Healthcare in NSW: In context
$44 billion was spent on healthcare in NSW in the 2012/13 financial year.

Healthcare funding comes from: the State government; the Commonwealth government; and from individuals and non-government organisations.

Note: Total represents recurrent funding.
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Services were provided in hospitals, in primary care and in other settings.

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Eight in 10 saw a GP at least once

Four in 10 saw a medical specialist at least once

One in 10 were hospitalised

83% saw a GP

38% saw a medical specialist

12% were hospitalised

HOW HEALTHY ARE THE PEOPLE OF NSW?

In 2013, a baby boy born in NSW could expect to live for 80.0 years; a baby girl could expect to live for 84.3 years.

In 2013, 16.4% of people aged 16 years and over said they smoked — fewer than in 2003 (23.3%).

Among people aged 16 years and over, 28.4% said they had high blood pressure.

In 2013, 9.8% of people aged 16 years and over experienced high levels of distress (down from 12.2% in 2003).

In 2013, 8.4% of people aged 16 years and over said they had diabetes or high blood glucose — up from 6.5% in 2003.

7.2 million people in NSW received in 2012–13

GP
IN PRIMARY CARE
45.7 million GP services

IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS
780,000 same-day hospitalisations
303,000 overnight hospitalisations

IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS
769,000 same-day hospitalisations
947,000 overnight hospitalisations
2.3 million emergency department presentations
7 million outpatient occasions of service
15 million other non-admitted occasions of service

NSW public hospitals are organised into a network of geographically defined local health districts (LHDs).

Within each LHD, its public hospitals provide care both for that LHD’s residents (local); as well as residents of other LHDs and states (inflow).

Patients may be admitted to a public hospital within their LHD of residence (local); to a hospital in another LHD (outflow); or to any private hospital (private).

Source: 2013-14 FLOWINFO Version 14 Health Systems Planning and Investment Branch, NSW Ministry of Health.
In 2013, three percent of the NSW population visited an emergency department (ED) three or more times — accounting for 35% of the 2.3 million ED visits.

Source: NSW Ministry of Health, Emergency Department Data Collection, 2013.
In the 2013/14 financial year, one percent of the NSW population were admitted to hospital three or more times — accounting for 46% of the 7 million bed days.

Why are people hospitalised in NSW?

Overnight hospitalisations, public and private
100%
(1,248,153 hospitalisations)

Source: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Admitted Patient Data Collection 2013–14, extracted from SAPHaRI. Centre for Epidemiology and Research (BHI analysis). Data exclude newborns ‘without qualification’ (i.e. well newborns).

Note: Hospitalisations refer to episodes of care. There can be multiple episodes in a single hospital stay. Main reason for hospitalisation are assigned using ICD-10 codes. Data with less than 10,000 hospitalisations are not shown (2% of the total).
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