



Abbreviated name	Hospital bed density
Indicator name	Hospital bed density (per 10 000 population)
Domain	Health systems
Subdomain	Health system strengthening (HSS)
Associated terms	Access
Definition	Total number of hospital beds per 10 000 population.
Numerator	Number of hospital beds (excluding labour and delivery beds).
Denominator	Total population.
Disaggregation/ additional dimension	Distribution (by province/district), ownership (public/private), type of bed
Method of measurement	A national database is usually maintained. Regular updates through surveys or facility censuses are needed.
Method of estimation	
Measurement frequency	Annual or biannual
Monitoring and evaluation framework	Input
Preferred data sources	Routine facility information systems/national database
Other possible data sources	Health facility census.
Further information and related links	Monitoring the building blocks of health systems: a handbook of indicators and their measurement strategies. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2010 (http://www.who.int/healthinfo/systems/WHO_MBHSS_2010_full_web.pdf?ua=1 , accessed 29 March 2015). World health statistics 2014. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2014 (http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/112738/1/9789240692671_eng.pdf?ua=1 , accessed 29 March 2015).