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Rural Health

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Registered allied health professionals

Table 2.3: Registered allied health practitioners^(a) per 100,000 population, by practitioner type and remoteness area^(b), 2012

Practitioner type	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote/Very remote ^(c)	Australia ^(d)
Psychologist	150.5	83.2	62.9	47.8	129.4
Pharmacist	128.9	91.9	86.4	60.1	119.0
Physiotherapist	117.1	72.6	60.2	50.7	105.4
Occupational therapist	68.2	48.3	48.4	23.1	63.0
Medical radiation practitioner	65.8	45.8	34.8	19.5	58.9
Optometrist	21.7	16.3	11.3	7.0	20.1
Chiropractor	20.9	18.9	12.8	7.8	20.0
Chinese medicine practitioner	21.2	8.5	5.1	2.5	17.1
Podiatrist	17.9	15.8	10.6	5.9	16.7
Osteopath	8.6	6.6	2.2	0.4	7.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner ^(e)	0.1	0.1	4.1	31.6	1.2

(a) Includes allied health practitioners who hold provisional registration.

(b) Derived from remoteness area of main job where available; otherwise, remoteness area of principal practice is used as a proxy. If remoteness area details are unavailable, remoteness area of residence is used. Records with no information on all three locations are coded to 'not stated'.

(c) Includes *Migratory* areas.

(d) Includes allied health practitioners who did not state or adequately describe their location and those who were overseas.

(e) Not all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers are registered as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners.

Source: NHWDS: allied health practitioners 2012.



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GPs and Specialists by Remoteness

GPs by Remoteness Area 2012

	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote/Very remote
Number of GPs	18,170	4,826	2,331	622
FTE GPs per 100,000 population	108.2	117.8	123.0	134.3

Specialists by Remoteness Area 2012

	Major cities	Inner regional	Outer regional	Remote/Very remote
Number of Specialists	22,249	2,912	1,026	142
FTE Specialists per 100,000 Population	152.8	78.8	58.2	33.0



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Type 2 Diabetes by Remoteness

Prevalence of Type 2 diabetes, age standardised, 2011-12

	Major Cities	Inner Regional	Outer Regional	Remote/Very remote
18 years and older	4.3	4.0	5.2	4.3
25 years and older	4.9	4.6	5.7	5.0



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ESKD by Remoteness

Age standardised rates of End Stage Kidney Disease (ESKD)

	MC	IR	OR	R	VR
	Rate per 100,000 population				
Prevalence of treated ESKD 2012	85	77	89	163	181
Incidence of treated ESKD 2012	9.7	9.2	12.0	24.9	40.5
Total incidence 2005-07	20	19	23	36	81

Source: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=60129549614>

Note: Based on A&NZ Dialysis and Transplant Registry data. ESKD=End Stage Kidney Disease. The difference between "Incidence of treated ESKD" and "Total incidence", relates to those people newly diagnosed with End Stage Kidney Disease who either do not receive dialysis or do not receive a kidney transplant.



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Diabetes deaths by Remoteness 2013-2015

Diabetes deaths (underlying and/or associated cause), 2013–2015

Population subgroup	Deaths per 100,000 population		
	Males	Females	Persons
Remoteness			
Major cities	67	42	53
Inner regional	72	45	57
Outer Regional	81	54	67
Remote and very remote	99	95	97
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status^(b)			
Indigenous	225	228	227
Non-Indigenous	70	43	55

(a) Analysis for socioeconomic groups is for 2015 only.

(b) Includes data from NSW, QLD, WA, SA and NT only.

Notes:

1. Age-standardised to the 2001 Australian Standard Population.
2. Remoteness is classified according to the Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011 Remoteness Areas structure based on Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) of usual residence.
3. Socioeconomic groups are classified according to population-based quintiles using the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) based on Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) of usual residence.

Source: AIHW National Mortality Database.



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