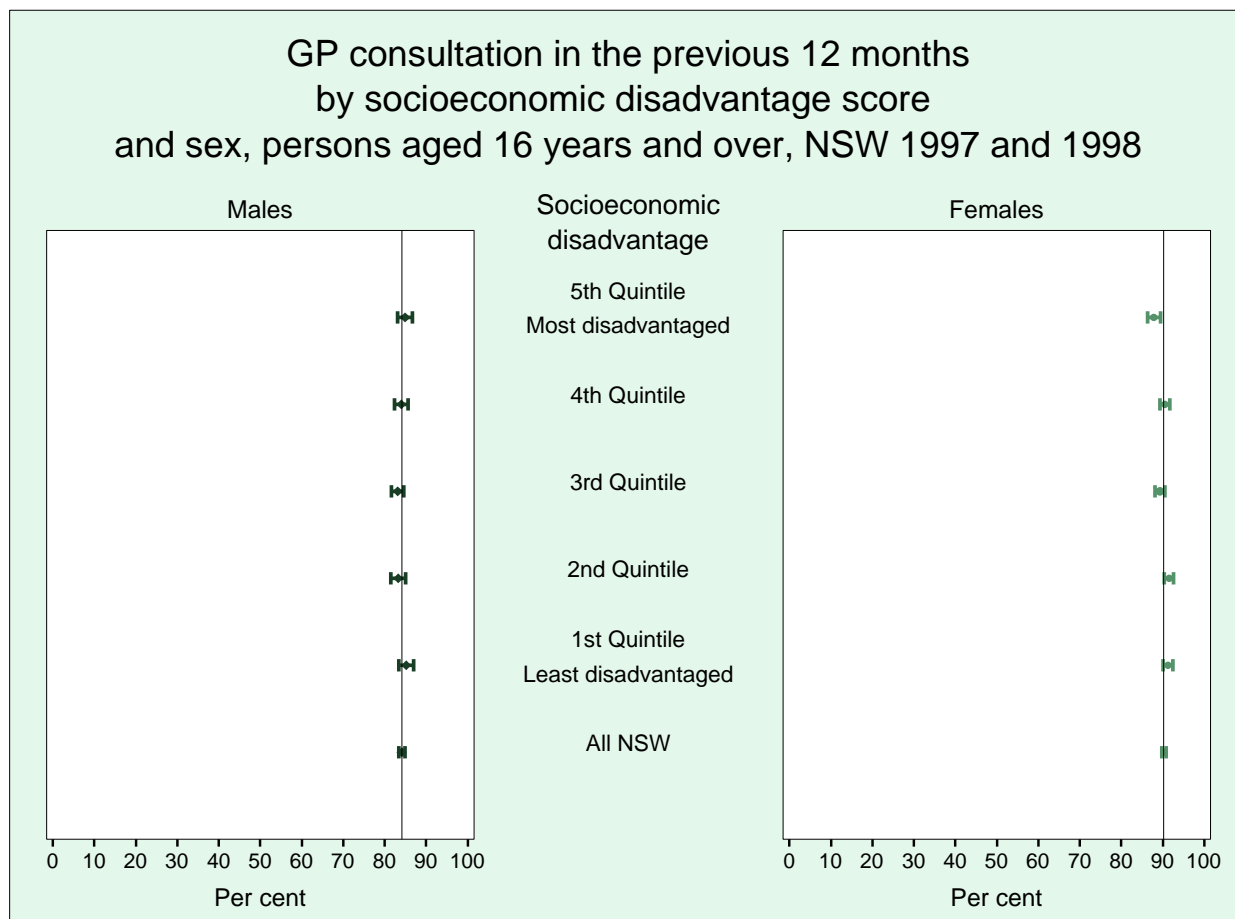


# NSW Health Surveys 1997 and 1998

## Health Services Utilisation: GP consultations - previous 12 months



| Quintile of socioeconomic disadvantage | Males % (95%CI)  | Males Est. No. | Females % (95%CI) | Females Est. No. | Persons % (95%CI) | Persons Est. No. |
|--|------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1st Quintile ( $\geq 1063.5$ )         | 85.2 (83.4-86.9) | 500,000        | 91.3 (90.0-92.5)  | 569,000          | 88.3 (87.2-89.4)  | 1,069,000        |
| 2nd Quintile (1007.3-< 1063.5)         | 83.3 (81.5-85.0) | 404,000        | 91.5 (90.4-92.6)  | 464,000          | 87.5 (86.5-88.5)  | 867,000          |
| 3rd Quintile (971.6-< 1007.3)          | 83.1 (81.6-84.6) | 436,000        | 89.4 (88.2-90.6)  | 498,000          | 86.4 (85.4-87.3)  | 934,000          |
| 4th Quintile (938.8-< 971.6)           | 84.0 (82.3-85.7) | 310,000        | 90.5 (89.3-91.7)  | 328,000          | 87.2 (86.2-88.2)  | 638,000          |
| 5th Quintile (< 938.8)                 | 84.9 (83.2-86.7) | 309,000        | 87.9 (86.4-89.4)  | 307,000          | 86.4 (85.2-87.5)  | 616,000          |
| NSW (total score = 1006)               | 84.1 (83.3-84.9) | 1,958,000      | 90.3 (89.7-90.8)  | 2,166,000        | 87.2 (86.8-87.7)  | 4,124,000        |

**Note:** Estimates based on 35,025 respondents (17,531 in 1997; 17,494 in 1998). 56 (0.2%) not stated for GP consultations in previous 12 months. Postcodes were classified into quintiles by scores based on the ABS Socio-Economic Indices For Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD). The IRSD is based on 1996 Census data. Higher scores indicate higher economic status. The IRSD score for the whole Australia is set at 1000 reference points. Estimated counts are rounded to the nearest 1,000.

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