

Appendix A: Detailed tables

Table A1: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, patient's sex and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003–04

Hospital sector and patient's sex	Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
	Indigenous	Non- Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non- Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Public sector									
Male	67,924	1,149,005	18,854	1,235,783	43.8	47.9	49.0	47.6	1.5
Female	87,264	1,251,537	19,625	1,358,426	56.2	52.1	51.0	52.4	1.4
Total^(c)	155,189	2,400,546	38,508	2,594,243	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5
Private sector									
Male	2,601	661,412	93,454	757,467	47.1	45.4	45.1	45.4	12.3
Female	2,923	795,354	113,951	912,228	52.9	54.6	54.9	54.6	12.5
Total^(c)	5,524	1,456,767	207,418	1,669,709	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

(c) Includes separations for which patient's sex was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A2: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, patient's age group and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003–04

Hospital sector and patient's age group	Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
	Indigenous	Non- Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non- Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Public sector									
Under 1	6,866	67,283	2,110	76,259	4.4	2.8	5.5	2.9	2.8
1–4	7,476	87,694	956	96,126	4.8	3.7	2.5	3.7	1.0
5–9	4,271	57,844	579	62,694	2.8	2.4	1.5	2.4	0.9
10–14	3,439	50,081	735	54,255	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.1	1.4
15–19	7,949	79,503	1,807	89,259	5.1	3.3	4.7	3.4	2.0
20–24	9,769	115,712	2,415	127,896	6.3	4.8	6.3	4.9	1.9
25–29	9,436	138,320	2,647	150,403	6.1	5.8	6.9	5.8	1.8
30–34	11,652	149,207	3,038	163,897	7.5	6.2	7.9	6.3	1.9
35–39	12,070	122,936	2,221	137,227	7.8	5.1	5.8	5.3	1.6
40–44	13,688	120,632	2,056	136,376	8.8	5.0	5.3	5.3	1.5
45–49	15,441	122,307	2,455	140,203	9.9	5.1	6.4	5.4	1.8
50–54	14,967	131,078	2,139	148,184	9.6	5.5	5.6	5.7	1.4
55–59	12,911	153,164	2,394	168,469	8.3	6.4	6.2	6.5	1.4
60–64	9,600	153,132	2,408	165,140	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.4	1.5
65–69	6,713	170,908	2,625	180,246	4.3	7.1	6.8	6.9	1.5
70–74	5,385	201,139	2,625	209,149	3.5	8.4	6.8	8.1	1.3
75 and over	3,556	479,605	5,298	488,459	2.3	20.0	13.8	18.8	1.1
Total^(c)	155,189	2,400,546	38,508	2,594,243	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5

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Table A2 (continued): Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, patient's age group and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003-04

Hospital sector and patient's age group	Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Private sector									
Under 1	29	10,077	1,756	11,862	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	14.8
1-4	79	17,429	2,811	20,319	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.2	13.8
5-9	60	14,930	2,514	17,504	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	14.4
10-14	37	13,190	2,338	15,565	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.9	15.0
15-19	125	36,779	5,222	42,126	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	12.4
20-24	153	46,336	6,536	53,025	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	12.3
25-29	162	54,587	8,069	62,818	2.9	3.7	3.9	3.8	12.8
30-34	278	85,339	12,874	98,491	5.0	5.9	6.2	5.9	13.1
35-39	523	81,125	12,709	94,357	9.5	5.6	6.1	5.7	13.5
40-44	401	87,730	12,947	101,078	7.3	6.0	6.2	6.1	12.8
45-49	702	97,025	14,388	112,115	12.7	6.7	6.9	6.7	12.8
50-54	757	118,541	18,176	137,474	13.7	8.1	8.8	8.2	13.2
55-59	685	138,336	20,563	159,584	12.4	9.5	9.9	9.6	12.9
60-64	376	120,875	17,952	139,203	6.8	8.3	8.7	8.3	12.9
65-69	548	112,115	16,110	128,773	9.9	7.7	7.8	7.7	12.5
70-74	176	118,692	16,553	135,421	3.2	8.1	8.0	8.1	12.2
75 and over	433	303,660	35,900	339,993	7.8	20.8	17.3	20.4	10.6
Total^(c)	5,524	1,456,767	207,418	1,669,709	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

(c) Includes separations for which age was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A3: Separations^(a) for patients aged less than 1 year at admission, by patient's Indigenous status, patient's age at admission and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003–04

Hospital sector and patient's age at admission	Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Public sector									
0 days	1,733	22,739	986	25,458	25.2	33.8	46.7	33.4	3.9
1–6 days	234	3,842	296	4,372	3.4	5.7	14.0	5.7	6.8
7–14 days	211	2,629	102	2,942	3.1	3.9	4.8	3.9	3.5
15–364 days	4,688	38,073	726	43,487	68.3	56.6	34.4	57.0	1.7
<i>Total^(c)</i>	<i>6,866</i>	<i>67,283</i>	<i>2,110</i>	<i>76,259</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>2.8</i>
Private sector									
0 days	4	4,446	810	5,260	13.8	44.1	46.1	44.3	15.4
1–6 days	1	413	93	507	3.4	4.1	5.3	4.3	18.3
7–14 days	1	675	75	751	3.4	6.7	4.3	6.3	10.0
15–364 days	23	4,544	778	5,345	79.3	45.1	44.3	45.1	14.6
<i>Total^(c)</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>10,078</i>	<i>1,756</i>	<i>11,863</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>14.8</i>
Public and private sectors									
0 days	1,737	27,185	1,796	30,718	25.2	35.1	46.5	34.9	5.8
1–6 days	235	4,255	389	4,879	3.4	5.5	10.1	5.5	8.0
7–14 days	212	3,304	177	3,693	3.1	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.8
15–364 days	4,711	42,617	1,504	48,832	68.3	55.1	38.9	55.4	3.1
Total^(c)	6,895	77,361	3,866	88,122	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

(c) Includes separations for which age in days was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A4: Separations for newborn patients that had unqualified days only^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, patient's age at admission and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003–04

Hospital sector and patient's age at admission	Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Public sector									
0 days	5,085	85,564	3,494	94,143	95.9	97.5	97.6	97.5	3.7
1–6 days	201	1,963	72	2,236	3.8	2.2	2.0	2.3	3.2
7–9 days	17	186	13	216	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	6.0
<i>Total^(c)</i>	<i>5,303</i>	<i>87,713</i>	<i>3,579</i>	<i>96,595</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>3.7</i>
Private sector									
0 days	52	29,857	6,475	36,384	100.0	96.7	98.9	97.1	17.8
1–6 days	0	874	55	929	0.0	2.8	0.8	2.5	5.9
7–9 days	0	159	16	175	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.5	9.1
<i>Total^(c)</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>30,890</i>	<i>6,546</i>	<i>37,488</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>17.5</i>
Public and private sectors									
0 days	5,137	115,421	9,969	130,527	95.9	97.3	98.5	97.3	7.6
1–6 days	201	2,837	127	3,165	3.8	2.4	1.3	2.4	4.0
7–9 days	17	345	29	391	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	7.4
Total^(c)	5,355	118,603	10,125	134,083	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	7.6

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with unqualified days only. Separations for which all days are unqualified apply only to patients aged 9 days or less at admission.

(b) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

(c) Includes separations for which age in days was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A5: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, patient election status and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003–04

Hospital sector and patient election status	Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Public sector									
Public patient	151,715	2,028,506	33,745	2,213,966	97.8	84.5	87.6	85.3	1.5
Private patient	3,471	371,613	4,646	379,730	2.2	15.5	12.1	14.6	1.2
Total^(c)	155,189	2,400,546	38,508	2,594,243	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.0	1.5
Private sector									
Public patient	2,534	19,025	6,984	28,543	45.9	1.3	3.4	1.7	24.5
Private patient	2,990	1,437,732	199,160	1,639,882	54.1	98.7	96.0	98.2	12.1
Total^(c)	5,524	1,456,767	207,418	1,669,709	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

(c) Includes separations for which patient election status was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A6: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, patient's overseas or Australian birthplace and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003–04

Hospital sector and patient's overseas or Australian birthplace	Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Public sector									
Australia	154,669	1,806,790	25,788	1,987,247	99.7	75.3	67.0	76.6	1.3
Overseas	388	577,115	4,966	582,469	0.3	24.0	12.9	22.5	0.9
Not reported ^(c)	132	16,641	7,754	24,527	0.1	0.7	20.1	0.9	31.6
Total	155,189	2,400,546	38,508	2,594,243	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5
Private sector									
Australia	5,363	1,154,351	146,664	1,306,378	97.1	79.2	70.7	78.2	11.2
Overseas	35	278,258	26,035	304,328	0.6	19.1	12.6	18.2	8.6
Not reported ^(c)	126	24,158	34,719	59,003	2.3	1.7	16.7	3.5	58.8
Total	5,524	1,456,767	207,418	1,669,709	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

(c) Includes separations for which birthplace was not elsewhere classified.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A7: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, remoteness of patient's usual residence^(b) and hospital sector, Australia^(c), 2003–04

Hospital sector and remoteness area of patient's usual residence	Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Public sector									
Major cities	26,151	1,447,254	19,929	1,493,334	16.9	60.3	51.8	57.6	1.3
Inner regional	22,586	547,411	9,283	579,280	14.6	22.8	24.1	22.3	1.6
Outer regional	50,310	336,254	7,000	393,564	32.4	14.0	18.2	15.2	1.8
Remote	20,228	41,294	1,213	62,735	13.0	1.7	3.1	2.4	1.9
Very remote	34,862	14,317	632	49,811	22.5	0.6	1.6	1.9	1.3
Total^(d)	155,189	2,400,546	38,508	2,594,243	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5
Private sector									
Major cities	1,866	1,012,760	88,720	1,103,346	33.8	69.5	42.8	66.1	8.0
Inner regional	901	311,746	62,432	375,079	16.3	21.4	30.1	22.5	16.6
Outer regional	2,595	108,677	48,167	159,439	47.0	7.5	23.2	9.5	30.2
Remote	72	8,992	2,025	11,089	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.7	18.3
Very remote	83	2,517	1,418	4,018	1.5	0.2	0.7	0.2	35.3
Total^(d)	5,524	1,456,767	207,418	1,669,709	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Based on the remoteness classification of the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

(c) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

(d) Includes separations for which the remoteness area of the patient's residence was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A8: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, hospital remoteness^(b) and hospital sector, Australia^(c), 2003–04

Hospital sector and remoteness area of hospital	Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Public sector									
Major cities	31,583	1,571,682	23,287	1,626,552	20.4	65.5	60.5	62.7	1.4
Inner regional	28,014	535,819	8,997	572,830	18.1	22.3	23.4	22.1	1.6
Outer regional	54,488	253,762	4,672	312,922	35.1	10.6	12.1	12.1	1.5
Remote	30,279	29,024	946	60,249	19.5	1.2	2.5	2.3	1.6
Very remote	10,825	10,259	606	21,690	7.0	0.4	1.6	0.8	2.8
Not reported	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	155,189	2,400,546	38,508	2,594,243	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5
Private sector									
Major cities	2,151	1,123,384	109,058	1,234,593	38.9	77.1	52.6	73.9	8.8
Inner regional	633	225,396	24,833	250,862	11.5	15.5	12.0	15.0	9.9
Outer regional	2,430	47,185	23,343	72,958	44.0	3.2	11.3	4.4	32.0
Remote	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Very remote	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not reported ^(d)	310	60,802	50,184	111,296	5.6	4.2	24.2	6.7	45.1
Total	5,524	1,456,767	207,418	1,669,709	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Based on the remoteness classification of the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

(c) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

(d) Remoteness area is not reported for private hospitals in Tasmania. For confidentiality reasons, data for all private hospitals in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory are also shown in this category.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A9: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, length of hospital stay and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003–04

Hospital sector and length of hospital stay	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Per cent not reported
	Separations				Per cent				
Public sector									
Same day	83,473	1,089,074	20,120	1,192,667	53.8	45.4	52.2	46.0	1.7
1 day overnight	20,778	370,733	5,418	396,929	13.4	15.4	14.1	15.3	1.4
2 days	13,141	201,473	2,643	217,257	8.5	8.4	6.9	8.4	1.2
3 days	9,481	149,112	1,924	160,517	6.1	6.2	5.0	6.2	1.2
4 days	6,501	114,434	1,535	122,470	4.2	4.8	4.0	4.7	1.3
5–7 days	10,605	201,785	2,595	214,985	6.8	8.4	6.7	8.3	1.2
8–14 days	6,700	154,202	2,145	163,047	4.3	6.4	5.6	6.3	1.3
15 or more days	4,510	119,733	2,128	126,371	2.9	5.0	5.5	4.9	1.7
Total	155,189	2,400,546	38,508	2,594,243	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5
Private sector									
Same day	4,516	922,136	125,809	1,052,461	81.8	63.3	60.7	63.0	12.0
1 day overnight	314	172,848	25,942	199,104	5.7	11.9	12.5	11.9	13.0
2 days	144	71,752	11,882	83,778	2.6	4.9	5.7	5.0	14.2
3 days	89	46,748	8,072	54,909	1.6	3.2	3.9	3.3	14.7
4 days	85	45,529	6,985	52,599	1.5	3.1	3.4	3.2	13.3
5–7 days	143	87,927	12,961	101,031	2.6	6.0	6.2	6.1	12.8
8–14 days	108	67,024	9,766	76,898	2.0	4.6	4.7	4.6	12.7
15 or more days	125	42,803	6,001	48,929	2.3	2.9	2.9	2.9	12.3
Total	5,524	1,456,767	207,418	1,669,709	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A10: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, urgency of admission and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003–04

Hospital sector and urgency of admission	Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Public sector									
Urgency status assigned—emergency	65,325	1,081,666	15,760	1,162,751	42.1	45.1	40.9	44.8	1.4
Urgency status assigned—elective	38,328	891,754	13,709	943,791	24.7	37.1	35.6	36.4	1.5
Urgency status not assigned	51,530	427,019	8,883	487,432	33.2	17.8	23.1	18.8	1.8
Not reported	6	107	156	269	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	58.0
Total	155,189	2,400,546	38,508	2,594,243	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5
Private sector									
Urgency status assigned—emergency	359	128,419	16,244	145,022	6.5	8.8	7.8	8.7	11.2
Urgency status assigned—elective	2,535	1,169,222	128,696	1,300,453	45.9	80.3	62.0	77.9	9.9
Urgency status not assigned	2,630	159,093	51,130	212,853	47.6	10.9	24.7	12.7	24.0
Not reported	0	33	11,348	11,381	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.7	99.7
Total	5,524	1,456,767	207,418	1,669,709	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A11: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, principal diagnosis and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003–04

Hospital sector and principal diagnosis	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Per cent not reported
	Separations				Per cent				
Public sector									
A00–B99 Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	3,812	50,113	669	54,594	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.1	1.2
C00–D48 Neoplasms	2,262	147,882	2,048	152,192	1.5	6.2	5.3	5.9	1.3
D50–D89 Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism	764	31,974	375	33,113	0.5	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.1
E00–E90 Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	3,254	42,140	739	46,133	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.6
F00–F99 Mental and behavioural disorders	6,844	103,600	2,799	113,243	4.4	4.3	7.3	4.4	2.5
G00–G99 Diseases of the nervous system	2,216	49,789	610	52,615	1.4	2.1	1.6	2.0	1.2
H00–H59 Diseases of the eye and adnexa	864	34,647	586	36,097	0.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.6
H60–H95 Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	1,159	16,250	337	17,746	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.9
I00–I99 Diseases of the circulatory system	5,362	184,591	2,530	192,483	3.5	7.7	6.6	7.4	1.3
J00–J99 Diseases of the respiratory system	11,797	152,203	1,857	165,857	7.6	6.3	4.8	6.4	1.1
K00–K93 Diseases of the digestive system	8,469	215,348	2,907	226,724	5.5	9.0	7.5	8.7	1.3
L00–L99 Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	3,804	46,485	753	51,042	2.5	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.5
M00–M99 Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	2,674	84,845	1,214	88,733	1.7	3.5	3.2	3.4	1.4
N00–N99 Diseases of the genitourinary system	4,417	117,984	1,817	124,218	2.8	4.9	4.7	4.8	1.5
O00–O99 Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	12,612	185,649	3,163	201,424	8.1	7.7	8.2	7.8	1.6
P00–P96 Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	1,831	21,263	1,209	24,303	1.2	0.9	3.1	0.9	5.0
Q00–Q99 Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	619	13,162	245	14,026	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.7
R00–R99 Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, n.e.c.	7,082	166,328	2,407	175,817	4.6	6.9	6.3	6.8	1.4
S00–T98 Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	12,422	223,186	3,859	239,467	8.0	9.3	10.0	9.2	1.6
Z00–Z99 Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	62,730	511,350	8,365	582,445	40.4	21.3	21.7	22.5	1.4
<i>Care involving dialysis</i>	57,085	296,654	3,798	357,537	36.8	12.4	9.9	13.8	1.1
<i>Other factors influencing health status and contact with health services</i>	5,645	214,696	4,567	224,908	3.6	8.9	11.9	8.7	2.0
Not reported	195	1,757	19	1,971	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.0
<i>Total (excluding care involving dialysis)</i>	98,104	2,103,892	34,710	2,236,706	63.2	87.6	90.1	86.2	1.6
Total (including care involving dialysis)	155,189	2,400,546	38,508	2,594,243	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5

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Table A11 (continued): Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous status, principal diagnosis and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003-04

Hospital sector and principal diagnosis	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Per cent not reported
	Separations				Per cent				
Private sector									
A00-B99 Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	25	7,718	1,419	9,162	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	15.5
C00-D48 Neoplasms	251	139,352	23,936	163,539	4.5	9.6	11.5	9.8	14.6
D50-D89 Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism	18	11,962	2,177	14,157	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.8	15.4
E00-E90 Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	65	18,619	2,670	21,354	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	12.5
F00-F99 Mental and behavioural disorders	233	62,654	2,688	65,575	4.2	4.3	1.3	3.9	4.1
G00-G99 Diseases of the nervous system	61	36,396	4,709	41,166	1.1	2.5	2.3	2.5	11.4
H00-H59 Diseases of the eye and adnexa	204	84,268	7,132	91,604	3.7	5.8	3.4	5.5	7.8
H60-H95 Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	51	13,582	2,078	15,711	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	13.2
I00-I99 Diseases of the circulatory system	166	83,433	14,459	98,058	3.0	5.7	7.0	5.9	14.7
J00-J99 Diseases of the respiratory system	113	43,642	7,280	51,035	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.1	14.3
K00-K93 Diseases of the digestive system	366	235,297	29,422	265,085	6.6	16.2	14.2	15.9	11.1
L00-L99 Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	43	23,101	3,171	26,315	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.6	12.1
M00-M99 Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	248	119,416	14,994	134,658	4.5	8.2	7.2	8.1	11.1
N00-N99 Diseases of the genitourinary system	128	87,326	13,223	100,677	2.3	6.0	6.4	6.0	13.1
O00-O99 Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	347	72,993	10,321	83,661	6.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	12.3
P00-P96 Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	5	3,846	920	4,771	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	19.3
Q00-Q99 Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	14	6,000	898	6,912	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	13.0
R00-R99 Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, n.e.c.	125	67,807	9,323	77,255	2.3	4.7	4.5	4.6	12.1
S00-T98 Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	131	45,692	7,206	53,029	2.4	3.1	3.5	3.2	13.6
Z00-Z99 Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	2,928	293,611	49,386	345,925	53.0	20.2	23.8	20.7	14.3
<i>Care involving dialysis</i>	2,622	68,212	9,675	80,509	47.5	4.7	4.7	4.8	12.0
<i>Other factors influencing health status and contact with health services</i>	306	225,399	39,711	265,416	5.5	15.5	19.1	15.9	15.0
Not reported	2	52	6	60	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0
<i>Total (excluding care involving dialysis)</i>	2,902	1,388,555	197,743	1,589,200	52.5	95.3	95.3	95.2	12.4
Total (including care involving dialysis)	5,524	1,456,767	207,418	1,669,709	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

n.e.c. Not elsewhere classified.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A12: Procedure statistics^(a), by patient's Indigenous status and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003-04

Hospital sector and procedure chapter		Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Per cent not reported
		Separations				Per cent				
Public sector										
1-86	Procedures on nervous system	1,194	37,449	522	39,165	0.8	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.3
110-129	Procedures on endocrine system	85	3,493	37	3,615	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
160-256	Procedures on eye and adnexa	1,032	37,738	663	39,433	0.7	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.7
300-333	Procedures on ear and mastoid process	1,080	13,510	302	14,892	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.6	2.0
370-422	Procedures on nose, mouth and pharynx	979	25,427	469	26,875	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.7
450-490	Dental services	1,277	14,949	238	16,464	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.4
520-569	Procedures on respiratory system	2,007	45,615	1,175	48,797	1.3	1.9	3.1	1.9	2.4
600-767	Procedures on cardiovascular system	3,264	93,010	1,860	98,134	2.1	3.9	4.8	3.8	1.9
800-817	Procedures on blood and blood-forming organs	297	15,280	219	15,796	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.4
850-1011	Procedures on digestive system	5,250	221,387	2,897	229,534	3.4	9.2	7.5	8.8	1.3
1040-1128	Procedures on urinary system	59,647	359,569	4,485	423,701	38.4	15.0	11.6	16.3	1.1
1060	<i>Haemodialysis</i>	58,158	299,425	3,801	361,384	37.5	12.5	9.9	13.9	1.1
	<i>Other than haemodialysis in procedure block 1040-1128</i>	1,489	60,144	684	62,317	1.0	2.5	1.8	2.4	1.1
1160-1203	Procedures on male genital organs	538	19,398	256	20,192	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.3
1240-1299	Gynaecological procedures	3,472	83,021	2,426	88,919	2.2	3.5	6.3	3.4	2.7
1330-1347	Obstetric procedures	5,022	98,310	1,234	104,566	3.2	4.1	3.2	4.0	1.2
1360-1579	Procedures on musculoskeletal system	4,802	124,088	1,516	130,406	3.1	5.2	3.9	5.0	1.2
1600-1718	Dermatological and plastic procedures	4,773	100,956	1,807	107,536	3.1	4.2	4.7	4.1	1.7
1740-1759	Procedures on breast	251	10,104	134	10,489	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.3
1780-1799	Chemotherapeutic and radiation oncology procedures	1,047	63,091	1,423	65,561	0.7	2.6	3.7	2.5	2.2
1820-1916	Non-invasive, cognitive and interventions, n.e.c.	28,503	856,492	13,095	898,090	18.4	35.7	34.0	34.6	1.5
1940-2016	Imaging services	6,090	214,921	2,733	223,744	3.9	9.0	7.1	8.6	1.2
	<i>Total (excluding haemodialysis)</i>	47,751	1,416,757	23,211	1,487,719	30.8	59.0	60.3	57.3	1.6
	Total (including haemodialysis)	155,189	2,400,546	38,508	2,594,243	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5

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Table A12 (continued): Procedure statistics^(a), by patient's Indigenous status and hospital sector, Australia^(b), 2003-04

Hospital sector and procedure chapter		Separations				Per cent				Per cent not reported
		Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not reported	Total	
Private sector										
1-86	Procedures on nervous system	104	38,849	4,901	43,854	1.9	2.7	2.4	2.6	11.2
110-129	Procedures on endocrine system	4	3,382	439	3,825	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	11.5
160-256	Procedures on eye and adnexa	214	89,131	7,571	96,916	3.9	6.1	3.7	5.8	7.8
300-333	Procedures on ear and mastoid process	58	14,947	2,200	17,205	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	12.8
370-422	Procedures on nose, mouth and pharynx	86	34,707	4,907	39,700	1.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	12.4
450-490	Dental services	88	44,324	6,461	50,873	1.6	3.0	3.1	3.0	12.7
520-569	Procedures on respiratory system	27	15,116	2,744	17,887	0.5	1.0	1.3	1.1	15.3
600-767	Procedures on cardiovascular system	142	62,593	12,506	75,241	2.6	4.3	6.0	4.5	16.6
800-817	Procedures on blood and blood-forming organs	21	10,283	2,330	12,634	0.4	0.7	1.1	0.8	18.4
850-1011	Procedures on digestive system	407	319,647	38,093	358,147	7.4	21.9	18.4	21.4	10.6
1040-1128	Procedures on urinary system	2,697	127,967	17,616	148,280	48.8	8.8	8.5	8.9	11.9
1060	<i>Haemodialysis</i>	2,627	68,916	9,863	81,406	47.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	12.1
	<i>Other than haemodialysis in procedure block 1040-1128</i>	70	59,051	7,753	66,874	1.3	4.1	3.7	4.0	11.6
1160-1203	Procedures on male genital organs	45	29,112	3,902	33,059	0.8	2.0	1.9	2.0	11.8
1240-1299	Gynaecological procedures	376	97,612	14,203	112,191	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7	12.7
1330-1347	Obstetric procedures	67	39,515	6,050	45,632	1.2	2.7	2.9	2.7	13.3
1360-1579	Procedures on musculoskeletal system	287	134,104	17,325	151,716	5.2	9.2	8.4	9.1	11.4
1600-1718	Dermatological and plastic procedures	214	93,309	12,912	106,435	3.9	6.4	6.2	6.4	12.1
1740-1759	Procedures on breast	31	15,879	3,098	19,008	0.6	1.1	1.5	1.1	16.3
1780-1799	Chemotherapeutic and radiation oncology procedures	95	78,854	17,905	96,854	1.7	5.4	8.6	5.8	18.5
1820-1916	Non-invasive, cognitive and interventions, n.e.c.	2,034	1,013,715	146,301	1,162,050	36.8	69.6	70.5	69.6	12.6
1940-2016	Imaging services	117	59,684	9,491	69,292	2.1	4.1	4.6	4.1	13.7
	<i>Total^(c) (excluding haemodialysis)</i>	2,607	1,285,301	179,568	1,467,476	47.2	88.2	86.6	87.9	12.2
	Total^(c) (including haemodialysis)	5,524	1,456,767	207,418	1,669,709	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	12.4

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Separations for Victoria, Western Australia and one public hospital in the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded because unreported Indigenous status was not accommodated in data systems for these separations.

(c) Because more than one procedure can be reported for each separation, the totals are not the sums of the rows of the table.

n.e.c. Not elsewhere classified.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A13: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous subcategory, patient's sex and hospital sector, Australia, 2003–04

Hospital sector and patient's sex	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	Total Indigenous	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	Total Indigenous	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
	Separations					Per cent				
Public sector										
Male	81,811	4,144	1,923	87,878	1,905,664	43.2	45.5	41.3	43.3	48.1
Female	107,463	4,954	2,730	115,147	2,053,188	56.8	54.5	58.7	56.7	51.9
Total^(b)	189,275	9,098	4,653	203,026	3,958,859	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Private sector										
Male	4,552	207	486	5,245	1,083,520	39.7	31.8	48.6	40.0	44.8
Female	6,919	443	514	7,876	1,336,622	60.3	68.2	51.4	60.0	55.2
Total^(b)	11,471	650	1,000	13,121	2,420,169	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Includes separations for which sex was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A14: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous subcategory, patient's age group and hospital sector, Australia, 2003-04

Hospital sector and patient's age group	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	<i>Total Indigenous</i>	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	<i>Total Indigenous</i>	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
	Separations					Per cent				
Public sector										
Under 1	8,401	326	281	9,008	107,981	4.4	3.6	6.0	4.4	2.7
1-4	9,361	401	320	10,082	132,203	4.9	4.4	6.9	5.0	3.3
5-9	5,278	256	161	5,695	88,552	2.8	2.8	3.5	2.8	2.2
10-14	4,352	154	101	4,607	76,601	2.3	1.7	2.2	2.3	1.9
15-19	9,689	376	260	10,325	123,033	5.1	4.1	5.6	5.1	3.1
20-24	11,635	727	399	12,761	182,379	6.1	8.0	8.6	6.3	4.6
25-29	12,219	611	342	13,172	221,785	6.5	6.7	7.4	6.5	5.6
30-34	14,781	517	333	15,631	247,285	7.8	5.7	7.2	7.7	6.2
35-39	15,493	544	306	16,343	206,711	8.2	6.0	6.6	8.0	5.2
40-44	16,706	976	250	17,932	201,466	8.8	10.7	5.4	8.8	5.1
45-49	19,870	500	284	20,654	208,116	10.5	5.5	6.1	10.2	5.3
50-54	17,403	961	360	18,724	226,555	9.2	10.6	7.7	9.2	5.7
55-59	15,119	776	375	16,270	258,865	8.0	8.5	8.1	8.0	6.5
60-64	12,137	374	558	13,069	259,613	6.4	4.1	12.0	6.4	6.6
65-69	7,750	311	121	8,182	293,632	4.1	3.4	2.6	4.0	7.4
70-74	5,250	815	53	6,118	339,916	2.8	9.0	1.1	3.0	8.6
75 and over	3,831	473	149	4,453	784,165	2.0	5.2	3.2	2.2	19.8
Total^(b)	189,275	9,098	4,653	203,026	3,958,859	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table A14 (continued): Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous subcategory, patient's age group and hospital sector, Australia, 2003-04

Hospital sector and patient's age group	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	<i>Total Indigenous</i>	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	<i>Total Indigenous</i>	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
	Separations					Per cent				
Private sector										
Under 1	38	6	4	48	22,027	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.9
1-4	65	10	23	98	27,621	0.6	1.5	2.3	0.7	1.1
5-9	54	11	9	74	23,728	0.5	1.7	0.9	0.6	1.0
10-14	41	7	6	54	22,165	0.4	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.9
15-19	168	16	22	206	65,083	1.5	2.5	2.2	1.6	2.7
20-24	172	21	28	221	81,005	1.5	3.2	2.8	1.7	3.3
25-29	360	35	14	409	93,195	3.1	5.4	1.4	3.1	3.9
30-34	966	24	83	1,073	149,501	8.4	3.7	8.3	8.2	6.2
35-39	1,730	41	43	1,814	143,084	15.1	6.3	4.3	13.8	5.9
40-44	1,174	18	71	1,263	149,652	10.2	2.8	7.1	9.6	6.2
45-49	1,399	33	171	1,603	164,473	12.2	5.1	17.1	12.2	6.8
50-54	1,488	32	226	1,746	197,747	13.0	4.9	22.6	13.3	8.2
55-59	1,199	103	84	1,386	225,641	10.5	15.8	8.4	10.6	9.3
60-64	1,013	27	82	1,122	193,351	8.8	4.2	8.2	8.6	8.0
65-69	906	180	26	1,112	183,936	7.9	27.7	2.6	8.5	7.6
70-74	183	41	27	251	191,727	1.6	6.3	2.7	1.9	7.9
75 and over	515	45	81	641	486,232	4.5	6.9	8.1	4.9	20.1
Total^(b)	11,471	650	1,000	13,121	2,420,169	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Includes separations for which age was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A15: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous subcategory, patient election status and hospital sector, Australia 2003-04

Hospital sector and patient election status	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	<i>Total Indigenous</i>	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	<i>Total Indigenous</i>	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
	Separations					Per cent				
Public sector										
Public patient	185,504	8,849	4,396	198,749	3,413,780	98.0	97.3	94.5	97.9	86.2
Private patient	3,768	248	257	4,273	540,845	2.0	2.7	5.5	2.1	13.7
Total^(b)	189,275	9,098	4,653	203,026	3,958,859	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Private sector										
Public patient	8,946	235	321	9,502	70,479	78.0	36.2	32.1	72.4	2.9
Private patient	2,525	415	679	3,619	2,348,335	22.0	63.8	67.9	27.6	97.0
Total^(b)	11,471	650	1,000	13,121	2,420,169	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Includes separations for which patient election status was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A16: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous subcategory, patient's Australian or overseas birthplace and hospital sector, Australia, 2003-04

Hospital sector and patient's overseas or Australian birthplace	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	Total Indigenous	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	Total Indigenous	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
	Separations				Per cent					
Public sector										
Australia	189,032	8,958	4,489	202,479	2,842,656	99.9	98.5	96.5	99.7	71.8
Overseas	132	119	156	407	1,071,036	0.1	1.3	3.4	0.2	27.1
Not reported ^(b)	111	21	8	140	45,167	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.1
Total	189,275	9,098	4,653	203,026	3,958,859	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Private sector										
Australia	11,327	622	976	12,925	1,849,481	98.7	95.7	97.6	98.5	76.4
Overseas	44	19	6	69	519,723	0.4	2.9	0.6	0.5	21.5
Not reported ^(b)	100	9	18	127	50,965	0.9	1.4	1.8	1.0	2.1
Total	11,471	650	1,000	13,121	2,420,169	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Includes separations for which birthplace was not elsewhere classified.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A17: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous subcategory, remoteness of patient's usual residence^(b) and hospital sector, Australia, 2003–04

Hospital sector and remoteness area of patient's usual residence	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	Total Indigenous	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	Total Indigenous	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
	Separations					Per cent				
Public sector										
Major cities	37,416	1,283	1,494	40,193	2,519,719	19.8	14.1	32.1	19.8	63.6
Inner regional	24,735	988	792	26,515	872,301	13.1	10.9	17.0	13.1	22.0
Outer regional	55,326	4,524	1,585	61,435	468,305	29.2	49.7	34.1	30.3	11.8
Remote	28,797	137	294	29,228	59,707	15.2	1.5	6.3	14.4	1.5
Very remote	41,786	2,143	442	44,371	19,563	22.1	23.6	9.5	21.9	0.5
Total^(c)	189,275	9,098	4,653	203,026	3,958,859	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Private sector										
Major cities	3,439	284	465	4,188	1,801,055	30.0	43.7	46.5	31.9	74.4
Inner regional	1,182	73	156	1,411	447,924	10.3	11.2	15.6	10.8	18.5
Outer regional	2,022	278	362	2,662	139,522	17.6	42.8	36.2	20.3	5.8
Remote	4,738	7	12	4,757	14,776	41.3	1.1	1.2	36.3	0.6
Very remote	80	6	5	91	4,011	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.2
Total^(c)	11,471	650	1,000	13,121	2,420,169	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Based on the remoteness classification of the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

(c) Includes separations for which the remoteness area of the patient's usual residence was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A18: Separations^(a), by patient's Indigenous subcategory, patient's birthplace country group and hospital sector, Australia, 2003-04

Hospital sector and patient's birthplace country group	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	Total Indigenous	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	Torres Strait but not Aboriginal origin	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	Total Indigenous	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
	Separations					Per cent				
Public sector										
Australia	189,032	8,958	4,489	202,479	2,842,656	99.9%	98.5%	96.5%	99.7%	71.8%
Papua New Guinea	12	58	5	75	37	0.0%	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
New Zealand	36	22	22	80	68,466	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	1.7%
Micronesia, Polynesia, other Melanesia & other Oceania	3	31	9	43	29,095	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.7%
Other countries										
UK & Ireland	32	1	30	63	276,836	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	7.0%
Europe	20	4	24	48	391,114	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	9.9%
Africa & Middle East	7	0	22	29	99,663	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	2.5%
Asia	12	3	38	53	169,702	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	4.3%
Americas	10	0	6	16	31,787	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.8%
Total other countries	81	8	120	209	969,102	0.0%	0.1%	2.6%	0.1%	24.5%
Total ^(b)	189,275	9,098	4,653	203,026	3,958,859	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Public and private sectors										
Australia	200,359	9,580	5,465	215,404	4,692,137	99.8%	98.3%	96.7%	99.7%	73.6%
Papua New Guinea	13	69	7	89	2,631	0.0%	0.7%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
New Zealand	39	22	22	83	100,601	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	1.6%
Micronesia, Polynesia, other Melanesia & other Oceania	3	33	10	46	35,801	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%
Other countries										
UK & Ireland	49	1	31	81	444,777	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	7.0%
Europe	28	4	25	57	558,871	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	8.8%
Africa & Middle East	11	6	23	40	140,108	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	2.2%
Asia	20	3	38	61	251,804	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	3.9%
Americas	13	0	6	19	51,830	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.8%
Total other countries	121	14	123	258	1,447,390	0.1%	0.1%	2.2%	0.1%	22.7%
Total^(b)	200,746	9,748	5,653	216,147	6,379,028	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

(b) Includes separations for which the patient's area of usual residence was not reported.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A19: Separations^(a) for Indigenous people for whom an overseas birthplace was reported, by Indigenous subcategory and hospital sector, states and territories, 2003–04

Hospital sector and patient's Indigenous subcategory	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Public hospitals									
Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	94	4	21	5	1	4	1	2	132
Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	48	6	57	4	1	0	1	2	119
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	151	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	156
<i>Total Indigenous</i>	<i>293</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>407</i>
Private hospitals									
Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	0	3	7	28	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	44
Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	6	1	12	0	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	19
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	1	1	3	1	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	6
<i>Total Indigenous</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>69</i>
Public and private hospitals									
Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	94	7	28	33	1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	176
Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	54	7	69	4	1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	138
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	152	1	8	1	0	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	162
Total Indigenous	300	15	105	38	2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	476

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as 'Newborn' with no qualified days and records for 'Hospital boarders' and 'Posthumous organ procurement' have been excluded.

n.p. Not published for confidentiality reasons.

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.

Table A20: Estimated resident population, by Indigenous subcategory, states and territories, 30 June 2001

Indigenous subcategory	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total^(a)
Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin	126,231	24,786	97,280	63,477	24,132	15,023	3,624	54,957	409,729
Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin	4,770	1,913	18,525	962	837	1,375	164	679	29,239
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	3,887	1,147	10,105	1,492	575	986	121	1,239	19,552
<i>Total Indigenous</i>	<i>134,888</i>	<i>27,846</i>	<i>125,910</i>	<i>65,931</i>	<i>25,544</i>	<i>17,384</i>	<i>3,909</i>	<i>56,875</i>	<i>458,520</i>
Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin	6,440,329	4,776,880	3,503,036	1,835,228	1,486,184	454,411	315,408	140,893	18,954,720
Total	6,710,105	4,832,572	3,754,856	1,967,090	1,537,272	489,179	323,226	254,643	19,871,760

(a) Includes other territories of Australia.

Source: *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, cat. no. 3238.0).

Table A21: Estimated total Indigenous population, by remoteness area of residence^(a), Australia, 30 June 2001

Remoteness area of residence	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total^(b)
Major cities	56,332	13,701	31,208	20,968	11,828	0	3,901	0	137,938
Inner regional	42,925	9,699	23,208	5,475	2,243	8,896	8	0	92,669
Outer regional	26,520	4,315	41,573	9,614	5,795	7,852	0	10,687	106,356
Remote	6,724	131	11,617	11,844	1,767	434	0	10,417	42,935
Very remote	2,387	31,208	18,304	18,030	3,911	202	0	35,771	78,622
Total	134,888	59,054	125,910	65,931	25,544	17,384	3,909	56,875	458,520

(a) Based on the remoteness classification of the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (Asutrialian Bureau of Statistics).

(b) Includes other territories of Australia.

Source: *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, cat. no. 3238.0).

Appendix B: Survey of Indigenous identification in hospital separations data

Introduction

This survey is being undertaken by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare as part of the Australian Ministers' Health Advisory Council (AHMAC) project to improve identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander admitted patients in Australian hospitals.

The AIHW is undertaking this project with the advice of the National Advisory Group on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Information and Data (NAGATSIHID) and the AIHW Australian Hospital Statistics Advisory Committee (AHSAC).

The stated aim of project is to monitor and improve the completeness of Indigenous identification in hospital records over time. Measuring the use of services by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is essential for services to be well-planned, well-resourced and accountable to both funders (governments) and users (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people). Reliable information has been scarce, but in recent years has there been a concentrated effort to improve the situation.

The specific outcomes of the project are:

- A description of the completeness of Indigenous identification from summary of work undertaken to date
- An outline of methods used by jurisdictions to improve identification including examples of best practice and of those methods that have not worked.
- The development of analysis guidelines to support the consistent and appropriate analysis of Indigenous status in hospital data. This could include adjustment or correction factors for under-reporting, recommendations for analysing 'not stated' responses, recommendations relating to the use of the sub-categories of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and recommendations on the use of specific jurisdiction's data (as done for mortality data).

The purpose of this survey is to chart in general terms the policies and processes that are currently in place to collect Indigenous identification in hospital separation data and to seek advice from the states and territories to identify methods used to improve identification, including examples of best practice and methods that have not worked.

Guide to completing the questionnaire

Who should complete this questionnaire?

The questionnaire should be completed by an officer of the Department who is responsible for administering the jurisdiction's hospital separation data collection or by an officer responsible for the collection or analysis of Indigenous information familiar with the jurisdiction's hospital separation data collection.

What level of detail is required?

In most cases the questions are seeking summary information at the jurisdictional level. It would be useful to indicate regional or local variations in practice and policy where appropriate.

There is no need to disseminate the questionnaire at the regional or hospital levels.

The questions are intended to obtain brief rather than extensive answers. However, please provide more detail if it would be useful, for example, to describe variation in practice within your state/territory.

Do I need to rewrite existing material to answer the questions?

There is no need to rewrite existing material.

Please include any documents relevant to the questions.

Can I provide references to websites where the information is available?

Yes.

Who should I contact for any questions I may have?

Graeme Vaughan

Hospital and Mental Health Services Unit

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Telephone: 02 6244 1042

Fax: 02 6244 1166

Email: graeme.vaughan@aihw.gov.au

Where should I send the questionnaire when I have completed it?

To the above at

GPO Box 570

Canberra ACT 2601

Or via email or facsimile.

When is the questionnaire due to be returned?

Questionnaires should be returned by 14 October.

Jurisdiction:

State or Territory: _____

Contact details

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare is interested in obtaining contact details for any follow-up queries.

Please note that the identifying details provided will NOT be used for any other purpose, nor will any individual be identified in the analysis and reporting of results.

Name: _____

Position/job title: _____

Unit/section: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

City/town: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Date this survey was completed: _____

Data quality

1. Is the quality of indigenous identification data within your jurisdiction subject to regular monitoring? If so, how is this undertaken?

2. Please provide details of the most recent evaluation of the quality of Indigenous identification data undertaken in your jurisdiction. (Refer to attached documentation if appropriate).

3. What is your overall assessment of the quality of Indigenous identification in hospital data within your jurisdiction?

4. What is the basis for this assessment? (for example, based on patient re-interview study conducted in 1999 which showed 98% of Indigenous patients were correctly recorded; based on comparative data analysis; based on data edit checks; based on reports from service managers).

Public hospitals

Collection processes (public hospitals)

5. To what extent do the **public** hospitals within your jurisdiction use an electronic patient administration system to collect and record Indigenous identification

- | | | |
|--------------------------|----|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A. | all or most hospitals use the same electronic patient administration system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | B. | all or most hospitals use different electronic patient administration systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | C. | only some hospitals use an electronic patient administration system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | D. | no hospitals use an electronic patient administration system (<i>Go to Question 7</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | E. | unknown (<i>Go to Question 7</i>) |

6. Is the data element "Indigenous status" as defined in the National Health Data Dictionary V12 used for the Indigenous status data item in your hospital patients administration system(s)?

- A. in all patient administration systems
- B. in some patient administration systems
- C. no
- E. unknown

Please provide a screen dump of the input screen(s) and the response codes that can be selected

7. To what extent do the **public** hospitals within your jurisdiction use a standard or common admission form

- A. all or most hospitals
- B. some hospitals
- C. no standard or common admission form
- D. unknown

Please provide a copy of the standard or common admission form.

8. To what extent are the following question and categories used in the **public** hospitals within your jurisdiction to collect Indigenous status?

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

No.....

Yes, Aboriginal.....

Yes, Torres Strait Islander.....

If a person is of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, both 'Yes' boxes should be marked. Alternatively, the response option 'Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander' can be included

- A. all or most hospitals
- B. some hospitals
- C. unknown

9. Is it mandatory to update the data item for Indigenous status when re-registering or re-admitting patients?

- A. Yes (*Go to Question 11*)
 B. No

Comment:

10. If Indigenous status is fixed or refreshed from a previous registration or admission, is there a policy to check with the patient and update the Indigenous status data item?

- A. Yes
 B. No

Comment:

11. If a patient's Indigenous status is recorded as "not stated or not known", is there a common process or policy to follow up patients?

- A. The response is left as "not stated or unknown"
 B. The system defaults to non-Indigenous
 C. Patients are followed up to obtain a valid response (*please describe the usual process by which this is done or attach relevant documentation*)

12. Are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander liaison officers used to assist in obtaining valid and accurate responses to the Indigenous identification question?

- A. Yes
 B. No

Comment:

13. Is there a protocol for responses by non-Australian Indigenous peoples such as Maoris, South Pacific Islanders and Papuan and New Guineans? If so, could you please describe it.

- A. Yes
 B. No

Comment:

14. What processes and policies are in place to encourage or require public hospitals to collect, record and report Indigenous identification in a common or standard way? Please select from this list and provide documentation if appropriate. More than one response may be selected

- A. Service agreements between the state/territory department and the public hospital management
 B. Financial incentives, e.g. payment loadings for Indigenous patients
 C. Feedback or analysis of data on Indigenous status at the state or local level
 D. Best Practice Guidelines
 E. Departmental Circulars
 F. Data Dictionary
 G. Instruction manual
 H. Training Programs
 I. Other (please specify)

Staff education and training (public hospitals)

15. Do the staff of public hospitals have access to training or modules in training that cover issues involved in the asking and recording of Indigenous status?

- A. all hospitals
 B. most hospitals
 C. only some hospitals
 D. unknown (*Go to Question 23*)

16. Is this training provided by a central agency or is it undertaken by the individual hospitals?

17. Is the training required for all new staff?

- A. yes
- B. no

18. How often is the training available?

- A. one-off event
- B. on-going
- C. as required

19. Is the training based on any standard package, for example, as developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics? If so, please provide the name of the package.

- A. Yes
- B. No

Name of package:

20. Does training usually cover the following issues? (more than one response may be selected)

- A. why the question is asked
- B. what happens to the information
- C. how to handle queries about or objections to the question

21. How useful is the training generally regarded?

- A. very useful
- B. somewhat useful
- C. of little use
- D. other

22. Are there any outstanding examples of training being provided in your jurisdiction? If so, please describe these or refer to attached documentation or provide references.

Private hospitals

Collection processes (private hospitals)

23. To what extent do the **private** hospitals within your jurisdiction use an electronic patient administration system to collect and record Indigenous identification

- A. all or most hospitals use the same electronic patient administration system
- B. all or most hospitals use different electronic patient administration systems
- C. only some hospitals use an electronic patient administration system
- D. no hospitals use an electronic patient administration system (*Go to Question 25*)
- E. unknown (*Go to Question 25*)

24. Is the data element "Indigenous status" as defined in the National Health Data Dictionary V12 used for the Indigenous status data item in your hospital patients administration system(s)?

- A. in all patient administration systems
- B. in some patient administration systems
- C. no
- E. unknown

Please provide a screen dump of the input screen(s) and the response codes that can be selected.

25. To what extent do the **private** hospitals within your jurisdiction use a standard or common admission form

- A. all or most hospitals
- B. some hospitals
- C. no standard or common admission form
- D. unknown

Please provide a copy of the standard or common admission form.

26. To what extent are the following question and categories used in the **private** hospitals within your jurisdiction to collect Indigenous status?

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

No.....

Yes, Aboriginal.....

Yes, Torres Strait Islander.....

If a person is of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, both 'Yes' boxes should be marked. Alternatively, the response option 'Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander' can be included

- A. all or most hospitals
- B. some hospitals
- C. unknown

27. Is it mandatory to update the data item for Indigenous status when re-registering or re-admitting patients?

- A. Yes (*Go to Question 29*)
- B. No
- C. Unknown

Comment:

28. If Indigenous status is fixed or refreshed from a previous registration or admission, is there a policy to check with the patient and update the Indigenous status data item?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Unknown

Comment:

29. If a patient's Indigenous status is recorded as "not stated or not known", is there a common process or policy to follow up patients?

- A. The response is left as "not stated or unknown"
- B. The system defaults to non-Indigenous
- C. Patients are followed up to obtain a valid response (*please describe the usual process by which this is done or attach relevant documentation*)
- D. Unknown

Comment:

30. Are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander liaison officers used to assist in obtaining valid and accurate responses to the Indigenous identification question?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Unknown

31. Is there a protocol for responses by non-Australian Indigenous peoples such as Maoris, South Pacific Islanders and Papuan and New Guineans? If so, could you please describe it.

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Unknown

Comment:

32. What processes and policies are in place to encourage or require private hospitals to collect, record and report Indigenous identification in a common or standard way? Please select from this list and provide documentation if appropriate. More than one response may be selected

- A. Service agreements between the state/territory department and the private hospital management
- B. Financial incentives, e.g. payment loadings for Indigenous patients
- C. Feedback or analysis of data on Indigenous status at the state or local level
- D. Best Practice Guidelines
- E. Departmental Circulars
- F. Data Dictionary
- G. Instruction manual
- H. Training Programs
- I. Other (please specify)

Staff education and training (private hospitals)

33. Do the staff of private hospitals have access to training or modules in training that cover issues involved in the asking and recording of Indigenous status?

- A. all hospitals
- B. most hospitals
- C. only some hospitals
- D. unknown (*Go to Question 41*)

34. Is this training provided by a central agency or is it undertaken by the individual hospitals?

35. Is the training required for all new staff?

- A. yes
- B. no
- C. unknown

36. How often is the training available?

- A. one-off event
- B. on-going
- C. as required
- D. unknown

37. Is the training based on any standard package, for example, as developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics? If so, please provide the name of the package.

- A. Yes
- B. No

Name of package:

38. Does training usually cover the following issues? (More than one response may be selected)

- A. why the question is asked
- B. what happens to the information
- C. how to handle queries about or objections to the question
- D. unknown

39. How useful is the training generally regarded?

- A. very useful
- B. somewhat useful
- C. of little use
- D. other
- E. unknown

40. Are there any outstanding examples of training being provided in your jurisdiction to private hospitals? If so, please describe these or refer to attached documentation or provide references

Other data quality improvement activity

In this section you may prefer to provide references to attached documentation or to material available via the Internet, rather than providing descriptions.

41. Please describe any strategic or high level incentives to support the completeness and accuracy of Indigenous status identification in admitted patient data collections, for example, casemix loading, peer to peer benchmarking, feedback of analysed data at state or local level.

42. Please describe any recent or current activities to improve the completeness and accuracy of Indigenous status identification in admitted patient data collections being undertaken within your jurisdiction, other than those covered above.

43. Please describe any planned future activities to improve the completeness and accuracy of Indigenous status identification in admitted patient data collections being undertaken within your jurisdiction.

44. Of the activities which have been undertaken either recently or in the past, please identify the most successful and the key factors for its success.

45. Of the activities which have been undertaken either recently or in the past, please identify the least successful and the key limiting factors.

46. Are there any individual hospitals which could be identified as outstanding examples of best practice in the collection of Indigenous identification? What features contribute to best practice?

Data analysis

47. Do you have any guidelines for using Indigenous identification data for analysing and reporting hospital information in your jurisdiction? If so could you please provide a copy of these guidelines.

48. Do you apply correction factors to the data for estimated or known levels of under-reporting? If so, could you provide details of the correction factors.

49. Do you have any specific guidelines for how the *not stated* category is to be used in analysis and reporting? If so could you provide details.

50. Do you have any specific guidelines for how the separate categories for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander are to be used in analysis and reporting? If so could you provide details.

Other

51. Are there any issues that relate to the quality of Indigenous identification hospital data that you would like to raise?

Thank you for your co-operation in completing this questionnaire. Please see the Guide for Completion for the return of the completed survey to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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