

# Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	575161
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 15/10/2014 <a href="#">Health!</a> , Qualified 18/01/2017
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the severity of psychiatric symptoms of an individual aged 18 to 64 years.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	0	No problems within the period stated
	1	Minor problem requiring no action
	2	Mild problem but definitely present
	3	Moderately severe problem
	4	Severe to very severe problem

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The Health of the Nation Outcome Scale (HoNOS) is used to rate adult mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.

HoNOS is answered on an item-specific anchored 4-point scale with higher scores indicating more problems. Each scale is assigned a value of between 0 and 4. The twelve scales are as follows:

- Behavioural disturbance
- Non-accidental self injury
- Problem drinking or drug use
- Cognitive problems
- Problems related to physical illness or disability
- Problems associated with hallucinations and delusions
- Problems associated with depressive symptoms
- Other mental and behavioural problems
- Problems with social or supportive relationships
- Problems with activities of daily living
- Overall problems with living conditions
- Problems with work and leisure activities and the quality of the daytime environment

The sum of the individual scores of each of the scales represents the total HoNOS score. The total HoNOS score ranges from 0 to 48, and represents the overall severity of an individual's psychiatric symptoms.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Recorded 04/08/2016  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 06/05/2020

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N Health!](#), Superseded 28/02/2017  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 15/10/2014  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/01/2018

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N Health!](#), Qualified 18/01/2017  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 15/10/2014

### Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N](#)  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 15/10/2014