

NHCDC

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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 sub-acute and non-acute care patients?

Sub-acute care is defined as specialised multidisciplinary care in which the primary need for care is optimisation of the patient's functioning and quality of life.

Sub-acute care comprises the following care types:

- Psychogeriatric care
- Geriatric evaluation and management (GEM) care
- Rehabilitation care
- Palliative care

Non-acute care relates to maintenance care in which the treatment goal is to support a patient with impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction due to a health condition.



The national expenditure on sub-acute and non-acute care patient activity was

\$2.93 billion

6.2%

This represents 6.2% of total hospital expenditure reported in the NHCDC in Round 22.



Round 21
\$2.80 billion

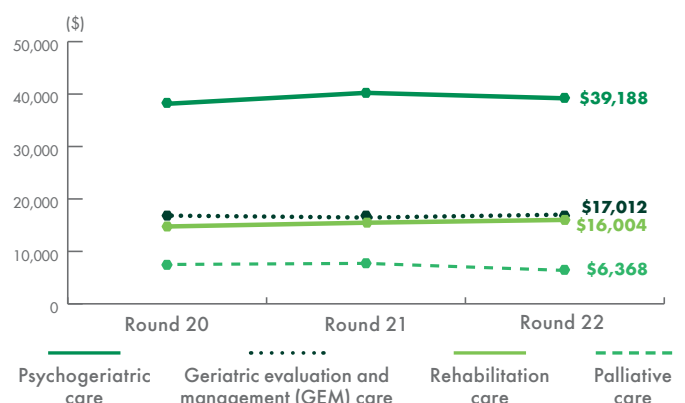
Round 20
\$2.73 billion

The national average cost per AN-SNAP class (which groups activity to a separation or phase) was

\$13,397

Round 21 \$13,987 | Round 20 \$13,792

National average cost per sub-acute care type



IHPA uses the **Australian National Sub-Acute and Non-Acute Patient (AN-SNAP)** classification system to classify sub-acute and non-acute care provided by Australian hospitals.

Palliative care
cost data is collected
according to four phases:

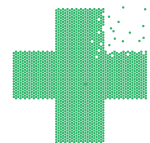
Average cost, by palliative care phase	
Deteriorating phase	\$6,763
Stable phase	\$9,123
Unstable phase	\$3,894
Terminal phase	\$4,005

**Hospitals
that submitted
sub-acute and
non-acute care
cost data**



218,482

The sub-acute and non-acute care data contain detailed cost information for 218,482 patient separations and 61,664 palliative care phases.



Taken together, sub-acute and non-acute care accounted for less than one percent (0.61 percent) of all hospital patient separations reported to Round 22 of the NHDC.

0.61%

Results across Australia

NSW	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure (\$)	846.8m	802.5m	836m
Total separations	80,637	81,447	82,289
Avg cost per separation (\$)	10,501	9,853	10,159
Number of hospitals	97	92	91
Avg length of stay (days)	11	10	9

VIC	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure (\$)	654.2m	739.1m	761.6m
Total separations	38,515	44,533	53,550
Avg cost per separation (\$)	16,986	16,596	14,223
Number of hospitals	59	62	61
Avg length of stay (days)	20	19	16

QLD	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure (\$)	631m	646.1m	679.1m
Total separations	42,699	42,858	48,229
Avg cost per separation (\$)	14,778	15,076	14,081
Number of hospitals	101	101	103
Avg length of stay (days)	12	12	10

SA	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure (\$)	157.3m	137m	165.5m
Total separations	16,060	10,258	12,284
Avg cost per separation (\$)	9,794	13,354	13,470
Number of hospitals	14	18	18
Avg length of stay (days)	8	12	12

WA	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure (\$)	271.6m	307.9m	310.7m
Total separations	11,331	11,756	11,919
Avg cost per separation (\$)	23,971	26,190	26,066
Number of hospitals	34	31	31
Avg length of stay (days)	18	18	17

TAS	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure (\$)	50.2m	57.6m	64.5m
Total separations	2,681	3,044	3,226
Avg cost per separation (\$)	18,729	18,924	19,983
Number of hospitals	4	20	22
Avg length of stay (days)	15	15	17

NT	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure (\$)	39.5m	40.6m	44.4m
Total separations	1,008	984	1,052
Avg cost per separation (\$)	39,190	41,249	42,241
Number of hospitals	5	5	5
Avg length of stay (days)	23	23	24

ACT	R20	R21	R22
Total expenditure (\$)	78.4m	65.5m	65.3m
Total separations	4,948	5,031	5,933
Avg cost per separation (\$)	15,853	13,009	11,009
Number of hospitals	2	2	2
Avg length of stay (days)	12	11	9



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