

# ACT PRIMARY CARE SNAPSHOT

## WORKFORCE STATS FOR GPs

643 GPs providing 432.8 GP full time equivalent (FTE)  
 95.4 GP FTE per 100,000 population, compared to 120.9 nationally  
 50.5% of FTE provided by female GPs, compared to 41.3% nationally

**In the ACT patients consumed 424.9 GP FTE of the available 432.8 GP FTE meaning that there was little excess capacity.**

## NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

In 2020, the ACT had



190

Practice Nurses



1,511

Allied Health professionals

working in primary care settings. The top 3 allied health professions were Psychologists, Pharmacists and Physiotherapists.

### NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH UTILISATION STATS 2021-22

10,398 patients received MBS subsidised services by a nurse in primary care settings, averaging 1.5 per patient. National rate was 1.8  
 39,261 patients received MBS subsidised services by an Allied Health professional, averaging 4.5 per patient. National rate was 4.3

## GP SERVICE UTILISATION 2021-22



Total patients seen in 2021/22 401,570  
 88.5% of the ACT population



69,213  
 older patients  
 (65+ years of age)



64,262  
 children  
 (under 15 years of age)



50,791  
 young people  
 (15-24 years old)

**TOTAL SERVICES PROVIDED IN 2021-22 2,569,864**  
**6.4 SERVICES PER PATIENT**



29,955  
 consultations within residential aged care facilities (RACF), of which 529 were medication reviews



79,796  
 General Practice Management Plans (GPMP) and Team Care Arrangements (TCA)



993  
 Case conferences



41,216  
 Mental health treatment plans



9,874  
 Health assessments, of which 1,017 were Indigenous-specific



203,686  
 COVID vaccinations done in general practices and pharmacies



Influenza vaccines GP: 118,726 (53.2%)  
 Pharmacies: 59,233 (26.5%)  
 (1 March - 4 December 2022) of which 76% were bulk-billed

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