Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (excluding leave days), total N[NN]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Length of stay |
| METEOR identifier: | 269982 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/03/2005  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 05/09/2016 |
| Definition: | The length of stay of a patient, excluding leave days, measured in days. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (excluding leave days)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269422) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269422 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/03/2005  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 05/09/2016 |
| Definition: | The length of stay of a patient measured in patient days.  A [**same-day patient**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327270) should be allocated a length of stay of one patient day.  The length of stay of an [**overnight stay patient**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327256) is calculated by subtracting the date the patient is admitted from the date of separation and deducting total leave days.  Total contracted patient days are included in the length of stay. |
| Context: | Admitted patient care |
| Object class: | [Episode of admitted patient care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/268956) |
| Property: | [Length of stay](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269031) |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Total days N[NN]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270577) |
| METEOR identifier: | 270577 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/03/2005  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 16/03/2016  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 05/09/2016 |
| Definition: | Total number of days. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[NN] | |
| Maximum character length: | 3 | |
| Unit of measure: | Day | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Formula:  LOS = Separation date - Admission date - Total leave days  The calculation is inclusive of admission and separation dates. |
| Comments: | Perinatal length of stay metadata items include leave days and so are not included in this metadata item. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Origin: | National Health Data Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269967)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 06/09/2018  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 17/06/2020  Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—number of leave days, total N[NN]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270251)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/03/2005  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 06/09/2016  Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—number of leave periods, total N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270058)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/03/2005  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 27/04/2021  Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—separation date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270025)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/03/2005  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 02/09/2016  Is re-engineered from  [Length of stay, version 3, Derived DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/273634)  (14.1 KB)  *No registration status* |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Admitted patient care separation (discharge) related data elements (TDLU) cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/743876)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 18/05/2021  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2016](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/662710)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 10/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2017](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/667734)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 10/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2018](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/689879)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 12/04/2019  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2019](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/715026)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 17/06/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2020](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/729751)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 10/07/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021 |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator** [3.9 Average length of stay for hip fracture patients aged 65 years and over, major and large public hospitals, 2012–13](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/601268)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 23/11/2016  [National Health Performance Authority: Hospital Performance: Average length of stay (ALOS) for multi-day stay patients in Australian public hospitals, 2013-2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/584301)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016 |