

Table 3.1: Summary of separation, same day separation, patient day and average length of stay statistics, all hospitals, Australia, 1991-92 to 1995-96

	Units	1991-92	1992-93(a)	1993-94(b)	1994-95(b)	1995-96
Separations						
Public acute hospitals(c)	000's	2,937	3,108	3,301	3,443	3,573
- Public patients(d)	000's	2,132	n.a.	2,562	2,724	2,967
- Private patients	000's	n.a.	n.a.	545	489	438
Public psychiatric hospitals(e)	000's	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	25
Private hospitals(f)	000's	1,210	1,238	1,313	1,460	1,578
Total	000's	4,147	4,346	4,614	4,903	5,176
Same day separations						
Public acute hospitals(c)	000's	861	n.a.	1,129	1,291	1,419
- Public patients(d)	000's	n.a.	n.a.	895	1,039	1,197
- Private patients	000's	n.a.	n.a.	181	178	168
Public psychiatric hospitals(e)	000's	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1
Private hospitals(f)	000's	410	n.a.	568	673	772
Total	000's	1,271	n.a.	1,697	1,964	2,192
Same day separations as a % of total						
Public acute hospitals(c)	%	29.3	n.a.	34.2	37.5	39.7
- Public patients(d)	%	n.a.	n.a.	34.9	38.1	40.3
- Private patients	%	n.a.	n.a.	33.2	36.4	38.4
Public psychiatric hospitals(e)	%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5.5
Private hospitals(f)	%	33.9	n.a.	43.3	46.1	48.9
Total	%	30.6	n.a.	36.8	40.1	42.4
Separations per 1,000 population(g)						
Public acute hospitals(c)		167.7	176.9	186.0	192.0	196.7
- Public patients(d)		121.8	n.a.	144.4	151.9	163.3
- Private patients		n.a.	n.a.	30.7	27.3	24.1
Public psychiatric hospitals(e)		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.7
Private hospitals(f)		69.1	70.5	74.7	82.2	87.7
Total		236.8	247.3	260.0	273.5	284.9
Age-standardised rate(h)		n.a.	n.a.	257.8	269.1	278.8(h)
Patient days						
Public acute hospitals(c)	000's	15,205	16,035	16,878	16,416	16,443
- Public patients(d)	000's	10,872	n.a.	12,962	12,766	13,318
- Private patients	000's	4,333	n.a.	2,545	2,201	1,906
Public psychiatric hospitals(e)	000's	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	948
Private hospitals(f)	000's	4,845	4,955	5,117	5,407	5,895
Total	000's	20,050	20,990	21,995	21,823	23,286

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Table 3.1 (continued): Summary of separation, same day separation, patient day and average length of stay statistics, all hospitals, Australia, 1991-92 to 1995-96

	Units		1991-92	1992-93(a)	1993-94(b)	1994-95(b)	1995-96
Patient days per 1,000 population(g)							
Public acute hospitals(c)			868.2	912.5	951.2	915.6	905.2
- Public patients(d)			620.8	n.a.	730.5	712.0	733.1
- Private patients			247.4	n.a.	143.4	122.8	104.9
Public psychiatric hospitals(e)			n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	91.8
Private hospitals(f)			276.6	282.0	291.2	304.5	327.7
Total			1,144.8	1,194.5	1,239.6	1,217.2	1,281.9
Age-standardised rate(h)			n.a.	n.a.	1,217.5	1,187.0	1,189.1(h)
Average length of stay							
Public acute hospitals(c)	Days		5.2	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.6
- Public patients(d)	Days		5.1	n.a.	5.1	4.7	4.5
- Private patients	Days		n.a.	n.a.	4.7	4.5	4.3
Public psychiatric hospitals(e)	Days		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	52.1
Private hospitals(f)	Days		4.0	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.7
Total	Days		4.8	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.5
Average length of stay, excluding same day cases							
Public acute hospitals(c)	Days		6.9	n.a.	7.3	7.0	7.0
- Public patients(d)	Days		n.a.	n.a.	7.2	7.0	6.8
- Private patients	Days		n.a.	n.a.	6.5	6.5	6.4
Public psychiatric hospitals(e)	Days		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	56.3
Private hospitals(f)	Days		5.5	n.a.	6.1	6.0	6.4
Total	Days		6.5	n.a.	7.0	6.8	7.1

(a) Data for 1992-93 are provisional. They have been updated since previously published, incorporating revised data supplied by New South Wales.

(b) For 1993-94 and 1994-95 Victorian private hospital data are incomplete. About 81% of 1993-94 separations and 98% of 1994-95 separations were included.

(c) Includes the Department of Veterans' Affairs hospitals.

(d) Although public and private patients account for the bulk of separations from public hospitals, there are also separations for other categories of patients, as detailed in the *National Health Data Dictionary*.

(e) Public psychiatric hospital data were not included until 1995-96. For that year Queensland was unable to report and Victoria was not able to provide patient days data as leave days could not be identified.

(f) Includes private psychiatric hospitals.

(g) Figures are crude rates per 1,000 population at 31 December of the relevant year unless otherwise specified. For the Total/row and the rows for public acute hospitals, the rates were calculated using the total population of Australia. For public psychiatric hospitals and private hospitals they were derived using populations of the reporting States and Territories only, without adjustment for incomplete reporting.

(h) Age-standardised rates were calculated using the total population of Australia at 30 June 1991. Separations for public psychiatric hospitals were excluded.

Table 3.2: Summary of separation, same day separation, patient day and average length of stay statistics, all hospitals, States and Territories, 1995-96

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Separations									
Public acute hospitals(a)	1,247,301	866,871	631,988	332,746	319,437	71,983	56,828	46,009	3,573,163
- Public patients(b)	993,058	714,816	556,071	285,737	265,193	59,090	49,266	43,668	2,966,899
- Private patients	183,031	101,468	70,529	33,200	35,884	6,758	6,048	1,390	438,308
Public psychiatric hospitals(c)	8,825	6,634	n.a.	4,480	4,447	457	..	..	24,843
Private hospitals(d)	485,240	423,351	349,906	113,969	138,823	52,818	13,824	n.a.	1,577,931
Total	1,741,366	1,296,856	981,894	451,195	462,707	125,258	70,652	46,009	5,175,937
Same day separations									
Public acute hospitals(a)	465,414	376,208	249,779	127,176	127,590	26,623	26,461	19,913	1,419,164
- Public patients(b)	374,802	317,222	221,975	110,146	107,624	22,432	23,960	18,939	1,197,100
- Private patients	67,848	41,474	26,063	12,834	14,762	2,242	2,216	676	168,115
Public psychiatric hospitals(c)	448	572	n.a.	98	251	6	..	..	1,375
Private hospitals(d)	266,827	213,694	164,581	48,667	53,211	19,712	5,101	n.a.	771,793
Total	732,689	590,474	414,360	175,941	181,052	46,341	31,562	19,913	2,192,332
Same day separations as a % of total									
Public acute hospitals(a)	37.3	43.4	39.5	38.2	39.9	37.0	46.6	43.3	39.7
- Public patients(b)	37.7	44.4	39.9	38.5	40.6	38.0	48.6	43.4	40.3
- Private patients	37.1	40.9	37.0	38.7	41.1	33.2	36.6	48.6	38.4
Public psychiatric hospitals(c)	5.1	8.6	n.a.	2.2	5.6	1.3	..	..	5.5
Private hospitals(d)	55.0	50.5	47.0	42.7	38.3	37.3	36.9	n.a.	48.9
Total	42.1	45.5	42.2	39.0	39.1	37.0	44.7	43.3	42.4
Separations per 1,000 population(e)									
Public acute hospitals(a)	202.7	191.8	190.6	190.5	216.5	152.1	186.4	260.1	196.7
- Public patients(b)	161.4	158.1	167.7	163.6	179.7	124.9	161.6	246.9	163.3
- Private patients	29.8	22.4	21.3	19.0	24.3	14.3	19.8	7.9	24.1
Public psychiatric hospitals(c)	1.4	1.5	n.a.	2.6	3.0	1.0	..	..	1.7
Private hospitals(d)	78.9	93.6	105.5	65.3	94.1	111.6	45.3	n.a.	87.7
Total	283.1	286.9	296.1	258.4	313.6	264.7	231.7	260.1	284.9
Age-standardised rate(f)	275.0	278.7	296.1(f)	262.7	297.9	259.3	255.7	308.4(f)	278.8

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	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Patient days									
Public acute hospitals(a)	6,513,857	3,659,478	2,769,424	1,344,486	1,358,206	379,613	231,980	185,876	16,442,919
- Public patients(b)	5,082,998	2,937,050	2,441,108	1,125,743	1,106,850	252,439	195,214	176,644	13,318,046
- Private patients	841,660	421,675	300,320	134,234	145,919	33,643	25,284	3,766	1,906,491
Public psychiatric hospitals(c)	459,393	n.a.	n.a.	155,995	209,351	123,694	..	..	948,433
Private hospitals(d)	1,559,674	1,604,822	1,509,736	433,914	552,051	187,318	47,358	n.a.	5,894,873
Total	8,532,924	5,264,300	4,279,160	1,934,395	2,119,607	690,625	279,338	185,876	23,286,225
Patient days per 1,000 population(e)									
Public acute hospitals(a)	1,058.8	809.5	835.1	769.9	920.5	802.3	760.9	1,050.9	905.2
- Public patients(b)	826.2	649.7	736.1	644.6	750.1	533.5	640.3	998.8	733.1
- Private patients	136.8	93.3	90.6	76.9	98.9	71.1	82.9	21.3	104.9
Public psychiatric hospitals(c)	74.7	n.a.	n.a.	89.3	141.9	261.4	..	..	91.8
Private hospitals(d)	253.5	355.0	455.3	248.5	374.1	395.9	155.3	n.a.	327.7
Total	1,387.0	1,164.5	1,290.4	1,107.7	1,436.5	1,459.6	916.2	1,050.9	1,281.9
Age-standardised rate(f)	1,313.2	1,108.2	1,284.0	1,139.1	1,296.6	1,379.3	1,109.4	1,306.8	1,189.1
Average length of stay (days)									
Public acute hospitals(a)	5.2	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.3	5.3	4.1	4.0	4.6
- Public patients(b)	5.1	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.5
- Private patients	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.1	5.0	4.2	2.7	4.3
Public psychiatric hospitals(c)	52.1	n.a.	n.a.	34.8	47.1	270.7	..	..	52.1
Private hospitals(d)	3.2	3.8	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.4	n.a.	3.7
Total	4.9	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.6	5.5	4.0	4.0	4.5
Average length of stay, excluding same day cases (days)									
Public acute hospitals(a)	7.7	6.7	6.6	5.9	6.4	7.8	6.8	6.4	7.0
- Public patients(b)	7.6	6.6	6.6	5.8	6.3	6.3	6.8	6.4	6.8
- Private patients	6.7	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.2	7.0	6.0	4.3	6.4
Public psychiatric hospitals(c)	54.8	n.a.	n.a.	35.6	49.8	274.3	..	..	56.3
Private hospitals(d)	5.9	6.6	7.3	5.9	5.8	5.1	4.8	n.a.	6.4
Total	7.7	6.7	6.8	6.4	6.9	8.2	6.3	6.4	7.1

(a) Includes the Department of Veterans' Affairs hospitals.

(b) Although public and private patients account for the bulk of separations from public hospitals, there are also separations for other categories of patients, as detailed in the *National Health Data Dictionary*. Queensland was unable to report public psychiatric hospital data and Victoria was not able to provide patient days data as leave days could not be identified.

(c) Includes private psychiatric hospitals.

(d) Figures are crude rates per 1,000 population at 31 December 1995 unless otherwise specified. In the *Total* column, the rates in the *Total* row and the rows for public acute hospitals were calculated using the total population of Australia. For public psychiatric hospitals and private hospitals the column totals were derived using populations of the reporting States and Territories only, without adjustment for incomplete reporting.

(e) Age-standardised rates were calculated using the total population of Australia at 30 June 1991. Psychiatric hospital separations were not included for Queensland and private hospital separations were not included for the Northern Territory.