

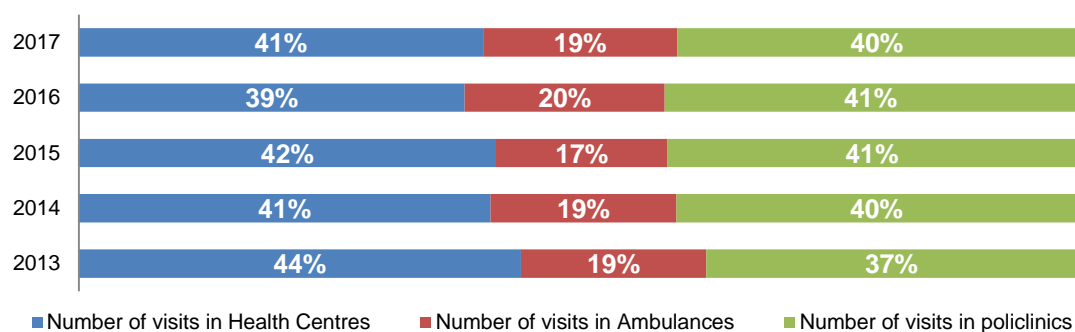
Public Health Indicators

Year, 2017

Tirana, July 16, 2018: In 2017, the total number of visits to the primary service is 7,942,742, averaging 3 contacts per person per year. The number of visits to the children's consultant during 2017 is 929,330, while in the women's consultant is 272,172. The average hospital stay of a hospital patient is 5.4 in 2017 from 5.3 days in 2016. The surgical interventions performed in public hospitals are 57,475 with a 10.0 % increase.

In 2017, there are counted 413 outpatient health centers in 2,022 ambulances, as well as 46 specialized polyclinics. The primary care service for patients is 2.7 times, in other words each resident in Albania in 2017 contacted the primary health care centers on average three times.

Fig1. Number of visits in Health centres, Ambulances and Policlinics



Source: Ministry of Health

In 2017, the total number of visits to the women's consultant was 272,172 of which 62.4 % were realized with the assistance of a specialist doctor. The number of first obstetric visits is 32,787, which corresponds to the number of births reported in 2017.

Tab. 1 Activity of women's consultation

Items	Years				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of Women's consultation	2,046	2,014	2,104	2,024	2,057
Number of physician in consultor	731	715	739	762	765
Number of midwife	2,966	2,749	3,003	2,827	2,965
Number of total visits	292,174	299,502	284,208	269,834	272,172
Number of gynaecology visits	38,275	39,502	41,569	42,530	45,184
Number of obstetrical visits	253,899	260,000	242,639	227,304	226,993
- with physician	149,949	161,152	156,631	147,044	141,717
Number of pre obstetricale visits	35,515	33,304	32,490	30,734	32,787

Source: Ministry of Health

In 2017, the number of visits to the child consultant is 929,330. Among these visits, 57.5% were attended by senior medical staff. Data on children enrolled in counseling show that 78.4% of 0 to 1 year old children are breastfeeding.

Tab. 2 Activity of child consultatitons

Item	Years				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of child consultations	1,974	2,024	2,159	2,095	2,100
- Urban	165	176	149	154	158
- Rural	1,809	1,848	2,010	1,941	1,942
Visit's number in consultation	915,216	932,986	943,759	990,563	929,330
of wich: by physician	511,735	542,490	530,701	501,523	534,059
children's number registered in consultation	21,258	24,729	22,382	20,928	20,702
Number of breastfed children	4,177	5,363	4,624	5,670	5,693

Source: Ministry of Health

II. Secondary hospital service

This service is provided to the public through the public sector and the non-public sector.

In 2017, the number of public and non-public hospitals in the country is 55, with 42 being state hospitals and 13 private hospitals. Coverage of the public and non-public hospital service is 2 hospitals per 100 thousand inhabitants and the number of public and non-public hospital beds is 8,885 (3 beds per 1000 inhabitants)

Public hospital service

The public hospital service in Albania is provided by regional hospitals with basic services and specialized hospitals, which are mainly concentrated in Tirana and other district centers in the country.

Tab. 3 Activity of institution with beds

Activity indicators	Hospital				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of hospital institutions	44	42	42	42	42
Hospitalized persons	8,283	8,295	8,224	8,172	8,169
Hospitalized persons	260,727	257,047	276,901	275,165	273,046
Days in bed realized	1,442,417	1,497,809	1,549,208	1,470,515	1,444,336
Bed occupancy in days	174.1	180.6	177.3	178.0	176.8
- in percentage	47.7	49.5	48.6	48.7	48.4
Average duration of hospitalization period	5.5	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.4
Bed turn	31.5	31.0	31.6	33.6	32.8
Number of persons operated on	55,038	62,393	51,470	52,248	57,475

Source: Ministry of Health

Days of a patient's average stay are 5.4 days a year with a bed rotation of 32.8 times a year. The use of the bed for health care during 2017 is 176.8 days, which makes up 48.4 % of the calendar days of this year. The number of patients, operated in 2017, has increased by 10.0 % compared to the previous year.

Fig 2. Hospital bedding by sex for the years 2014-2017 (per 100 thousand inhabitants)

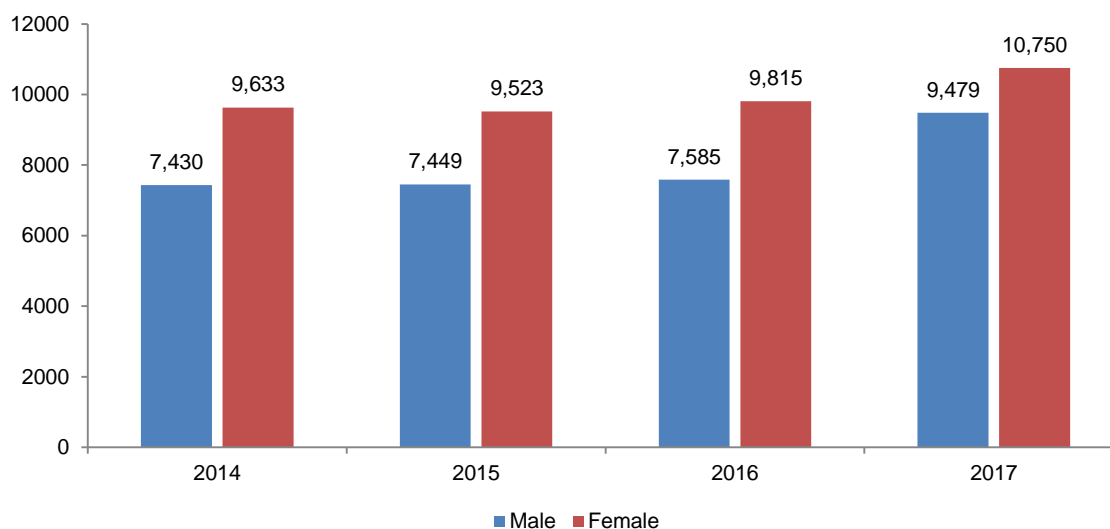
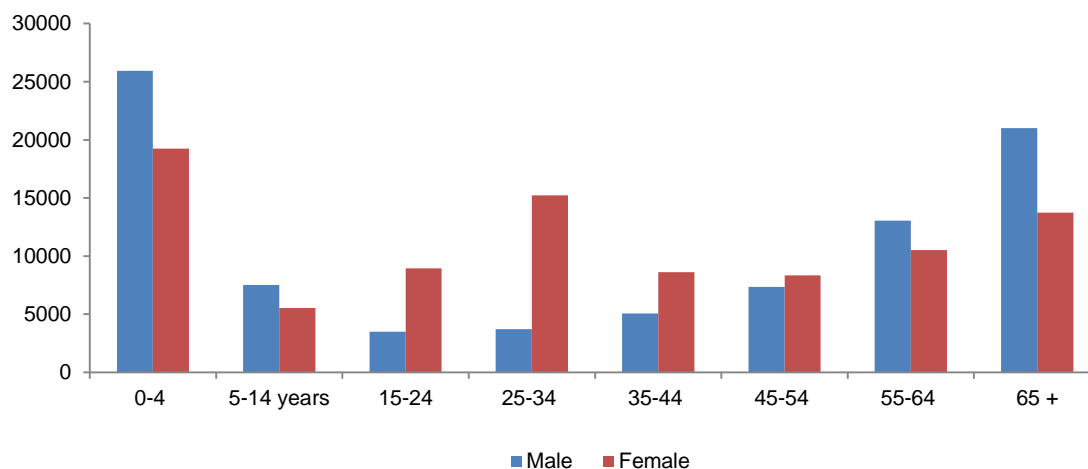


Fig 3. Hospital bedding of patients by age and sex, 2017

In the hospital service an important part of the tertiary service is represented by the University Hospital Center (QSUT) which has the highest number of admissions and operations per year for the whole country.

In 2017, 34.4 % of the total hospital admissions were realized at QSUT, while the operations carried out in this center accounted for 46.7 % of the total operations in the country.

Mental health service

The specialized mental health hospital service is concentrated in the Vlora and Elbasan districts with special hospitals. In Shkodra and Tirana, the mental health service is included within the hospital service. An important role in this service is community mental health centers and supported homes.

Tab. 4 Activity of institution with beds /psychiatric hospital

Items	2015	2016	2017
Hospitalized persons	635	635	635
Psychiatrists	27	24	25
Nurse	177	168	169
Psychologist	14	15	15
Other's	194	205	204

Source: Ministry of Health

Methodology

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 (does not include dentist service).

Morbidity is the number of all cases of disease in a population, at a given moment (instantaneous frequency), or during a given period, regardless of the onset of the disease and regardless of the new or old cases.

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.

The days spent on beds are multiplying the use of hospital beds per day with the number of beds in the hospital.

Hospital bed by sex is the ratio of the number of patients leaving the hospital, grouped by sex, in one year to the number of the population of that year, grouped by sex.

The turnover of a hospital bed is the number of patients who have been laid on a bed during the year.

Mental health is a level of psychological well-being. It is "the psychological state of someone who works at a satisfactory level in terms of emotional adaptation and everyday behavior".

Community mental health centers and supported homes offer day-to-day specialized services mainly from psychologists