

Public Health Indicators

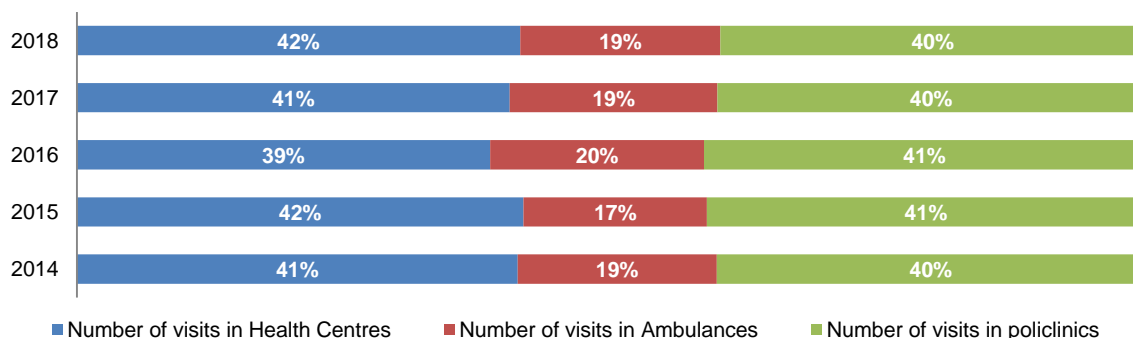
Years, 2018

Tirana, on 24 July 2019: In 2018, the total number of visits to primary health care is 8,219,771, an average of three contacts per person per year. This number marks an increase by 3.5 % compared to the number of visits during 2017. The average days that a patient stays at the hospital are 5.5 days during 2018, compared to 5.4 days in 2017. Surgical interventions in public hospitals during 2018 are 64,929 marking an increase by 13.0 % compared to 2017.

I. Primary health care

In 2018, there are counted 413 outpatient health centers in 2,053 ambulances, as well as 46 specialized polyclinics.

Fig. 1 Number of visits in Health centers, ambulances and polyclinics



Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

In 2018, the number of visits to the women's consultant is 243,594 of which 62.4 % were realized with the assistance of a specialist doctor. The number of first obstetric visits is 29,517, which is in line with the number of births reported in 2018.

Tab. 1 Activity of Women's Consultation

Items	Years				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of Women's consultation	2.014	2.104	2.024	2.057	2.013
Number of physician in consultants	715	739	762	765	728
Number of midwife	2749	3,003	2,827	2.965	2.614
Number of total visits	299.502	284.208	269.834	272.172	243.594
Number of gynecology visits	39.502	41.569	42.530	45.184	46.372
Number of obstetrical visits	260.000	242.639	227.304	226.993	197.222
- with physician	161.152	156.631	147.044	141.717	124.994
Number of pre obstetrical visits	33.304	32.490	30.734	32.787	29.517

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

In 2018, the number of visits to the child consultant is 802,633, among these visits 56,8 % were attended by senior medical staff and the rest were attended by midwives and nurses. During 2018, the number of breastfeeding children 0 -1 year old, is 18,988, while the number of children fed with artificial food is 5,342.

Tab.2 Activity of Child Consultations

Items	Years				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of child consultations	2.024	2.159	2.095	2.100	2.131
- Urban	176	149	154	158	167
- Rural	1.848	2.010	1.941	1.942	1.964
Visit's number in consultations	932.986	943.759	990.563	929.330	802.633
of which: by physician	542.490	530.701	501.523	534.059	455.987
children's number registered in consultations	278.646	254.174	259.354	286.092	253.403
Number of breastfed children	24.729	22.382	20.928	20.702	18.988
Number of children fed with artificial food	5.363	4.624	5.670	5.693	5.342

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

The level of of vaccine cover is above 98.0 % for most vaccine antigens, thus meeting the basic criterion where each vaccine antigen should be above 95.0% nationally. In 2018, there was a decrease by 1.6 percentage points in the Fruth-Rubeola and Parotit vaccine group for ages over 1 year old.

Tab. 3 Vaccination Coverage

Items	Years				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Infants immuniz. against					
– tuberculosis	99,7	99,7	99,2	99,0	99,1
– diphtheria	98,5	98,8	98,7	99,0	99,8
– tetanus	98,5	98,8	98,7	99,0	99,8
– pertussis	98,5	98,8	98,7	99,0	99,8
– measles-mumps-rubella*	97,6	97,8	96,3	95,7	94,1
– poliomyelitis	97,6	98,8	98,3	98,9	98,7

Source: Public Health Institution

II. Secondary Hospital Service

In 2018, the number of public and non-public hospitals in the country is 55, out of which 42 are state hospitals and 13 private hospitals. Coverage of the public and non-public hospital service is 2 hospitals per 100 thousand inhabitants and the number of public and non-public hospital beds is 8,868 (3 beds per 1,000 inhabitants).

Tab. 4 Hospital institutions – Public Hospitals

Activity indicators	Hospitals				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of hospital institutions	42	42	42	42	42
Hospitalized persons	8.295	8.224	8.172	8.169	8.185
Hospitalized persons	257.047	276.901	275.165	273.046	279.018
Days in bed realized	1.497.809	1.549.208	1.470.515	1.444.336	1.528.499
Bed occupancy in days	180,6	177,3	178,0	176,8	186,7
– in percentage	49,5	48,6	48,7	48,4	51,2
Average duration of hospitalization period	5,9	5,6	5,3	5,4	5,5
Bed turn	31,0	31,6	33,6	32,8	33,8
Surgical interventions	62.393	51.470	52.248	57.475	64.929

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

The average days that a patient stay in the hospital are 5.5 days a year and with bed turn of 33.8 times a year. The use of bedding for health care during 2018 is 186.7 days, which make up 51.1 % of the calendar days of this year.

In 2018, the number of hospitalized persons were 279,018, of which 34.5 % were realized near Q.S.U.T. Surgical interventions in 2018 were 64,929, of which 43.2 % were performed in Q.S.U.T.

Mental Health Service

The number of beds in the specialized mental health service is 635. Meanwhile, there are 25 psychiatrists in the specialized hospital service.

Tab.5 Mental Health/Hospital Service

Items	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of beds	635	635	635	635
Psychiatrists	27	24	25	25
Nurse	177	168	169	172
Psychologist	14	15	15	16
Other's	194	205	204	206

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

Methodology

The main data source of health statistics are administrative data from Ministry of Health and Social Protection, in yearly bases. The data on Vaccination coverage are obtained from Public Health Institution.

Definitions

Primary health care centers are all healthcare institutions that provide healthcare for outpatient patients, which are equipped with at least one medical staff doctor or nurse (does not include dentist service).

Morbidity is the number of all cases of disease in a population, at a given moment (instantaneous frequency), or during a given period, regardless of the onset of the disease and regardless of the new or old cases.

The hospital is an institutional residence equipped to provide 24-hour medical care, hospitality and rehabilitation to patients who may need medical or surgical assistance.

Hospital beds are beds for accommodating patients, who are formally admitted to an institution for treatment or care and who stay for a minimum of one night. These include: beds in all hospitals, including general hospitals, mental health and substance abuse hospitals, specialty hospitals, regardless of whether the bed is occupied or not.

Usage of hospital bed per day is the number of average days of the year during which a hospital bed is occupied with patients.

The days spent on beds are multiplying the use of hospital beds per day with the number of beds in the hospital.

Hospital bed by sex is the ratio of the number of patients leaving the hospital, grouped by sex, in one year to the number of the population of that year, grouped by sex.

The turnover of a hospital bed is the number of patients who have been laid on a bed during the year.

Mental health is a level of psychological well-being. It is "the psychological state of someone who works at a satisfactory level in terms of emotional adaptation and everyday behavior".

Community mental health centers and supported homes offer day-to-day specialized services mainly from psychologists.