

# National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12–Waiting times for GPs, 2018

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# National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12–Waiting times for GPs, 2018

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Progress measure
<b>Short name:</b>	PI 12–Waiting times for GPs, 2018
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	658511
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 19/06/2019
<b>Description:</b>	Length of time a person needs to wait to see a general practitioner (GP) for an urgent appointment.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement (2018)</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 16/06/2019
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Primary and Community Health</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/07/2010
<b>Data quality statement:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2018 QS</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 30/01/2018

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Population group age from:</b>	15 years
<b>Computation description:</b>	<p>The interpretation of 'urgent medical care' was left to the respondent.</p> <p>Numerator refers to waiting time for most recent appointment with a GP in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Population is limited to persons aged 15 years and over.</p> <p>Analysis by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) – Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of the person.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p> <p>95% confidence intervals and relative standard errors calculated for rates.</p>
<b>Computation:</b>	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$ calculated separately for each waiting time category (within 4 hours; 4 hours or more but within 24 hours; and 24 hours or more).
<b>Numerator:</b>	Number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (for their own health) within specified waiting time categories.

### Numerator data elements:

#### Data Element / Data Set

##### Data Element

People who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (for their own health)

##### Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

##### Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

#### Data Element / Data Set

**Data Element / Data Set****Data Element**

Person—age, total years N[NN]

**Data Source**

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Data Element / Data Set****Data Element**

Specified waiting time categories

**Data Source**

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Waiting time categories are: within 4 hours; more than 4 hours but within 24 hours; and more than 24 hours.

**Data Element / Data Set****Data Element**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in non-remote areas who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (for their own health)

**Data Source**

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012–13 \(National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Data Element / Data Set****Data Element**

Person—age, total years N[NN]

**Data Source**

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012–13 \(National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component\)](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set****Data Element**

Specified waiting time categories

**Data Source**

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012–13 \(National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component\)](#)

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**Denominator:**

Total number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (for their own health) in the last 12 months.

**Denominator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

People who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (for their own health) in the last 12 months

**Data Source**

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Person—age, total years N[NN]

**Data Source**

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in non-remote areas who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (for their own health) in the last 12 months

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**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Person—age, total years N[NN]

**Data Source**

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**Disaggregation:**

2016–17—State and territory, by waiting time category.

2016–17—State and territory, by waiting time category, by (not reported):

- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Edition 2011 – (ASGS) Remoteness Area) (Major cities, other)

2016–17—Nationally, by waiting time category, by (all not reported):

- sex
- Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) – 2011 – deciles
- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Edition 2011 – (ASGS) Remoteness Area) (Major cities, Inner regional, Outer regional, Remote/Very remote)

2016–17—State and territory (non-remote areas of Australia only), by waiting time category, by sex (not reported).

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

**Disaggregation data elements:****Data Element / Data Set****Data Element**

Person—area of usual residence

**Data Source**

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

**Data Element / Data Set****Data Element**

Person—area of usual residence

**Data Source**

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012–13 \(National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Used for disaggregation by state/territory

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—sex, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Comments:** Most recent data available for the 2018 National Healthcare Agreement performance reporting: 2016–17 (total population: PEx); 2012–13 (Indigenous only: AATSIHS).

Non-indigenous data from the Patient Experience Survey (PEx) may not be directly comparable with data for Indigenous people from the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (AATSIHS).

Note, in terms of time series for this indicator, 2011–12 data are comparable to 2012–13. However, 2012–13 data may not be comparable to 2013–14 (as the position in the survey instrument has changed).

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Percentage

**Data type:** Real

**Unit of measure:** Person

**Format:** N[NN].N

## Indicator conceptual framework

**Framework and dimensions:** [Accessibility](#)

## Data source attributes

**Data sources:**

### Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEx\)](#)

#### Frequency

Annual

#### Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

### Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012–13 \(National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component\)](#)

#### Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Healthcare Agreement

**Organisation responsible for providing data:** Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Further data development / collection required:** Specification: Final, the measure meets the intention of the indicator.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Bureau of Statistics

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12–Waiting times for GPs, 2017](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2018

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12–Waiting times for GPs, 2019](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19–Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2018](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2018](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32–Patient satisfaction/experience, 2018](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 33–Full time equivalent employed health practitioners per 1,000 population \(by age group\), 2018](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019