Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOS 65+ score) |
| METEOR identifier: | 730844 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 23/12/2020 |
| Definition: | An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a [**Health of the Nation Outcome Scale (HoNOS) 65+**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/730842) score-based code. |
| Context: | Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 65 and over. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/539187)  |
| Value Domain: | [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/717764) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 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 |
| Supplementary values: | 8  | Unknown  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | CODE 8 UnknownThis code should be used for Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for elderly people (HoNOS 65+) values that are missing or recorded in the HoNOS 65+ tool as '7 - Not stated/missing' or '9 - Unknown'.The HoNOS 65+ is used to rate adult mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.HoNOS 65+ 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 code 8 'Unknown') represents the total HoNOS 65+ score. The total HoNOS 65+ score ranges from 0 to 48, and represents the overall severity of an individual's psychiatric symptoms. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | This data element is used to report a score for one of the 12 items that comprise the HoNOS 65+ tool. It should be reported in an array of 12 to gain the HoNOS 65+ score. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |
| Reference documents: | Royal College of Psychiatrists 2019. Health of the Nation Outcomes Scales (HoNOS). Viewed 5 September 2019,<https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/events/in-house-training/health-of-nation-outcome-scales> |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/717760)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 23/12/2020[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 06/05/2020See also [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/740032)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 19/02/2021See also [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/717784)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 19/02/2021See also [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/717795)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 17/01/2020 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2021–22](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/735108)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 17/12/2021***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022***Conditional obligation:*** Reporting of the HoNOS 65+ at the start of the mental health phase of care is mandatory for patients in all settings.Reporting of the HoNOS 65+ is not mandatory if mental health phase of care is reported as Assessment Only.The HoNOS 65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/742188)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 17/12/2021***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023***Conditional obligation:*** Reporting of the HoNOS 65+ at the start of the mental health phase of care is mandatory for patients in all settings.Reporting of the HoNOS 65+ is not mandatory if the response to [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/745689) is CODE 1 'Yes'.The HoNOS 65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2021–22](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/727327)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 20/10/2021***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022***Conditional obligation:*** Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/711010) recorded as:* Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.

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