

CONSTITUENT QUESTION

House of Assembly

ASKED BY: Craig Garland MP

ANSWERED BY: Hon Bridget Archer MP
Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing

QUESTION:

My question comes from a resident of Latrobe, who thanks the Minister for the information provided on heart health issues last year. They have a follow-up question: can the Minister please show a breakdown of the original data by providing data for each calendar month in the 2021 financial year, the 2021-22 financial year and the 2022-23 financial year that shows all presentations to Tasmanian emergency departments for heart health and heart-related issues among people in the zero to 40-year-old age bracket, comparing both male and female presentations; and an additional breakdown again in both the zero to 30-year-old age bracket compared with those in the 31 to 40 years age bracket, comparing male and female presentations?

ANSWER:

The requested additional data is provided in the tables below.

It is important to note that this analysis focuses on presentations to the Emergency Departments of the four major public hospitals in Tasmania, and not the prevalence of heart-related issues in the population at large for these age groups.

Presentations peaked in 2021-22 across all age groups, and seasonal patterns are apparent, with higher presentations commonly occurring between September and March.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to doing more to prevent heart disease amongst Tasmanians.

The Tasmanian Cardiac Strategy, released in May 2025, emphasises that most cardiovascular disease risk factors are preventable, particularly through healthy lifestyle choices such as regular physical activity, a balanced diet, and maintaining a healthy weight.

The Strategy outlines actions across the health system and community to prevent more people from developing heart disease, ensure timely detection and treatment, and better support those living with heart conditions.



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Statewide presentations for heart issues, by gender and age group 0-40 years

0-30 Years

Financial Year	Gender	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTAL	%
2020/21	Female	82	81	101	80	105	92	90	84	99	86	108	132	1,140	56
2020/21	Male	77	65	77	74	59	75	84	76	77	82	83	84	913	44
2020/21	TOTAL	159	146	178	154	164	167	174	160	176	168	191	216	2,053	100
2021/22	Female	111	129	145	191	198	151	165	147	175	157	151	144	1,864	56
2021/22	Male	67	90	124	183	173	119	137	96	124	125	113	102	1,453	44
2021/22	TOTAL	178	219	269	374	371	270	302	243	299	282	264	246	3,317	100
2022/23	Female	114	141	114	123	118	134	113	125	135	157	123	148	1,545	57
2022/23	Male	91	102	106	89	94	82	96	87	109	92	102	97	1,147	43
2022/23	TOTAL	205	243	220	212	212	216	209	212	244	249	225	245	2,692	100

31-40 Years

Financial Year	Gender	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTAL	%
2020/21	Female	48	63	57	60	60	62	69	59	68	63	67	60	736	51
2020/21	Male	55	53	59	54	71	59	65	52	55	61	56	61	701	49
2020/21	TOTAL	103	116	116	114	131	121	134	111	123	124	123	121	1,437	100
2021/22	Female	71	82	96	115	110	87	88	59	131	76	86	72	1,073	54
2021/22	Male	69	68	94	103	78	81	70	56	96	66	64	52	897	46
2021/22	TOTAL	140	150	190	218	188	168	158	115	227	142	150	124	1,970	100
2022/23	Female	69	87	80	63	70	68	77	64	93	66	93	70	900	54
2022/23	Male	59	54	50	69	66	75	67	61	59	59	68	69	756	46
2022/23	TOTAL	128	141	130	132	136	143	144	125	152	125	161	139	1,656	100

0-40 Years

Financial Year	Gender	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTAL	%
2020/21	Female	130	144	158	140	165	154	159	143	167	149	175	192	1,876	54
2020/21	Male	132	118	136	128	130	134	149	128	132	143	139	145	1,614	46
2020/21	TOTAL	262	262	294	268	295	288	308	271	299	292	314	337	3,490	100
2021/22	Female	182	211	241	306	308	238	253	206	306	233	237	216	2,937	56
2021/22	Male	136	158	218	286	251	200	207	152	220	191	177	154	2,350	44
2021/22	TOTAL	318	369	459	592	559	438	460	358	526	424	414	370	5,287	100
2022/23	Female	183	228	194	186	188	202	190	189	228	223	216	218	2,445	56
2022/23	Male	150	156	156	158	160	157	163	148	168	151	170	166	1,903	44
2022/23	TOTAL	333	384	350	344	348	359	353	337	396	374	386	384	4,348	100

Notes:

1. Cardiac cases selection is based on Emergency Department diagnosis codes assigned by ED medical officers and grouped to Australian Emergency Care Categories (AECC v14).
2. There will be some discrepancies in total presentations due to suppression of very low volumes data.

