

# 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>	717797
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 17/01/2020
<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
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	8	Unknown

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

CODE 8 Unknown

This code should be used for HoNOS values that are missing or recorded in the HoNOS tool as '7 - Not stated/missing' and '9 - Unknown'.

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 5-point scale with higher scores indicating more problems. Each scale is assigned a value of between 0 and 4, or 8 for unknown. 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 (excluding supplementary value 8 Unknown) 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:**

Supersedes [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N Health!](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N Health!](#), Standard 18/12/2019  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2020

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N Health!](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N Health!](#), Standard 19/02/2021

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**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

[Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N Health!](#), Standard 17/01/2020