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Preface

Health expenditure statistics show the volume and proportion of economic resources allocated to the production and consumption of health care which in turn contribute to the health and wellbeing of the nation. This involves not only measuring the overall level of expenditure but also expenditure on the different components of the health care system, and the sources of funding for health care.

Health Expenditure Australia 2000-01 is the new title for the existing series of annual reports on health expenditures by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). The previous *Health Expenditure Bulletin* had been produced annually since 1986 and this new title presents the most recent estimates for Australia for the year 2000-01 plus time series data covering the period from 1990-91 to 1999-00. Estimates of health expenditure split by State and Territory are provided for each year from 1996-97.

Estimates for 1999-00 and earlier years have been substantially revised. The revisions reflect changes in the underlying ABS data series, and are inevitable in a publication of this nature. In current dollars, total health expenditure in 1999-00 has been revised upwards from \$53.7 billion to \$55.7 billion, resulting in the ratio of total health expenditure to gross domestic product in 1999-00 being revised upwards from 8.5% to 8.8%. A full explanation is given in the text.

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Abbreviations and symbols

DVA	Department of Veterans' Affairs
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
n.a.	not available
..	not applicable
nec	not elsewhere classified
—	nil or rounded down to zero