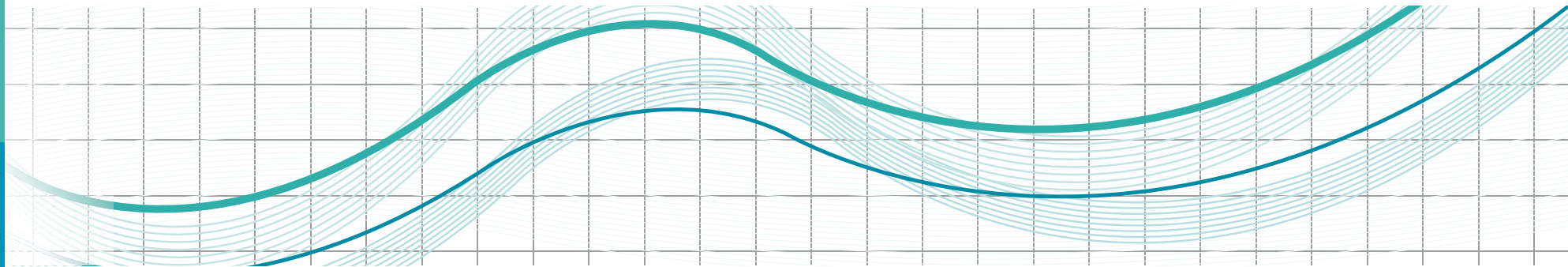


# Insights into Care

## NSW Area Health Services Report

May 2010



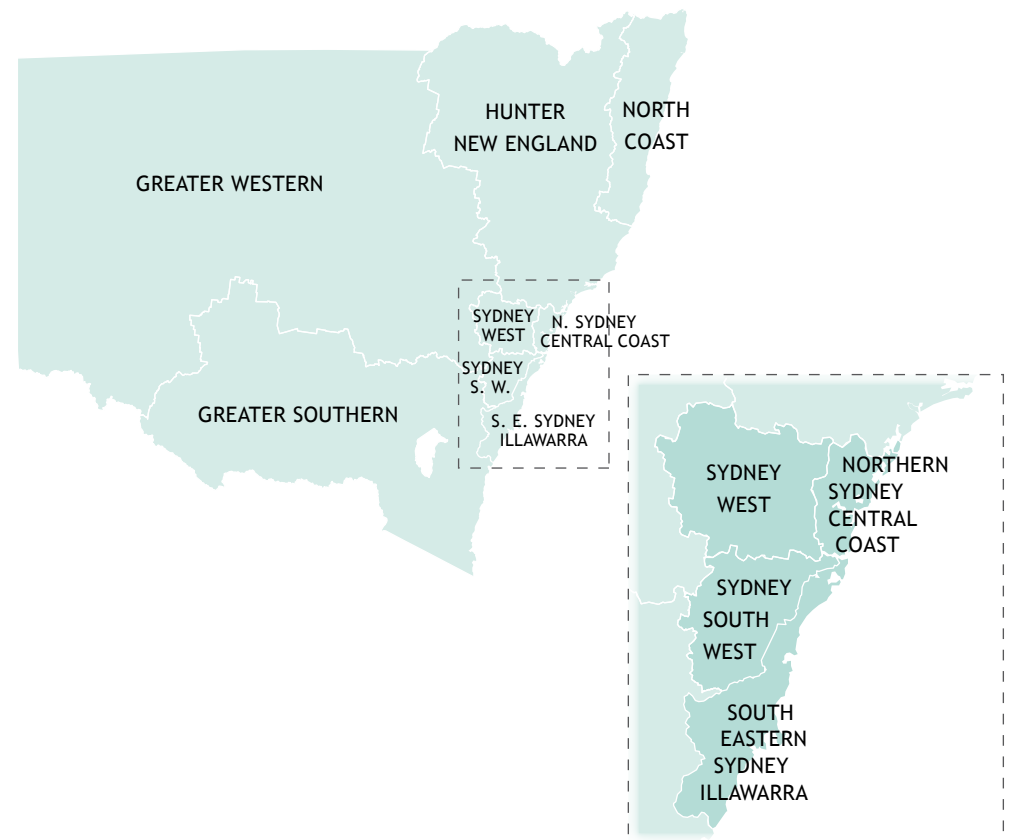
# RESULTS BY AREA HEALTH SERVICE

In 2009 approximately 20,000 people completed the NSW Health Patient Survey to share their experiences visiting public hospitals where they stayed one or more nights (overnight patients) or received care in one day for a test, surgery or other procedure (day only patients). The Bureau of Health Information analysed the responses to determine what mattered most about care experiences from the patients' perspective. *Insights into Care: Patients' Perspectives on NSW Public Hospitals* describes the result of analysis to identify what mattered most to overnight and day only patients (available at [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au)).

This *NSW Area Health Services Report* includes graphs showing the result of this analysis for overnight and day only patients (pages 2 and 6, respectively). The results are shown in two categories – actual results and standardised results.

- Actual results are provided to support healthcare workers in learning about and addressing their performance.
- Standardised results are provided to support fair comparison of patients' ratings and show how an area health service would rate if they served very similar populations of patients.

The process of standardisation is important because different area health services provide services to different kinds of people with different illnesses and severity of illness. These differences can affect patients' ratings of care independently of the quality of the care healthcare workers give them during their stay in hospital.



The Bureau supports standardising patient ratings of care for fairer comparisons between area health services. However, to ensure transparency and to allow healthcare workers to see, and to seek to address, the views their patients actually expressed, we have also made the actual or non-standardised comparisons available.

## Overnight care experience by area health service in New South Wales in 2009

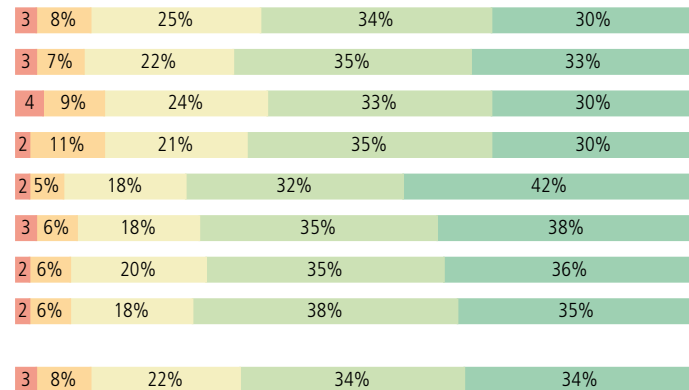
Overnight patients include individuals that stayed one or more nights in a public hospital. It does not include patients less than 17 years of age, patients who received all their care in emergency departments or those who received cancer, rehabilitation or mental health care services. The Bureau excluded maternity patients for this analysis.

### How do overnight patients rate:

#### Overall care

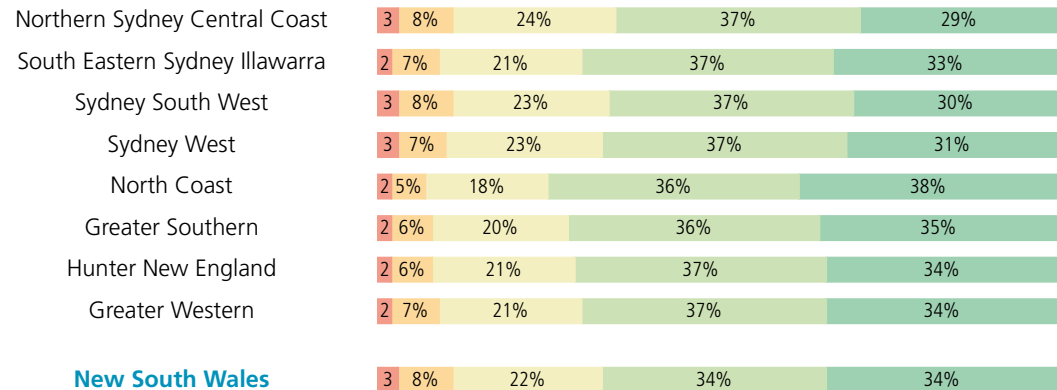
Overnight patients, 2009

Actual results



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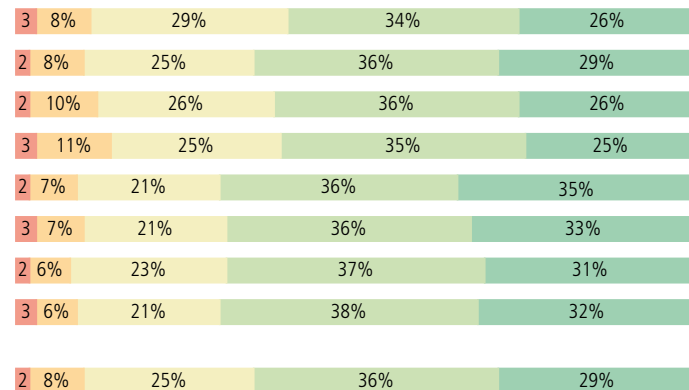
Standardised results



#### Staff teamwork

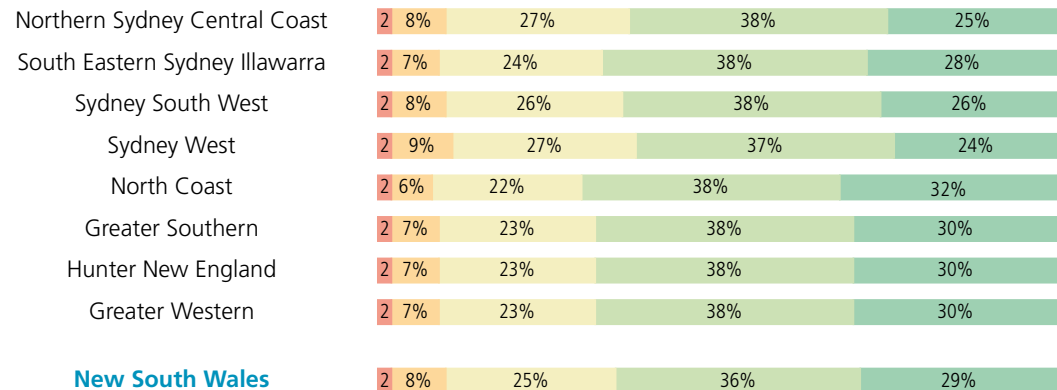
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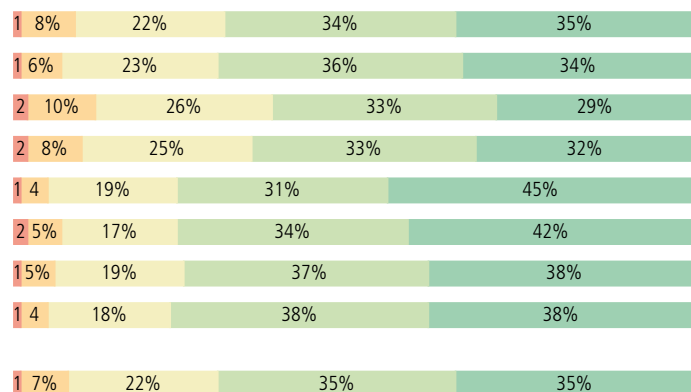
Standardised results



## Courtesy of nurses

Overnight patients, 2009

Actual results



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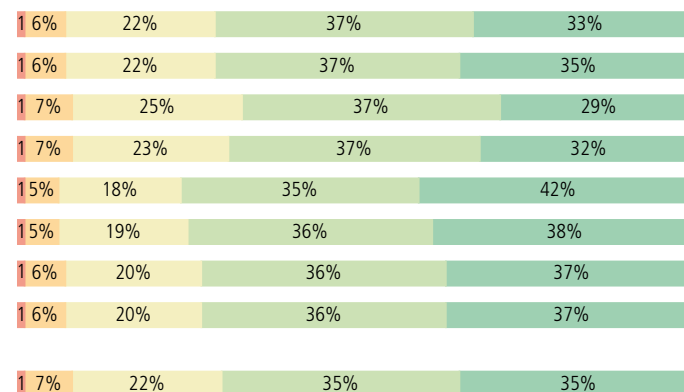
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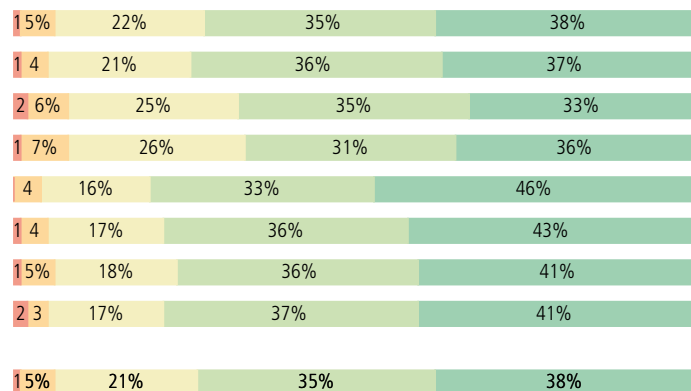
Standardised results



## Courtesy of the person who admitted them

Overnight patients, 2009

Actual results



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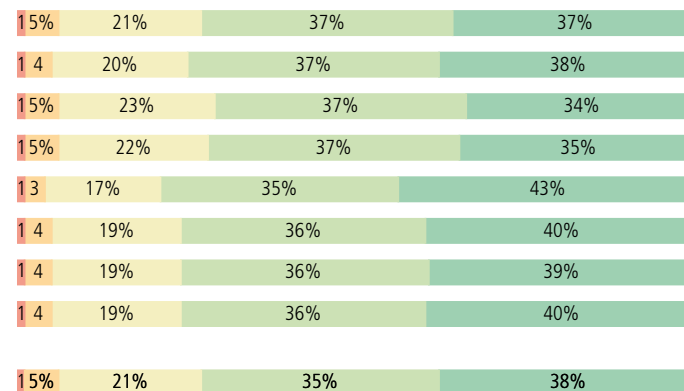
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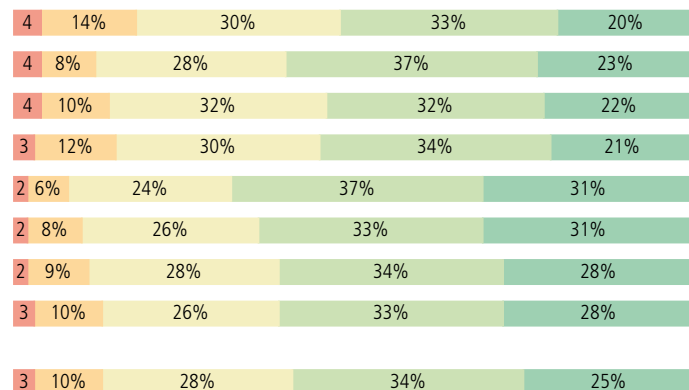
Standardised results



## Cleanliness of the room

Overnight patients, 2009

Actual results



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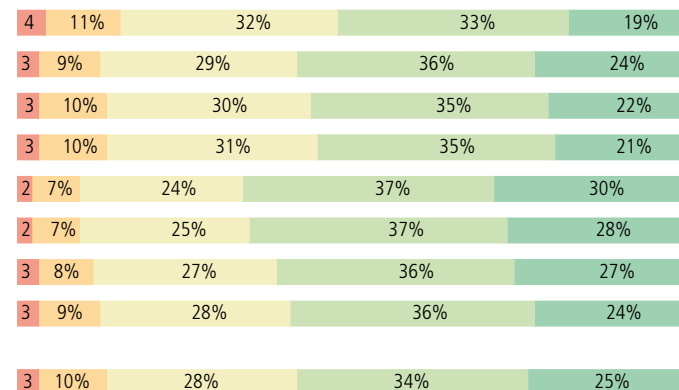
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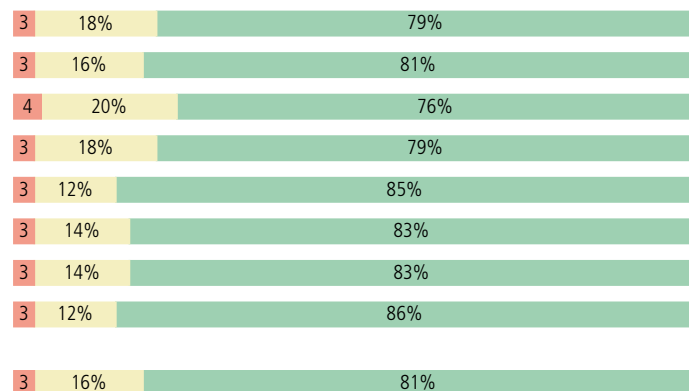
Standardised results



## Treated with respect and dignity

Overnight patients, 2009

Actual results



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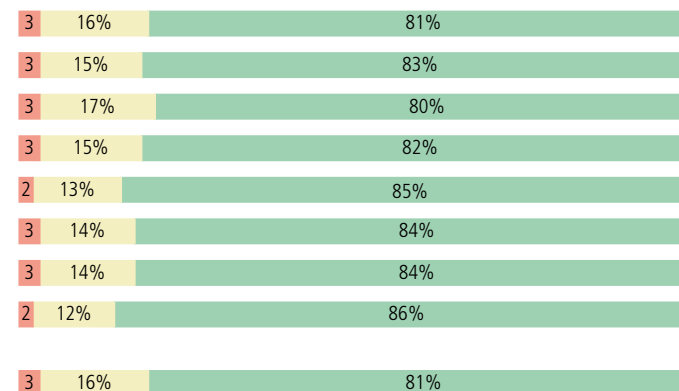
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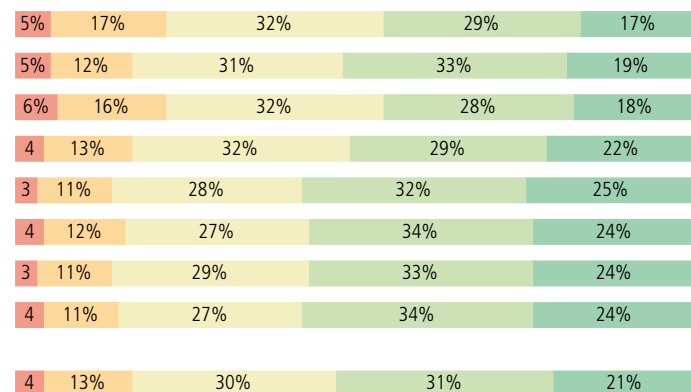
Standardised results



## Availability of nurses

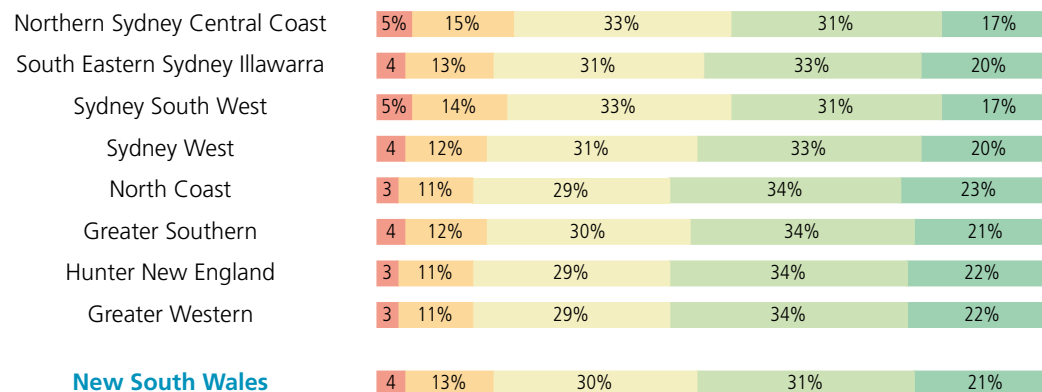
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Standardised results



## Understanding the graphs

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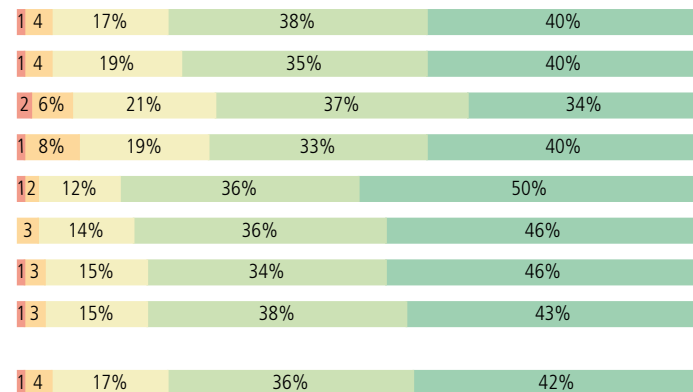
Day only patients include individuals who spent a day in a public hospital receiving a test, surgery or other procedure. It does not include patients less than 17 years of age, patients who received all their care in emergency departments or those who received cancer, rehabilitation or mental health care services.

### How do day only patients rate:

#### Overall care

Day only patients, 2009

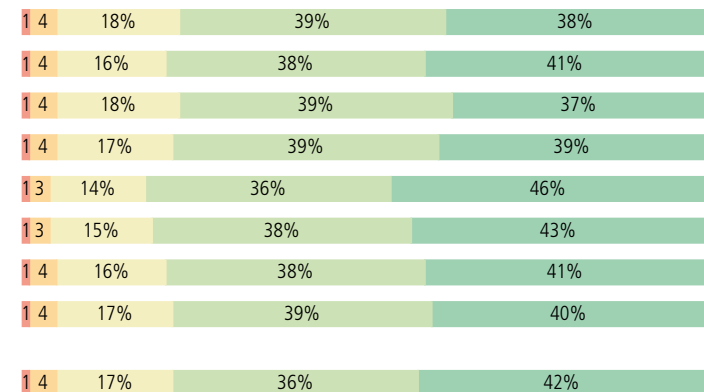
Actual results



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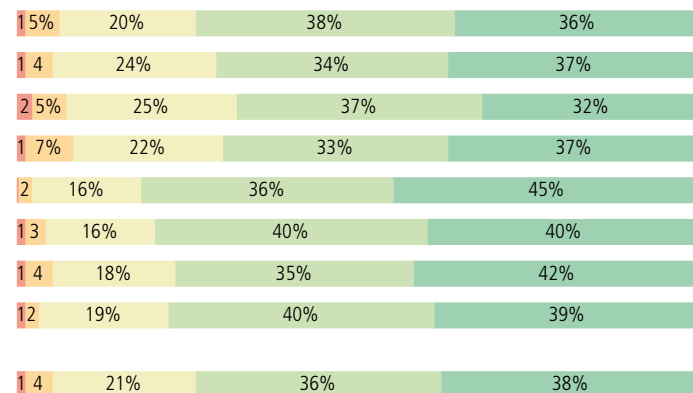
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#### Staff teamwork

Day only patients, 2009

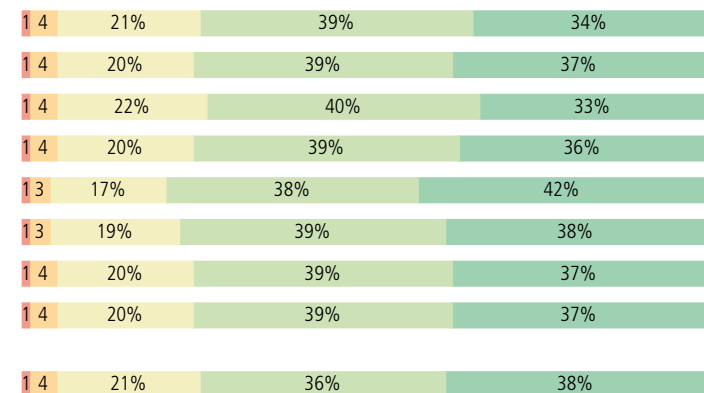
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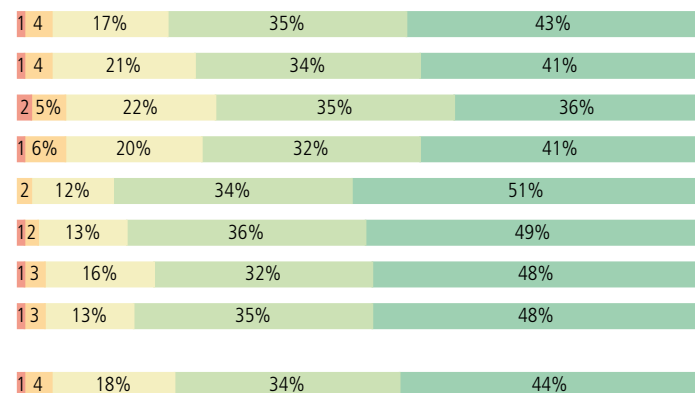
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## Courtesy of nurses

Day only patients, 2009

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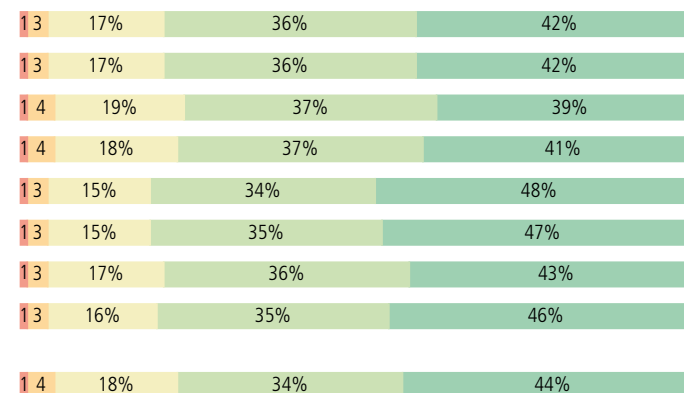
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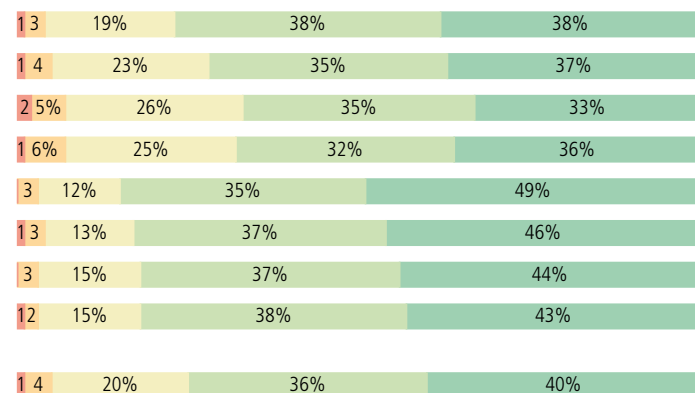
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## Courtesy of the person who admitted them

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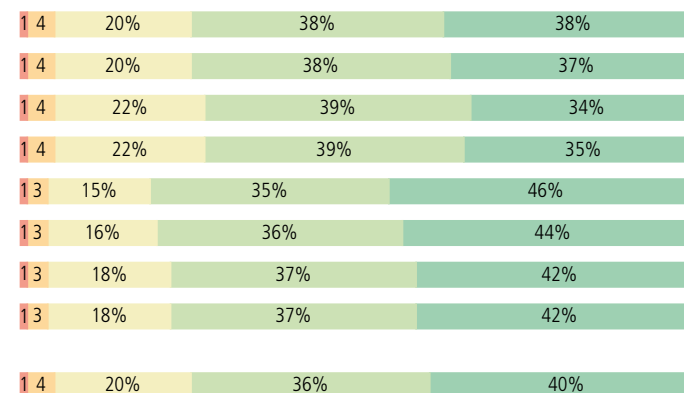
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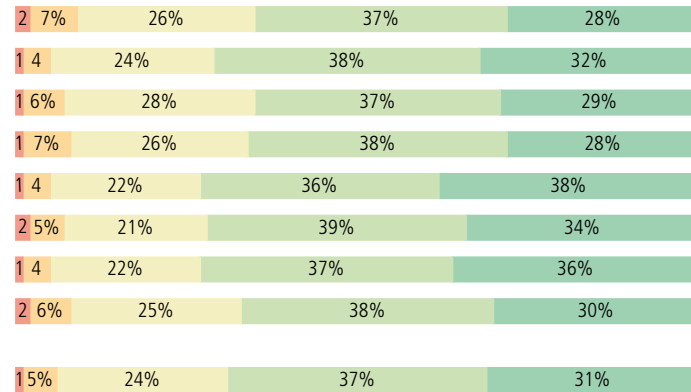




## Cleanliness of the room

Day only patients, 2009

Actual results

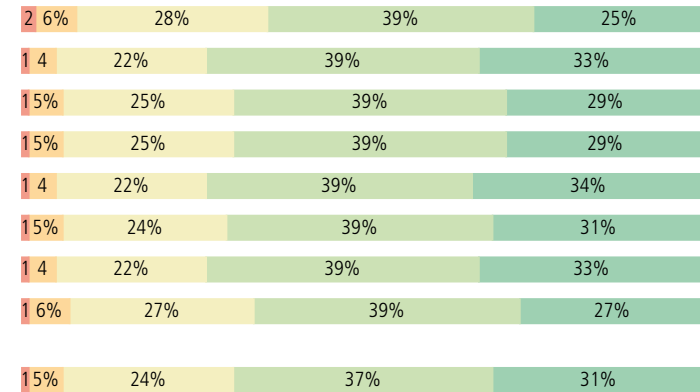


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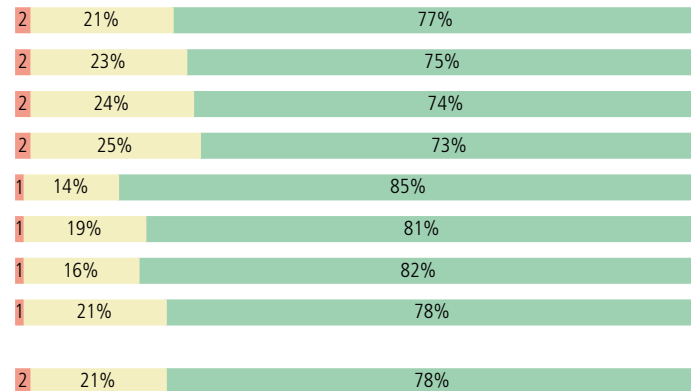
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## Hospital well organised

Day only patients, 2009

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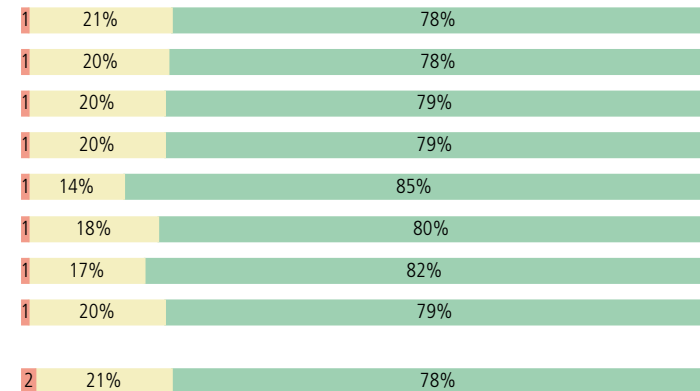


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### New South Wales

Not at all organised Somewhat organised Very organised

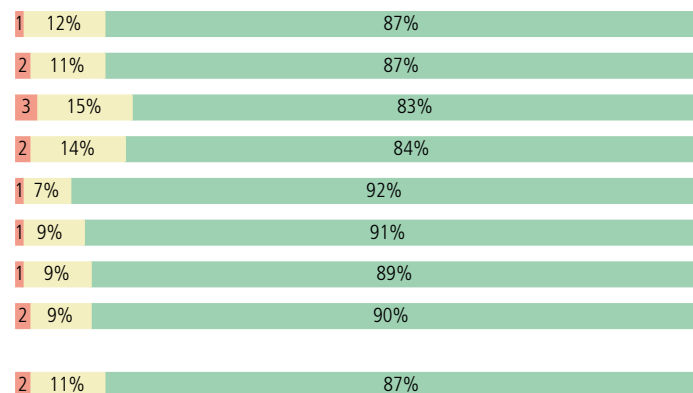
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## Treated with respect and dignity

Day only patients, 2009

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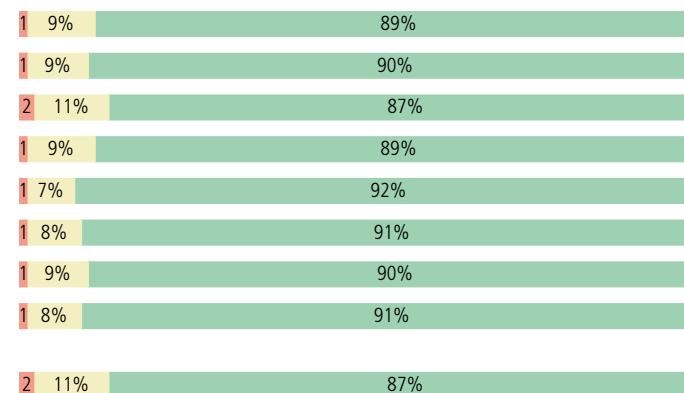
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