

History of Dorset County Hospital

Statistical Paper No. 3

**DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL
IN-PATIENT ADMISSIONS 1850-59
STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

Dorset County Hospital In-patient Admissions 1850-59

Data source: Dorset County Hospital in-patient admissions registers, NG/HH/DO(C)/5/2/1-2, held at Dorset History Centre.

The figures in this analysis refer to *admissions* rather than individual *patients*.

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*Population figures for each Dorset Poor Law Union come from *Shaw's Union Officers' Manual for 1852*. Note that some Dorset parishes were in Poor Law Unions in Devon and Somerset.

**Distances (in miles) between parishes of residence and Dorset County Hospital have been taken from the 'Parish Locator' database © 1997/2013 D. M. Bennett from original data supplied by Gerald Lawson.

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	Male		Female		Unknown		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total in-patients	1859	57.6	1366	42.3	2	0.1	3227	100.0
Case type								
Surgical	1281	68.9	715	52.3	2	100.0	1998	61.9
Medical	576	31.0	651	47.7	0	0.0	1227	38.0
Unknown	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Total	1859	100.0	1366	100.0	2	100.0	3227	100.0
Age at admission								
Under 10	112	6.0	77	5.6	0	0.0	189	5.9
10-19	364	19.6	335	24.5	1	50.0	700	21.7
20-29	416	22.4	420	30.7	0	0.0	836	25.9
30-39	291	15.7	196	14.3	0	0.0	487	15.1
40-49	249	13.4	160	11.7	0	0.0	409	12.7
50-59	174	9.4	89	6.5	0	0.0	263	8.1
60 & over	134	7.2	35	2.6	0	0.0	169	5.2
Unknown	119	6.4	54	4.0	1	50.0	174	5.4
Total	1859	100.0	1366	100.0	2	100.0	3227	100.0
Youngest	0	-	0	-	10	-	0	-
Oldest	81	-	82	-	10	-	82	-
Average age	32	-	28	-	10	-	30	-

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Residence by Poor Law Union	Number	Population	Patients per 1,000
Beaminster	92	14275	6.44
Blandford	264	14798	17.84
Bridport	145	16890	8.58
Cerne	312	7777	40.12
Dorchester	1380	17225	80.12
Poole	38	12891	2.95
Shaftesbury	21	13028	1.61
Sherborne	127	13081	9.71
Sturminster	103	10387	9.92
Wareham	229	17413	13.15
Weymouth	275	22037	12.48
Wimborne	106	17281	6.13
Dorset parishes in			
Axminster Union, Devon	15	-	-
Wincanton Union, Somerset	1	-	-
Non-Dorset parishes	66	-	-
Residence not stated	46	-	-
Residence not identified	7	-	-
Total	3227	-	-

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Residence by Dorset parish	Distance (miles)	Patients
Dorchester/Fordington	0.00	607
Abbotsbury	7.50	13
Affpuddle	7.70	19
Allington	13.80	14
Almer	15.10	1
Alton Pancras	7.50	10
Anderson	12.60	1
Arne	18.10	3
Ashmore	22.00	0
Askerswell	10.00	0
Athelhampton	6.10	4
Batcombe	9.70	4
Beaminster	14.70	15
Beer Hackett	14.20	0
Belchalwell	13.60	6
Bere Regis	10.40	26
Bettiscombe	19.00	0
Bincombe	3.70	9
Bishop's Caundle	14.30	1
Blandford	15.90	60
Bloxworth	12.70	2
Bothenhampton	13.70	3
Bourton (incl Silton)	25.30	0
Bradford Abbas	16.10	17
Bradford Peverell	2.20	47
Bradpole	13.30	10
Bridport	13.70	46
Broadmayne	3.50	38
Broadwey	3.90	26
Broadwinsor	17.20	13
Bryanstone	15.40	0
Buckhorn Weston	21.60	1
Buckland Newton	9.30	34
Buckland Ripers	5.60	11
Burleston	6.10	0
Burstock	18.10	1
Burton Bradstock	12.40	5
Canford Magna	22.30	9
Cann	22.60	2
Castleton	15.60	0
Cattistock	7.90	21
Caundle Marsh	14.30	1
Cerne Abbas	6.90	43

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Chalbury	23.60	0
Chaldon Herring	8.10	9
Chardstock	25.10	2
Charlton Marshall	15.90	11
Charminster	1.40	57
Charmouth	20.00	1
Chedington	15.90	0
Cheselbourne	7.50	14
Chetnole	12.20	0
Chettle	22.00	2
Chickerell	6.70	9
Chideock	16.20	3
Chilcombe	10.00	0
Child Okeford	16.50	10
Chilfrome	8.00	4
Church Knowle	16.50	12
Clifton Maybank	15.80	1
Compton Abbas	21.00	0
Compton Valence	5.90	4
Coombe Keynes	10.60	1
Corfe Castle	18.30	36
Corfe Mullen	19.10	11
Corscombe	14.10	0
Cranborne	27.10	3
Dewlish	7.50	45
Durweston	15.40	2
East Chelborough	12.30	0
East Orchard	19.20	0
East Stoke	12.10	5
East Stour	21.00	7
Edmondsham	27.00	0
Evershot	11.10	12
Farnham	22.90	5
Fifehead Magdalen	20.20	2
Fifehead Neville	13.40	1
Fleet	6.90	1
Folke	14.40	6
Fontmell Magna	19.60	2
Frampton	4.90	43

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Frome St Quintin	9.30	1
Frome Vauchurch	6.70	10
Gillingham	23.60	1
Glanvilles Wootton	11.20	14
Godmanstone	4.50	15
Great Toller (Toller Porcorum)	9.00	8
Gussage All Saints	23.40	0
Gussage St Michael	22.70	0
Halstock	14.60	4
Hammoon	17.00	2
Hampreston	23.50	8
Hamworthy	19.30	1
Handley	26.00	1
Hawkchurch	22.00	0
Haydon	15.50	0
Hazelbury Bryan	11.80	15
Hermitage	10.80	7
Hilfield	9.80	1
Hilton	10.20	40
Hinton Martell	22.80	3
Hinton Parva (Little Hinton)	21.10	1
Hinton St Mary	17.30	2
Holme East	13.30	0
Holnest	11.90	2
Holwell	13.10	19
Hooke	11.20	3
Horton	24.20	3
Ibberton	12.20	1
Iwerne Courtney	17.30	7
Iwerne Minster	18.60	2
Iwerne Steepleton	17.20	0
Kimmeridge	15.80	3
Kingston Russell	6.90	9
Kington Magna	21.10	0
Kinson	23.90	3
Knighton	3.60	29
Langton Herring	6.60	5
Langton Long Blandford	16.00	0
Langton Matravers	20.60	6

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Leigh	12.00	5
Leweston (extra parochial)	14.00	0
Lillington	14.20	0
Little Bredy	6.20	25
Litton Cheney	8.10	15
Loders	12.10	8
Long Bredy	7.50	28
Long Burton	13.90	1
Long Crichell	21.90	1
Longfleet	20.50	0
Lulworth	10.70	8
Lydlinch	14.80	5
Lyme Regis	21.20	6
Lytchett Matravers	16.40	8
Lytchett Minster	16.80	6
Maiden Newton	7.10	51
Manston	17.50	0
Mapperton	12.50	0
Mappowder	10.40	3
Margaret Marsh	19.40	1
Marnhull	18.30	5
Marshwood	19.50	0
Melbury Abbas	22.40	0
Melbury Bubb	11.40	4
Melbury Osmond	12.60	8
Melbury Sampford	12.10	0
Melcombe Horsey	9.00	18
Melcombe Regis	6.20	19
Milborne St Andrew	8.60	28
Milborne Stileham	9.80	1
Milton Abbas	10.10	31
Minterne Magna	8.90	8
Morden	14.60	11
More Crichel	22.30	7
Moreton	7.50	15
Mosterton	17.10	2

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Motcombe	23.90	0
Nether Cerne	5.10	8
Nether Compton	17.70	4
Netherbury	14.80	8
North Poorton	11.70	0
North Wootton	15.00	3
Osborne	17.50	0
Okeford Fitzpaine	14.50	1
Osmington	5.00	17
Over Compton	17.10	1
Owermoigne	5.90	18
Parkstone	21.70	0
Pentridge	27.50	0
Piddlehinton	4.70	21
Piddletrenthide	5.70	44
Pilsdon	17.70	0
Pimperne	18.10	7
Poole	20.50	11
Portesham	5.60	24
Portland	10.60	11
Powerstock	11.20	12
Poxwell	5.30	4
Preston	4.50	6
Puddletown	5.00	76
Pulham	11.20	12
Puncknowle	9.40	7
Purse Caundle	16.80	0
Radipole	5.70	7
Rampisham	10.50	6
Ryme Intrinseca	13.90	2
Shaftesbury	22.80	1
Shapwick	17.00	5
Sherborne	16.40	51
Shillingstone	15.70	4
Shipton Gorge	11.80	3
South Perrott	16.40	0
Spetisbury	16.10	7
Stalbridge	17.10	15
Stanton St Gabriel	18.10	1

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Steeple	15.30	2
Stinsford	2.00	38
Stock Gaylard	14.50	2
Stockwood	11.70	0
Stoke Abbott	15.60	3
Stoke Wake	11.10	9
Stour Provost	20.40	0
Stourpaine	16.30	3
Stourton Caundle	15.60	4
Stratton	2.60	22
Studland	22.30	5
Sturminster Marshall	17.10	11
Sturminster Newton	16.10	12
Sutton Waldron	19.10	5
Swanage	22.40	14
Swyre	10.00	11
Sydling St Nicholas	6.40	48
Symondsburry	15.00	15
Tarrant Crawford	17.00	0
Tarrant Gunville	20.20	1
Tarrant Hinton	20.30	0
Tarrant Keynston	17.30	0
Tarrant Launceston	20.00	0
Tarrant Monkton	19.60	4
Tarrant Rawston	18.40	0
Tarrant Rushton	18.10	1
Thorncombe	20.90	6
Thornford	15.10	7
Tingleton	5.60	12
Todber	19.80	0
Toller Fratrum	8.10	3
Tolpuddle	7.30	16
Turner's Puddle	9.50	3
Turnworth	13.30	0
Tyneham	13.90	1
Upcerne	7.70	3
Upwey	3.30	48
Walditch	12.50	0
Wambrook	26.40	0
Wareham	15.00	10

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Warmwell	5.30	8
Watercombe	5.70	3
West Chelborough	12.70	5
West Compton	7.90	0
West Orchard	18.30	0
West Parley	25.20	1
West Stafford	2.60	23
West Stour	20.80	0
Weymouth	6.90	38
Whitchurch Canonicorum	18.30	3
Whitcombe	2.20	5
Wimborne Minster	21.40	32
Wimborne St Giles	25.70	2
Winfrith Newburgh	8.30	27
Winterborne Came	4.30	14
Winterborne Clenstone	1.80	3
Winterborne Herringston	12.30	0
Winterborne Houghton	1.20	7
Winterborne Kingston	11.90	14
Winterborne Monkton	12.00	13
Winterborne St Martin	2.00	43
Winterborne Steepleton	2.00	10
Winterborne Stickland	3.80	5
Winterborne Tomson	12.70	0
Winterborne Whitchurch	13.20	29
Winterborne Zelston	11.20	1
Winterbourne Abbas	13.70	39
Witchampton	21.10	6
Woodlands	25.80	4
Woodsford	5.00	24
Wool	10.20	6
Woolland	11.40	7
Wootton Fitzpaine	20.10	1
Worth Matravers	19.70	5
Wraxall	10.10	0
Wyke Regis	8.20	6
Wynford Eagle	6.90	4
Yetminster	13.60	6
Total	-	3108

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Residence by county/country	Number	%
Devon	1	0.0
Dorset	3108	98.0
Essex	1	0.0
Gloucestershire	2	0.1
Hampshire	9	0.3
Kent	2	0.1
Lancashire	1	0.0
London	1	0.0
Suffolk	1	0.0
Somerset	29	0.9
Surrey	1	0.0
Staffordshire	1	0.0
Wiltshire	14	0.4
Total	3171	100.0
England	3171	98.3
Scotland	1	0.0
Ireland	1	0.0
Overseas	1	0.0
Residence not stated	46	1.4
Residence unidentified	7	0.2
Total	3227	100.0

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Occupation	Male		Female		Unknown		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
"None"	3	0.2	1	0.1	0	0.0	4	0.1
Not stated	25	1.3	39	2.9	1	50.0	65	2.0
Wife	0	0.0	395	28.9	0	0.0	395	12.2
Widow	0	0.0	33	2.4	0	0.0	33	1.0
Child	168	9.0	271	19.8	1	50.0	440	13.6
Single	0	0.0	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1
Labourer	881	47.4	8	0.6	0	0.0	889	27.5
Field woman	0	0.0	73	5.3	0	0.0	73	2.3
Apprentice (unspecified)	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Bailiff	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Baker	12	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	0.4
Blacksmith	31	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	31	1.0
Boatman	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Bookbinder	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Brass/tin/copper worker	7	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0.2
Brewer/maltster	9	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	0.3
Brick maker	8	0.4	1	0.1	0	0.0	9	0.3
Bricklayer	5	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.2
Brush maker	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Butcher	12	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	0.4
Button maker	0	0.0	5	0.4	0	0.0	5	0.2
Cabinet maker	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1
Cabman/coachman	6	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	0.2
Carpenter	55	3.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	55	1.7
Carrier/postal worker	9	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	0.3
Carter	59	3.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	59	1.8
Charwoman	0	0.0	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1
Chimney sweep	5	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.2
Clay worker	4	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.1
Clock/watch maker	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Coach maker	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Coal porter	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Coast guard	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1
Dairy worker	3	0.2	6	0.4	0	0.0	9	0.3
Engineer	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Errand boy	5	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.2
Factory worker	5	0.3	7	0.5	0	0.0	12	0.4
Farmer	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Fisherman	6	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	0.2
Flax merchant	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Flax worker	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Fur/skin worker	7	0.4	2	0.1	0	0.0	9	0.3

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Gamekeeper	5	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.2
Gaoler	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Gardener	26	1.4	2	0.1	0	0.0	28	0.9
Glazier	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Glove worker	2	0.1	16	1.2	0	0.0	18	0.6
Groom	21	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	21	0.7
Hawker	7	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0.2
Helper [?]	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Hemp worker	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Herdsman	5	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.2
Image maker	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Ironmonger	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Knitter	0	0.0	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1
Lace seller	0	0.0	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1
Lamp lighter	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Laundress	0	0.0	30	2.2	0	0.0	30	0.9
Mason, stone worker	40	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	40	1.2
Miller	6	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	0.2
Miner	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Missionary	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Newsvendor	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Nurse	0	0.0	9	0.7	0	0.0	9	0.3
Orphan	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1
Ostler	22	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	0.7
Painter	14	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	0.4
Pauper	3	0.2	4	0.3	0	0.0	7	0.2
Pensioner	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Plasterer	7	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0.2
Ploughboy	51	2.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	51	1.6
Ploughman	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Plumber	4	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.1
Policeman	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Porter	10	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	0.3
Printer	2	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	3	0.1
Rag merchant	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Railway labourer	31	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	31	1.0
Railway servant	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Rat catcher	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Reaper	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1
Roadsman	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Rope maker	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0
Saddle/harness maker	4	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.1
Sailor	18	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	18	0.6
Sawyer	15	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	15	0.5

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Scavenger	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1
Schoolchild	27	1.5	19	1.4	0	0.0	46	1.4
Seaman	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1
Sempstress	0	0.0	61	4.5	0	0.0	61	1.9
Servant	18	1.0	241	17.6	0	0.0	259	8.0
Servant (discharged)	6	0.3	108	7.9	0	0.0	114	3.5
Shepherd	20	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	20	0.6
Ship's cook	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Shoe/bootmaker	42	2.3	2	0.1	0	0.0	44	1.4
Shop worker	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0
Silk worker	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Silversmith	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Soldier	7	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0.2
Soldier (discharged)	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Stable worker	7	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0.2
Stay maker	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0
Stoker	5	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.2
Tailor	17	0.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	0.5
Tallow chandler	4	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.1
Tea dealer	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Teacher	0	0.0	6	0.4	0	0.0	6	0.2
Thatcher	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1
Tramp	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Traveller	0	0.0	3	0.2	0	0.0	3	0.1
Twine spinner	2	0.1	10	0.7	0	0.0	12	0.4
Waggoner	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
Waiter	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1
Weaver	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1
Wheelwright	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1
Woodman	12	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	0.4
Total	1859	100.0	1366	100.0	2	100.0	3227	100.0