

Public Health Indicators

Years, 2021

Tirana, on 28 October 2022: In 2021, the total number of visits to the primary hospital service is 8,144,504, averaging 2.9 contacts per person in one year. The number of visits marks a increase of 10.8 % compared to the number of visits in 2020. The average number of days a patient stays in hospital is 5.1 days during 2021. In public hospital service institutions 56,622 surgeries were performed, 22.1 % more, compared to a year ago.

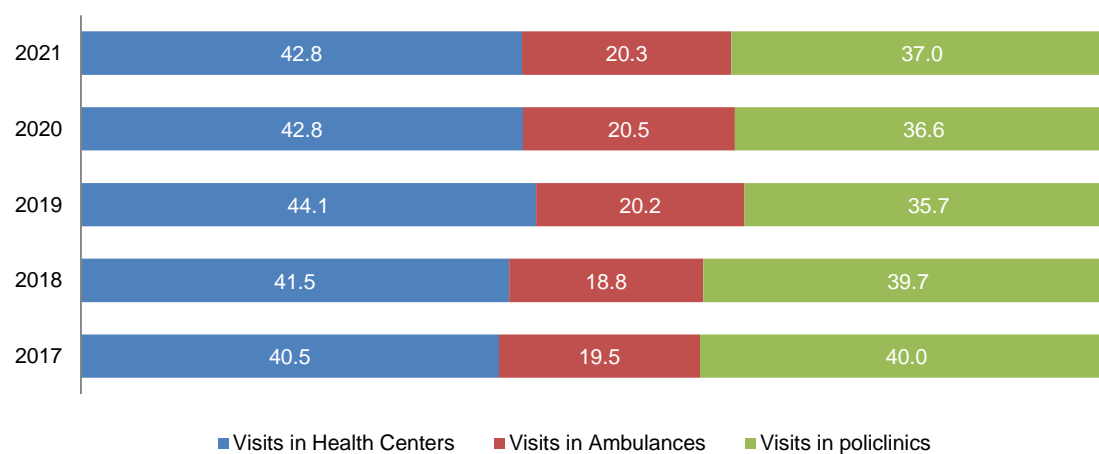
I. Primary health care

In 2021, 413 health centers operated branched into 2,059 ambulances and 46 specialized polyclinics. From 8,144,504 of total visits to the primary service, 42.8 % were performed in health centers, 20.3 % in ambulances and 37.0 % 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				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total visits	7,942,742	8,219,771	7,650,504	7,353,296	8,144,504
Number of Health Centers	413	413	413	413	413
Number of visits in Health Centers	3,219,003	3,411,915	3,374,429	3,149,495	3,482,174
Number of Ambulances	2,022	2,053	2,059	2,037	2,059
Number of visits in Ambulances	1,545,416	1,541,645	1,543,269	1,510,006	1,650,378
Number of Polyclinics	46	46	46	46	46
Number of visits in polyclinics	3,178,323	3,266,211	2,732,806	2,693,795	3,011,952

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

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

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

Women's Consultant

In 2021, the number of visits to the women's consultant is 224,790, marking an increase of 5.8 %, compared to 2020. From the total of visits, 81.5 % are obstetric visits, of which 61.0 % are performed with the assistance of a specialist doctor. The number of first obstetric visits is 25,900, or 9.6 % more, compared to 2020.

Tab. 2 Activity of women's consultation

Items	Years				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of Women's consultation	2,057	2,013	1,932	1,879	1,901
Number of physician in consultor	765	728	753	756	760
Number of midwife	2,965	2,614	2,682	2,682	2,689
Number of total visits	272.177	243,594	206,326	212,400	224,790
Number of gynaecological visits	45.184	46,372	38,981	30,231	41,647
Number of obsetrical visits	226.993	197,222	167,345	182,169	183,143
- with physician	141.717	124,994	101,938	111,288	111,516
Number of pre obsetrical visits	32.787	29,517	28,178	23,636	25,900

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

Child Consultant

In 2021, 257,054 children were registered at the child consultant and 745,746 visits were made, an average of 2.9 visits per child in one year. Compared to 2020, the number of visits has increased by

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5,3 %. From the total of visits, 55,6 % of them were performed with the assistance of a specialist doctor and the rest were attended by midwives and nurses.

The number of children 0-1 years old who are exclusively breastfed during 2021 is 19,660, while the number of children fed with artificial food is 4,597.

Tab. 3 Activity of child consultations

Item	Years				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of child consultations	2,100	2,131	2,081	2,028	2,055
Visit's number in consultation	929,330	802,633	782,532	708,211	745,746
of wich: by physician	534,059	455,987	423,412	410,153	414,282
children's number registered in consultation	286,092	253,403	276,306	256,146	257,054
Number of breastfed children	20,702	18,988	18,317	18,541	19,660
Number of children fed with artificial food	5,693	5,342	4,585	4,239	4,597

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

The level of vaccine coverage is above 95.0 % for most vaccine antigens, thus meeting the basic criteria on where each vaccine antigen should be above 95.0% nationally. This year there is a decrease in vaccine coverage against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis by 2.7 point percentage, compared to 2020.

Tab. 4 Vaccine coverage, in %

Item	Years				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Infants, immuniz. against:					
– Tuberculosis	99.0	99.1	98.9	97.9	98.8
– Diphtheria	99.0	99.8	98.6	98.5	95.8
– Tetanus	99.0	99.8	98.6	98.5	95.8
– Pertussis	99.0	99.8	98.6	98.5	95.8
– Measles-Mumps-Rubella	95.7	94.1	95.0	91.0	89.2
– Poliomyelitis	98.9	98.7	98.6	98.3	98.0

Source: Institute of Public Health

II. Secondary Hospital service

In 2021, the number of public and non-public hospitals in the country is 59, of which 43 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 9,363 or 3.3 beds per 1,000 inhabitants.

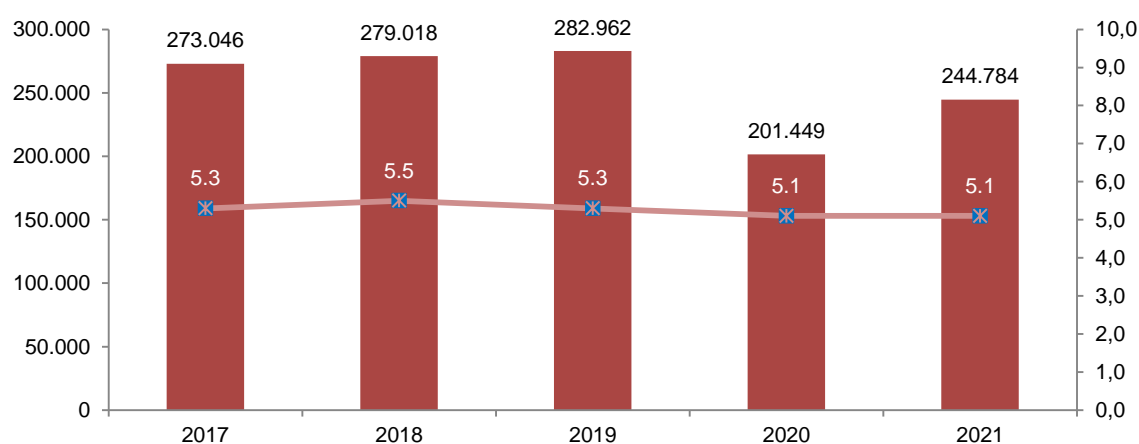
Tab. 5 Indicators of activity in public institutions of hospital service

Activity indicators in Public Hospitals	Years				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of hospital institutions	42	42	42	42	43
Number of beds in total	8,169	8,185	8,189	8,334	8,501
Hospitalized persons	273,046	279,018	282,962	201,449	244,784
Days in bed realized	1,444,336	1,528,499	1,491,930	1,032,922	1,248,197
Bed occupancy in days	176.8	186.7	182.2	123.9	146.8
- in percentage	48.4	51.2	49.9	33.9	40.2
Average duration of hospitalization period	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.1
Bed turn	33.4	34.1	34.6	24.2	28.8
Number of persons operated on	57,475	64,929	63,669	46,369	56,622

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection

In public hospital service institutions, in 2021 the number of patients is 244,784 patients. The average stay days of a patient are 5.1 days per year with a bed turn 28.8 times a year patients. The use of the bed for health care during 2021 is 146.8 days, which constitute 40.2 % of the calendar days of this year. From the total of hospitalized patients, 23.1 % of them have undergone surgery.

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



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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 coverage 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). Primary health care is provided to the population from its basic unit, which is known as the main health center, at the city level and administrative unit center, and from the ambulance or health point, at the rural level, aiming for the widest possible coverage and access to health services of the population, as the first point of contact with the national health care system.

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.