



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A32 National Psychiatric In-Patient Reporting System (NPIRS)

Data owner	Health Research Board (www.hrb.ie)
Brief description	The National Psychiatric In-Patient Reporting System (NPIRS) provides detailed information on all admissions and discharges to in-patient psychiatric services in Ireland. Data collected include demographic data and clinical/diagnostic information.
Primary function of data	Service management, monitoring and planning. The NPIRS database structure is also used as the basis for carrying out regular censuses of the in-patient population and as the basis for epidemiological research on mental illness. It is also used as the basis for calculating Performance Indicators for each HSE area on a quarterly basis.
Key classificatory variables	ID Other; Sex; DOB; County; Occupation; Labour Force Status; Marital Status
Themes/domains	Health
Unit of observation	An individual admission or discharge to a psychiatric in-patient facility
Start date of data collection	1963
Frequency of data collection	Quarterly
Data format	Admission and discharge files are stored separately, with admission files for a calendar year containing all admissions for the year in question and the discharge files containing all discharges for the year in question.
Method of data collection	Data are collected either electronically (approximately 90%) or manually on a quarterly basis from psychiatric in-patient facilities around the country, including psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric units, private hospitals, child and adolescent units, and the Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum.
Access further information	Health Research Board: www.hrb.ie Publications available at: http://www.hrb.ie/publications/mental-health/
Notes	<p>All in-patient psychiatric facilities entered on the Register of Approved Centres under the Mental Health Act 2001 are included.</p> <p>Response rate for quarterly data collection is 100%, unless there are exceptional unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>Data are analysed and presented in the HRB's Annual Report, <i>Activities of Irish Psychiatric Units and Hospitals</i>, and data are rated per 100,000 total population, making them comparable with international data.</p>