total             |
|---|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                                   |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                   |
| Acute care  | 4,884,071        | 3,406,315          | 2,140,583        | 1,151,561        | 1,200,729        | 339,561        | 199,309        | 222,901        | 13,545,030        |
| Rehabilitation care—not further specified                 | 480,158          | 305,853            | ..               | 133,517          | 131,876          | 24,424         | ..             | 3,541          | 1,079,369         |
| Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit        | ..               | ..                 | 99,816           | ..               | ..               | ..             | 5,746          | ..             | 105,562           |
| Rehabilitation care—according to a designated program     | ..               | ..                 | 69,785           | ..               | ..               | ..             | 5,384          | ..             | 75,169            |
| Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent             | ..               | ..                 | 32,418           | ..               | ..               | ..             | 8,469          | ..             | 40,887            |
| <b>Rehabilitation total</b>                               | <b>480,158</b>   | <b>305,853</b>     | <b>202,019</b>   | <b>133,517</b>   | <b>131,876</b>   | <b>24,424</b>  | <b>19,599</b>  | <b>3,541</b>   | <b>1,300,987</b>  |
| Palliative care   | 106,342          | 74,900             | 37,351           | 9,987            | 17,156           | 4,632          | 7,082          | 2,218          | 259,668           |
| Geriatric evaluation and management                       | 14,138           | 291,898            | 8,090            | 5,930            | 33               | 89             | 1,593          | 1,541          | 323,312           |
| Psychogeriatric care                                      | 72,022           | 64,374             | 13,189           | 31,860           | 12,852           | 189            | 9              | 226            | 194,721           |
| Maintenance care  | 298,087          | 104,472            | 261,825          | 88,131           | 172,359          | 19,850         | 7,342          | 3,498          | 955,564           |
| Newborn—qualified days only                               | 98,873           | 99,350             | 76,251           | 31,137           | 33,676           | 10,668         | 9,328          | 10,352         | 369,635           |
| Newborn—qualified and unqualified days (qualified days)   | 13,527           | 8,339              | 5,504            | 1,880            | 2,856            | ..             | 42             | ..             | 32,148            |
| Newborn—qualified and unqualified days (unqualified days) | 11,758           | 5,261              | 4,844            | 911              | 1,988            | ..             | 53             | ..             | 24,815            |
| Newborn—unqualified days only                             | 168,002          | 109,288            | 71,911           | 46,401           | 28,807           | 10,288         | 6,849          | 7,081          | 448,627           |
| <b>Newborn total</b>                                      | <b>292,160</b>   | <b>222,238</b>     | <b>158,510</b>   | <b>80,329</b>    | <b>67,327</b>    | <b>20,956</b>  | <b>16,272</b>  | <b>17,433</b>  | <b>875,225</b>    |
| Other admitted patient care                               | ..               | ..                 | 2,196            | ..               | ..               | ..             | ..             | 32             | 2,228             |
| Not reported  | 9,616            | ..                 | ..               | ..               | ..               | 117            | ..             | ..             | 9,733             |
| <b>Total<sup>(c)</sup></b>                                | <b>5,976,834</b> | <b>4,355,501</b>   | <b>2,747,008</b> | <b>1,454,003</b> | <b>1,571,537</b> | <b>399,530</b> | <b>244,304</b> | <b>244,309</b> | <b>16,993,026</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                                  |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                   |
| Acute care  | 1,624,562        | 1,636,544          | 1,668,700        | 751,578          | 524,156          | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 6,455,393         |
| Rehabilitation care—not further specified                 | 240,331          | 187,561            | ..               | 33,831           | 44,382           | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 512,810           |
| Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit        | ..               | ..                 | 66,027           | ..               | ..               | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 66,027            |
| Rehabilitation care—according to a designated program     | ..               | ..                 | 12,762           | ..               | ..               | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 12,762            |
| Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent             | ..               | ..                 | 18,170           | ..               | ..               | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 18,170            |
| <b>Rehabilitation total</b>                               | <b>240,331</b>   | <b>187,561</b>     | <b>96,959</b>    | <b>33,831</b>    | <b>44,382</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>609,769</b>    |
| Palliative care   | 4,489            | 5,731              | 21,852           | 23,932           | 2,500            | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 60,193            |
| Geriatric evaluation and management                       | 1,886            | ..                 | 221              | ..               | 381              | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 2,489             |
| Psychogeriatric care                                      | ..               | 25,320             | 63               | 616              | ..               | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 37,951            |
| Maintenance care  | 1,544            | 5,723              | 60,139           | 5,633            | 252              | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 76,298            |
| Newborn—qualified days only                               | 7,087            | 23,191             | 19,952           | 8,841            | 3,801            | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 64,999            |
| Newborn—qualified and unqualified days (qualified days)   | 4,655            | ..                 | 1,910            | 4,353            | ..               | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 11,277            |
| Newborn—qualified and unqualified days (unqualified days) | 2,068            | ..                 | 2,118            | 5,310            | ..               | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 9,883             |
| Newborn—unqualified days only                             | 92,461           | 13                 | 62,088           | 38,686           | 974              | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 211,403           |
| <b>Newborn total</b>                                      | <b>106,271</b>   | <b>23,204</b>      | <b>86,068</b>    | <b>57,190</b>    | <b>4,775</b>     | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>297,562</b>    |
| Other admitted patient care                               | 240              | ..                 | 10,856           | ..               | ..               | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 11,096            |
| Not reported  | ..               | ..                 | ..               | ..               | ..               | n.p.           | n.p.           | n.p.           | 8,162             |
| <b>Total<sup>(c)</sup></b>                                | <b>1,884,794</b> | <b>1,884,070</b>   | <b>1,880,652</b> | <b>828,784</b>   | <b>575,472</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>n.p.</b>    | <b>7,337,627</b>  |

(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 patient days for this category.

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

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Table 7.13: Separations for non-acute care<sup>(a)</sup>, by patient election status, mode of separation and hospital sector, Australia, 2005–06

|                                     | Discharge/ transfer to an (other) acute hospital                                  | Discharge/ transfer to a residential aged care service <sup>(b)</sup> | Discharge/ transfer to a psychiatric hospital | Discharge/ transfer to another health care accommodation | Statistical discharge—type change | Left against medical advice/ discharge at own risk | Statistical discharge from leave | Died                     | Other <sup>(d)</sup>      | Total <sup>(e)</sup>       |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>             |   |   |   |  |                                   |  |                                  |                          |                           |                            |
| Rehabilitation care                 | Public patients <sup>(f)</sup><br>Private patients<br><i>Total</i> <sup>(g)</sup> | 2,512<br>932<br>3,445   | 89<br>33<br>122                               | 435<br>164<br>601  | 5,063<br>1,349<br>6,421           | 484<br>61<br>548                                   | 558<br>172<br>730                | 317<br>114<br>431        | 40,388<br>8,885<br>49,303 | 54,285<br>13,349<br>67,685 |
| Palliative care                     | Public patients <sup>(f)</sup><br>Private patients<br><i>Total</i> <sup>(g)</sup> | 437<br>141<br>578   | 3<br>0<br>3                                   | 134<br>40<br>174   | 497<br>67<br>564                  | 38<br>2<br>40                                      | 163<br>67<br>230                 | 8,951<br>2,850<br>11,804 | 4,838<br>1,187<br>6,025   | 15,795<br>4,544<br>20,342  |
| Other non-acute <sup>(h)</sup> care | Public patients <sup>(f)</sup><br>Private patients<br><i>Total</i> <sup>(g)</sup> | 8,089<br>1,950<br>10,043  | 494<br>196<br>690                             | 504<br>121<br>626  | 3,765<br>1,000<br>4,769           | 167<br>18<br>185                                   | 247<br>19<br>266                 | 1,357<br>442<br>1,801    | 13,056<br>3,028<br>16,095 | 30,646<br>7,579<br>38,248  |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>10,752</b>   | <b>14,066</b>   | <b>815</b>                                    | <b>1,401</b>   | <b>11,754</b>                     | <b>773</b>   | <b>1,226</b>                     | <b>14,036</b>            | <b>71,423</b>             | <b>126,275</b>             |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>            |   |   |   |  |                                   |  |                                  |                          |                           |                            |
| Rehabilitation care                 | Public patients <sup>(f)</sup><br>Private patients<br><i>Total</i> <sup>(g)</sup> | 183<br>800<br>983   | 0<br>2<br>2                                   | 0<br>96<br>96  | 87<br>1,246<br>1,333              | 0<br>63<br>63                                      | 5<br>317<br>322                  | 16<br>100<br>176         | 511<br>78,519<br>79,030   | 880<br>82,962<br>83,842    |
| Palliative care                     | Public patients <sup>(f)</sup><br>Private patients<br><i>Total</i> <sup>(g)</sup> | 53<br>51<br>104   | 0<br>0<br>0                                   | 1<br>6<br>7  | 22<br>31<br>53                    | 0<br>0<br>0  | 5<br>0<br>5                      | 894<br>1,506<br>2,400    | 553<br>1,819<br>2,372     | 1,908<br>3,491<br>5,399    |
| Other non-acute <sup>(h)</sup> care | Public patients <sup>(f)</sup><br>Private patients<br><i>Total</i> <sup>(g)</sup> | 327<br>461<br>788   | 0<br>0<br>0                                   | 0<br>7<br>7  | 30<br>87<br>117                   | 0<br>2<br>2  | 0<br>0<br>0                      | 21<br>102<br>123         | 4,621<br>7,895<br>12,516  | 5,035<br>8,867<br>13,902   |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>2,704</b>  | <b>1,875</b>  | <b>2</b>                                      | <b>110</b>   | <b>1,503</b>                      | <b>65</b>  | <b>327</b>                       | <b>2,639</b>             | <b>93,918</b>             | <b>103,143</b>             |

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

(g) The total includes separations for which the patient election status was not reported.

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

Table 7.14: Separations for non-acute care<sup>(a)</sup>, by sex, age group and mode of separation, all hospitals, Australia, 2005-06

| Rehabilitation care          | Discharge/ transfer to an(other) acute hospital | Discharge/ transfer to residential aged care service <sup>(b)</sup> | Discharge/ transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital | Discharge/ transfer to other health care <sup>(c)</sup> | Statistical discharge— type change | Left against medical advice/ discharge at own risk | Statistical discharge from leave | Died       | Other <sup>(d)</sup> | Total <sup>(e)</sup> |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Male</b>                  |   |   |   |   |                                    |  |                                  |            |                      |                      |
| Under 14                     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7                                  | 1  | 3                                | 0          | 77                   | 89                   |
| 15-24                        | 103   | 8   | 1   | 14  | 55                                 | 24   | 31                               | 1          | 1,350                | 1,587                |
| 25-34                        | 124   | 9   | 6   | 16  | 100                                | 59   | 36                               | 0          | 2,195                | 2,546                |
| 35-44                        | 208   | 13  | 4   | 18  | 114                                | 61   | 39                               | 3          | 3,385                | 3,846                |
| 45-54                        | 324   | 38  | 2   | 29  | 243                                | 46   | 35                               | 8          | 4,865                | 5,592                |
| 55-64                        | 466   | 96  | 9   | 20  | 359                                | 47   | 47                               | 14         | 9,538                | 10,598               |
| 65-74                        | 754   | 198   | 7   | 40  | 683                                | 37   | 91                               | 52         | 12,635               | 14,502               |
| 75-84                        | 1,316   | 649   | 18  | 69  | 1,210                              | 50   | 153                              | 111        | 15,747               | 19,326               |
| 85 and over                  | 544   | 489   | 10  | 63  | 696                                | 29   | 61                               | 100        | 5,635                | 7,628                |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>3,840</b>                                    | <b>1,500</b>  | <b>57</b>   | <b>269</b>  | <b>3,467</b>                       | <b>354</b>   | <b>496</b>                       | <b>289</b> | <b>55,427</b>        | <b>65,714</b>        |
| <b>Female</b>                |   |   |   |   |                                    |  |                                  |            |                      |                      |
| Under 14                     | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6                                  | 0  | 3                                | 0          | 107                  | 120                  |
| 15-24                        | 60  | 1   | 1   | 4   | 22                                 | 9  | 21                               | 0          | 1,986                | 2,104                |
| 25-34                        | 48  | 4   | 0   | 12  | 41                                 | 28   | 19                               | 0          | 2,210                | 2,363                |
| 35-44                        | 117   | 5   | 2   | 8   | 81                                 | 27   | 18                               | 0          | 3,423                | 3,681                |
| 45-54                        | 199   | 16  | 4   | 8   | 137                                | 26   | 31                               | 6          | 5,253                | 5,681                |
| 55-64                        | 337   | 63  | 4   | 15  | 312                                | 34   | 38                               | 12         | 10,450               | 11,267               |
| 65-74                        | 668   | 210   | 6   | 39  | 561                                | 44   | 75                               | 34         | 15,077               | 16,715               |
| 75-84                        | 1,582   | 1,104   | 21  | 162   | 1,584                              | 49   | 204                              | 89         | 23,538               | 28,339               |
| 85 and over                  | 1,099   | 1,525   | 29  | 180   | 1,543                              | 32   | 147                              | 117        | 10,851               | 15,523               |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>4,114</b>                                    | <b>2,928</b>  | <b>67</b>   | <b>428</b>  | <b>4,287</b>                       | <b>249</b>   | <b>556</b>                       | <b>258</b> | <b>72,895</b>        | <b>85,793</b>        |
| <b>Persons<sup>(f)</sup></b> |   |   |   |   |                                    |  |                                  |            |                      |                      |
| Under 14                     | 5   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 13                                 | 1  | 6                                | 0          | 184                  | 209                  |
| 15-24                        | 163   | 9   | 2   | 18  | 77                                 | 33   | 52                               | 1          | 3,336                | 3,691                |
| 25-34                        | 172   | 13  | 6   | 28  | 141                                | 87   | 55                               | 0          | 4,405                | 4,909                |
| 35-44                        | 325   | 18  | 6   | 26  | 195                                | 88   | 57                               | 3          | 6,808                | 7,527                |
| 45-54                        | 523   | 54  | 6   | 37  | 380                                | 72   | 66                               | 14         | 10,118               | 11,273               |
| 55-64                        | 803   | 159   | 13  | 35  | 671                                | 81   | 85                               | 26         | 19,988               | 21,865               |
| 65-74                        | 1,423   | 408   | 13  | 79  | 1,244                              | 81   | 166                              | 86         | 27,712               | 31,218               |
| 75-84                        | 2,898   | 1,753   | 39  | 231   | 2,794                              | 99   | 357                              | 200        | 39,285               | 47,665               |
| 85 and over                  | 1,643   | 2,014   | 39  | 243   | 2,239                              | 61   | 208                              | 217        | 16,486               | 23,151               |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>7,955</b>                                    | <b>4,428</b>  | <b>124</b>  | <b>697</b>  | <b>7,754</b>                       | <b>611</b>   | <b>1,052</b>                     | <b>547</b> | <b>128,333</b>       | <b>151,527</b>       |

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Table 7.14 (continued): Separations for non-acute care<sup>(a)</sup>, by sex, age group and mode of separation, all hospitals, Australia, 2005-06

| Palliative care              | Discharge/ transfer to an(other) acute hospital | Discharge/ transfer to a residential aged care service <sup>(b)</sup> | Discharge/ transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital | Discharge/ transfer to other health care <sup>(c)</sup> | Statistical discharge— type change | Left against medical advice/ discharge at own risk | Statistical discharge from leave | Died          | Other <sup>(d)</sup> | Total <sup>(e)</sup> |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Male</b>                  |   |   |   |   |                                    |  |                                  |               |                      |                      |
| Under 14                     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1                                  | 0  | 2                                | 5             | 41                   | 50                   |
| 15-24                        | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1                                  | 0  | 0                                | 20            | 24                   | 49                   |
| 25-34                        | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2                                  | 1  | 2                                | 40            | 38                   | 88                   |
| 35-44                        | 19  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4                                  | 3  | 4                                | 155           | 175                  | 361                  |
| 45-54                        | 56  | 10  | 0   | 0   | 16                                 | 4  | 16                               | 501           | 460                  | 1,067                |
| 55-64                        | 116   | 29  | 0   | 0   | 55                                 | 6  | 41                               | 1,228         | 889                  | 2,385                |
| 65-74                        | 220   | 63  | 0   | 0   | 88                                 | 5  | 40                               | 2,066         | 1,299                | 3,796                |
| 75-84                        | 246   | 169   | 0   | 0   | 111                                | 4  | 25                               | 2,775         | 1,335                | 4,693                |
| 85 and over                  | 58  | 74  | 0   | 0   | 56                                 | 2  | 9                                | 1,126         | 353                  | 1,689                |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>724</b>                                      | <b>345</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>81</b>   | <b>334</b>                         | <b>25</b>  | <b>139</b>                       | <b>7,976</b>  | <b>4,614</b>         | <b>14,178</b>        |
| <b>Female</b>                |   |   |   |   |                                    |  |                                  |               |                      |                      |
| Under 14                     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0                                  | 0  | 2                                | 3             | 13                   | 19                   |
| 15-24                        | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0                                  | 1  | 0                                | 8             | 18                   | 29                   |
| 25-34                        | 7   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0                                  | 0  | 2                                | 37            | 29                   | 76                   |
| 35-44                        | 24  | 2   | 1   | 2   | 8                                  | 2  | 7                                | 166           | 204                  | 416                  |
| 45-54                        | 64  | 5   | 1   | 7   | 27                                 | 5  | 18                               | 505           | 525                  | 1,157                |
| 55-64                        | 87  | 28  | 0   | 20  | 51                                 | 3  | 17                               | 931           | 758                  | 1,895                |
| 65-74                        | 138   | 60  | 1   | 14  | 51                                 | 3  | 20                               | 1,355         | 881                  | 2,523                |
| 75-84                        | 243   | 136   | 0   | 34  | 88                                 | 1  | 23                               | 2,050         | 972                  | 3,548                |
| 85 and over                  | 91  | 106   | 0   | 22  | 58                                 | 0  | 7                                | 1,233         | 383                  | 1,900                |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>657</b>                                      | <b>337</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>283</b>                         | <b>15</b>  | <b>96</b>                        | <b>6,288</b>  | <b>3,783</b>         | <b>11,563</b>        |
| <b>Persons<sup>(f)</sup></b> |   |   |   |   |                                    |  |                                  |               |                      |                      |
| Under 14                     | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1                                  | 0  | 4                                | 8             | 54                   | 69                   |
| 15-24                        | 6   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1                                  | 1  | 0                                | 28            | 42                   | 78                   |
| 25-34                        | 11  | 0   | 0   | 2   | 2                                  | 1  | 4                                | 77            | 67                   | 164                  |
| 35-44                        | 43  | 2   | 1   | 3   | 12                                 | 5  | 11                               | 321           | 379                  | 777                  |
| 45-54                        | 120   | 15  | 1   | 11  | 43                                 | 9  | 34                               | 1,006         | 985                  | 2,224                |
| 55-64                        | 203   | 57  | 0   | 41  | 106                                | 9  | 58                               | 2,159         | 1,647                | 4,280                |
| 65-74                        | 358   | 123   | 1   | 29  | 139                                | 8  | 60                               | 3,421         | 2,180                | 6,319                |
| 75-84                        | 489   | 305   | 0   | 62  | 199                                | 5  | 48                               | 4,825         | 2,307                | 8,241                |
| 85 and over                  | 149   | 180   | 0   | 33  | 114                                | 2  | 16                               | 2,359         | 736                  | 3,589                |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>1,381</b>                                    | <b>682</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>181</b>  | <b>617</b>                         | <b>40</b>  | <b>235</b>                       | <b>14,204</b> | <b>8,397</b>         | <b>25,741</b>        |

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Table 7.14 (continued): Separations for non-acute care<sup>(a)</sup>, by sex, age group and mode of separation, all hospitals, Australia, 2005-06

| Other non-acute care <sup>(g)</sup> | Discharge/ transfer to an(other) acute hospital | Discharge/ transfer to residential aged care service <sup>(b)</sup> | Discharge/ transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital | Discharge/ transfer to other health care <sup>(c)</sup> | Statistical discharge-type change | Left against medical advice/ discharge at own risk | Statistical discharge from leave | Died         | Other <sup>(d)</sup> | Total <sup>(e)</sup> |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Male</b>                         |   |   |   |   |                                   |  |                                  |              |                      |                      |
| Under 14                            | 8   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 8                                 | 0  | 0                                | 0            | 369                  | 387                  |
| 15-24                               | 15  | 2   | 1   | 5   | 18                                | 0  | 4                                | 0            | 298                  | 343                  |
| 25-34                               | 16  | 8   | 3   | 1   | 20                                | 4  | 3                                | 2            | 337                  | 394                  |
| 35-44                               | 31  | 19  | 1   | 18  | 56                                | 3  | 3                                | 4            | 454                  | 589                  |
| 45-54                               | 56  | 74  | 1   | 18  | 40                                | 11   | 1                                | 13           | 739                  | 953                  |
| 55-64                               | 119   | 213   | 13  | 25  | 141                               | 23   | 13                               | 30           | 1,221                | 1,798                |
| 65-74                               | 515   | 754   | 53  | 51  | 372                               | 16   | 42                               | 121          | 2,823                | 4,747                |
| 75-84                               | 829   | 1,923   | 141   | 122   | 864                               | 34   | 46                               | 416          | 3,457                | 7,832                |
| 85 and over                         | 441   | 1,467   | 78  | 57  | 612                               | 13   | 11                               | 355          | 1,572                | 4,606                |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>2,030</b>                                    | <b>4,460</b>  | <b>291</b>  | <b>299</b>  | <b>2,131</b>                      | <b>104</b>   | <b>123</b>                       | <b>941</b>   | <b>11,270</b>        | <b>21,649</b>        |
| <b>Female</b>                       |   |   |   |   |                                   |  |                                  |              |                      |                      |
| Under 14                            | 3   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 13                                | 0  | 1                                | 0            | 241                  | 258                  |
| 15-24                               | 10  | 1   | 0   | 1   | 11                                | 2  | 3                                | 0            | 292                  | 320                  |
| 25-34                               | 17  | 1   | 1   | 2   | 7                                 | 3  | 1                                | 2            | 558                  | 592                  |
| 35-44                               | 17  | 14  | 1   | 4   | 22                                | 4  | 4                                | 3            | 766                  | 835                  |
| 45-54                               | 43  | 50  | 1   | 3   | 56                                | 4  | 5                                | 8            | 936                  | 1,106                |
| 55-64                               | 118   | 168   | 9   | 16  | 117                               | 4  | 12                               | 28           | 1,233                | 1,705                |
| 65-74                               | 368   | 536   | 39  | 39  | 321                               | 13   | 49                               | 74           | 3,855                | 5,294                |
| 75-84                               | 780   | 2,532   | 151   | 133   | 1,084                             | 28   | 45                               | 343          | 5,887                | 10,983               |
| 85 and over                         | 733   | 3,069   | 197   | 136   | 1,124                             | 25   | 23                               | 525          | 3,573                | 9,407                |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>2,089</b>                                    | <b>6,371</b>  | <b>399</b>  | <b>334</b>  | <b>2,755</b>                      | <b>83</b>  | <b>143</b>                       | <b>983</b>   | <b>17,341</b>        | <b>30,500</b>        |
| <b>Persons<sup>(f)</sup></b>        |   |   |   |   |                                   |  |                                  |              |                      |                      |
| Under 14                            | 11  | 0   | 0   | 2   | 21                                | 0  | 1                                | 0            | 610                  | 645                  |
| 15-24                               | 25  | 3   | 1   | 6   | 29                                | 2  | 7                                | 0            | 590                  | 663                  |
| 25-34                               | 33  | 9   | 4   | 3   | 27                                | 7  | 4                                | 4            | 895                  | 986                  |
| 35-44                               | 48  | 33  | 2   | 22  | 78                                | 7  | 7                                | 7            | 1,220                | 1,424                |
| 45-54                               | 99  | 124   | 2   | 21  | 96                                | 15   | 6                                | 21           | 1,675                | 2,059                |
| 55-64                               | 237   | 381   | 22  | 41  | 258                               | 27   | 25                               | 58           | 2,454                | 3,503                |
| 65-74                               | 884   | 1,290   | 92  | 90  | 693                               | 29   | 91                               | 195          | 6,678                | 10,042               |
| 75-84                               | 1,609   | 4,455   | 292   | 255   | 1,948                             | 62   | 91                               | 759          | 9,344                | 18,815               |
| 85 and over                         | 1,174   | 4,536   | 275   | 193   | 1,736                             | 38   | 34                               | 880          | 5,145                | 14,013               |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>4,120</b>                                    | <b>10,831</b>   | <b>690</b>  | <b>633</b>  | <b>4,886</b>                      | <b>187</b>   | <b>266</b>                       | <b>1,924</b> | <b>28,611</b>        | <b>52,150</b>        |

(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 7.15: Separations<sup>(a)</sup>, by mode of admission and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005-06**

|  | NSW              | Vic              | Qld              | WA             | SA             | Tas           | ACT           | NT            | Total            |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                            |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Admitted patient transferred from another hospital | 80,860           | 54,920           | 25,643           | 26,253         | 16,053         | 3,208         | 1,982         | 327           | 209,246          |
| Statistical admission: type change                 | 25,797           | 12,624           | 12,133           | 6,198          | 2,840          | 1,287         | 1,788         | 835           | 63,502           |
| Other <sup>(b)</sup>                               | 1,296,240        | 1,204,918        | 712,541          | 362,509        | 356,556        | 79,784        | 68,366        | 82,223        | 4,163,137        |
| Not reported                                       | 17,566           | 382              | 0                | 0              | 2,218          | 10,025        | 0             | 0             | 30,191           |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>1,420,463</b> | <b>1,272,844</b> | <b>750,317</b>   | <b>394,960</b> | <b>377,667</b> | <b>94,304</b> | <b>72,136</b> | <b>83,365</b> | <b>4,466,076</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                           |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Admitted patient transferred from another hospital | 30,563           | 25,228           | 16,927           | 5,153          | 6,173          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 86,160           |
| Statistical admission: type change                 | 1,698            | 1,983            | 3,245            | 1,283          | 41             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 13,253           |
| Other <sup>(b)</sup>                               | 733,591          | 692,770          | 691,359          | 312,957        | 213,932        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,731,538        |
| Not reported                                       | 47               | 0                | 0                | 0              | 51             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 14,956           |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>765,899</b>   | <b>719,981</b>   | <b>711,531</b>   | <b>319,393</b> | <b>220,197</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>2,845,907</b> |
| <b>All hospitals</b>                               |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Admitted patient transferred from another hospital | 111,423          | 80,148           | 42,570           | 31,406         | 22,226         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 295,406          |
| Statistical admission: type change                 | 27,495           | 14,607           | 15,378           | 7,481          | 2,881          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 76,755           |
| Other <sup>(b)</sup>                               | 2,029,831        | 1,897,688        | 1,403,900        | 675,466        | 570,488        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 6,894,675        |
| Not reported                                       | 17,613           | 382              | 0                | 0              | 2,269          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 45,147           |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>2,186,362</b> | <b>1,992,825</b> | <b>1,461,848</b> | <b>714,353</b> | <b>597,864</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>7,311,983</b> |

(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<sup>(a)</sup>, by mode of separation and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005–06**

|  | NSW              | Vic              | Qld            | WA             | SA             | Tas           | ACT           | NT            | Total            |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>  |                  |                  |                |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Discharge/transfer to an(other) acute hospital                       | 96,616           | 79,263           | 40,426         | 17,453         | 19,320         | 3,830         | 2,559         | 2,670         | 262,137          |
| Discharge/transfer to residential aged care service <sup>(b)</sup>   | 17,033           | 16,292           | 3,666          | 4,953          | 7,584          | 1,103         | 1,182         | 239           | 52,052           |
| Discharge/transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital                 | 3,140            | 1,496            | 125            | 669            | 1,120          | 0             | 24            | 14            | 6,588            |
| Discharge/transfer to other health care accommodation <sup>(c)</sup> | 3,726            | 0                | 2,393          | 522            | 656            | 1,115         | 284           | 1,595         | 10,291           |
| Statistical discharge: type change                                   | 19,255           | 12,675           | 12,240         | 6,527          | 2,825          | 1,287         | 1,777         | 828           | 57,414           |
| Left against medical advice/discharge at own risk                    | 14,852           | 4,625            | 5,758          | 3,416          | 2,481          | 434           | 133           | 2,578         | 34,277           |
| Statistical discharge from leave                                     | 5,207            | 4                | 706            | 1,456          | 212            | 7             | 0             | 0             | 7,592            |
| Died   | 22,989           | 14,904           | 8,635          | 3,686          | 4,667          | 1,488         | 857           | 439           | 57,665           |
| Other <sup>(d)</sup>   | 1,237,541        | 1,143,585        | 676,368        | 356,278        | 338,763        | 85,040        | 65,320        | 75,022        | 3,977,917        |
| Not reported   | 104              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 39             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 143              |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,420,463</b> | <b>1,272,844</b> | <b>750,317</b> | <b>394,960</b> | <b>377,667</b> | <b>94,304</b> | <b>72,136</b> | <b>83,385</b> | <b>4,466,076</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>   |                  |                  |                |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Discharge/transfer to an(other) acute hospital                       | 16,475           | 14,382           | 12,669         | 3,521          | 4,546          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 52,195           |
| Discharge/transfer to residential aged care service <sup>(b)</sup>   | 1,269            | 2,029            | 1,450          | 1,540          | 1,408          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 7,843            |
| Discharge/transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital                 | 92               | 17               | 1              | 79             | 39             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 232              |
| Discharge/transfer to other health care accommodation <sup>(c)</sup> | 318              | 0                | 598            | 10             | 76             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 1,216            |
| Statistical discharge: type change                                   | 1,975            | 2,099            | 3,287          | 1,367          | 54             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 8,808            |
| Left against medical advice/discharge at own risk                    | 470              | 461              | 213            | 254            | 30             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 1,430            |
| Statistical discharge from leave                                     | 76               | 0                | 413            | 24             | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 513              |
| Died   | 2,121            | 2,946            | 4,724          | 2,088          | 1,227          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 13,457           |
| Other <sup>(d)</sup>   | 743,103          | 698,047          | 688,176        | 310,510        | 212,782        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,760,178        |
| Not reported   | 0                | 0                | 0              | 0              | 35             | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 35               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>765,899</b>   | <b>719,981</b>   | <b>711,531</b> | <b>319,393</b> | <b>220,197</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>2,845,907</b> |

(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).

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**Table 7.17: Separations<sup>(a)</sup>, by inter-hospital contracted patient status and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005–06**

|   | NSW              | Vic              | Qld              | WA             | SA             | Tas           | ACT           | NT            | Total            |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>                               |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Inter-hospital contracted patient from public sector  | 1,168            | 1,518            | 0                | 316            | 2,196          | 0             | 0             | 85            | 5,283            |
| Inter-hospital contracted patient from private sector | 3,527            | 32               | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0             | 879           | 4,438            |
| Not inter-hospital contracted patient                 | 1,275,826        | 1,270,912        | 750,317          | 394,644        | 375,471        | 94,304        | 72,136        | 82,421        | 4,316,031        |
| Not reported  | 139,942          | 382              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 140,324          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1,420,463</b> | <b>1,272,844</b> | <b>750,317</b>   | <b>394,960</b> | <b>377,667</b> | <b>94,304</b> | <b>72,136</b> | <b>83,385</b> | <b>4,466,076</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>                              |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Inter-hospital contracted patient from public sector  | 52,355           | 1,549            | 1,733            | 7,476          | 450            | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 65,690           |
| Inter-hospital contracted patient from private sector | 0                | 0                | 3,964            | 0              | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 3,964            |
| Not inter-hospital contracted patient                 | 713,544          | 718,432          | 705,647          | 311,917        | 219,747        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,747,322        |
| Not reported  | 0                | 0                | 187              | 0              | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 28,931           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>765,899</b>   | <b>719,981</b>   | <b>711,531</b>   | <b>319,393</b> | <b>220,197</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>2,845,907</b> |
| <b>All hospitals</b>                                  |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Inter-hospital contracted patient from public sector  | 53,523           | 3,067            | 1,733            | 7,792          | 2,646          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 70,973           |
| Inter-hospital contracted patient from private sector | 3,527            | 32               | 3,964            | 0              | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 8,402            |
| Not inter-hospital contracted patient                 | 1,989,370        | 1,989,344        | 1,455,964        | 706,561        | 595,218        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 7,063,353        |
| Not reported  | 139,942          | 382              | 187              | 0              | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 169,255          |
| <b>Total separations</b>                              | <b>2,186,362</b> | <b>1,992,825</b> | <b>1,461,848</b> | <b>714,353</b> | <b>597,864</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>7,311,983</b> |

(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<sup>(a)</sup>, by urgency of admission and hospital sector, states and territories, 2005–06

|                          | NSW              | Vic              | Qld              | WA             | SA             | Tas           | ACT           | NT            | Total            |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Emergency                | 677,602          | 446,419          | 325,472          | 156,299        | 156,760        | 44,402        | 27,550        | 28,721        | 1,863,225        |
| Surgical <sup>(b)</sup>  | 73,493           | 49,374           | 31,131           | 21,910         | 17,727         | 5,516         | 4,667         | 3,430         | 207,248          |
| Other <sup>(b)</sup>     | 604,109          | 397,045          | 294,341          | 134,389        | 139,033        | 38,886        | 22,883        | 25,291        | 1,655,977        |
| Elective                 | 587,416          | 735,864          | 207,676          | 131,930        | 131,280        | 29,416        | 20,378        | 25,173        | 1,863,073        |
| Surgical <sup>(b)</sup>  | 187,600          | 193,153          | 104,489          | 56,204         | 59,858         | 12,146        | 9,527         | 5,202         | 628,179          |
| Other <sup>(b)</sup>     | 399,816          | 542,711          | 97,187           | 75,726         | 71,422         | 17,270        | 10,851        | 19,911        | 1,234,894        |
| Not assigned             | 154,759          | 90,179           | 223,169          | 106,731        | 89,627         | 20,482        | 24,208        | 29,551        | 738,706          |
| Not reported             | 686              | 382              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 4             | 0             | 0             | 1,072            |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>1,420,463</b> | <b>1,272,844</b> | <b>750,317</b>   | <b>394,960</b> | <b>377,667</b> | <b>94,304</b> | <b>72,136</b> | <b>83,385</b> | <b>4,466,076</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b> |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Emergency                | 23,286           | 33,978           | 79,229           | 29,997         | 27,067         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 200,543          |
| Surgical <sup>(b)</sup>  | 4,862            | 6,006            | 15,226           | 4,297          | 5,697          | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 38,668           |
| Other <sup>(b)</sup>     | 18,424           | 27,972           | 64,003           | 25,700         | 21,370         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 161,875          |
| Elective                 | 700,694          | 665,051          | 510,989          | 226,514        | 168,828        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,356,396        |
| Surgical <sup>(b)</sup>  | 320,219          | 251,436          | 237,722          | 111,404        | 89,361         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 1,052,118        |
| Other <sup>(b)</sup>     | 380,475          | 413,615          | 273,267          | 115,110        | 79,467         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 1,304,278        |
| Not assigned             | 41,919           | 20,952           | 121,313          | 62,882         | 24,302         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 274,098          |
| Not reported             | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0              | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 14,870           |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>765,899</b>   | <b>719,981</b>   | <b>711,531</b>   | <b>319,393</b> | <b>220,197</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>2,845,907</b> |
| <b>All hospitals</b>     |                  |                  |                  |                |                |               |               |               |                  |
| Emergency                | 700,888          | 480,397          | 404,701          | 186,296        | 183,827        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,063,768        |
| Surgical <sup>(b)</sup>  | 78,355           | 55,380           | 46,357           | 26,207         | 23,424         | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 245,916          |
| Other <sup>(b)</sup>     | 622,533          | 425,017          | 358,344          | 160,089        | 160,403        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 1,817,852        |
| Elective                 | 1,288,110        | 1,400,915        | 712,665          | 358,444        | 300,108        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 4,219,469        |
| Surgical <sup>(b)</sup>  | 507,819          | 444,589          | 342,211          | 167,608        | 149,219        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 1,680,297        |
| Other <sup>(b)</sup>     | 780,291          | 956,326          | 370,454          | 190,836        | 150,889        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 2,539,172        |
| Not assigned             | 196,678          | 111,131          | 344,482          | 169,613        | 113,929        | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 1,012,804        |
| Not reported             | 686              | 382              | 0                | 0              | 0              | n.p.          | n.p.          | n.p.          | 15,942           |
| <b>Total separations</b> | <b>2,186,362</b> | <b>1,992,825</b> | <b>1,461,848</b> | <b>714,353</b> | <b>597,864</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>7,311,983</b> |

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as *Newborn* with no qualified days, and records for *Hospital boarders* and *Postnursing 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<sup>(a)</sup> with hospital-in-the-home care, by hospital sector, states and territories, 2005-06**

|                           | NSW         | Vic            | Qld           | WA            | SA            | Tas         | ACT           | NT           | Total          |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Public hospitals</b>   |             |                |               |               |               |             |               |              |                |
| Separations               |             |                |               |               |               |             |               |              |                |
| Same day                  | n.a.        | 7,294          | 165           | 8             | 580           | n.a.        | 0             | 2            | 8,049          |
| Overnight                 | n.a.        | 31,370         | 890           | 1,207         | 5,085         | n.a.        | 890           | 464          | 39,906         |
| Hospital in the home days | n.a.        | 189,296        | 9,815         | 16,771        | 43,360        | n.a.        | 9,634         | 3,939        | 272,815        |
| <b>Total patient days</b> | <i>n.a.</i> | <b>282,482</b> | <b>12,861</b> | <b>26,601</b> | <b>67,051</b> | <i>n.a.</i> | <b>13,621</b> | <b>6,069</b> | <b>408,685</b> |
| <b>Private hospitals</b>  |             |                |               |               |               |             |               |              |                |
| Separations               |             |                |               |               |               |             |               |              |                |
| Same day                  | n.a.        | 117            | 82            | 0             | 57            | n.a.        | n.p.          | n.p.         | n.p.           |
| Overnight                 | n.a.        | 910            | 71            | 175           | 46            | n.a.        | n.p.          | n.p.         | n.p.           |
| Hospital in the home days | n.a.        | 5,548          | 5,005         | 1,322         | 332           | n.a.        | n.p.          | n.p.         | n.p.           |
| <b>Total patient days</b> | <i>n.a.</i> | <b>6,700</b>   | <b>5,005</b>  | <b>2,778</b>  | <b>332</b>    | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.p.</i>   | <i>n.p.</i>  | <i>n.p.</i>    |
| <b>All hospitals</b>      |             |                |               |               |               |             |               |              |                |
| Separations               |             |                |               |               |               |             |               |              |                |
| Same day                  | n.a.        | 7,411          | 247           | 8             | 637           | n.a.        | n.p.          | n.p.         | n.p.           |
| Overnight                 | n.a.        | 32,280         | 961           | 1,382         | 5,131         | n.a.        | n.p.          | n.p.         | n.p.           |
| Hospital in the home days | n.a.        | 194,844        | 14,820        | 18,093        | 43,692        | n.a.        | n.p.          | n.p.         | n.p.           |
| <b>Total patient days</b> | <b>n.a.</b> | <b>289,182</b> | <b>17,866</b> | <b>29,379</b> | <b>67,383</b> | <b>n.a.</b> | <b>n.p.</b>   | <b>n.p.</b>  | <b>n.p.</b>    |

(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.

n.a. Not available.