

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay our respects to them, their culture and their Elders, past and present.

We proudly acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their ongoing connection to Country, Culture and Community.

Sovereignty has never been ceded.

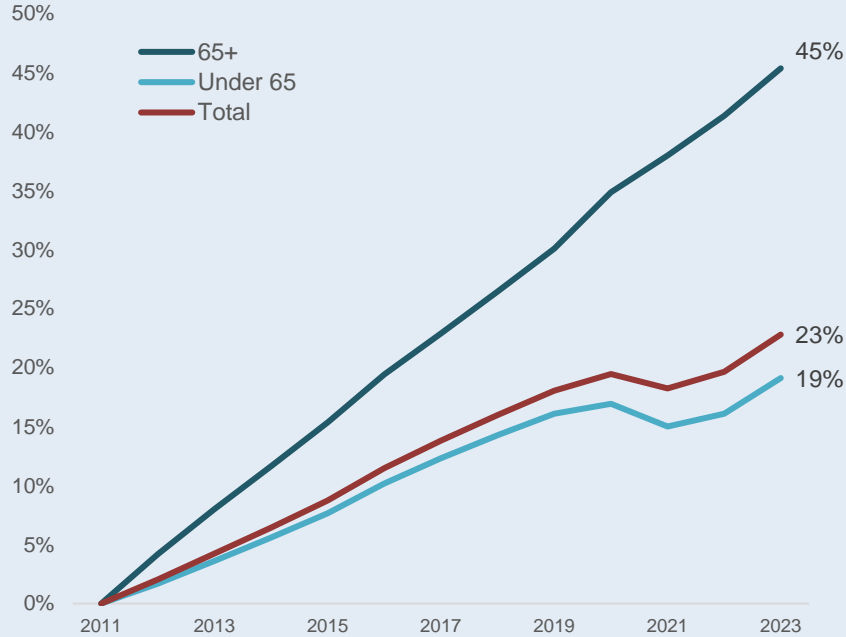
Our strategic priorities

1. Keeping people healthy and safe in the community
2. Providing care closer to home
3. Keep innovating and improving care
4. Improving Aboriginal health and wellbeing
5. Moving from competition to collaboration
6. A stronger and more sustainable health workforce
7. A safe and sustainable health, wellbeing and care system

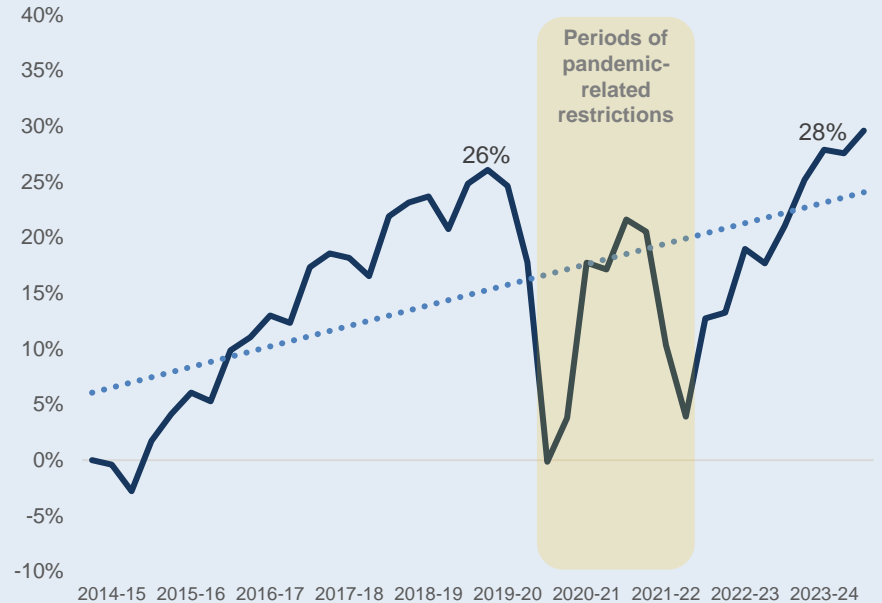


Demand for healthcare is growing fast

Cumulative population growth by age group,
Victoria, 2011 to 2023

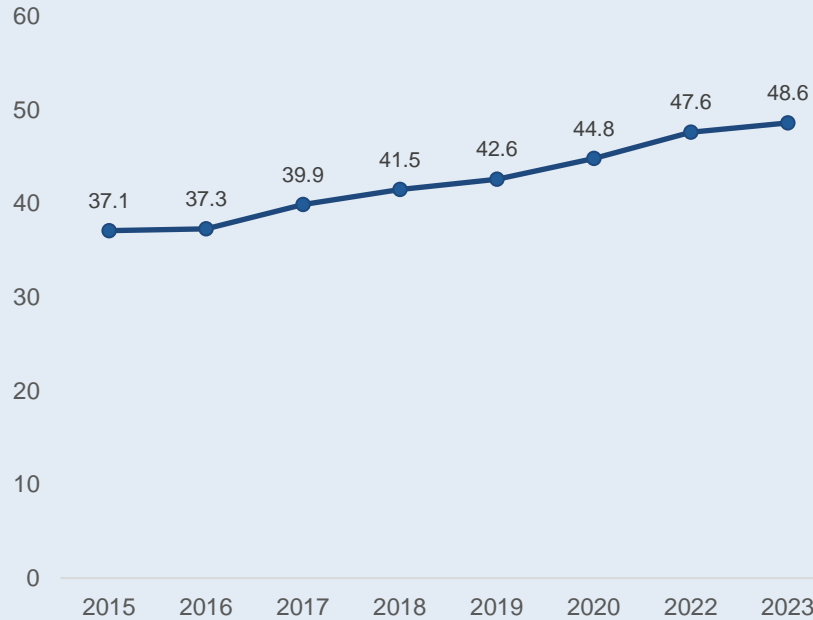


Cumulative increase in acute public hospital separations
(excluding same day planned admissions)

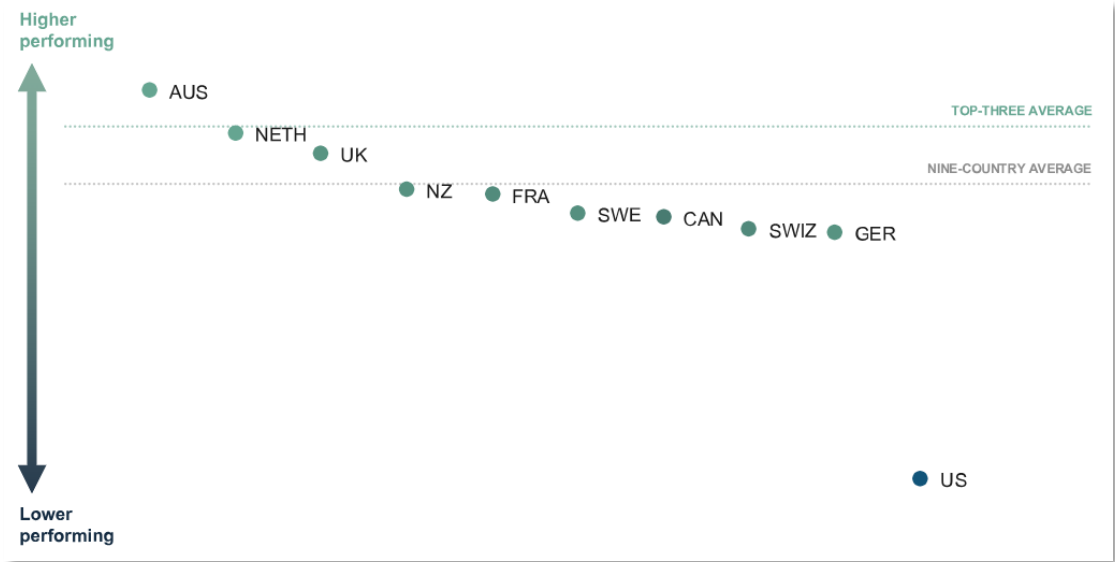
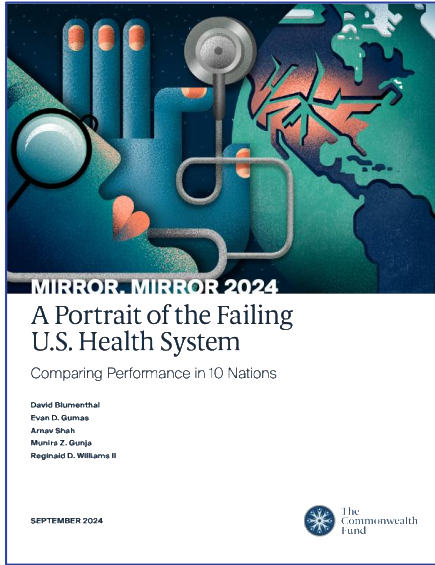


Healthcare needs are increasingly complex

Proportion (%) of Victorian adults who had at least one chronic disease (Victorian Population Health Survey)



Australia is a global leader in health...



... and Victoria is Australia's leader in health

Victoria is the highest performing state in 3 key measures, and is the highest overall performer, as ranked across 15 measures of system performance of availability, affordability, access, equity and outcomes

- 1 **Victoria**
- 2 New South Wales
- 3 Queensland
- 4 South Australia
- 5 Western Australia
- 6 Tasmania

	NSW	VIC	Qld	WA	SA	Tas
Per capita GPs	1	2	3	5	4	6
Delayed Primary Care due to cost	6	3	4	1	2	5
Chronic disease management	1	2	3	6	4	5
Life expectancy	3	2	5	1	4	6
Preventable hospitalisations	1	3	6	2	4	5
Ambulance response times	4	2	3	1	6	5
Emergency treatment times	1	3	2	6	5	4
Surgery wait times	6	1	2	4	3	5
Adverse events	3	1	2	6	5	3
Inpatient costs	5	2	1	3	4	6
Mental health treatment times (ED)	1	3	2	5	4	5
Mortality due to suicide	1	2	6	4	3	5
Readmissions (acute)	2	1	6	3	4	5
Readmissions (MH)	4	6	1	3	2	5
Avoidable deaths	2	3	3	4	1	6

We have achieved a lot across 2023-24



Planned surgery reform

Highest number of planned surgeries delivered in 2023-24 (209,925) - 10% higher than last year

Almost 20% reduction in waitlist since June 2023 and **5% increase** in patients treated within clinically recommended time

A more **resilient and capable** planned surgery system following the release and implementation of the Planned Surgery Reform Blueprint



Providing care closer to home

420,000 days of hospital care in a patient's own home through the **Better at Home initiative**

360,000 presentations to **Priority Primary Care Centres**

Launch of our mobile **women's health clinic** in partnership with BreastScreen Victoria

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Innovating health and care

- 13,624 responses to our **Inquiry into Women's Pain**
- Community pharmacy program** provided care to over 22,000 Victorians
- Started **Paramedic Practitioner** training
- Launched 10-year Victorian **Health Workforce Strategy**

More mental health and wellbeing support

- Supported >11,000 Victorians through **Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals**
- Launched **Suicide Prevention** and Response Strategy
- Legislated **pill testing**
- Launched **Eating Disorders** Strategy
- Released **Statewide Mental Health and Wellbeing Service and Capital Plan**

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Health infrastructure projects completed in 2023-24:

More acute mental health beds (\$492m)

Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital (\$320m)

Latrobe Regional Hospital Stage 3 (\$224m)

Engineering infrastructure and medical equipment replacement program (\$60m)

St Albans alcohol and other drugs residential rehab treatment expansion (\$10m)

Barwon Health Clinical Facilities relocation (\$9m)



Latrobe Regional Hospital



Our challenges

Creating a connected system

Building a stronger workforce

Responding to national reform

Thank you



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