

## 3 Patterns of use

This section explores various aspects of residential aged care use and some of the dynamics of the system. In particular, rates of usage of residential aged care for various population groups are examined. Other measures of use are also provided, including occupied bed-days and average occupancy between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005. System dynamics are explored through the reporting of two measures of length of stay, and resident turnover during the year along with admissions to and separations from residential aged care.

### Usage rates

Overall, usage rates for permanent residential aged care increase with age. They are higher for women than men, particularly among older age groups. For the Australian population at 30 June 2005, the group aged 85 years and over had the highest rate of use at 245.3 persons per 1,000. The corresponding measures for the age groups 80–84 and 75–79 were 83.7 and 33.7 per 1,000 respectively (Table A1.3).

Age-specific usage rates for permanent residential aged care have been calculated for different sub-groups in the Australian population based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2001 census (estimated resident population) and ABS population projections. Usage rates for the Indigenous population also rise with age. However, the usage rates for Indigenous people are significantly higher at younger ages than for the non-Indigenous population, and are generally higher than the corresponding rates for non-Indigenous people in all age groups.

For the Indigenous population, these rates at 30 June 2005 were 15.4 per 1,000 Indigenous persons aged 65–69 years, 28.7 per 1,000 aged 70–74 years, and 106.8 per 1,000 aged 75 years and over (Table 3.4). Rates for non-Indigenous people were 5.9 per 1,000 non-Indigenous persons aged 65–69 years, and 13.5 per 1,000 persons aged 70–74 years, and 102.0 per 1,000 persons aged 75 years and over.

Based on Australian Institute of Health and Welfare projections of ABS estimated resident population by country of birth, the number of Australian-born people receiving permanent care at 30 June 2005 was estimated to be 57.1 per 1,000 persons aged 75–84 years and 250.3 per 1,000 aged 85 years and over. The corresponding rates for English-speaking people who were born overseas were 49.0 and 257.2 respectively, and the corresponding usage rates for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds were lower at 50.0 and 207.0 per 1,000 respectively (Table 3.3). Overall usage rates were highest for Australian born people.

### Resident occupied place-days

During the 12-month period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, 54.6 million place-days were used in aged care services in Australia, consisting of 53.5 million days for permanent care and just over 1 million days for respite care (Table 3.5). Just under 2% of occupied place-days were used for respite purposes. Respite days compared to total days varied somewhat across the states and territories, with the smallest proportions provided in Queensland and Western

Australia (1.4%) and the highest in the Northern Territory (4.7%). The corresponding rate for respite occupied place-days also varied with remoteness, from 1.8% in major cities to 4.0% in very remote areas.

## Occupancy

The overall occupancy rate ranged from 94% in the Northern Territory and Victoria to 98% in the Australian Capital Territory and South Australia (Table 3.6). Australia-wide, the occupancy rate was 95% which was a slight decrease from the previous year (96%). The occupancy rate was 95% in major cities, and 96% in inner and outer regional areas. It was 94% in remote areas and 84% in very remote areas.

## Length of stay

Two standard measurements related to length of stay are the total or completed length of stay of a separated resident up to the point of leaving residential aged care, and the length of stay of an existing resident up to a particular point in time (in this publication up to 30 June 2005). It should be noted that for existing residents, length of stay is an incomplete measure, showing the time that residents have already spent in residential aged care, but not how much more time will be spent before leaving. It also excludes residents who only stayed a short time during 2004–05 and had already left residential aged care at 30 June 2005. This latter group is, however, included in the measure of completed length of stay.

The distribution of length of stay for existing permanent residents at 30 June 2005 was towards longer periods of stay (Table 3.7). Only 8% of permanent residents had been in residential aged care for less than 3 months. Nineteen per-cent had been resident for between 3 months and 1 year, 52% for 1 to 5 years and 21% for 5 years or more.

For completed length of stay, 19% of permanent residents stayed less than 3 months, with 20% staying between 3 months and 1 year. Just over 42% of permanent residents stayed between 1 and 5 years prior to separation, with 18% staying over 5 years (Table 3.9).

The average (mean) length of stay for permanent residents separating from residential care between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 was 163.7 weeks for women and 108.2 weeks for men. In aggregate, the average length of stay was 143.3 weeks (Table 3.10). The length of stay of residents at the time of separation varied among the states and territories. Permanent separations in the Australian Capital Territory had the longest average length of stay (164 weeks) and those in the Northern Territory had the shortest (138 weeks).

For those leaving respite care during the year under review, the average length of stay was 3.1 weeks, the same as in the previous 2 years (Table 3.11). Among those leaving respite care, the average length of stay varied from 2.3 weeks in Tasmania to 3.5 weeks in New South Wales and South Australia. The longest average length of stay was in very remote areas (4.2 weeks).

The trend for permanent residents showed an increase between 1998–99 and 2001–02 but a decrease since then, although length of stay was still longer in 2004–05 than in 1998–99 (131.3 weeks in 1998–99 and 143.3 weeks in 2004–05). On the other hand, completed length of stay for respite care declined from 3.5 weeks in 1998–99 to 3.1 weeks in 2002–03 (Table 3.1).

This has remained stable since then.

**Table 3.1: Admissions, separations and completed length of stay in residential aged care, 1998–99 to 2004–05**

	Permanent admissions	Respite admissions	Permanent separations	Respite separations	Complete length of stay (permanent, weeks)	Complete length of stay (respite, weeks)
1998–99	45,258	40,806	44,079	40,939	131.3	3.5
1999–00	45,476	42,531	44,615	42,422	137.0	3.3
2000–01	46,545	43,606	45,481	43,586	142.4	3.2
2001–02	47,345	43,309	45,284	43,503	145.5	3.2
2002–03	51,200	45,445	47,467	45,334	143.0	3.1
2003–04	53,356	46,632	48,723	46,544	143.7	3.1
2004–05	52,462	48,295	48,503	48,120	143.3	3.1

Note: Transfers are excluded from admissions and separations.

## Turnover

The amount of turnover in the system is a function of the number of admissions, length of stay and the overall growth or reduction in the size of the system. Generally, the turnover for permanent and respite residents has been relatively stable over the last 7 years but fluctuates in a narrow band according to changes in these factors.

Approximately one-third of permanent places are associated with new admissions in a year, whereas respite places are used by about 16 people per year (Table 3.2).

**Table 3.2: Admissions and turnover, by type of care in residential aged care services, 1999–2005**

Type of care	Residential care						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Permanent care</b>							
Admissions	45,258	45,476	46,545	47,345	51,200	53,356	52,462
Turnover	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.36	0.35	0.34
<b>Respite care</b>							
Admissions	40,806	42,531	43,606	43,309	45,445	46,632	48,295
Turnover	15.79	15.73	16.04	17.17	17.07	16.84	16.32
<b>Permanent and respite care</b>							
Admissions	86,064	88,007	90,151	90,654	96,645	99,988	100,757
Turnover	0.61	0.62	0.63	0.63	0.65	0.64	0.63

Note: Turnover is calculated separately for permanent and respite residents by firstly allocating permanent and respite places according to the number of residents in each category as at 30 June, and then dividing the places by the number of appropriate admissions in the year. The inverse of the resulting number is then defined as the turnover.

# Admissions and separations

## Permanent care

There were 100,757 admissions to residential aged care between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005, of which 52% (52,462) were for permanent care (Table 3.1). In 1998–99 there were fewer (86,064) admissions but close to the same proportion (53%) were for permanent care. Between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 there were 96,623 separations from residential aged care. Separations after a period of permanent care totalled 48,503 which accounted for 50% of total separations. There were fewer separations in 1998–99 (85,018), but a similar proportion (52%) were after a period of permanent care.

For those whose reason for separation is specified for 2004–05, there was a similar profile to the previous year. Death was the major reason for separation from permanent care (84%), while 4% returned to the community, 5% moved to another residential aged care service and 5% were discharged to hospitals (Table 3.13). Among those who were reported as having died, 18% had stayed for less than 3 months, 19% for between 3 months and 1 year, 43% for 1 to 5 years and 20% for 5 years and more (Table 3.15). People leaving residential aged care after a shorter period of stay were more likely to return to the community and less likely to die in residential aged care than those with longer periods of stay.

There is variation across states and territories with respect to destination on separation. The Northern Territory had the highest proportion of permanent residents returning to the community (9%). The Australian Capital Territory had the highest percentage of permanent separations through death (93%), while Western Australia had the lowest percentage of separations through death (78%) and the highest proportion moving to hospital (9%) (Table 3.13).

## Respite care

On 30 June 2005, respite residents made up 1.8% of all residents (Table 4.4). This figure under-represents the importance of respite care, however, as it accounted for some 48% of 100,757 admissions from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (Table 3.1). This is explained by the short-term nature of respite care; while there were a large number of admissions for respite care (48,295) over the course of the 12-month period, there were relatively few respite residents at any one point in time. For example, there were 2,819 respite residents at 30 June 2005.

About 12% of respite separations had an unspecified destination on departure from residential care (Table 3.14). Of those for whom data were available, as for the previous year, 79% returned to the community, 5% were discharged to hospitals and separation due to death accounted for less than 2%. Separation to further residential care accounted for 15% of those separating. The residents may be moving to permanent care either in the same service or a new service.

For respite residents, state and territory variations in destination on separation were also evident (Table 3.14). After excluding those with an unspecified destination, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria had the highest proportions returning to the community (88%, 82%, and 77% respectively), while South Australia and Western Australia had the lowest (64% and 70% respectively). Tasmania had a high proportion returning to the community (88%).

A common pattern is that those states and territories with lower rates of return to the community tended to have higher rates of transfer to another residential aged care service. Thus, in South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia, 17%, 17% and 19% respectively of respite separations where the destination was known, involved a transfer to another residential aged care service, compared with the national average of 15%.

**Table 3.3: Age- and sex-specific usage rates for permanent residents, by English-speaking status, based on country of birth, 30 June 2005 (per 1,000 population)**

<b>Sex/age</b>	<b>Australian-born</b>	<b>Overseas-born, English-speaking</b>	<b>Overseas-born, non-English- speaking</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Females</b>				
50–64	1.8	0.9	0.8	1.5
65–74	10.8	7.6	7.5	9.7
75–84	68.0	61.1	62.2	66.1
85+	291.5	305.3	252.5	288.5
<i>Total females</i>	<i>36.7</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>21.9</i>	<i>33.0</i>
<b>Males</b>				
50–64	2.0	1.0	1.1	1.6
65–74	10.4	6.5	7.0	9.0
75–84	42.0	35.3	36.1	39.9
85+	158.3	162.8	133.6	155.0
<i>Total males</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>14.0</i>
<b>Persons</b>				
50–64	1.9	1.0	0.9	1.5
65–74	10.6	7.1	7.2	9.4
75–84	57.1	49.0	50.0	54.7
85+	250.3	257.2	207.0	245.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>23.9</b>

*Notes:*

1. Recipients with unknown status have been pro rated.
2. Ratios are calculated using AIHW projections of ABS estimated resident population (ABS 1998, 2004b).
3. Due to the unavailability of regular population estimates by language preference, English-speaking status is based on country of birth. People born in Australia, Ireland, United Kingdom, New Zealand, United States of America, Canada and South Africa are assumed to be from an English-speaking background.

**Table 3.4: Age- and sex-specific usage rates for permanent residents,<sup>(a)</sup> by Indigenous status, 30 June 2005 (per 1,000 population)<sup>(b)</sup>**

Age	Indigenous			Non-Indigenous		
	Females	Males	Persons	Females	Males	Persons
0-49	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
50-54	2.0	3.0	2.5	0.7	0.8	0.7
55-59	5.9	5.6	5.8	1.3	1.5	1.4
60-64	8.4	9.2	8.8	2.7	2.9	2.8
65-69	14.6	16.4	15.4	5.8	6.0	5.9
70-74	24.5	34.0	28.7	14.2	12.7	13.5
75+	116.4	92.2	106.8	129.1	62.5	102.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>7.5</b>

(a) Recipients with unknown status have been pro-rated.

(b) Ratios are calculated using ABS projections released in December 2004 (ABS 2004b).

**Table 3.5: Occupied place-days, type of care by state/territory and remoteness,<sup>(a)</sup>  
1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005**

<b>State/territory</b>	<b>Major cities</b>	<b>Inner regional</b>	<b>Outer regional</b>	<b>Remote</b>	<b>Very remote</b>	<b>All regions</b>
<b>Permanent care</b>						
	<b>Number</b>					
NSW	12,768,806	4,325,231	1,231,159	44,144	4,171	18,373,511
Vic	9,618,045	3,103,089	794,539	6,817	n.a.	13,522,490
Qld	5,255,892	2,918,485	1,421,782	79,900	49,940	9,725,999
WA	3,557,112	569,488	323,070	48,377	31,934	4,529,981
SA	4,055,826	577,379	556,477	64,527	0	5,254,209
Tas	n.a.	1,077,145	347,770	15,144	6,622	1,446,681
ACT	533,209	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	533,209
NT	n.a.	n.a.	78,884	55,473	5,800	140,157
<i>Australia</i>	<i>35,788,890</i>	<i>12,570,817</i>	<i>4,753,681</i>	<i>314,382</i>	<i>98,467</i>	<i>53,526,237</i>
<b>Respite care</b>						
NSW	305,127	109,970	37,760	1,493	0	454,350
Vic	145,167	67,154	16,790	0	n.a.	229,111
Qld	64,026	49,229	23,238	1,669	1,381	139,543
WA	43,457	9,763	7,333	1,604	1,676	63,833
SA	73,769	13,271	12,922	2,503	0	102,465
Tas	n.a.	19,999	6,887	759	295	27,940
ACT	16,547	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	16,547
NT	n.a.	n.a.	3,290	2,864	711	6,865
<i>Australia</i>	<i>648,093</i>	<i>269,386</i>	<i>108,220</i>	<i>10,892</i>	<i>4,063</i>	<i>1,040,654</i>
<b>Permanent and respite care</b>						
NSW	13,073,933	4,435,201	1,268,919	45,637	4,171	18,827,861
Vic	9,763,212	3,170,243	811,329	6,817	n.a.	13,751,601
Qld	5,319,918	2,967,714	1,445,020	81,569	51,321	9,865,542
WA	3,600,569	579,251	330,403	49,981	33,610	4,593,814
SA	4,129,595	590,650	569,399	67,030	0	5,356,674
Tas	n.a.	1,097,144	354,657	15,903	6,917	1,474,621
ACT	549,756	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	549,756
NT	n.a.	n.a.	82,174	58,337	6,511	147,022
<b>Australia</b>	<b>36,436,983</b>	<b>12,840,203</b>	<b>4,861,901</b>	<b>325,274</b>	<b>102,530</b>	<b>54,566,891</b>

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Table 3.5 (continued): Occupied place-days, type of care by state/territory and remoteness,<sup>(a)</sup> 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

State/territory	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	All regions
<b>Permanent care</b>						
<b>Per cent</b>						
NSW	69.5	23.5	6.7	0.2	0.0	100.0
Vic	71.1	22.9	5.9	0.1	n.a.	100.0
Qld	54.0	30.0	14.6	0.8	0.5	100.0
WA	78.5	12.6	7.1	1.1	0.7	100.0
SA	77.2	11.0	10.6	1.2	0.0	100.0
Tas	n.a.	74.5	24.0	1.0	0.0	100.0
ACT	100.0	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	100.0
NT	n.a.	n.a.	56.3	39.6	4.1	100.0
<i>Australia</i>	66.9	23.5	8.9	0.6	0.2	100.0
<b>Respite care</b>						
NSW	67.2	24.2	8.3	0.3	0.0	100.0
Vic	63.4	29.3	7.3	0.0	n.a.	100.0
Qld	45.9	35.3	16.7	1.2	1.0	100.0
WA	68.1	15.3	11.5	2.5	2.6	100.0
SA	72.0	13.0	12.6	2.4	0.0	100.0
Tas	n.a.	71.6	24.6	2.7	0.0	100.0
ACT	100.0	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	100.0
NT	n.a.	n.a.	47.9	41.7	10.4	100.0
<i>Australia</i>	62.3	25.9	10.4	1.0	0.4	100.0
<b>Permanent and respite care</b>						
NSW	69.4	23.6	6.7	0.2	0.0	100.0
Vic	71.0	23.1	5.9	0.0	n.a.	100.0
Qld	53.9	30.1	14.6	0.8	0.5	100.0
WA	78.4	12.6	7.2	1.1	0.7	100.0
SA	77.1	11.0	10.6	1.3	0.0	100.0
Tas	n.a.	74.4	24.1	1.1	0.0	100.0
ACT	100.0	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	100.0
NT	n.a.	n.a.	55.9	39.7	4.4	100.0
<b>Australia</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

n.a. Not applicable.

**Table 3.6: Average occupancy rate, by state/territory and remoteness,<sup>(a)</sup>  
1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (per cent)**

<b>State/territory</b>	<b>Major cities</b>	<b>Inner regional</b>	<b>Outer regional</b>	<b>Remote</b>	<b>Very remote</b>	<b>All regions</b>
NSW	94.9	95.5	96.4	92.5	95.5	95.2
Vic	93.4	95.7	96.6	93.6	n.a.	94.1
Qld	96.1	97.0	95.5	91.7	87.2	96.2
WA	95.6	90.1	94.5	97.2	77.6	94.8
SA	97.7	97.0	97.0	96.4	0 <sup>(b)</sup>	97.5
Tas	n.a.	96.8	97.8	93.0	82.6	96.9
ACT	98.3	0 <sup>(b)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	98.3
NT	n.a.	n.a.	93.7	94.3	94.1	93.9
<b>Australia</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>95.3</b>

(a) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

(b) No places in this region.

Note: The average occupancy rate =

(The sum of resident bed days in the period/The sum of available places in the period)\*100, for each cell, where / represents division and \* represents multiplication.

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n.a. Not applicable.

Source: ACCMIS.

**Table 3.7: Permanent residents, length of stay to date, by sex and state/territory, <sup>(a)</sup>  
30 June 2005**

<b>Sex/length of stay</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Females</b>	<b>Number</b>								
<4 wks	856	598	396	204	220	65	23	4	2,366
4-<8 wks	781	574	365	232	191	61	17	7	2,228
8-<13 wks	892	723	447	268	269	77	18	3	2,697
13-<26 wks	2,157	1,666	1,092	604	597	168	60	13	6,357
26-<39 wks	2,198	1,542	1,024	559	597	172	62	12	6,166
39-<52 wks	2,262	1,575	1,195	584	633	185	70	12	6,516
1-<2 yrs	6,932	5,583	3,648	1,852	2,168	576	181	60	21,000
2-<3 yrs	5,228	4,225	2,810	1,287	1,589	450	181	21	15,791
3-<4 yrs	3,811	2,781	2,061	948	1,049	289	125	29	11,093
4-<5 yrs	2,901	2,109	1,482	702	828	228	99	15	8,364
5-<8 yrs	4,743	3,449	2,397	1,163	1,516	389	141	20	13,818
8+ yrs	3,977	2,429	2,102	814	1,039	305	103	25	10,794
<b>Total females</b>	<b>36,738</b>	<b>27,254</b>	<b>19,019</b>	<b>9,217</b>	<b>10,696</b>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>107,190</b>
<b>Males</b>									
<4 wks	514	355	254	119	141	28	17	5	1,433
4-<8 wks	419	309	227	114	115	35	8	4	1,231
8-<13 wks	487	350	298	136	118	33	11	2	1,435
13-<26 wks	1,139	790	584	270	308	77	31	10	3,209
26-<39 wks	1,033	733	540	255	292	65	24	11	2,953
39-<52 wks	1,054	761	582	294	292	87	35	3	3,108
1-<2 yrs	2,986	2,318	1,746	762	873	247	75	37	9,044
2-<3 yrs	1,883	1,512	1,112	495	578	145	61	23	5,809
3-<4 yrs	1,324	922	698	292	379	94	36	12	3,757
4-<5 yrs	954	599	472	195	249	56	28	5	2,558
5-<8 yrs	1,428	1,009	817	314	366	95	39	25	4,093
8+ yrs	1,255	750	653	236	244	74	32	27	3,271
<b>Total males</b>	<b>14,476</b>	<b>10,408</b>	<b>7,983</b>	<b>3,482</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>41,901</b>
<b>Persons</b>									
<4 wks	1,370	953	650	323	361	93	40	9	3,799
4-<8 wks	1,200	883	592	346	306	96	25	11	3,459
8-<13 wks	1,379	1,073	745	404	387	110	29	5	4,132
13-<26 wks	3,296	2,456	1,676	874	905	245	91	23	9,566
26-<39 wks	3,231	2,275	1,564	814	889	237	86	23	9,119
39-<52 wks	3,316	2,336	1,777	878	925	272	105	15	9,624
1-<2 yrs	9,918	7,901	5,394	2,614	3,041	823	256	97	30,044
2-<3 yrs	7,111	5,737	3,922	1,782	2,167	595	242	44	21,600
3-<4 yrs	5,135	3,703	2,759	1,240	1,428	383	161	41	14,850
4-<5 yrs	3,855	2,708	1,954	897	1,077	284	127	20	10,922
5-<8 yrs	6,171	4,458	3,214	1,477	1,882	484	180	45	17,911
8+ yrs	5,232	3,179	2,755	1,050	1,283	379	135	52	14,065
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>51,214</b>	<b>37,662</b>	<b>27,002</b>	<b>12,699</b>	<b>14,651</b>	<b>4,001</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>149,091</b>

(continued)

**Table 3.7 (continued): Permanent residents, length of stay to date, by sex and state/territory, <sup>(a)</sup> 30 June 2005**

<b>Sex/length of stay</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Females</b>	<b>Per cent</b>								
<4 wks	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.8	2.2
4-<8 wks	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.5	1.8	2.1	1.6	3.2	2.1
8-<13 wks	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.9	2.5	2.6	1.7	1.4	2.5
13-<26 wks	5.9	6.1	5.7	6.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.9	5.9
26-<39 wks	6.0	5.7	5.4	6.1	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.8
39-<52 wks	6.2	5.8	6.3	6.3	5.9	6.2	6.5	5.4	6.1
1-<2 yrs	18.9	20.5	19.2	20.1	20.3	19.4	16.8	27.1	19.6
2-<3 yrs	14.2	15.5	14.8	14.0	14.9	15.2	16.8	9.5	14.7
3-<4 yrs	10.4	10.2	10.8	10.3	9.8	9.7	11.6	13.1	10.3
4-<5 yrs	7.9	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.7	9.2	6.8	7.8
5-<8 yrs	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.6	14.2	13.1	13.1	9.0	12.9
8+ yrs	10.8	8.9	11.1	8.8	9.7	10.3	9.5	11.3	10.1
<b>Total females</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Males</b>									
<4 wks	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.6	2.7	4.3	3.0	3.4
4-<8 wks	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.3	2.9	3.4	2.0	2.4	2.9
8-<13 wks	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.0	3.2	2.8	1.2	3.4
13-<26 wks	7.9	7.6	7.3	7.8	7.8	7.4	7.8	6.1	7.7
26-<39 wks	7.1	7.0	6.8	7.3	7.4	6.3	6.0	6.7	7.0
39-<52 wks	7.3	7.3	7.3	8.4	7.4	8.4	8.8	1.8	7.4
1-<2 yrs	20.6	22.3	21.9	21.9	22.1	23.8	18.9	22.6	21.6
2-<3 yrs	13.0	14.5	13.9	14.2	14.6	14.0	15.4	14.0	13.9
3-<4 yrs	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.4	9.6	9.1	9.1	7.3	9.0
4-<5 yrs	6.6	5.8	5.9	5.6	6.3	5.4	7.1	3.0	6.1
5-<8 yrs	9.9	9.7	10.2	9.0	9.3	9.2	9.8	15.2	9.8
8+ yrs	8.7	7.2	8.2	6.8	6.2	7.1	8.1	16.5	7.8
<b>Total males</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>									
<4 wks	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.3	2.5
4-<8 wks	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.1	2.4	1.7	2.9	2.3
8-<13 wks	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.0	1.3	2.8
13-<26 wks	6.4	6.5	6.2	6.9	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.4
26-<39 wks	6.3	6.0	5.8	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.1
39-<52 wks	6.5	6.2	6.6	6.9	6.3	6.8	7.1	3.9	6.5
1-<2 yrs	19.4	21.0	20.0	20.6	20.8	20.6	17.3	25.2	20.2
2-<3 yrs	13.9	15.2	14.5	14.0	14.8	14.9	16.4	11.4	14.5
3-<4 yrs	10.0	9.8	10.2	9.8	9.7	9.6	10.9	10.6	10.0
4-<5 yrs	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.1	8.6	5.2	7.3
5-<8 yrs	12.0	11.8	11.9	11.6	12.8	12.1	12.2	11.7	12.0
8+ yrs	10.2	8.4	10.2	8.3	8.8	9.5	9.1	13.5	9.4
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

**Table 3.8: Permanent residents, length of stay to date, by sex and remoteness,<sup>(a)</sup>  
30 June 2005**

<b>Sex/length of stay</b>	<b>Major cities</b>	<b>Inner regional</b>	<b>Outer regional</b>	<b>Remote</b>	<b>Very remote</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Females</b>						
	<b>Number</b>					
<4 wks	1,602	580	170	9	5	2,366
4-<8 wks	1,492	536	183	13	4	2,228
8-<13 wks	1,786	650	243	8	10	2,697
13-<26 wks	4,184	1,587	542	30	14	6,357
26-<39 wks	4,135	1,451	548	27	5	6,166
39-<52 wks	4,343	1,624	517	27	5	6,516
1-<2 yrs	13,967	5,057	1,839	122	15	21,000
2-<3 yrs	10,540	3,737	1,426	73	15	15,791
3-<4 yrs	7,478	2,580	947	71	17	11,093
4-<5 yrs	5,640	1,966	694	53	11	8,364
5-<8 yrs	9,518	3,090	1,130	63	17	13,818
8+ yrs	7,343	2,425	943	63	20	10,794
<b>Total females</b>	<b>72,028</b>	<b>25,283</b>	<b>9,182</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>107,190</b>
<b>Males</b>						
<4 wks	949	351	120	9	4	1,433
4-<8 wks	808	297	120	4	2	1,231
8-<13 wks	956	338	128	8	5	1,435
13-<26 wks	2,081	807	294	19	8	3,209
26-<39 wks	1,950	690	288	20	5	2,953
39-<52 wks	2,062	737	283	16	10	3,108
1-<2 yrs	5,892	2,198	876	56	22	9,044
2-<3 yrs	3,714	1,402	631	45	17	5,809
3-<4 yrs	2,484	911	324	22	16	3,757
4-<5 yrs	1,717	588	227	19	7	2,558
5-<8 yrs	2,704	925	395	51	18	4,093
8+ yrs	2,167	726	325	34	19	3,271
<b>Total males</b>	<b>27,484</b>	<b>9,970</b>	<b>4,011</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>41,901</b>
<b>Persons</b>						
<4 wks	2,551	931	290	18	9	3,799
4-<8 wks	2,300	833	303	17	6	3,459
8-<13 wks	2,742	988	371	16	15	4,132
13-<26 wks	6,265	2,394	836	49	22	9,566
26-<39 wks	6,085	2,141	836	47	10	9,119
39-<52 wks	6,405	2,361	800	43	15	9,624
1-<2 yrs	19,859	7,255	2,715	178	37	30,044
2-<3 yrs	14,254	5,139	2,057	118	32	21,600
3-<4 yrs	9,962	3,491	1,271	93	33	14,850
4-<5 yrs	7,357	2,554	921	72	18	10,922
5-<8 yrs	12,222	4,015	1,525	114	35	17,911
8+ yrs	9,510	3,151	1,268	97	39	14,065
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>99,512</b>	<b>35,253</b>	<b>13,193</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>149,091</b>

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Table 3.8 (continued): Permanent residents, length of stay to date, by sex and remoteness,<sup>(a)</sup> 30 June 2005

Sex/length of stay	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	Australia
<b>Females</b>		<b>Per cent</b>				
<4 wks	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.6	3.6	2.2
4-<8 wks	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.9	2.1
8-<13 wks	2.5	2.6	2.6	1.4	7.2	2.5
13-<26 wks	5.8	6.3	5.9	5.4	10.1	5.9
26-<39 wks	5.7	5.7	6.0	4.8	3.6	5.8
39-<52 wks	6.0	6.4	5.6	4.8	3.6	6.1
1-<2 yrs	19.4	20.0	20.0	21.8	10.9	19.6
2-<3 yrs	14.6	14.8	15.5	13.1	10.9	14.7
3-<4 yrs	10.4	10.2	10.3	12.7	12.3	10.3
4-<5 yrs	7.8	7.8	7.6	9.5	8.0	7.8
5-<8 yrs	13.2	12.2	12.3	11.3	12.3	12.9
8+ yrs	10.2	9.6	10.3	11.3	14.5	10.1
<i>Total females</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Males</b>						
<4 wks	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.4
4-<8 wks	2.9	3.0	3.0	1.3	1.5	2.9
8-<13 wks	3.5	3.4	3.2	2.6	3.8	3.4
13-<26 wks	7.6	8.1	7.3	6.3	6.0	7.7
26-<39 wks	7.1	6.9	7.2	6.6	3.8	7.0
39-<52 wks	7.5	7.4	7.1	5.3	7.5	7.4
1-<2 yrs	21.4	22.0	21.8	18.5	16.5	21.6
2-<3 yrs	13.5	14.1	15.7	14.9	12.8	13.9
3-<4 yrs	9.0	9.1	8.1	7.3	12.0	9.0
4-<5 yrs	6.2	5.9	5.7	6.3	5.3	6.1
5-<8 yrs	9.8	9.3	9.8	16.8	13.5	9.8
8+ yrs	7.9	7.3	8.1	11.2	14.3	7.8
<i>Total males</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Persons</b>						
<4 wks	2.6	2.6	2.2	2.1	3.3	2.5
4-<8 wks	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.3
8-<13 wks	2.8	2.8	2.8	1.9	5.5	2.8
13-<26 wks	6.3	6.8	6.3	5.7	8.1	6.4
26-<39 wks	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.5	3.7	6.1
39-<52 wks	6.4	6.7	6.1	5.0	5.5	6.5
1-<2 yrs	20.0	20.6	20.6	20.6	13.7	20.2
2-<3 yrs	14.3	14.6	15.6	13.7	11.8	14.5
3-<4 yrs	10.0	9.9	9.6	10.8	12.2	10.0
4-<5 yrs	7.4	7.2	7.0	8.4	6.6	7.3
5-<8 yrs	12.3	11.4	11.6	13.2	12.9	12.0
8+ yrs	9.6	8.9	9.6	11.3	14.4	9.4
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

**Table 3.9: Separations of permanent residents, completed length of stay, by sex and state/territory, <sup>(a)</sup> 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005**

<b>Sex/length of stay</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Females</b>									
	<b>Number</b>								
<4 wks	822	449	388	164	227	44	14	1	2,109
4-<8 wks	564	341	260	124	148	39	9	0	1,485
8-<13 wks	488	315	236	95	127	28	18	1	1,308
13-<26 wks	861	584	402	213	203	59	22	5	2,349
26-<39 wks	581	442	302	155	147	41	18	11	1,697
39-<52 wks	497	370	249	150	140	38	13	4	1,461
1-<2 yrs	1,688	1,238	774	464	392	127	39	14	4,736
2-<3 yrs	1,289	953	613	349	347	102	31	7	3,691
3-<4 yrs	957	713	476	261	245	88	30	9	2,779
4-<5 yrs	794	530	394	185	209	74	30	1	2,217
5-<8 yrs	1,341	980	721	323	436	114	50	4	3,969
8+ yrs	1,059	662	521	230	299	90	29	5	2,895
<b>Total females</b>	<b>10,941</b>	<b>7,577</b>	<b>5,336</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>30,696</b>
<b>Males</b>									
<4 wks	751	386	379	153	225	41	7	2	1,944
4-<8 wks	528	301	252	104	151	31	6	0	1,373
8-<13 wks	405	298	201	86	117	27	10	6	1,150
13-<26 wks	673	474	320	144	185	45	10	7	1,858
26-<39 wks	452	326	238	137	138	28	6	3	1,328
39-<52 wks	390	277	197	94	97	15	7	5	1,082
1-<2 yrs	1,066	743	545	248	248	73	30	6	2,959
2-<3 yrs	668	492	398	158	181	49	32	6	1,984
3-<4 yrs	410	309	222	97	97	32	12	5	1,184
4-<5 yrs	276	220	169	58	85	22	5	5	840
5-<8 yrs	462	336	265	112	130	35	15	4	1,359
8+ yrs	290	178	140	45	57	25	7	4	746
<b>Total males</b>	<b>6,371</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17,807</b>
<b>Persons</b>									
<4 wks	1,573	835	767	317	452	85	21	3	4,053
4-<8 wks	1,092	642	512	228	299	70	15	0	2,858
8-<13 wks	893	613	437	181	244	55	28	7	2,458
13-<26 wks	1,534	1,058	722	357	388	104	32	12	4,207
26-<39 wks	1,033	768	540	292	285	69	24	14	3,025
39-<52 wks	887	647	446	244	237	53	20	9	2,543
1-<2 yrs	2,754	1,981	1,319	712	640	200	69	20	7,695
2-<3 yrs	1,957	1,445	1,011	507	528	151	63	13	5,675
3-<4 yrs	1,367	1,022	698	358	342	120	42	14	3,963
4-<5 yrs	1,070	750	563	243	294	96	35	6	3,057
5-<8 yrs	1,803	1,316	986	435	566	149	65	8	5,328
8+ yrs	1,349	840	661	275	356	115	36	9	3,641
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>17,312</b>	<b>11,917</b>	<b>8,662</b>	<b>4,149</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>48,503</b>

(continued)

Table 3.9 (continued): Separations of permanent residents, completed length of stay, by sex and state/territory, <sup>(a)</sup> 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

Sex/length of stay	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
<b>Females</b>									
	<b>Per cent</b>								
<4 wks	7.5	5.9	7.3	6.0	7.8	5.2	4.6	1.6	6.9
4-<8 wks	5.2	4.5	4.9	4.6	5.1	4.6	3.0	0.0	4.8
8-<13 wks	4.5	4.2	4.4	3.5	4.3	3.3	5.9	1.6	4.3
13-<26 wks	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.9	7.0	7.0	7.3	8.1	7.7
26-<39 wks	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.0	4.9	5.9	17.7	5.5
39-<52 wks	4.5	4.9	4.7	5.5	4.8	4.5	4.3	6.5	4.8
1-<2 yrs	15.4	16.3	14.5	17.1	13.4	15.0	12.9	22.6	15.4
2-<3 yrs	11.8	12.6	11.5	12.9	11.9	12.1	10.2	11.3	12.0
3-<4 yrs	8.7	9.4	8.9	9.6	8.4	10.4	9.9	14.5	9.1
4-<5 yrs	7.3	7.0	7.4	6.8	7.2	8.8	9.9	1.6	7.2
5-<8 yrs	12.3	12.9	13.5	11.9	14.9	13.5	16.5	6.5	12.9
8+ yrs	9.7	8.7	9.8	8.5	10.2	10.7	9.6	8.1	9.4
<b>Total females</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Males</b>									
<4 wks	11.8	8.9	11.4	10.7	13.2	9.7	4.8	3.8	10.9
4-<8 wks	8.3	6.9	7.6	7.2	8.8	7.3	4.1	0.0	7.7
8-<13 wks	6.4	6.9	6.0	6.0	6.8	6.4	6.8	11.3	6.5
13-<26 wks	10.6	10.9	9.6	10.0	10.8	10.6	6.8	13.2	10.4
26-<39 wks	7.1	7.5	7.2	9.5	8.1	6.6	4.1	5.7	7.5
39-<52 wks	6.1	6.4	5.9	6.5	5.7	3.5	4.8	9.4	6.1
1-<2 yrs	16.7	17.1	16.4	17.3	14.5	17.3	20.4	11.3	16.6
2-<3 yrs	10.5	11.3	12.0	11.0	10.6	11.6	21.8	11.3	11.1
3-<4 yrs	6.4	7.1	6.7	6.8	5.7	7.6	8.2	9.4	6.6
4-<5 yrs	4.3	5.1	5.1	4.0	5.0	5.2	3.4	9.4	4.7
5-<8 yrs	7.3	7.7	8.0	7.8	7.6	8.3	10.2	7.5	7.6
8+ yrs	4.6	4.1	4.2	3.1	3.3	5.9	4.8	7.5	4.2
<b>Total males</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>									
<4 wks	9.1	7.0	8.9	7.6	9.8	6.7	4.7	2.6	8.4
4-<8 wks	6.3	5.4	5.9	5.5	6.5	5.5	3.3	0.0	5.9
8-<13 wks	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.4	5.3	4.3	6.2	6.1	5.1
13-<26 wks	8.9	8.9	8.3	8.6	8.4	8.2	7.1	10.4	8.7
26-<39 wks	6.0	6.4	6.2	7.0	6.2	5.4	5.3	12.2	6.2
39-<52 wks	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.9	5.1	4.2	4.4	7.8	5.2
1-<2 yrs	15.9	16.6	15.2	17.2	13.8	15.8	15.3	17.4	15.9
2-<3 yrs	11.3	12.1	11.7	12.2	11.4	11.9	14.0	11.3	11.7
3-<4 yrs	7.9	8.6	8.1	8.6	7.4	9.5	9.3	12.2	8.2
4-<5 yrs	6.2	6.3	6.5	5.9	6.3	7.6	7.8	5.2	6.3
5-<8 yrs	10.4	11.0	11.4	10.5	12.2	11.8	14.4	7.0	11.0
8+ yrs	7.8	7.0	7.6	6.6	7.7	9.1	8.0	7.8	7.5
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

**Table 3.10: Average length of stay (weeks), separations of permanent residents, by state/territory, <sup>(a)</sup> sex and remoteness, <sup>(b)</sup> 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005**

<b>Sex/state/territory</b>	<b>Major cities</b>	<b>Inner regional</b>	<b>Outer regional</b>	<b>Remote</b>	<b>Very remote</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Females</b>						
NSW	164.8	158.7	149.2	258.5	245.5	162.6
Vic	160.7	155.7	161.6	118.5	n.a.	159.6
Qld	170.1	169.2	153.6	190.5	181.2	167.7
WA	160.2	140.4	175.2	160.1	142.7	158.7
SA	171.9	163.1	172.9	200.0	0.0	171.2
Tas	n.a.	180.0	172.2	138.2	83.8	177.4
ACT	177.1	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	177.1
NT	n.a.	n.a.	132.9	159.8	154.4	140.1
<i>Australia</i>	<i>165.0</i>	<i>161.6</i>	<i>158.3</i>	<i>184.8</i>	<i>168.6</i>	<i>163.7</i>
<b>Males</b>						
NSW	109.2	106.7	99.9	141.1	12.9	108.1
Vic	112.0	104.8	102.2	5.6	n.a.	109.7
Qld	109.5	107.0	115.9	140.4	188.0	110.8
WA	101.3	97.4	117.1	123.9	127.3	102.4
SA	97.1	97.6	110.2	139.3	0.0	98.6
Tas	n.a.	113.2	129.2	139.1	141.6	118.2
ACT	135.8	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	135.8
NT	n.a.	n.a.	143.2	117.7	389.3	135.8
<i>Australia</i>	<i>108.1</i>	<i>106.0</i>	<i>110.4</i>	<i>133.1</i>	<i>168.3</i>	<i>108.2</i>
<b>Persons</b>						
NSW	144.5	139.2	131.2	201.5	187.4	142.5
Vic	142.9	137.4	139.8	99.7	n.a.	141.4
Qld	147.7	144.6	138.8	156.7	184.3	145.8
WA	140.2	125.2	152.9	144.8	135.3	139.2
SA	143.8	140.4	151.6	174.5	0.0	144.4
Tas	n.a.	158.9	155.7	138.6	116.8	157.6
ACT	163.6	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	163.6
NT	n.a.	n.a.	136.8	133.5	232.7	138.1
<b>Australia</b>	<b>144.3</b>	<b>141.1</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>157.4</b>	<b>168.5</b>	<b>143.3</b>

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

(b) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

n.a. Not applicable.

**Table 3.11: Average length of stay (weeks), separations of respite residents, by state/territory, <sup>(a)</sup> sex and remoteness, <sup>(b)</sup> 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005**

Sex/state/territory	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote	Very remote	Australia
<b>Females</b>						
NSW	3.7	3.1	3.5	3.7	0.0	3.5
Vic	2.8	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	2.7
Qld	2.8	2.8	3.2	4.1	5.0	2.9
WA	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.4	4.0	3.1
SA	3.9	3.0	3.3	2.7	0.0	3.6
Tas	n.a.	2.2	2.4	2.8	4.6	2.3
ACT	2.8	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.8
NT	n.a.	n.a.	3.3	2.8	5.9	3.3
<i>Australia</i>	3.3	2.8	3.1	2.9	4.6	3.2
<b>Males</b>						
NSW	3.6	3.0	3.4	4.8	0.0	3.4
Vic	2.6	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	2.6
Qld	2.6	2.7	3.1	4.6	5.2	2.7
WA	2.7	2.5	2.5	1.9	3.2	2.6
SA	3.4	3.0	2.8	2.7	0.0	3.2
Tas	n.a.	2.1	2.5	4.1	1.9	2.2
ACT	2.8	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.8
NT	n.a.	n.a.	3.5	3.4	4.3	3.5
<i>Australia</i>	3.1	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.0
<b>Persons</b>						
NSW	3.7	3.1	3.5	4.0	0.0	3.5
Vic	2.7	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	2.6
Qld	2.8	2.8	3.1	4.3	5.1	2.8
WA	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.2	3.5	2.9
SA	3.7	3.0	3.1	2.7	0.0	3.5
Tas	n.a.	2.2	2.4	3.1	3.6	2.3
ACT	2.8	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.8
NT	n.a.	n.a.	3.4	3.1	5.2	3.4
<b>Australia</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

(b) Refers to the location of the services. The table uses the Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure as developed by the ABS.

(c) No separations.

n.a. Not applicable.

**Table 3.12: All separations, separation mode, by sex and state/territory,<sup>(a)</sup> 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005**

<b>Sex/separation mode</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Females</b>									
	<b>Number</b>								
Death	9,409	6,400	4,684	2,107	2,701	800	280	50	26,431
Return to community	7,623	6,016	3,422	1,305	1,772	1,002	431	130	21,701
To hospital	1,080	721	419	317	206	40	17	10	2,810
To another aged care service	2,167	1,322	756	595	508	108	71	12	5,539
Other	2,530	755	259	188	370	29	15	25	4,171
<b>Total females</b>	<b>22,809</b>	<b>15,214</b>	<b>9,540</b>	<b>4,512</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>60,652</b>
<b>Males</b>									
Death	5,362	3,603	2,933	1,148	1,568	389	140	50	15,193
Return to community	4,265	3,880	2,308	1,076	1,055	629	259	92	13,564
To hospital	730	479	285	208	158	30	12	7	1,909
To another aged care service	1,219	631	435	279	250	31	39	3	2,887
Other	1,397	446	167	136	221	15	14	22	2,418
<b>Total males</b>	<b>12,973</b>	<b>9,039</b>	<b>6,128</b>	<b>2,847</b>	<b>3,252</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>35,971</b>
<b>Persons</b>									
Death	14,771	10,003	7,617	3,255	4,269	1,189	420	100	41,624
Return to community	11,888	9,896	5,730	2,381	2,827	1,631	690	222	35,265
To hospital	1,810	1,200	704	525	364	70	29	17	4,719
To another aged care service	3,386	1,953	1,191	874	758	139	110	15	8,426
Other	3,927	1,201	426	324	591	44	29	47	6,589
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>35,782</b>	<b>24,253</b>	<b>15,668</b>	<b>7,359</b>	<b>8,809</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>96,623</b>
<b>Females</b>									
	<b>Per cent</b>								
Death	41.3	42.1	49.1	46.7	48.6	40.4	34.4	22.0	43.6
Return to community	33.4	39.5	35.9	28.9	31.9	50.6	52.9	57.3	35.8
To hospital	4.7	4.7	4.4	7.0	3.7	2.0	2.1	4.4	4.6
To another aged care service	9.5	8.7	7.9	13.2	9.1	5.5	8.7	5.3	9.1
Other	11.1	5.0	2.7	4.2	6.7	1.5	1.8	11.0	6.9
<b>Total females</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Males</b>									
Death	41.3	39.9	47.9	40.3	48.2	35.6	30.2	28.7	42.2
Return to community	32.9	42.9	37.7	37.8	32.4	57.5	55.8	52.9	37.7
To hospital	5.6	5.3	4.7	7.3	4.9	2.7	2.6	4.0	5.3
To another aged care service	9.4	7.0	7.1	9.8	7.7	2.8	8.4	1.7	8.0
Other	10.8	4.9	2.7	4.8	6.8	1.4	3.0	12.6	6.7
<b>Total males</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>									
Death	41.3	41.2	48.6	44.2	48.5	38.7	32.9	24.9	43.1
Return to community	33.2	40.8	36.6	32.4	32.1	53.1	54.0	55.4	36.5
To hospital	5.1	4.9	4.5	7.1	4.1	2.3	2.3	4.2	4.9
To another aged care service	9.5	8.1	7.6	11.9	8.6	4.5	8.6	3.7	8.7
Other	11.0	5.0	2.7	4.4	6.7	1.4	2.3	11.7	6.8
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

**Table 3.13: Separations of permanent residents, separation mode, by sex and state/territory,<sup>(a)</sup>  
1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005**

<b>Sex/separation mode</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Females</b>									
	<b>Number</b>								
Death	9,232	6,357	4,640	2,100	2,649	788	279	49	26,094
Return to community	443	227	230	96	89	18	9	6	1,118
To hospital	551	466	264	254	81	18	4	5	1,643
To another aged care service	531	456	152	213	81	15	7	2	1,457
Other	184	71	50	50	20	5	4	0	384
<b>Total females</b>	<b>10,941</b>	<b>7,577</b>	<b>5,336</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>30,696</b>
<b>Males</b>									
Death	5,206	3,554	2,870	1,130	1,526	381	138	46	14,851
Return to community	354	203	171	59	75	23	3	4	892
To hospital	345	290	145	130	55	9	1	2	977
To another aged care service	311	234	91	88	44	7	3	0	778
Other	155	59	49	29	11	3	2	1	309
<b>Total males</b>	<b>6,371</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17,807</b>
<b>Persons</b>									
Death	14,438	9,911	7,510	3,230	4,175	1,169	417	95	40,945
Return to community	797	430	401	155	164	41	12	10	2,010
To hospital	896	756	409	384	136	27	5	7	2,620
To another aged care service	842	690	243	301	125	22	10	2	2,235
Other	339	130	99	79	31	8	6	1	693
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>17,312</b>	<b>11,917</b>	<b>8,662</b>	<b>4,149</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>48,503</b>
<b>Females</b>									
	<b>Per cent</b>								
Death	84.4	83.9	87.0	77.4	90.7	93.4	92.1	79.0	85.0
Return to community	4.0	3.0	4.3	3.5	3.0	2.1	3.0	9.7	3.6
To hospital	5.0	6.2	4.9	9.4	2.8	2.1	1.3	8.1	5.4
To another aged care service	4.9	6.0	2.8	7.9	2.8	1.8	2.3	3.2	4.7
Other	1.7	0.9	0.9	1.8	0.7	0.6	1.3	0.0	1.3
<b>Total females</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Males</b>									
Death	81.7	81.9	86.3	78.7	89.2	90.1	93.9	86.8	83.4
Return to community	5.6	4.7	5.1	4.1	4.4	5.4	2.0	7.5	5.0
To hospital	5.4	6.7	4.4	9.1	3.2	2.1	0.7	3.8	5.5
To another aged care service	4.9	5.4	2.7	6.1	2.6	1.7	2.0	0.0	4.4
Other	2.4	1.4	1.5	2.0	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.9	1.7
<b>Total males</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>									
Death	83.4	83.2	86.7	77.9	90.2	92.3	92.7	82.6	84.4
Return to community	4.6	3.6	4.6	3.7	3.5	3.2	2.7	8.7	4.1
To hospital	5.2	6.3	4.7	9.3	2.9	2.1	1.1	6.1	5.4
To another aged care service	4.9	5.8	2.8	7.3	2.7	1.7	2.2	1.7	4.6
Other	2.0	1.1	1.1	1.9	0.7	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.4
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

**Table 3.14: Separations of respite residents, separation mode, by sex and state/territory,<sup>(a)</sup>  
1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005**

<b>Sex/separation mode</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Females</b>									
	<b>Number</b>								
Death	177	43	44	7	52	12	1	1	337
Return to community	7,180	5,789	3,192	1,209	1,683	984	422	124	20,583
To hospital	529	255	155	63	125	22	13	5	1,167
To another aged care service	1,636	866	604	382	427	93	64	10	4,082
Other	2,346	684	209	138	350	24	11	25	3,787
<b>Total females</b>	<b>11,868</b>	<b>7,637</b>	<b>4,204</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>29,956</b>
<b>Males</b>									
Death	156	49	63	18	42	8	2	4	342
Return to community	3,911	3,677	2,137	1,017	980	606	256	88	12,672
To hospital	385	189	140	78	103	21	11	5	932
To another aged care service	908	397	344	191	206	24	36	3	2,109
Other	1,242	387	118	107	210	12	12	21	2,109
<b>Total males</b>	<b>6,602</b>	<b>4,699</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>18,164</b>
<b>Persons</b>									
Death	333	92	107	25	94	20	3	5	679
Return to community	11,091	9,466	5,329	2,226	2,663	1,590	678	212	33,255
To hospital	914	444	295	141	228	43	24	10	2,099
To another aged care service	2,544	1,263	948	573	633	117	100	13	6,191
Other	3,588	1,071	327	245	560	36	23	46	5,896
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>18,470</b>	<b>12,336</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>3,210</b>	<b>4,178</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>48,120</b>
<b>Females</b>									
	<b>Per cent</b>								
Death	1.5	0.6	1.0	0.4	2.0	1.1	0.2	0.6	1.1
Return to community	60.5	75.8	75.9	67.2	63.8	86.7	82.6	75.2	68.7
To hospital	4.5	3.3	3.7	3.5	4.7	1.9	2.5	3.0	3.9
To another aged care service	13.8	11.3	14.4	21.2	16.2	8.2	12.5	6.1	13.6
Other	19.8	9.0	5.0	7.7	13.3	2.1	2.2	15.2	12.6
<b>Total females</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Males</b>									
Death	2.4	1.0	2.2	1.3	2.7	1.2	0.6	3.3	1.9
Return to community	59.2	78.3	76.3	72.1	63.6	90.3	80.8	72.7	69.8
To hospital	5.8	4.0	5.0	5.5	6.7	3.1	3.5	4.1	5.1
To another aged care service	13.8	8.4	12.3	13.5	13.4	3.6	11.4	2.5	11.6
Other	18.8	8.2	4.2	7.6	13.6	1.8	3.8	17.4	11.6
<b>Total males</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>									
Death	1.8	0.7	1.5	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.4	1.7	1.4
Return to community	60.0	76.7	76.1	69.3	63.7	88.0	81.9	74.1	69.1
To hospital	4.9	3.6	4.2	4.4	5.5	2.4	2.9	3.5	4.4
To another aged care service	13.8	10.2	13.5	17.9	15.2	6.5	12.1	4.5	12.9
Other	19.4	8.7	4.7	7.6	13.4	2.0	2.8	16.1	12.3
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Refers to the location of the services.

**Table 3.15: Separations of permanent residents, length of stay, by separation mode, 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005**

Length of stay	Death	Return to community	To another aged care service			Other	Total
			To hospital				
<b>Number</b>							
<4 wks	3,095	463	214	167	114	4,053	
4-<8 wks	2,239	281	176	108	54	2,858	
8-<13 wks	1,927	226	152	99	54	2,458	
13-<26 wks	3,336	335	259	209	68	4,207	
26-<39 wks	2,410	177	203	166	69	3,025	
39-<52 wks	2,068	115	162	159	39	2,543	
1-<2 yrs	6,473	194	483	437	108	7,695	
2-<3 yrs	4,951	76	322	266	60	5,675	
3-<4 yrs	3,531	49	195	156	32	3,963	
4-<5 yrs	2,768	24	125	116	24	3,057	
5-<8 yrs	4,829	45	205	213	36	5,328	
8+ yrs	3,318	25	124	139	35	3,641	
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,945</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>2,235</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>48,503</b>	
<b>Per cent (column)</b>							
<4 wks	7.6	23.0	8.2	7.5	16.5	8.4	
4-<8 wks	5.5	14.0	6.7	4.8	7.8	5.9	
8-<13 wks	4.7	11.2	5.8	4.4	7.8	5.1	
13-<26 wks	8.1	16.7	9.9	9.4	9.8	8.7	
26-<39 wks	5.9	8.8	7.7	7.4	10.0	6.2	
39-<52 wks	5.1	5.7	6.2	7.1	5.6	5.2	
1-<2 yrs	15.8	9.7	18.4	19.6	15.6	15.9	
2-<3 yrs	12.1	3.8	12.3	11.9	8.7	11.7	
3-<4 yrs	8.6	2.4	7.4	7.0	4.6	8.2	
4-<5 yrs	6.8	1.2	4.8	5.2	3.5	6.3	
5-<8 yrs	11.8	2.2	7.8	9.5	5.2	11.0	
8+ yrs	8.1	1.2	4.7	6.2	5.1	7.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
<b>Per cent (row)</b>							
<4 wks	76.4	11.4	5.3	4.1	2.8	100.0	
4-<8 wks	78.3	9.8	6.2	3.8	1.9	100.0	
8-<13 wks	78.4	9.2	6.2	4.0	2.2	100.0	
13-<26 wks	79.3	8.0	6.2	5.0	1.6	100.0	
26-<39 wks	79.7	5.9	6.7	5.5	2.3	100.0	
39-<52 wks	81.3	4.5	6.4	6.3	1.5	100.0	
1-<2 yrs	84.1	2.5	6.3	5.7	1.4	100.0	
2-<3 yrs	87.2	1.3	5.7	4.7	1.1	100.0	
3-<4 yrs	89.1	1.2	4.9	3.9	0.8	100.0	
4-<5 yrs	90.5	0.8	4.1	3.8	0.8	100.0	
5-<8 yrs	90.6	0.8	3.8	4.0	0.7	100.0	
8+ yrs	91.1	0.7	3.4	3.8	1.0	100.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	