

Public Health Indicators

Year, 2020

Tirana, on 20 August 2021: In 2020, the total number of visits to the primary hospital service is 7,353,296, averaging 2.6 contacts per person in one year. The number of visits marks a decrease of 3.9 % compared to the number of visits in 2019. The average number of days a patient stays in hospital is 5.1 days during 2020. In public hospital service institutions 46,369 surgeries were performed, 27.2 % less, compared to a year ago.

I. Primary health care

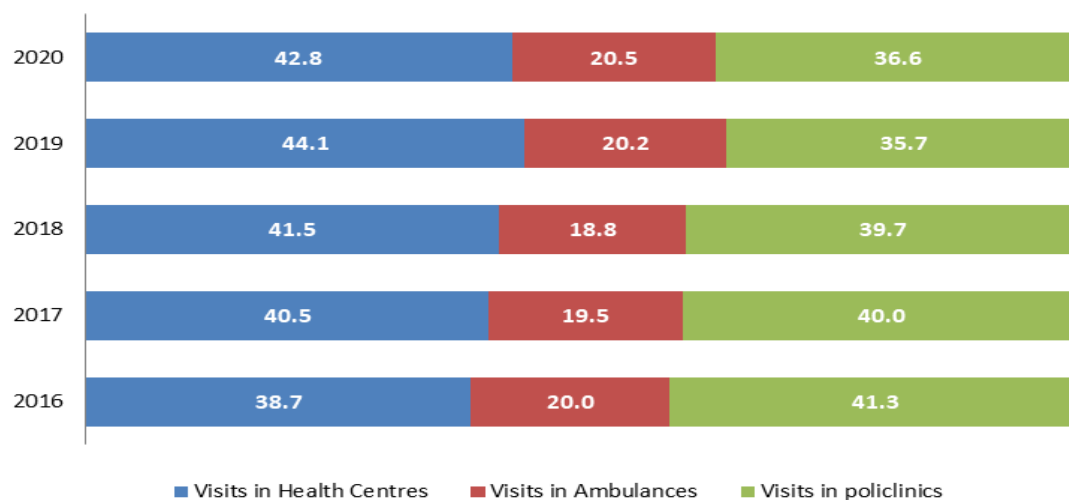
In 2020, 413 health centers operated branched into 2,037 ambulances and 46 specialized polyclinics. From 7,353,296 of total visits to the primary service, 42.8% were performed in health centers, 20.5% in ambulances and 36.6% in polyclinics. Over the last 5 years, there is almost the same distribution in the number of visits. Over 40 % of visits to health centers and ambulances are performed by persons over 60 years of age.

Tab. 1 Activity of Health Centers, Ambulances and Polyclinics

Item	Years				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total visits	8,120,123	7,942,742	8,219,771	7,650,504	7,353,296
Number of Health Centers	414	413	413	413	413
Number of visits in Health Centers	3,141,755	3,219,003	3,411,915	3,374,429	3,149,495
Number of Ambulances	2,062	2,022	2,053	2,059	2,037
Number of visits in Ambulances	1,627,521	1,545,416	1,541,645	1,543,269	1,510,006
Number of Polyclinics	46	46	46	46	46
Number of visits in polyclinics	3,350,847	3,178,323	3,266,211	2,732,806	2,693,795

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

Fig. 1 Percentage of frequent visits to the health care center



Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

Women's Consultant

In 2020, the number of visits to the women's consultant is 212,400, marking an increase of 3.0 %, compared to 2019. From the total of visits, 85.8 % are obstetric visits, of which 61.1 % are performed with the assistance of a specialist doctor. The number of first obstetric visits is 23,636, 16.1 % less, compared to 2019.

Tab. 2 Activity of women's consultation

Items	Years				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of women's consultation	2,024	2,057	2,013	1,932	1,879
Number of physician in consultor	762	765	728	753	756
Number of midwife	2,827	2,965	2,614	2,682	2,682
Number of total visits	269,834	272,177	243,594	206,326	212,400
Number of gynaecology visits	42,530	45,184	46,372	38,981	30,231
Number of obstetrical visits	227,304	226,993	197,222	167,345	182,169
-with physician	147,044	141,717	124,994	101,938	111,288
Number of pre obstetricale visits	30,734	32,787	29,517	28,178	23,636

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

Child Consultant

In 2020, 256,146 children were registered at the child consultant and 708,211 visits were made, an average of 2.8 visits per child in one year. Compared to 2019, the number of visits has decreased by 9.5 %.

From the total of visits, 57.9 % of them were performed with the assistance of a specialist doctor and the rest were attended by midwives and nurses.

The number of children who are exclusively breastfed during 2020 is 18,541, while the number of children who are exclusively breastfed is 4,239.

Tab. 3 Activity of child consultations

Item	Years				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of child consultations	2,095	2,100	2,131	2,081	2,028
Visit's number in consultation	990,563	929,330	802,633	782,532	708,211
of wich: by physician	501,523	534,059	455,987	423,412	410,153
Children's number registered in consultation	259,354	286,092	253,403	276,306	256,146
Number of breastfed children	20,928	20,702	18,988	18,317	18,541
Number of children fed with artificial food	5,670	5,693	5,342	4,585	4,239

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

Vaccine coverage is on average at levels above 97.0 % thus meeting the basic criteria, where each vaccine antigen must be above 95.0% at the national level. The only exception was the group Measles, Pertuss and Rubella, with coverage of 91.0%. This group of vaccines, in 2020, has decreased by 4.0 percentage points, compared to 2019.

Tab. 4 Vaccine coverage, in %

Item	Years				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Infants, Immuniz. against:					
- Tuberculosis	99.2	99.0	99.1	98.9	97.9
- Diphtheria	98.7	99.0	99.8	98.6	98.5
- Tetanus	98.7	99.0	99.8	98.6	98.5
- Pertussis	98.7	99.0	99.8	98.6	98.5
- Measles- Parotitis - Rubella	96.3	95.7	94.1	95.0	91.0
- Poliomyelitis	98.3	98.9	98.7	98.6	98.3

Source: Institute of Public Health

II. Secondary Hospital service

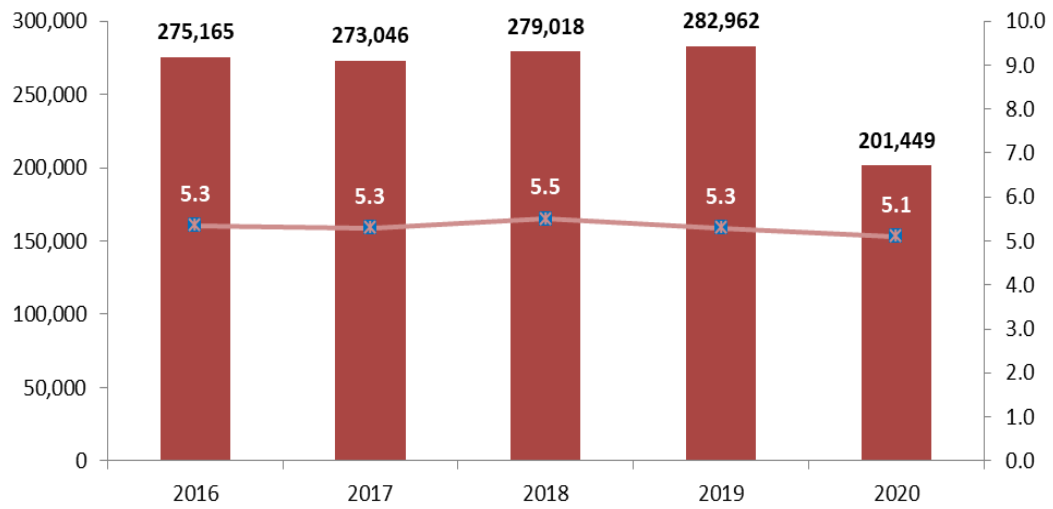
In 2020, the number of public and non-public hospitals in the country is 58, of which 42 are public hospitals and 16 private hospitals. The coverage of public and non-public hospital service is 2 hospitals per 100 thousand inhabitants and the number of public and non-public hospital beds is 9,196 or 3.2 beds per 1,000 inhabitants.

Tab. 5 Indicators of activity in public institutions of hospital service

Activity indicators	Years				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of hospital institutions	42	42	42	42	42
Number of beds in total	8,172	8,169	8,185	8,189	8,334
Hospitalized persons	275,165	273,046	279,018	282,962	201,449
Days in bed realized	1,470,515	1,444,336	1,528,499	1,491,930	1,032,922
Bed occupancy in days	179.9	176.8	186.7	182.2	123.9
- in percentage	49.3	48.4	51.2	49.9	33.9
Average duration of hospitalization period	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.1
Bed turn	33.7	33.4	34.1	34.6	24.2
Number of persons operated on	52,248	57,475	64,929	63,669	46,369

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

In public hospital service institutions, in 2020 the number of patients is 201,449 patients. The average stay days of a patient are 5.1 days per year with a bed turn 24.2 times a year patients. The use of the bed for health care during 2020 is 123.9 days, which constitute 33.9 % of the calendar days of this year. From the total of hospitalized patients, 23.0 % of them have undergone surgery.

Fig. 2 Hospitalized persons and average days of stay in public hospital services

Methodology

The publication "Public Health Indicators" contains administrative data on the primary health care service and the secondary hospital service, with annual frequency. The data are provided by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, while the data on the vaccine service are sourced from the Institute of Public Health.

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 (dental service is not included).

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.

Days in bed realized are multiplying the use of hospital beds per day with the number of beds in the hospital.

Hospitalization is the ratio of the number of patients discharged from hospitals in a year to the population of that year.

Turnover of a bed is the number of patients who are hospitalized per year.