

What is important at admission in child and adolescent services?



This infographic uses HoNOSCA data from child and adolescent mental health services from April 2025 to March 2026. For more information see the [full report](#) and refer to the accompanying [user guide](#).

HoNOSCA (Health of the Nation Outcome Scales for Children and Adolescent) is a simple measure used in child and adolescent services. It has 15 items scored from 0 to 4 where 0 is no problem and 4 is a serious problem.

Average total score

Average total score is the total of the 15 items of HoNOSCA.



While inpatient and community settings both have high total score there are differences on which items score the highest.

Top 5 items with highest percentage which are clinically significant

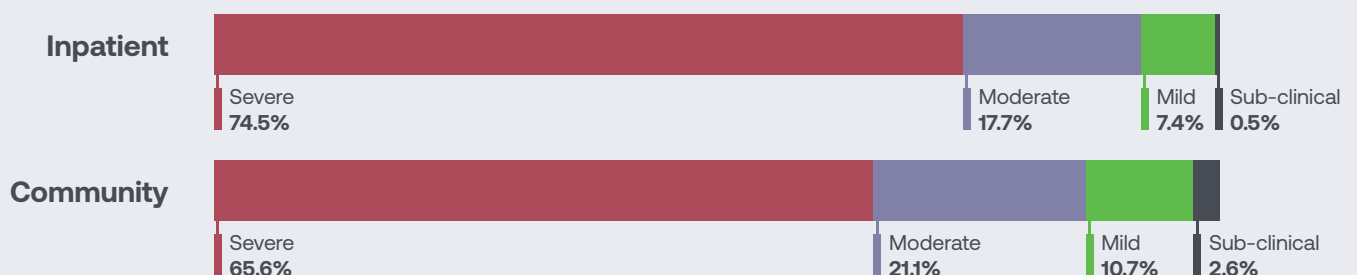
Percentage with a items score of 2 to 4.



Non-accidental injury, whānau and disruptive behaviour score high for inpatient setting.

Index of severity

Sub clinical = all items <2, mild = at least one item >1 and all items <3, moderate = at least one item >=3, severe = at least 2 items >=3 using first 13 items.



Index of severity for inpatient settings has a higher percentage which are severe than the community setting.