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## Introduction

This bulletin is a synopsis of data for CHO 3 from the NPIRS for 2021 and that reported in the *National Psychiatric In-patient Reporting System (NPIRS) Annual Report on the Activities of Irish Psychiatric Units and Hospitals 2021* (Daly and Craig 2022). The address from which a person was admitted was used to assign him/her to a CHO area and, thus, CHO area refers to the CHO area of residence of admissions. CHO 3 covers the counties of Clare, North Tipperary and Limerick.

The rates reported below were calculated using the Census of Population 2016 (Central Statistics Office 2017) and all rates are per 100,000 total population. It was not possible to calculate rates for socio-economic groups for each of the CHO areas and, thus, proportions are presented for socio-economic group.

## All and first admissions

There were 1,158 admissions for CHO 3 in 2021, a rate of 300.8 per 100,000 (Table 1). Admissions for CHO 3 accounted for 7% of all admissions to psychiatric units and hospitals in 2021. There were 420 first admissions, a rate of 109.1 per 100,000 and 738 re-admissions, representing a rate of 191.7 per 100,000.

## Gender and age

Males accounted for 52% of all admissions and had a higher rate of all admissions than females, at 314.1 per 100,000 compared with 287.6 for females (Table 1). Males also had a higher rate of first admissions, at 119.0 per 100,000 compared with 99.3 for females.

The 20–24 year age group had the highest rate of all admissions for CHO 3, at 596.2 per 100,000, followed by the 18–19 year age group, at 523.0, and the 65–74 year age group, at 410.4. The 55–64 year age group had the lowest rate of all admissions, at 329.3 per 100,000.

The 20–24 year age group had the highest rate of first admissions in CHO 3, at 288.9 per 100,000, followed by the 18–19 year age group, at 271.2, and the 75 year and over age group, at 164.1. The 45–54 year age group had the lowest rate of first admissions, at 98.8.

Age groups were condensed into two groups: under 45 years and 45 years and over. The 45 year and over age group had the highest rate of admissions in all CHO areas, with rates ranging from 498.7 per 100,000 in CHO 9 to 364.1 in CHO 8 (Figure 1). In CHO 3 the rate of admission for the 45 year and over age group was 383.3 per 100,000, higher than that for the under 45 year age group, at 247.2.

**Table 1: CHOs. All and first admissions. Gender. Ireland 2021. Rates per 100,000 total population**

	All			First		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
CHO 1	380.4	389.0	384.7	101.2	96.1	98.6
CHO 2	342.1	318.4	330.2	124.0	113.1	118.5
CHO 3	314.1	287.6	300.8	119.0	99.3	109.1
CHO 4	340.6	322.8	331.6	118.8	112.4	115.6
CHO 5	366.4	362.9	364.7	155.4	129.3	142.3
CHO 6	314.9	347.1	331.5	109.7	103.3	106.4
CHO 7	280.1	302.7	291.5	122.8	108.9	115.7
CHO 8	275.5	291.1	283.3	122.3	111.1	116.7
CHO 9	362.8	370.9	366.9	158.8	140.6	149.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>329.0</b>	<b>331.3</b>	<b>330.2</b>	<b>127.6</b>	<b>114.4</b>	<b>120.9</b>

### Marital status

Single persons accounted for 54% of all admissions and 50% of first admissions for CHO 3; married persons accounted for 23% of all and 26% of first admissions; widowed persons accounted for 3% of all and 3% of first admissions; and divorced persons accounted for 1% of all and 1% of first admissions.

### Socio-economic group

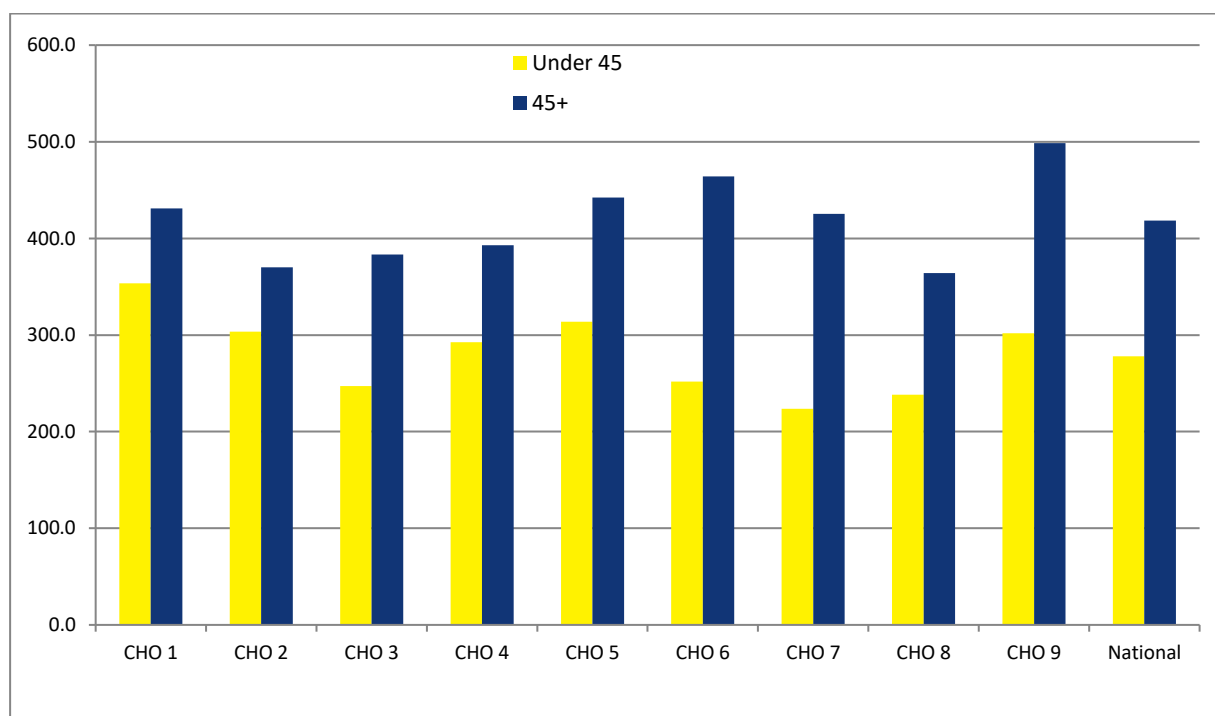
Six per cent of all admissions were unskilled, 6% were manual skilled, 4% were manual skilled and a further 4% were lower professionals. However, it is worth noting that 72% of returns for CHO 3 did not specify an occupation, making assignment to a socio-economic group impossible.

## Diagnosis

Depressive disorders accounted for 27% of all admissions and 26% of first admissions for CHO 3; schizophrenia accounted for 18% of all and 11% of first admissions; mania accounted for 11% of all and 8% of first admissions, while neuroses accounted for 13% of all and 18% of first admissions.

All and first admission rates in CHO 3 were highest for depressive disorders, at 80.0 (Figure 2) and 28.6 per 100,000, respectively. Schizophrenia had the second-highest rate of all admissions in CHO 3, at 53.5, followed by neuroses, at 38.4 and mania, at 33.5. Neuroses had the second-highest rate of first admissions in CHO 3, at 19.7 per 100,000, followed by schizophrenia, at 12.5.

**Figure 1: All admissions by age category by CHO area. Ireland 2021. Rates per 100,000 total population**



## Legal status

Involuntary admissions accounted for almost 12% of all and 11% of first admissions for CHO 3. The rate of all involuntary admissions in CHO 3 was 34.8, the lowest amongst all CHO areas, while that for first admissions was 11.9 per 100,000, the second-lowest first rate amongst all CHO areas (Figure 3).

## Hospital type

Almost 75% of all admissions for CHO 3 were to general hospital psychiatric units, 3% were to psychiatric hospitals/continuing care units and 22% were to independent/private and private charitable centres.

## Discharges

There were 1,155 discharges (1,148 discharges and 7 deaths) for CHO 3 in 2021. Twenty-six per cent of discharges occurred within one week of admission, 19% occurred within one to two weeks and

22% occurred within two to four weeks of admission. Ninety-three per cent of discharges occurred within three months of admission. This is similar to the pattern observed nationally.

Discharges for CHO 3 accounted for 7% of all discharges and 8% of all in-patient days. The average length of stay for all discharges for CHO 3 was 62.0 days (median 16 days) (Figure 4). This compares with the national average of 55.6 days (median 14 days).

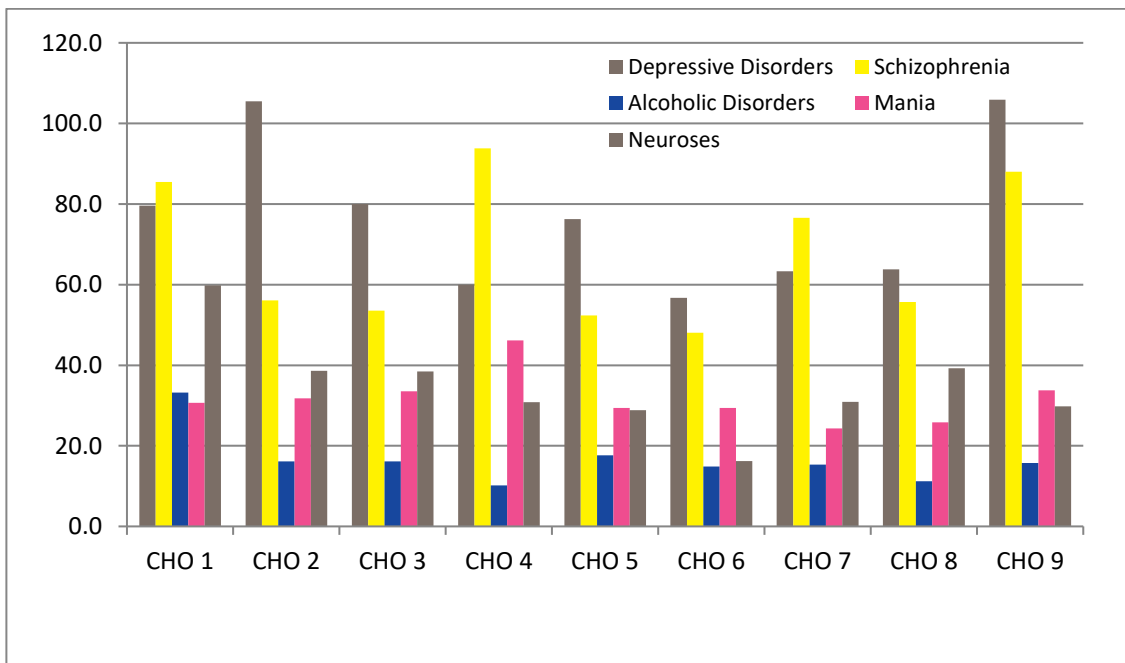
When discharges with a length of stay of one year or more were excluded, discharges for CHO 3 accounted for 7% of discharges and 8% of in-patient days. The average length of stay for discharges, excluding those with a length of stay of one year or more, was 27.5 days (median 16 days).

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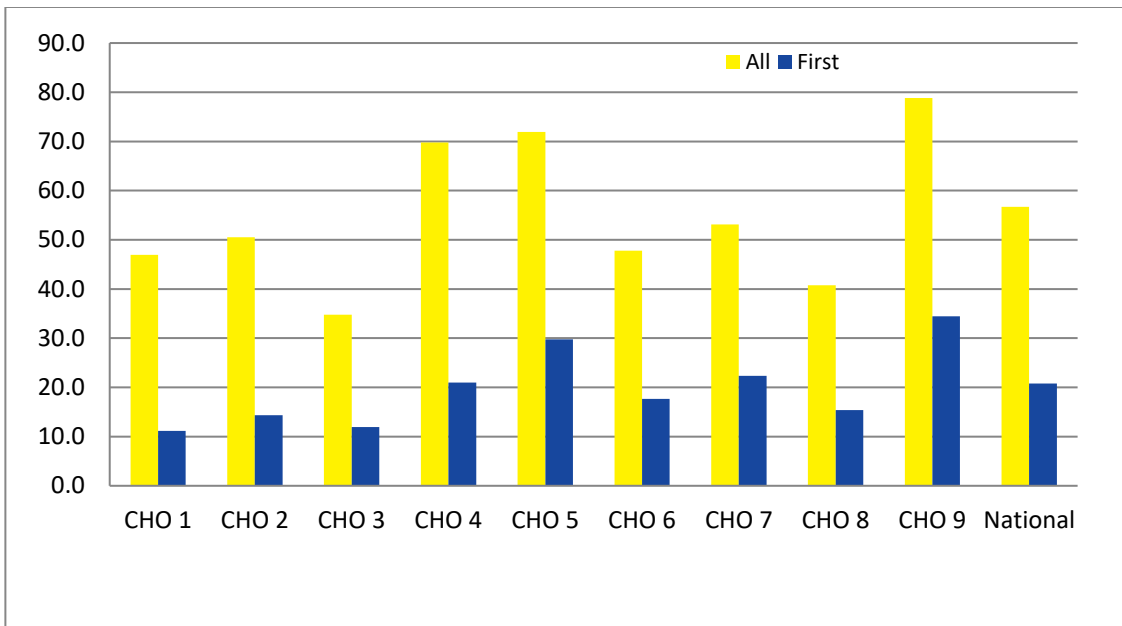
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**Figure 2: Admissions for selected diagnostic groups by CHO area. Ireland 2021. Rates per 100,000 total population**



**Figure 3: All and first involuntary admissions by CHO area. Ireland 2021. Rates per 100,000 total population**



**Figure 4: Average length of stay (days) for all discharges and discharges up to 1 year by CHO area. Ireland 2021**

