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Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

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Table 1: Number of declared private hospitals, 2017-18 to 2024-25

Source: Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Notes:

i) Number of declared private hospitals on the last day of the financial year. This differs to the Private Health Establishments Collection (PHEC), which counted all licenced private hospitals (including those that were not declared) that were operational for any part of the financial year. Therefore historical figures from PHEC are not directly comparable to the figures in Table 1.

Financial year	Number of declared private hospitals
2017-18	549
2018-19	570
2019-20	583
2020-21	593
2021-22	607
2022-23	630
2023-24	648
2024-25	633

Table 2: Number of beds in declared private hospitals on 30/06/2025

Source: Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Notes:

i) The number of beds in private hospitals was not stored in the department's data warehouse between 2016-17 and 2024-25, and therefore cannot be provided.

ii) Data only includes declared private hospitals as at 30/06/2025.

iii) 'Beds' refers to the total operating capacity of the hospital (beds/bed equivalents) as publicly reported or as submitted by hospitals at the time of their declaration or most-recent application for second-tier eligibility. When operating capacity is unknown, 'beds' refers to total bed capacity as specified on the hospital's current licence. This data is captured on a different basis to previous reporting (including the Private Health Establishments Collection) and is not directly comparable to historical data.

Financial year	Number of private hospital beds
2024-25	35,899