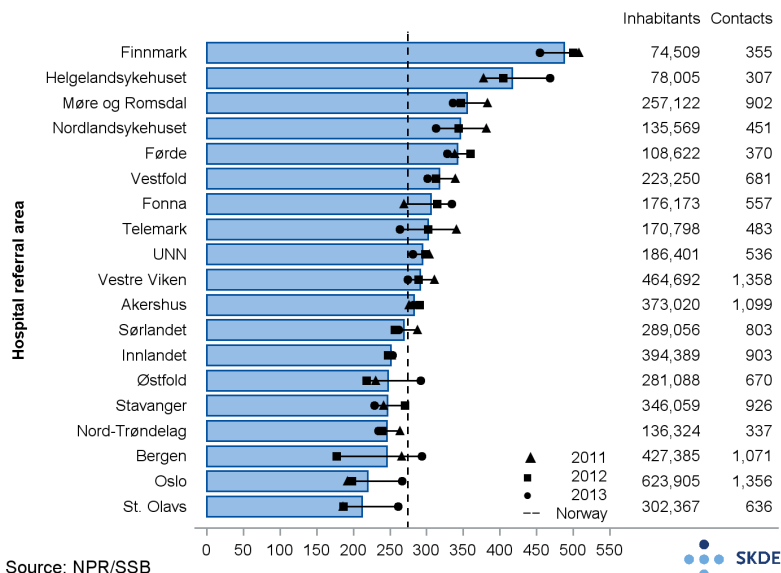
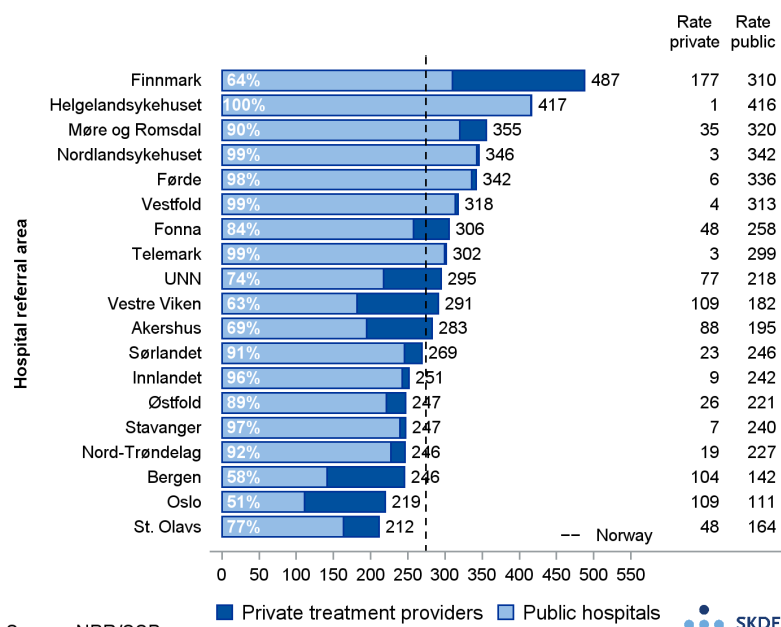


Tonsillectomy is one of the most commonly performed operations, particularly on children. The operation can be performed on patients with recurring sore throats for more than two years, recurring ear infections and, in children, enlarged tonsils that cause discomfort.



Source: NPR/SSB

Tonsillectomies, rates adjusted for gender and age per 100,000 population per hospital referral area, per year and as an average for the period 2011–2013



Source: NPR/SSB

Tonsillectomies, rates adjusted for gender and age per 100,000 population per hospital referral area, broken down by public or private treatment providers, average for the period 2011–2013



Definitions

The following combinations of codes define this patient group:

Primary or secondary diagnosis (ICD-10) H65.2, H65.3 or in code block J35 in combination with the procedure codes (NCSP) EMB10, EMB12, EMB15, EMB20, EMB30 or EMB99 for hospitals with activity-based funding, and the same diagnosis code in combination with the tariff codes K02a, K02b, K02d, K02e, K02f or K02g for specialists in private practice under a funding contract with the regional health authorities.

Private treatment providers include private hospitals and specialists under contracts with the public specialist health service.

	2011	2012	2013	Aver. (%)
Public	11,181	11,082	10,720	10,994 (80%)
Private	2,580	2,204	3,638	2,807 (20%)
Total	13,761	13,286	14,358	13,802 (100%)

Procedures per year and average for the period 2011–2013

Comments

Just under 14,000 tonsillectomies are carried out in Norway each year. The total number of operations increased in 2013, and the increase has taken place among private treatment providers. The proportion of operations performed by private treatment providers varies: In Oslo, 49% are performed by private providers, in Nordlandssykehuset's hospital referral area 1%.

The rates do not vary much from year to year within each hospital referral area, but there is considerable variation between the areas. The population of Finnmark have tonsillectomies more than twice as often as the population in St. Olavs Hospital's catchment area.