JQ14 – Hospitals by sector

Hospitals' data is compiled by the Department of Health as part of the Non-Monetary Health Care Statistics, administered jointly by Eurostat, OECD and WHO in fulfilment of the European regulation (EU) 2022/2294. These statistics are compiled and published on an annual basis and refer to the number of hospitals by their operational sector, as at end of the referenced year.

Source:

Data is compiled from the Health Service Executive (https://www.hse.ie/eng/) and the Department of Health (https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-health/) information.

Definitions:

Hospitals refer to licensed establishments that are primarily engaged in providing medical, diagnostic and treatment services that include; physician, nursing and other health services to inpatients and the specialised accommodation services required by inpatients and which may also provide day care, outpatient and home healthcare services.

Year (or also referred to as data reference year) is taken as at end of year (i.e. 31st December).

Sector refers to the economic environment that the hospital operates, based on where the majority of its funding stems from. The sectors are defined as follows:

i. **Publicly owned hospitals** – refers to hospitals that are owned or controlled by a government unit or another public corporation.
ii. **Privately owned hospitals** – refers to hospitals that are legal entities set up for the purpose of producing goods and services and are capable of generating a profit to their owners.

Type of hospital refers to the (main) area of operation of the hospital, with a distinction being made on whether the hospital is classified as a "**General Hospital**", which is defined as primarily engaged in providing general diagnostic and medical (including both surgical and non-surgical) to inpatients with a wide variety of medical conditions. The establishment can also provide other services, such as; outpatient services, anatomical pathology services, diagnostic services, clinical laboratory services or operating rooms for a variety of procedures and/or pharmacy services for internal patients.

Unit refers to the unit of measure applied, which in this case refers to a numerical count of hospitals.

Value refers to the amount of hospitals falling within respective categories for the respective data reference year.

Flag indicates any particular caution or issues with the data worth of note for further data use. The following flags may be applied, along with their definition:

- **Flag M** indicates that the value is missing as it was not collected for that particular instance. This may be due to legal requirements, unavailability of data or data quality issues, among many reasons.
- **Flag B** indicates that the values from that data reference point onwards are not directly comparable with previous data points due to methodological issues which are explained in the coverage section below.

- **Flag E** indicates that the particular data point is based on an estimate and should be compares with other non-estimate data points with caution. Estimation methods applies are explained in the coverage section below.
- **Flag S** indicates that the particular data point has been supressed for confidentiality and/or quality purposes, such as; very small counts or very high variation. This should not be treated as a true zero. Whenever a value is a true zero, this has been indicated and not supressed.

Coverage:

Data refers to all legally recognised hospitals operating within the Republic of Ireland as at end of the data reference year, irrespective of their economic sector or types of operations and/or services provided.

Estimation:

Not applicable.

Breaks in series:

Not applicable.

Suppression:

Not applicable.

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