

# National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Total National Weighted Activity Unit (NWAU), 2015

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Short name:</b>	Total NWAU
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	602624
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
<b>Description:</b>	Total National Weighted Activity Units (NWAU), developed by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA), measures total hospital activity using a common unit of activity, termed NWAU.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Health Performance Authority: Hospital performance: 2011-16</a> <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Hospital and Related Care</a> <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 07/07/2010

## Collection and usage attributes

**Computation description:** All computation is done in accordance with the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority's National Efficient Price Determination 2014-15. For more information on these computation methods see:

<http://www.ihoa.gov.au/internet/ihoa/publishing.nsf/Content/npm-tech-spec-2014-15-html>

**Computation:** Total NWAU for a hospital

**Disaggregation:** Hospital

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

**Comments:**

The NWAU is the unit for counting activity used in the nationally consistent Activity Based Funding system introduced under the National Health Reform Agreement 2011 (NHRA).

The 'average' hospital service is funded by one NWAU. More intensive and expensive activities are funded by multiples of NWAUs, and simpler and less expensive activities are funded by fractions of an NWAU.

There are four funding streams:

- Emergency department (ED)
- Acute admitted
- Subacute
- Non-admitted

This measure excludes patients whose services are not eligible for Commonwealth funding under the NHRA, such as patients funded by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), private sources (self-funded, privately insured) or motor vehicle accident insurance.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Count  
**Data type:** Integer  
**Unit of measure:** Service event  
**Format:** Presented values are rounded to the nearest integer

## Indicator conceptual framework

**Framework and dimensions:** [PAF-Efficiency](#)

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Health Performance Authority - Performance and Accountability Framework

**Release date:** 30/04/2015

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Health Performance Authority

**Origin:** Hospital Performance

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Total National Weighted Activity Unit \(NWAU\), 2016](#)  
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\), Retired 01/07/2016](#)