

Voluntary Assisted Dying Data South Australia

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Annual	2022-23#	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26*			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	
First Requests	116	405	579	137	118	140	1495
Accepted	115	399	574	136	117	138	1479
Refused	1	6	5	1	1	2	16
First assessments	109	380	554	137	115	138	1433
Eligible	101	344	514	125	102	130	1316
Ineligible	8	36	40	12	13	8	117
Consulting assessments	88	314	462	117	101	110	1192
Eligible	87	307	459	116	95	110	1174
Ineligible	1	4	3	1	6	0	15
VAD Permit issued (assessed as eligible)	68	254	406	93	88	89	998
Self administration	51	230	343	89	72	68	853
percentage	76	92	84			76	
Practitioner administration	17	24	63	14	16	21	155
percentage	24	8	16			24	
Died after VAD Permit issued	45	214	353	92	81	82	867
Self administration	28	141	200	49	49	38	505
Practitioner administration	11	15	51	10	9	13	109
Total: VAD substance deaths	39	156	251	59	58	51	614
Did not use VAD substance	6	58	102	33	23	31	253
Permit applications per month	15	23	34	na	na	na	24
VAD substance dispensed	56	234	334	83	65	69	841
Self administration	45	214	280	72	54	53	718
Practitioner administration	11	20	54	11	11	16	123
Time for VAD steps							
Median days first request to VAD Permit issued	26^	18	18 (2-427)	14 (4-62)	18 (4-125)	19 (3-191)	
Median days between VAD Permit issued and death				18 (0-442)	11 (0-520)	6 (0-55)	
Median days between VAD Permit issued and death - self administration	14**	8**	13 (0-446)	na	na	na	
Median days between VAD Permit issued and death - practitioner administration	14**	8**	3 (0-318)	na	na	na	
Median days between VAD Permit issued and death - without administration			26 (0-458)	na	na	na	

Deaths without VAD							
Died after issue of VAD Permit (no administration)				33	23	31	
Died after first request accepted, but before VAD Permit issued				na	na	na	
Assessed as eligible, but later Ineligible eg due to loss of decision making capacity				na	na	na	
Underlying disease (people who died with a VAD permit)	(of 45)	(of 214)	(of 353)	(of 92)	(of 81)	(of 82)	(of 867)
Cancer	27	174	261	70	58	55	645
percentage	60%	81%	74%	76%	73%	67%	75%
Neurodegenerative	10	22	30	8	8	14	92
percentage	22	10	8.5	9	10	17	11%
other eg heart failure, end stage organ failure, respiratory disease				13	12	12	125
percentage	18	9	17.5	14	16	15	14%
Demographics							
Median age (died with VAD Permit)				78 (37-96)	75 (45-97)	75 (45-97)	Percent
Age over 60	89%	85%	91%	na	na	na	88
Female	44%	47%	43%	36%	51%	45%	45
Male	56%	53%	57%	64%	49%	55%	55
Born in Australia	73%	69%	70%	na	na	na	71
ATSI		1%	1%	na	na	na	1
Interpreter used	1 person	1%	1%	na	na	na	1
Post high school education	41%						
Location (people who died with VAD Permit)							Percent
Metro	72%	67%	65%	65%	68%	71%	68
Regional	28%	33%	35%	35%	32%	29%	32
Private residence	51%	51%	44%	48%	44%	45%	49
Hospital^	40%	36%	44%	48%	44%	48%	40
Residential Aged Care	9%	22%	11%	6%	8%	7%	14
Receiving Palliative care	72%	80%	81%	87%	80%	85%	78
VAD trained practitioners	66	75	83	83	86	87	75
VAD as % total deaths in SA	0.6%	1.0%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.3%	1.40%

five months, Jan 31 to June 30

* preliminary quarterly data

** combined self & practitioner administration

^ between 5% and 10% are private hospitals

Source: South Australia VAD Review Board Annual and Quarterly Reports