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The National Hospital Cost Data Collection (NHCDC) is an annual collection of hospital cost data at the line-item level. NHCDC data are provided to the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) from each jurisdiction's Department of Health.

The Round 22 NHCDC collected public hospital cost information for the 2017–18 financial year. **The NHCDC Cost Report** contains detailed summary tables of all reported figures.

What is the cost of Australia's non-admitted patients?

Non-admitted care encompasses services provided to patients who do not undergo a formal admission process and do not occupy a hospital bed.

For example, services provided by hospitals:
- in hospital outpatient clinics
- in community based clinics
- in patients' homes.

The national expenditure on non-admitted acute care patient activity was

$6.82 billion

14.5%

This represents 14.5% of total hospital expenditure reported in the NHCDC in Round 22

Round 21
$5.74 billion

Round 20
$5.39 billion

The average cost per non-admitted care service event was

$317

An increase of 2.6% since Round 21

$309   R21

R20 $303

The number of hospitals that submitted non-admitted acute care cost data
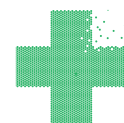
257 Round 20
273 Round 21
315 Round 22

21,529,952

The data contains detailed cost information for 21,529,952 non-admitted care patient service events.

Taken together, non-admitted care accounted for 60% of all hospital patient activity reported to Round 22 of the NHCDC.

60 PERCENT

IHPA uses the Tier 2 Non-Admitted classification to classify non-admitted care

The classification is split between clinics where procedures are undertaken, and clinics that are led by doctors, nurses or allied health staff.

Description of Tier 2 classification groups and results from Round 22

Tier 2 classification	Description	Service events	Total expenditure ($m)	Average cost per service event
Procedures (10 series)	Clinics with health care professionals which provide procedural based health services – includes treatment related to chemotherapy, renal dialysis, radiation therapy.	1,359,368	817.4	601
Medical consultation (20 series)	Clinics in which medical consultation typically provided by a medical or nurse practitioner – includes treatment related to ophthalmology, orthopaedics, and obstetrics.	9,615,934	3,518.7	366
Diagnostic services (30 series)	Clinics that provide diagnostic services as inputs to the healthcare services of other non-admitted clinics – includes pathology, mammography screening.	252,522	99.6	394
Allied health and/or clinical nurse specialist intervention (40 series)	Clinics where there are allied health personnel and/or Clinical Nurse Specialists providing the majority of services in a clinic – includes midwifery, physiotherapy, and primary health care.	9,760,368	2,177.1	223

Results across Australia

NSW	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure ($)	1,499.6m	1,487.8m	1,933.1m
Total service events	6,724,759	6,499,358	7,376,347
Avg cost per service event ($)	223	229	262
Avg cost per Medical consultation – 20 series ($)	238	243	299
Avg cost per Allied health/clinical nurse intervention – 40 series ($)	171	169	190

VIC	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure ($)	979.4m	1,029.7m	1,256.7m
Total service events	2,945,777	2,985,416	4,000,358
Avg cost per service event ($)	332	345	314
Avg cost per Medical consultation – 20 series ($)	371	371	358
Avg cost per Allied health/clinical nurse intervention – 40 series ($)	175	194	221

QLD	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure ($)	1,102.8m	1,487.3m	1,700.6m
Total service events	3,167,135	4,434,466	4,991,063
Avg cost per service event ($)	348	335	341
Avg cost per Medical consultation – 20 series ($)	389	357	362
Avg cost per Allied health/clinical nurse intervention – 40 series ($)	265	277	273

SA	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure ($)	569.4m	587.1m	701m
Total service events	1,373,108	1,400,719	1,450,208
Avg cost per service event ($)	415	419	483
Avg cost per Medical consultation – 20 series ($)	432	454	516
Avg cost per Allied health/clinical nurse intervention – 40 series ($)	204	186	214

WA	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure ($)	650.2m	659.3m	702m
Total service events	1,843,459	1,809,449	2,068,728
Avg cost per service event ($)	353	364	339
Avg cost per Medical consultation – 20 series ($)	436	451	435
Avg cost per Allied health/clinical nurse intervention – 40 series ($)	254	262	238

TAS	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure ($)	148.1m	116.7m	164.2m
Total service events	457,905	378,446	565,660
Avg cost per service event ($)	324	308	290
Avg cost per Medical consultation – 20 series ($)	396	441	319
Avg cost per Allied health/clinical nurse intervention – 40 series ($)	363	260	242

NT	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure ($)	139.8m	148.9m	146.4m
Total service events	223,059	290,172	280,840
Avg cost per service event ($)	627	513	521
Avg cost per Medical consultation – 20 series ($)	573	693	600
Avg cost per Allied health/clinical nurse intervention – 40 series ($)	330	265	293

ACT	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure ($)	303.1m	225.1m	215.7m
Total service events	1,083,234	794,503	796,748
Avg cost per service event ($)	280	283	271
Avg cost per Medical consultation – 20 series ($)	505	453	385
Avg cost per Allied health/clinical nurse intervention – 40 series ($)	208	217	201

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