

# 5 Administrative data for admitted patients

## Introduction

Data in this chapter are derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database at the Institute, the compilation of patient-level data for all separations from public and private hospitals in Australia. For each separation in the database, a range of administrative and related data elements was reported including patient accommodation status, hospital insurance status, compensable status, State or Territory of usual residence, type of episode of care, source of referral and mode of separation. The tables in this chapter present separation, patient day, average cost weight and average length of stay statistics for these variables.

Data providers supplied information on each patient's accommodation status, which incorporates a distinction between patients who are and are not eligible for treatment in accordance with the Medicare agreements. 'Eligible' patients are further categorised as *Eligible public patients*, *Eligible private patients*, *Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patients* or *Eligible other patients*. These data are as supplied by the States and Territories and, in the case of Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) patients, their eligibility to receive hospital treatment as a DVA patient, may not necessarily have been confirmed by DVA. Additional definitional material regarding these categories can be found in the Glossary and in the *National Health Data Dictionary*.

Data on insurance status indicates whether a patient has hospital insurance; that is, insurance providing benefits related to charges for hospital accommodation and services. Insurance for benefits for ancillary services only is excluded.

Insurance status should not be confused with whether the patient is admitted as a public, private or other type of patient. Individuals can elect to be admitted in public hospitals as public or private patients irrespective of their insurance status.

It is apparent that the data reported on insurance status is of very poor quality. Consequently, it is not published but is available to interested users.

Data on the compensable status of each patient were also supplied, a compensable patient being defined as any person who is entitled to the payment of, or who has been paid, compensation, damages or other benefits (including a payment in settlement of a claim for compensation, damages or other benefits) in respect of the injury, illness or disease for which he or she is receiving care and treatment.

Compensable status reflects the status of the patient at the time of separation. The *National Health Data Dictionary* specifies that the compensable status of the patient should be reported as 'Compensable' or 'Not compensable'; however, some data providers also used a 'Not reported' category.

State or Territory of usual residence was provided for most separations (99.6%) and includes other Territories and overseas areas of usual residence. This information is stored on the National Hospital Morbidity Database at a finer geographical level and has been used to generate maps in this chapter (Figures 5.1 and 5.2) and Chapter 7 (Figures 7.3 to 7.6).

Type of episode of care was also reported for most separations. An episode of care is defined as a phase of treatment for an admitted patient. It may correspond to a patient's entire hospital stay, or the hospital stay may be divided into separate episodes of care of different types. In the latter case, a 'statistical separation' occurs between such episodes, and a new separation record is generated. Thus separations in the database for those States and Territories reporting episodes of care are actually for phases of treatment, not necessarily for entire hospital stays. Definitions of each type of care are contained in the *National Health Data Dictionary*. The classification for this data element is:

- acute care
- rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit
- rehabilitation care—according to a designated program
- rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent
- palliative care—delivered in a designated unit
- palliative care—according to a designated program
- palliative care—principal clinical intent
- non-acute care
- unqualified neonate
- other care.

As only two States supplied information to this level of detail (only one fully), additional categories have been added to cater for the different reporting methods used by the other jurisdictions. The Australian Capital Territory did not supply data for this item except to identify unqualified neonates.

Source of referral indicates the source from which a person was transferred or referred to the hospital. The *National Health Data Dictionary* specifies that for public acute, private acute and private psychiatric hospitals, source of referral should be reported as:

- admitted patient transferred from another hospital
- statistical admission—type change
- statistical admission from leave
- other
- not reported.

For public psychiatric hospitals the classification is broader, including:

- private psychiatric practice
- other private medical practice
- other public psychiatric hospital
- other health care establishment
- other private hospital
- law enforcement agency
- other agency
- outpatient department
- other
- not reported.

Future development of the *National Health Data Dictionary* may see the expansion of the classification used for public acute, private acute and private psychiatric hospitals.

The mode of separation records the status of the patient (discharged, transferred, episode type change, died) at the time of separation and for some categories the place to which the person was discharged or transferred.

## Patient accommodation status

Eligible public patients accounted for 86% of separations from public hospitals (3,241,015) compared with 9% for eligible private patients (355,281) (Table 5.1). Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patients made up the majority of the remainder. The two major categories were reversed in private hospitals with eligible public patients making up 2% of separations (43,563) and eligible private patients 84% (1,511,274). Overall 59% of separations were for eligible public patients (3,284,578) and 34% (1,866,555) for eligible private patients. There was a similar distribution in the number of patient days (Table 5.4) with 60% (13,580,582) of bed days recorded for eligible public patients and 29% (6,480,659) by eligible private patients.

For both sectors combined there were 173 separations per 1,000 population (age standardised) for eligible public patients compared with 97 for eligible private patients (Table 5.2). The latter figure is underestimated because separations were not available for the Northern Territory private hospital or from private free-standing day hospital facilities in the Australian Capital Territory and from two private free-standing day hospital facilities in Tasmania. The Northern Territory recorded the highest eligible public patient separation rate (327 per 1,000), consistent with its high public hospital rate. The separation rates for eligible public patients in private hospitals in Tasmania (7.9 per 1,000) and Western Australia (7.4 per 1,000) were markedly higher than those recorded for other States and Territories.

Table 5.3 presents the average cost weight of separations in each State and Territory by hospital sector and accommodation status. The table has been restricted to separations with an episode of care type of *acute* or *unspecified*. In all States and Territories, the average cost weights for eligible private patients in public hospitals was higher than that for eligible public patients. In both public acute and private hospitals, Department of Veterans' Affairs patients showed average cost weights markedly higher than these hospitals' main patient groups of eligible public and eligible private patients respectively. More detail about the AN-DRG classification and cost weights is included in Chapter 10 and, in reference to the effects of the integration of public psychiatric services into public hospital systems, in Chapter 4.

Since 1993–94 there has been a decline in the numbers of separations and patient days recorded by eligible private patients in public hospitals (Table 5.5). The proportion of public hospital patient days attributable to private patients fell from 16% to 10% over this period. On the other hand, private hospitals increased their proportion of patient days attributable to eligible public patients from 0.4% to almost 3% over the same time. Private hospitals also showed steady growth in eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patients treated, increasing from 5% of patient days in 1993–94 to 12% in 1997–98.

During this period, Department of Veterans' Affairs either integrated its repatriation hospitals into State public systems or sold them to private companies. Many veterans continue to access former repatriation hospitals, including the two privatised hospitals in Western Australia and Queensland. In addition, as each repatriation hospital was integrated or sold, the Repatriation Private Patient Scheme was introduced in that State. The

Repatriation Private Patient Scheme allows veterans easier access to the private sector if public hospital services are not available. The rising numbers of people entitled to treatment at DVA expense, in conjunction with easier access to the private system, has also contributed to more veterans being treated in the private sector.

## Compensable status

Overall, around 2% of patients (114,253) were compensable in 1997–98 (Table 5.6). In the public sector, 1% of patients (40,367) fell into this category, while in the private sector 4% of patients (73,886) were compensable.

## Area of usual residence

Table 5.7 indicates how many patients in each State and Territory were interstate residents. Overall, 98% of patients (5,433,492) resided in the State or Territory where they were treated. However, in the Australian Capital Territory, only about three-quarters of the patients treated were Australian Capital Territory residents (54,541), with the majority of the remainder resident in New South Wales (Table 5.8). This is mainly because the Australian Capital Territory acts as a referral centre for the surrounding districts, which are part of New South Wales.

The average cost weight of separations in each State and Territory by each hospital sector and State or Territory of usual residence is presented in Table 5.9. As for Table 5.3, this table has been restricted to separations with an episode of care type of *acute* or *unspecified* (for more detail see Chapter 10, and page 35 in Chapter 4). Both South Australia and Victorian public hospitals had average cost weights that were higher for interstate patients than for their own. Separations for Northern Territory residents had higher average cost weights for the public sector in all States than in the Northern Territory, consistent with a tendency for movement of Territory residents with more complex treatment requirements to hospitals in other States. New South Wales residents had higher average cost weights for treatment provided by the private sector in other States and Territories than in New South Wales.

Separation rates per 1,000 population varied by Statistical Division of the usual residence of the patient for both public and private hospitals (Figures 5.1 and 5.2). In the public sector, highest rates were reported for residents of the Statistical Divisions of North West Queensland, Kimberley in Western Australia, and Northern South Australia. In the private sector, highest rates were reported for the Queensland Statistical Divisions of Moreton and Darling Downs. The data for these maps were derived from data provided on the area of usual residence of the patients, aggregated to Statistical Divisions as described in Appendix 3.

## Type of episode of care

For the hospitals for which this data element was reported, 92% of separations were classified as episodes of *Acute care*, 3% as *Unqualified neonates* and 2% as *Rehabilitation care*. There was some variation among the States and Territories for which data were supplied and between the public and private sectors (Table 5.10). For example, the proportion of public hospital separations that were for *Rehabilitation care* ranged from 0.3% (179) in the Northern Territory to 2.7% in Queensland (19,212).

Unqualified neonates (defined in the Glossary) are included in the National Hospital Morbidity Database for 1997–98, but have only been included in Tables 5.10 and 5.11 in this report. They account for an additional 195,403 separations, the majority (165,079, 84%) in the public sector, and as such will cause total separations in Table 5.10 to differ from those of other tables.

Average length of stay for episodes of acute care in private hospitals (3.1 days) was shorter than in public hospitals (3.7 days) (Table 5.11). In public hospitals the average length of stay for unqualified neonates was 3.2 days whilst in private hospitals it was 5.2 days.

## Source of referral

In both public acute and private hospitals (Table 5.12), most separations recorded a source of referral of *Other* (95%, 5,257,719), the term used to refer to all planned and unplanned admissions, except transfers from other hospitals and statistical admissions. Public acute hospitals recorded higher proportions of both transfers from other hospitals (3.8%, 141,221) and statistical admissions (0.8%, 31,175) than were reported for private hospitals (2.5%, 44,526) and (0.2%, 4,297) respectively.

For public psychiatric hospitals, about one-third of separations had a source of referral of *Other health care establishments* (33%, 7,365), however this varied widely among jurisdictions with South Australia recording only 2% (103) of separations with this source of referral and Western Australia 50% (1,615).

## Mode of separation

The majority of patients (5,158,340, over 93%) were included in the *Other* category, suggesting that most persons go home after separation from hospital. This was particularly the case in the private sector, where 96% of separations (1,730,036) were categorised as *Other*; in the public sector, this figure was 91% (3,428,304) (Table 5.13). The main difference between the sectors was that more patients were transferred to other hospitals in the public sector than in the private sector. There were also greater proportions of separations in the public sector for statistical discharges, deaths and the *Left against medical advice/discharge at own risk* category.

There is a discrepancy between the number of patients reporting a mode of separation of discharged/transferred to another hospital (205,788) and the number of patients who recorded a source of referral of transfer from another hospital (193,604) (Table 5.12). This may indicate that not all patients who are transferred from one hospital to another are having this recorded as their source of referral.

**Table 5.1: Separations by accommodation status and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Accommodation status</b>									
<b>Public hospitals</b>									
Eligible public patient	1,045,634	805,669	612,703	304,258	302,139	68,985	51,522	50,105	3,241,015
Eligible private patient	151,547	76,068	63,608	26,829	27,114	5,642	3,433	1,040	355,281
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	48,328	32,003	3,247	6,199	13,232	4,300	1,247	41	108,597
Eligible other patient	13,256	12,981	3,814	4,872	3,830	1,279	726	89	40,847
Ineligible patient	6,897	2,126	1,973	1,003	467	105	247	947	13,765
Not reported	7,135	0	0	3,202	0	78	0	178	10,593
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,272,797</i>	<i>928,847</i>	<i>685,345</i>	<i>346,363</i>	<i>346,782</i>	<i>80,389</i>	<i>57,175</i>	<i>52,400</i>	<i>3,770,098</i>
<b>Private hospitals</b>									
Eligible public patient	22,123	2,725	1,269	13,278	433	3,735	0	n.a.	43,563
Eligible private patient	439,395	432,931	329,534	123,960	135,920	34,542	14,992	n.a.	1,511,274
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	42,894	26,102	43,466	14,489	2,131	4,132	1,408	n.a.	134,622
Eligible other patient	22,785	22,105	11,724	8,492	8,774	1,881	1,171	n.a.	76,932
Ineligible patient	2,193	338	2,085	139	162	4	0	n.a.	4,921
Not reported	14,961	0	0	0	0	6,703	0	n.a.	21,664
<i>Total</i>	<i>544,351</i>	<i>484,201</i>	<i>388,078</i>	<i>160,358</i>	<i>147,420</i>	<i>50,997</i>	<i>17,571</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>1,792,976</i>
<b>All hospitals</b>									
Eligible public patient	1,067,757	808,394	613,972	317,536	302,572	72,720	51,522	50,105	3,284,578
Eligible private patient	590,942	508,999	393,142	150,789	163,034	40,184	18,425	1,040	1,866,555
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	91,222	58,105	46,713	20,688	15,363	8,432	2,655	41	243,219
Eligible other patient	36,041	35,086	15,538	13,364	12,604	3,160	1,897	89	117,779
Ineligible patient	9,090	2,464	4,058	1,142	629	109	247	947	18,686
Not reported	22,096	0	0	3,202	0	6,781	0	178	32,257
<b>Total separations</b>	<b>1,817,148</b>	<b>1,413,048</b>	<b>1,073,423</b>	<b>506,721</b>	<b>494,202</b>	<b>131,386</b>	<b>74,746</b>	<b>52,400</b>	<b>5,563,074</b>

n.a. not available.

**Table 5.2: Separations rates<sup>(a)</sup> per 1,000 population by accommodation status, public and private hospitals, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Accommodation status</b>	<b>Public hospitals</b>								
Eligible public patient	161.2	168.7	179.0	170.2	195.5	142.9	182.2	326.9	171.0
Eligible private patient	22.9	15.9	18.3	15.0	17.3	11.6	12.6	6.3	18.5
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	6.5	5.9	0.9	3.6	6.7	7.6	5.7	0.7	5.2
Eligible other patient	2.1	2.8	1.1	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.3	0.4	2.2
Ineligible patient	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.8	5.2	0.7
Not reported	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.2	0.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>194.9</i>	<i>193.8</i>	<i>200.0</i>	<i>193.9</i>	<i>222.5</i>	<i>165.3</i>	<i>203.6</i>	<i>340.8</i>	<i>198.2</i>
	<b>Private hospitals</b>								
Eligible public patient	3.4	0.6	0.3	7.4	0.3	7.9	0.0	n.a.	2.3
Eligible private patient	66.6	88.8	94.9	68.7	83.3	69.6	52.4	n.a.	78.2
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	5.8	4.9	12.1	8.2	1.1	7.3	6.4	n.a.	6.5
Eligible other patient	3.5	4.6	3.4	4.6	5.7	4.0	3.6	n.a.	4.0
Ineligible patient	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	n.a.	0.3
Not reported	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	n.a.	1.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>82.1</i>	<i>98.9</i>	<i>111.4</i>	<i>89.0</i>	<i>90.5</i>	<i>102.9</i>	<i>62.4</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>92.4</i>
	<b>All hospitals</b>								
Eligible public patient	164.6	169.3	179.4	177.6	195.8	150.8	182.2	326.9	173.3
Eligible private patient	89.5	104.7	113.2	83.7	100.6	81.1	65.1	6.3	96.7
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	12.4	10.8	13.1	11.8	7.8	14.9	12.0	0.7	11.7
Eligible other patient	5.7	7.4	4.5	7.3	8.3	6.9	5.9	0.4	6.2
Ineligible patient	1.4	0.5	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.8	5.2	1.0
Not reported	3.4	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	14.3	0.0	1.2	1.7
<b>Total separations</b>	<b>277.0</b>	<b>292.8</b>	<b>311.4</b>	<b>282.8</b>	<b>313.0</b>	<b>268.2</b>	<b>266.1</b>	<b>340.8</b>	<b>290.6</b>

(a) The rates were directly age-standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 1991. For details see Appendix 3.  
n.a. not available.

**Table 5.3: Average cost weight of separations<sup>(a)</sup> by accommodation status and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Accommodation status</b>									
<b>Public acute hospitals</b>									
Eligible public patient	0.99	0.98	0.97	0.93	0.97	0.92	0.93	0.74	0.97
Eligible private patient	1.08	1.11	1.02	1.03	1.00	1.22	1.32	0.91	1.07
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	1.29	1.27	0.88	1.33	1.32	1.19	1.44	1.00	1.28
Eligible other patient	1.45	1.62	1.68	1.60	1.62	1.52	1.48	0.83	1.56
Ineligible patient	1.24	1.35	1.38	1.13	1.19	1.14	1.16	1.62	1.29
Not reported	1.34	..	..	0.83	..	1.34	..	0.43	1.31
<b>Total</b>	1.02	1.01	0.98	0.95	0.99	0.97	0.97	0.76	1.00
<b>Private hospitals</b>									
Eligible public patient	1.06	0.42	1.62	0.84	0.68	0.96	..	n.a.	0.94
Eligible private patient	0.89	0.94	0.94	0.93	1.00	0.98	1.04	n.a.	0.93
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	1.25	1.29	1.18	1.22	1.06	1.29	1.36	n.a.	1.23
Eligible other patient	0.96	1.03	1.15	0.91	0.96	0.97	1.08	n.a.	1.00
Ineligible patient	0.93	1.58	0.92	1.74	0.97	0.68	..	n.a.	0.99
Not reported	0.72	..	..	..	..	0.99	..	n.a.	0.80
<b>Total</b>	0.92	0.96	0.97	0.95	1.00	1.01	1.07	n.a.	0.96

(a) Separations for which the type of episode of care was reported as acute, or was not reported. For further details see Chapter 10.

n.a. not available.

.. not applicable.

**Table 5.4: Patient days by accommodation status and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Accommodation status</b>									
	<b>Public hospitals</b>								
Eligible public patient	4,275,827	3,169,493	2,819,018	1,142,564	1,272,269	335,774	212,914	177,460	13,405,319
Eligible private patient	887,928	294,996	227,726	103,627	116,314	22,725	17,213	2,479	1,673,008
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	321,478	197,136	14,233	31,278	75,662	27,634	7,804	211	675,436
Eligible other patient	75,411	58,980	21,182	27,631	20,941	7,245	4,176	223	215,789
Ineligible patient	30,168	7,857	7,920	3,511	1,686	416	1,137	6,261	58,956
Not reported	376,271	0	0	152,066	0	3,202	0	382	531,921
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,967,083</i>	<i>3,728,462</i>	<i>3,090,079</i>	<i>1,460,677</i>	<i>1,486,872</i>	<i>396,996</i>	<i>243,244</i>	<i>187,016</i>	<i>16,560,429</i>
	<b>Private hospitals</b>								
Eligible public patient	77,751	4,211	33,043	45,762	1,530	12,966	0	n.a.	175,263
Eligible private patient	1,274,964	1,417,204	1,063,981	373,220	502,954	121,042	54,286	n.a.	4,807,651
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	203,151	142,260	246,687	84,410	9,790	20,929	7,138	n.a.	714,365
Eligible other patient	58,277	119,168	25,410	18,653	20,882	6,025	3,442	n.a.	251,857
Ineligible patient	4,305	1,342	5,240	591	1,603	8	0	n.a.	13,089
Not reported	22,688	0	0	0	0	20,014	0	n.a.	42,702
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,641,136</i>	<i>1,684,185</i>	<i>1,374,361</i>	<i>522,636</i>	<i>536,759</i>	<i>180,984</i>	<i>64,866</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>6,004,927</i>
	<b>All hospitals</b>								
Eligible public patient	4,353,578	3,173,704	2,852,061	1,188,326	1,273,799	348,740	212,914	177,460	13,580,582
Eligible private patient	2,162,892	1,712,200	1,291,707	476,847	619,268	143,767	71,499	2,479	6,480,659
Eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	524,629	339,396	260,920	115,688	85,452	48,563	14,942	211	1,389,801
Eligible other patient	133,688	178,148	46,592	46,284	41,823	13,270	7,618	223	467,646
Ineligible patient	34,473	9,199	13,160	4,102	3,289	424	1,137	6,261	72,045
Not reported	398,959	0	0	152,066	0	23,216	0	382	574,623
<b>Total patient days</b>	<b>7,608,219</b>	<b>5,412,647</b>	<b>4,464,440</b>	<b>1,983,313</b>	<b>2,023,631</b>	<b>577,980</b>	<b>308,110</b>	<b>187,016</b>	<b>22,565,356</b>

n.a. not available.

**Table 5.5: Separations and patient days by accommodation status, hospital sector and year, Australia, 1993–94 to 1997–98**

	1993–94		1994–95		1995–96		1996–97		1997–98	
	Separations	Patient days	Separations	Patient days	Separations	Patient days	Separations	Patient days	Separations	Patient days
<b>Accommodation status</b>	<b>Public hospitals</b>									
Eligible public patient	2,557,063	12,028,517	2,720,378	12,086,092	2,983,446	13,301,071	3,075,874	13,542,776	3,241,015	13,405,319
Eligible private patient	545,211	2,528,766	488,620	2,172,939	437,746	1,924,078	392,773	1,725,621	355,281	1,673,008
Eligible DVA patient	143,535	1,072,239	115,027	785,727	110,061	776,588	114,428	765,996	108,597	675,436
Eligible other patient	21,359	117,963	32,989	255,855	46,001	348,219	44,258	318,535	40,847	215,789
Ineligible patient	4,350	19,362	10,595	47,924	11,406	46,856	12,046	54,662	13,765	58,956
Not reported	24,052	139,691	52,368	218,509	4,675	158,367	2,588	124,137	10,593	531,921
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,295,570</i>	<i>15,906,538</i>	<i>3,419,977</i>	<i>15,567,046</i>	<i>3,593,335</i>	<i>16,555,179</i>	<i>3,641,967</i>	<i>16,531,727</i>	<i>3,770,098</i>	<i>16,560,429</i>
	<b>Private hospitals</b>									
Eligible public patient	4,156	19,392	22,317	97,920	36,814	156,375	39,603	169,578	43,563	175,263
Eligible private patient	962,002	3,576,816	1,113,348	3,957,500	1,365,827	4,909,980	1,443,600	4,779,123	1,511,274	4,807,651
Eligible DVA patient	51,647	241,414	62,300	361,701	93,152	535,971	109,231	600,227	134,622	714,365
Eligible other patient	16,862	50,848	42,870	124,677	77,720	270,040	71,139	248,251	76,932	251,857
Ineligible patient	400	1,818	1,879	7,260	2,925	11,564	2,723	7,431	4,921	13,089
Not reported	278,257	1,227,075	217,575	857,574	1,036	8,580	18,652	29,488	21,664	42,702
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,313,324</i>	<i>5,117,363</i>	<i>1,460,289</i>	<i>5,406,632</i>	<i>1,577,474</i>	<i>5,892,510</i>	<i>1,684,948</i>	<i>5,834,098</i>	<i>1,792,976</i>	<i>6,004,927</i>
	<b>All hospitals</b>									
Eligible public patient	2,561,219	12,047,909	2,742,695	12,184,012	3,020,260	13,457,446	3,115,477	13,712,354	3,284,578	13,580,582
Eligible private patient	1,507,213	6,105,582	1,601,968	6,130,439	1,803,573	6,834,058	1,836,373	6,504,744	1,866,555	6,480,659
Eligible DVA patient	195,182	1,313,653	177,327	1,147,428	203,213	1,312,559	223,659	1,366,223	243,219	1,389,801
Eligible other patient	38,221	168,811	75,859	380,532	123,721	618,259	115,397	566,786	117,779	467,646
Ineligible patient	4,750	21,180	12,474	55,184	14,331	58,420	14,769	62,093	18,686	72,045
Not reported	302,309	1,366,766	269,943	1,076,083	5,711	166,947	21,240	153,625	32,257	574,623
<b>Total separations/patient day:</b>	<b>4,608,894</b>	<b>21,023,901</b>	<b>4,880,266</b>	<b>20,973,678</b>	<b>5,170,809</b>	<b>22,447,689</b>	<b>5,326,915</b>	<b>22,365,825</b>	<b>5,563,074</b>	<b>22,565,356</b>

Note: Abbreviation: DVA — Department of Veterans' Affairs.

**Table 5.6: Separations by compensable status and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Public hospitals</b>									
<b>Compensable status</b>									
Compensable	12,891	12,996	3,821	4,338	3,830	1,188	607	696	40,367
Non-compensable	1,255,755	915,459	681,524	338,826	342,952	79,123	56,568	51,531	3,721,738
Not reported	4,151	392	0	3,199	0	78	0	173	7,993
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,272,797</i>	<i>928,847</i>	<i>685,345</i>	<i>346,363</i>	<i>346,782</i>	<i>80,389</i>	<i>57,175</i>	<i>52,400</i>	<i>3,770,098</i>
<b>Private hospitals</b>									
Compensable	21,311	22,105	11,759	7,566	8,774	1,867	504	n.a.	73,886
Non-compensable	508,079	462,096	376,319	152,792	138,646	42,427	17,067	n.a.	1,697,426
Not reported	14,961	0	0	0	0	6,703	0	n.a.	21,664
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,817,148</i>	<i>1,413,048</i>	<i>1,073,423</i>	<i>506,721</i>	<i>494,202</i>	<i>131,386</i>	<i>74,746</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>1,792,976</i>
<b>All hospitals</b>									
Compensable	34,202	35,101	15,580	11,904	12,604	3,055	1,111	696	114,253
Non-compensable	1,763,834	1,377,555	1,057,843	491,618	481,598	121,550	73,635	51,531	5,419,164
Not reported	19,112	392	0	3,199	0	6,781	0	173	29,657
<b>Total separations</b>	<b>3,089,945</b>	<b>2,341,895</b>	<b>1,758,768</b>	<b>853,084</b>	<b>840,984</b>	<b>211,775</b>	<b>131,921</b>	<b>52,400</b>	<b>5,563,074</b>

n.a. not available.

**Table 5.7: Separations by State or Territory of usual residence and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
<b>State or Territory of usual residence</b>	<b>Public hospitals</b>								
New South Wales	1,251,474	13,865	9,308	359	1,886	128	14,357	182	1,291,559
Victoria	6,153	908,242	1,767	389	2,209	180	133	188	919,261
Queensland	6,963	637	669,377	239	237	81	74	228	677,836
Western Australia	298	370	271	344,051	253	34	26	991	346,294
South Australia	672	1,084	380	149	339,951	42	30	1,522	343,830
Tasmania	233	1,122	172	66	93	79,868	5	16	81,575
Australian Capital Territory	2,434	124	161	18	44	10	42,460	14	45,265
Northern Territory	169	127	392	160	1,669	30	6	47,720	50,273
Other territories <sup>(a)</sup>	76	0	30	86	0	0	0	3	195
Not elsewhere classified <sup>(b)</sup>	4,325	771	2,737	839	440	0	0	1,536	10,648
Not reported	0	2,505	750	7	0	16	84	0	3,362
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,272,797</b>	<b>928,847</b>	<b>685,345</b>	<b>346,363</b>	<b>346,782</b>	<b>80,389</b>	<b>57,175</b>	<b>52,400</b>	<b>3,770,098</b>
	<b>Private hospitals</b>								
New South Wales	534,953	3,864	11,295	66	949	39	2,000	n.a.	553,166
Victoria	4,300	477,190	1,055	62	692	60	46	n.a.	483,405
Queensland	2,431	469	373,747	61	132	31	19	n.a.	376,890
Western Australia	165	118	97	159,868	71	10	6	n.a.	160,335
South Australia	151	281	186	23	144,891	13	2	n.a.	145,547
Tasmania	121	480	113	19	37	47,619	4	n.a.	48,393
Australian Capital Territory	1,422	149	84	10	15	4	12,081	n.a.	13,765
Northern Territory	99	82	374	36	544	1	1	n.a.	1,137
Other territories <sup>(a)</sup>	31	0	48	19	0	0	0	n.a.	98
Not elsewhere classified <sup>(b)</sup>	678	75	1,026	194	89	0	0	n.a.	2,062
Not reported	0	1,493	53	0	0	3,220	3,412	n.a.	8,178
<b>Total</b>	<b>544,351</b>	<b>484,201</b>	<b>388,078</b>	<b>160,358</b>	<b>147,420</b>	<b>50,997</b>	<b>17,571</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>1,792,976</b>

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

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

n.a. not available.

**Table 5.8: Per cent of separations by State or Territory of usual residence and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
<b>State or Territory of usual residence</b>	<b>Public hospitals</b>								
New South Wales	98.3	1.5	1.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	25.1	0.3	34.3
Victoria	0.5	97.8	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	24.4
Queensland	0.5	0.1	97.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	18.0
Western Australia	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	99.3	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	1.9	9.2
South Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1	98.0	0.1	0.1	2.9	9.1
Tasmania	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	99.4	<0.1	<0.1	2.2
Australian Capital Territory	0.2	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	74.3	<0.1	1.2
Northern Territory	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.5	<0.1	<0.1	91.1	1.3
Other territories <sup>(a)</sup>	<0.1	..	<0.1	<0.1	..	..	..	<0.1	<0.1
Not elsewhere classified <sup>(b)</sup>	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	..	..	2.9	0.3
Not reported	..	0.3	0.1	<0.1	..	<0.1	0.1	..	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
	<b>Private hospitals</b>								
New South Wales	98.3	0.8	2.9	<0.1	0.6	0.1	11.4	n.a.	30.9
Victoria	0.8	98.6	0.3	<0.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	n.a.	27.0
Queensland	0.4	0.1	96.3	<0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	n.a.	21.0
Western Australia	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	99.7	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	n.a.	8.9
South Australia	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	98.3	<0.1	<0.1	n.a.	8.1
Tasmania	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	93.4	<0.1	n.a.	2.7
Australian Capital Territory	0.3	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	68.8	n.a.	0.8
Northern Territory	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.4	<0.1	<0.1	n.a.	0.1
Other territories <sup>(a)</sup>	<0.1	..	<0.1	<0.1	..	..	..	n.a.	0.0
Not elsewhere classified <sup>(b)</sup>	0.1	<0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	..	..	n.a.	0.1
Not reported	..	0.3	<0.1	..	..	6.3	19.4	n.a.	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

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

n.a. not available.

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**Table 5.9: Average cost weight of separations<sup>(a)</sup> by State or Territory of usual residence and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
<b>State or Territory of usual residence</b>	<b>Public hospitals</b>								
New South Wales	1.02	1.05	1.36	1.12	1.41	1.12	1.05	1.20	1.02
Victoria	1.01	1.01	1.04	1.13	1.26	1.02	1.31	1.11	1.01
Queensland	1.05	1.04	0.97	1.03	1.40	1.36	1.58	1.10	0.97
Western Australia	1.48	2.99	1.05	0.96	1.29	0.94	0.89	0.70	0.96
South Australia	1.39	1.88	1.09	1.03	0.99	1.41	1.81	0.70	0.99
Tasmania	1.67	2.29	1.11	1.07	1.23	0.97	1.43	1.17	0.99
Australian Capital Territory	1.85	1.62	0.97	0.80	1.09	0.72	0.94	0.69	0.99
Northern Territory	1.32	2.64	1.40	1.08	2.09	1.83	2.23	0.76	0.82
Other territories <sup>(b)</sup>	0.94	..	0.81	1.61	..	..	..	0.76	1.21
Not elsewhere classified <sup>(c)</sup>	1.28	1.69	1.53	1.30	1.54	..	..	0.67	1.30
Not reported	..	1.60	1.27	1.22	..	1.15	1.90	..	1.53
<b>Total</b>	1.02	1.02	0.98	0.96	1.00	0.97	0.97	0.76	1.00
	<b>Private hospitals</b>								
New South Wales	0.92	1.19	1.19	1.05	1.23	1.08	1.21	n.a.	0.93
Victoria	0.84	0.95	1.02	0.88	1.20	1.27	0.93	n.a.	0.95
Queensland	0.77	1.20	0.97	0.90	0.96	0.96	1.40	n.a.	0.97
Western Australia	1.05	1.04	1.10	0.95	0.97	0.72	1.23	n.a.	0.95
South Australia	1.02	1.19	1.10	0.91	1.00	1.25	0.44	n.a.	1.00
Tasmania	1.20	1.53	1.39	1.15	1.04	1.01	0.85	n.a.	1.01
Australian Capital Territory	1.44	1.41	1.12	1.00	1.18	0.69	1.05	n.a.	1.09
Northern Territory	1.04	1.28	1.19	1.62	1.33	0.75	1.17	n.a.	1.26
Other territories <sup>(b)</sup>	0.83	..	1.11	0.91	..	..	..	n.a.	0.98
Not elsewhere classified <sup>(c)</sup>	1.21	1.05	1.11	1.16	1.34	..	..	n.a.	1.15
Not reported	..	0.98	0.93	..	..	0.98	1.09	n.a.	1.03
<b>Total</b>	0.92	0.96	0.97	0.95	1.00	1.01	1.07	n.a.	0.96

(a) Separations for which the type of episode of care was reported as acute, or was not reported. For further details see Chapter 10.

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

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

n.a. not available.

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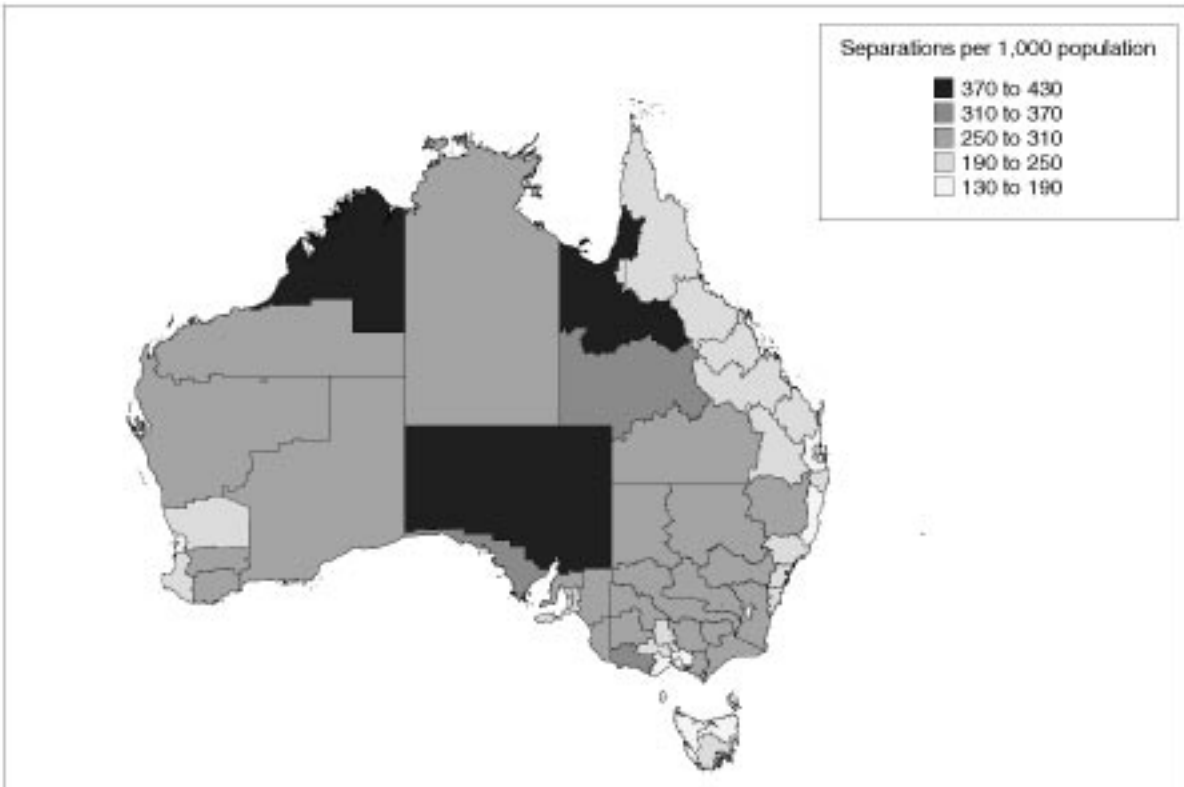


Figure 5.1: Separations per 1,000 population by Statistical Division of usual residence, public hospitals, Australia, 1997-98

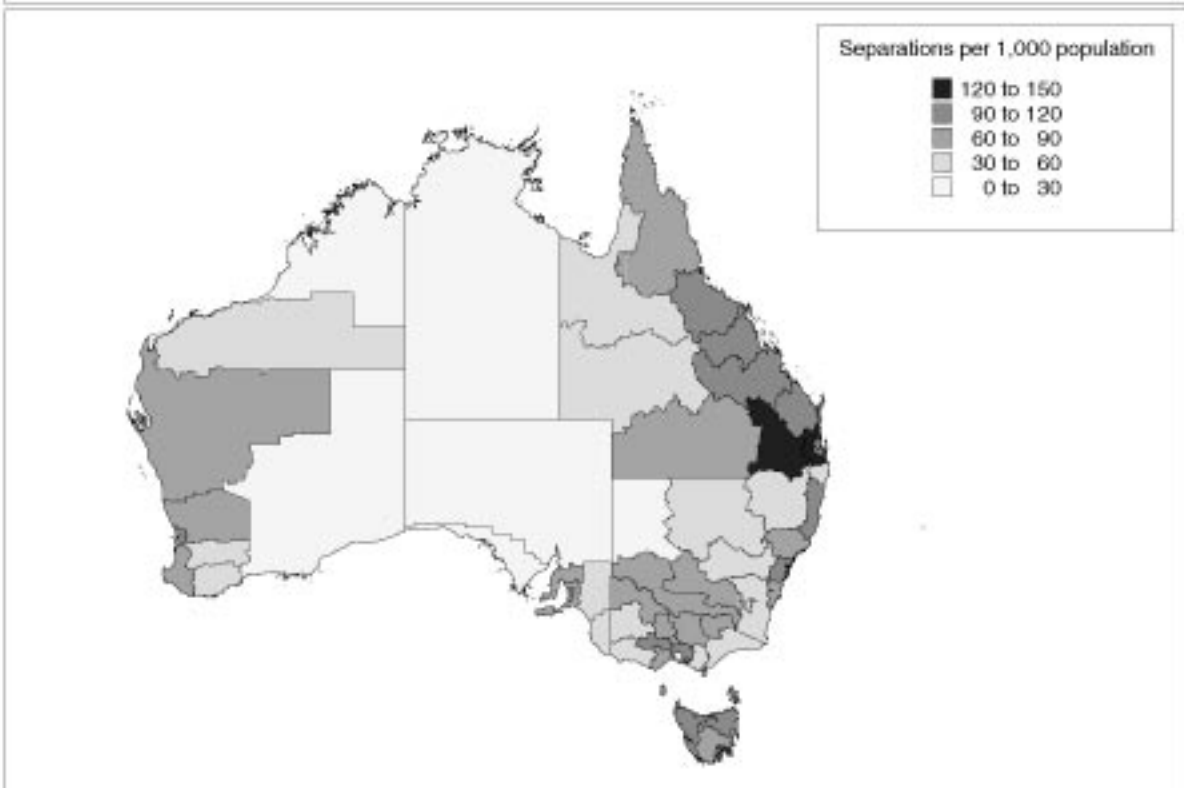


Figure 5.2: Separations per 1,000 population by Statistical Division of usual residence, private hospitals, Australia, 1997-98

**Table 5.10: Separations by type of episode of care and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT <sup>(a)</sup>	Total
<b>Type of episode of care</b>	<b>Public hospitals</b>								
Acute care	1,223,555	902,306	659,290	338,500	342,226	78,140	n. a.	51,782	3,595,799
Rehabilitation care—not further specified	28,626	17,993	0	0	2,681	0	n. a.	179	49,479
Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit	n. a.	n. a.	8,910	1,199	n. a.	0	n. a.	n. a.	10,109
Rehabilitation care—according to a designed program	n. a.	n. a.	8,530	1,826	n. a.	766	n. a.	n. a.	11,122
Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent	n. a.	n. a.	1,772	0	n. a.	0	n. a.	n. a.	1,772
<i>Rehabilitation total</i>	<i>28,626</i>	<i>17,993</i>	<i>19,212</i>	<i>3,025</i>	<i>2,681</i>	<i>766</i>	<i>n. a.</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>72,482</i>
Palliative care—not further specified	8,581	2,644	0	369	957	601	n. a.	24	13,176
Palliative care—delivered in a designated unit	n. a.	n. a.	1,234	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	1,234
Palliative care—according to a designated program	n. a.	n. a.	220	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	220
Palliative care—principal clinical intent	n. a.	n. a.	398	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	398
<i>Palliative care total</i>	<i>8,581</i>	<i>2,644</i>	<i>1,852</i>	<i>369</i>	<i>957</i>	<i>601</i>	<i>n. a.</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>15,028</i>
Non-acute care	7,630	5,904	4,317	1,188	918	640	n. a.	400	20,997
Unqualified neonates	56,986	37,345	32,679	16,046	13,424	3,662	2,917	2,020	165,079
Other care	4,145	0	674	82	0	230	n. a.	13	5,144
Not reported	260	0	0	3,199	0	12	57,175	2	60,648
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,329,783</b>	<b>966,192</b>	<b>718,024</b>	<b>362,409</b>	<b>360,206</b>	<b>84,051</b>	<b>60,092</b>	<b>54,420</b>	<b>3,935,177</b>
	<b>Private hospitals</b>								
Acute care	520,157	477,194	379,431	158,934	146,147	1,136	n. a.	n. a.	1,682,999
Rehabilitation care—not further specified	11,446	6,867	0	0	812	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	19,125
Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit	n. a.	n. a.	2,247	0	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	2,247
Rehabilitation care—according to a designed program	n. a.	n. a.	1,127	220	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	1,347
Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent	n. a.	n. a.	2,331	0	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	2,331
<i>Rehabilitation total</i>	<i>11,446</i>	<i>6,867</i>	<i>5,705</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>812</i>	<i>n. a.</i>	<i>n. a.</i>	<i>n. a.</i>	<i>25,050</i>
Palliative care—not further specified	503	n. a.	0	1,172	312	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	1,987
Palliative care—delivered in a designated unit	n. a.	n. a.	433	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	433
Palliative care—according to a designated program	n. a.	n. a.	4	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	4
Palliative care—principal clinical intent	n. a.	n. a.	493	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	493
<i>Palliative care total</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>n. a.</i>	<i>930</i>	<i>1,172</i>	<i>312</i>	<i>n. a.</i>	<i>n. a.</i>	<i>n. a.</i>	<i>2,917</i>
Non-acute care	1,794	140	771	21	149	n. a.	n. a.	n. a.	2,875
Unqualified neonates	13,040	31	9,986	5,967	321	979	n. a.	n. a.	30,324
Other care	10,237	0	1,241	11	0	1	n. a.	n. a.	11,490
Not reported	214	0	0	0	0	49,860	17,571	n. a.	67,645
<b>Total</b>	<b>557,894</b>	<b>484,232</b>	<b>398,994</b>	<b>167,497</b>	<b>148,053</b>	<b>51,976</b>	<b>17,571</b>	<b>n. a.</b>	<b>1,823,300</b>

(a) For the Northern Territory, psychiatric care has been included in *Acute care*.  
n.a. not available.

**Table 5.11: Average length of stay (days) by type of episode of care and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

Type of episode of care	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT <sup>(a)</sup>	Total
	Public hospitals								
Acute care	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	n.a.	3.4	3.7
Rehabilitation care—not further specified	14.4	18.3	n.a.	n.a.	29.8	n.a.	n.a.	20.5	16.6
Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit	n.a.	n.a.	7.5	27.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.9
Rehabilitation care—according to a designed program	n.a.	n.a.	2.1	23.9	n.a.	40.1	n.a.	n.a.	8.3
Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent	n.a.	n.a.	18.1	..	n.a.	..	n.a.	n.a.	18.1
<i>Rehabilitation total</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>29.8</i>	<i>40.1</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>16.6</i>
Palliative care—not further specified	12.1	18.9	..	12.4	10.8	48.0	n.a.	17.0	15.0
Palliative care—delivered in a designated unit	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4
Palliative care—according to a designated program	n.a.	n.a.	12.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12.7
Palliative care—principal clinical intent	n.a.	n.a.	13.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	13.6
<i>Palliative care total</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>18.9</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>48.0</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>14.5</i>
Non-acute care	63.9	34.4	129.6	27.6	186.5	49.2	n.a.	12.4	70.5
Unqualified neonates	3.2	3.5	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.2
Other care	4.4	n.a.	173.1	5.4	n.a.	77.1	n.a.	3.6	29.8
Not reported	10.9	n.a.	n.a.	47.5	n.a.	12.6	4.3	3.5	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Private hospitals									
Acute care	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.4	1.0	n.a.	n.a.	3.1
Rehabilitation care—not further specified	10.6	22.2	..	n.a.	16.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	15.0
Rehabilitation care—delivered in a designated unit	n.a.	n.a.	12.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12.0
Rehabilitation care—according to a designed program	n.a.	n.a.	4.6	19.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.9
Rehabilitation care—principal clinical intent	n.a.	n.a.	5.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5.5
<i>Rehabilitation total</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>22.2</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>15.0</i>
Palliative care—not further specified	14.7	n.a.	n.a.	13.3	16.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	14.2
Palliative care—delivered in a designated unit	n.a.	n.a.	5.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5.5
Palliative care—according to a designated program	n.a.	n.a.	19.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	19.3
Palliative care—principal clinical intent	n.a.	n.a.	22.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	22.7
<i>Palliative care total</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>14.2</i>
Non-acute care	4.7	269.6	88.6	11.0	94.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	44.8
Unqualified neonates	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.9	n.a.	n.a.	5.2
Other care	5.7	n.a.	1.8	5.1	n.a.	1.0	n.a.	n.a.	5.3
Not reported	1.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.6	3.7	n.a.	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>3.4</b>

(a) For the Northern Territory psychiatric care has been included in *Acute care*.

n.a. not available.

.. not applicable.

**Table 5.12: Separations by source of referral and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Source of referral</b>									
<b>Public acute hospitals</b>									
Admitted patient transferred from another hospital	56,615	31,605	20,922	8,685	11,301	1,957	9,429	707	141,221
Statistical admission: type change	12,660	6,477	7,888	0	2,703	1,073	211	163	31,175
Statistical admission from leave	0	0	0	0	235	0	0	0	235
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	1,189,954	889,245	655,057	334,479	312,358	76,796	24,789	51,530	3,534,208
Not reported	2,085	0	0	0	15,862	0	22,746	0	40,693
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,261,314</b>	<b>927,327</b>	<b>683,867</b>	<b>343,164</b>	<b>342,459</b>	<b>79,826</b>	<b>57,175</b>	<b>52,400</b>	<b>3,747,532</b>
<b>Public psychiatric hospitals</b>									
Private psychiatric practice	271	0	36	18	3,969	1	..	..	4,295
Other private medical practice	856	120	58	0	4	43	..	..	1,081
Other public psychiatric hospital	0	112	49	155	0	91	..	..	407
Other health care establishment	4,599	433	565	1,615	103	50	..	..	7,365
Other private hospital	0	6	0	73	2	4	..	..	85
Law enforcement agency	935	259	56	211	0	3	..	..	1,464
Other agency	884	23	68	194	86	4	..	..	1,259
Outpatient department	320	0	193	0	11	361	..	..	885
Other	3,458	496	453	825	148	2	..	..	5,382
Not reported	160	71	0	108	0	4	..	..	343
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,483</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>3,199</b>	<b>4,323</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>22,566</b>
<b>Private hospitals</b>									
Admitted patient transferred from another hospital	13,650	15,410	7,200	1,739	6,053	94	380	n.a.	44,526
Statistical admission: type change	2,087	581	1,180	0	109	340	0	n.a.	4,297
Statistical admission from leave	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	n.a.	49
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	525,229	468,210	379,698	158,619	141,192	50,563	0	n.a.	1,723,511
Not reported	3,385	0	0	0	17	0	17,191	n.a.	20,593
<b>Total</b>	<b>544,351</b>	<b>484,201</b>	<b>388,078</b>	<b>160,358</b>	<b>147,420</b>	<b>50,997</b>	<b>17,571</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>1,792,976</b>

(a) Other refers to all planned and unplanned admissions except transfers from other hospitals and statistical admissions.

n.a. not available.

.. not applicable.

**Table 5.13: Separations by mode of separation and hospital sector, States and Territories, 1997–98**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
<b>Mode of separation</b>	<b>Public hospitals</b>								
Discharge/transfer to an(other) acute hospital	65,600	42,426	27,378	13,060	14,758	1,941	1,467	1,455	168,085
Discharge/transfer to a nursing home	14,182	7,584	5,017	2,168	6,346	921	791	162	37,171
Discharge/transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital	2,091	190	706	849	952	0	3	6	4,797
Discharge/transfer to other health care accommodation <sup>(a)</sup>	2,502	122	1,803	1,026	1,202	1,089	204	0	7,948
Statistical discharge: type change	12,994	6,799	10,171	590	3,071	1,692	12	341	35,670
Left against medical advice/discharge at own risk	9,537	3,392	4,984	3,208	2,098	356	119	1,214	24,908
Statistical discharge from leave	4,025	25	453	1,472	377	0	176	0	6,528
Died	22,011	13,188	8,807	3,795	4,786	1,232	707	311	54,837
Other <sup>(b)</sup>	1,139,855	855,121	626,026	320,195	313,000	73,158	53,696	47,253	3,428,304
Not reported	0	0	0	0	192	0	0	1,658	1,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,272,797</b>	<b>928,847</b>	<b>685,345</b>	<b>346,363</b>	<b>346,782</b>	<b>80,389</b>	<b>57,175</b>	<b>52,400</b>	<b>3,770,098</b>
	<b>Private hospitals</b>								
Discharge/transfer to an(other) acute hospital	8,872	11,202	5,906	1,784	4,330	346	273	n.a.	32,713
Discharge/transfer to a nursing home	1,347	1,724	1,513	320	2,126	9	87	n.a.	7,126
Discharge/transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital	107	0	7	27	52	0	0	n.a.	193
Discharge/transfer to other health care accommodation <sup>(a)</sup>	276	4	907	86	67	17	22	n.a.	1,379
Statistical discharge: type change	1,870	500	1,368	159	91	99	0	n.a.	4,087
Left against medical advice/discharge at own risk	1,049	177	203	128	95	195	8	n.a.	1,855
Statistical discharge from leave	161	0	442	65	2,034	0	0	n.a.	2,702
Died	2,542	3,743	3,458	1,437	1,227	307	89	n.a.	12,803
Other <sup>(b)</sup>	528,127	466,845	374,274	156,352	137,322	50,024	17,092	n.a.	1,730,036
Not reported	0	6	0	0	76	0	0	n.a.	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>544,351</b>	<b>484,201</b>	<b>388,078</b>	<b>160,358</b>	<b>147,420</b>	<b>50,997</b>	<b>17,571</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>1,792,976</b>

(a) Includes mothercraft hospitals and hostels recognised by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, unless this is the usual place of residence.

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

n.a. not available.