

Table 2.2: Number of hospitals<sup>(a)</sup> and available or licensed beds, by hospital sector and type, states and territories, 2005–06

|  | NSW <sup>(b)</sup> | Vic <sup>(c)</sup> | Qld           | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT          | NT         | Total         |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>Hospitals</b>                                       |                    |                    |               |              |              |              |              |            |               |
| Public acute hospitals                                 | 221                | 142                | 173           | 90           | 78           | 24           | 3            | 5          | 736           |
| Public psychiatric hospitals                           | 9                  | 1                  | 4             | 1            | 1            | 3            | 0            | 0          | 19            |
| <i>Total public hospitals</i>                          | <i>230</i>         | <i>143</i>         | <i>177</i>    | <i>91</i>    | <i>79</i>    | <i>27</i>    | <i>3</i>     | <i>5</i>   | <i>755</i>    |
| Private free-standing day hospital facilities          | 88                 | 66                 | 51            | 16           | 23           | 2            | 5            | 1          | 252           |
| Other private hospitals <sup>(d)</sup>                 | 86                 | 79                 | 56            | 23           | 31           | 5            | 3            | 1          | 284           |
| <i>Total private hospitals</i>                         | <i>174</i>         | <i>145</i>         | <i>107</i>    | <i>39</i>    | <i>54</i>    | <i>7</i>     | <i>8</i>     | <i>2</i>   | <i>536</i>    |
| <b>Total hospitals</b>                                 | <b>404</b>         | <b>288</b>         | <b>284</b>    | <b>130</b>   | <b>133</b>   | <b>34</b>    | <b>11</b>    | <b>7</b>   | <b>1,291</b>  |
| <b>Available or licensed beds<sup>(e)</sup></b>        |                    |                    |               |              |              |              |              |            |               |
| Public acute hospitals                                 | 18,595             | 12,158             | 9,629         | 4,787        | 4,561        | 1,223        | 714          | 569        | 52,236        |
| Public psychiatric hospitals                           | 1,185              | 115                | 477           | 197          | 313          | 79           | 0            | 0          | 2,366         |
| <i>Total beds available in public hospitals</i>        | <i>19,779</i>      | <i>12,273</i>      | <i>10,106</i> | <i>4,984</i> | <i>4,874</i> | <i>1,302</i> | <i>714</i>   | <i>569</i> | <i>54,601</i> |
| Private free-standing day hospital facilities          | 790                | 478                | 318           | 212          | 134          | 9            | 24           | n.a.       | 1,965         |
| Other private hospitals <sup>(d)</sup>                 | 6,191              | 6,160              | 5,977         | 3,322        | 2,158        | 933          | 361          | 150        | 25,252        |
| <i>Total beds available in private hospitals</i>       | <i>6,981</i>       | <i>6,638</i>       | <i>6,295</i>  | <i>3,534</i> | <i>2,292</i> | <i>942</i>   | <i>385</i>   | <i>150</i> | <i>27,217</i> |
| <b>Total available beds</b>                            | <b>26,760</b>      | <b>18,911</b>      | <b>16,401</b> | <b>8,518</b> | <b>7,166</b> | <b>2,244</b> | <b>1,099</b> | <b>719</b> | <b>81,818</b> |
| <b>Available or licensed beds per 1,000 population</b> |                    |                    |               |              |              |              |              |            |               |
| Public acute hospitals                                 | 2.7                | 2.4                | 2.4           | 2.4          | 2.9          | 2.5          | 2.2          | 2.8        | 2.6           |
| Public psychiatric hospitals                           | 0.2                | 0.0                | 0.1           | 0.1          | 0.2          | 0.2          | 0.0          | 0.0        | 0.1           |
| <i>Total beds available in public hospitals</i>        | <i>2.9</i>         | <i>2.4</i>         | <i>2.5</i>    | <i>2.5</i>   | <i>3.2</i>   | <i>2.7</i>   | <i>2.2</i>   | <i>2.8</i> | <i>2.7</i>    |
| Private free-standing day hospital facilities          | 0.1                | 0.1                | 0.1           | 0.1          | 0.1          | 0.0          | 0.1          | n.a.       | 0.1           |
| Other private hospitals <sup>(d)</sup>                 | 0.9                | 1.2                | 1.5           | 1.6          | 1.4          | 1.9          | 1.1          | 0.7        | 1.2           |
| <i>Total beds in private hospitals</i>                 | <i>1.0</i>         | <i>1.3</i>         | <i>1.6</i>    | <i>1.7</i>   | <i>1.5</i>   | <i>1.9</i>   | <i>1.2</i>   | <i>0.7</i> | <i>1.3</i>    |
| <b>Total beds per 1,000 population</b>                 | <b>3.9</b>         | <b>3.7</b>         | <b>4.1</b>    | <b>4.2</b>   | <b>4.6</b>   | <b>4.6</b>   | <b>3.4</b>   | <b>3.5</b> | <b>4.0</b>    |

(a) The number of hospitals reported can be affected by administrative and/or reporting arrangements and is not necessarily a measure of the number of physical hospital buildings or campuses. Hospitals are counted at the end of the financial year.

(b) The methodology used to count available acute public beds in New South Wales changed for 2005–06. As a result New South Wales available acute public bed numbers for 2005–06 are not comparable with earlier years.

(c) The count of public hospitals in Victoria is a count of the campuses which report data separately to the National Hospital Morbidity Database.

(d) Includes private acute and private psychiatric hospitals.

(e) The comparability of bed numbers can be affected by the casemix of hospitals including the extent to which hospitals provide same-day admitted patient services and other specialised services.

n.a. Not available.

Source: For 2005–06, most private hospital data are preliminary, sourced from the states and territories, except private free-standing day hospital bed numbers in New South Wales and South Australia which for 2004–2005 are sourced from ABS 2006.