

National Healthcare Agreement: PB a–Better health: close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous Australians within a generation, 2021

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
| Indicator type: | Indicator |
| Short name: | PB a–Close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous Australians within a generation, 2021 |
| METEOR identifier: | 725842 |
| Registration status: | Health , Standard 03/07/2020 |
| Description: | Difference between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancies at birth. |
| Indicator set: | National Healthcare Agreement (2021) Health , Standard 19/11/2020 |
| Outcome area: | Prevention Health , Standard 07/07/2010 |

Collection and usage attributes

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| Computation description: | A generation is defined as 25 years. Life expectancy for Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations is calculated for a rolling 3-year period and reported every 5 years. Presented as number of years. |
| Computation: | Calculated by direct estimation of life expectancy at birth for all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians using the average number of deaths in the 3-year period and the estimated resident population at a mid-point of that period. |
| Numerator: | The gap estimate does not have a numerator or denominator. The average number of years a person could expect to live from the day they are born, if they experienced mortality rates at each age, that are currently experienced by the relevant population. |
| Numerator data elements: | |

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Number of years of life expectancy at birth

Data Source

[ABS Life Tables for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census based and administrative by-product data

Disaggregation:

- Indigenous status by sex and State and Territory
- Indigenous status by sex and Remoteness Area at the national level only (Major cities, Inner and outer regional combined and Remote and very remote combined) (not reported).

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander estimates of life expectancy are not produced for Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania or the Australian Capital Territory due to the small number of Indigenous deaths reported in these jurisdictions.

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

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

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[ABS Life Tables for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census based and administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—sex, code X](#)

Data Source

[ABS Life Tables for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census based and administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

Data Source

[ABS Life Tables for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census based and administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by state/territory and remoteness

Comments:

Most recent data available for 2021 National Healthcare Agreement performance reporting: 2015–2017 (Indigenous and non-Indigenous population).

NO NEW DATA FOR 2021 REPORTING.

Baseline: 2005–2007.

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The [Life Tables for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians \(cat. no. 3302.0.55.003\)](#) publication is produced every 5 years. Non-Indigenous estimates in this publication are to be used as a comparator to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life expectancy estimates. The reference year for 2020 national reporting of life expectancy estimates for the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations is 2015–17 (published on 29 November 2018). This source is to be used until the next issue (for the reference year 2020–2022) is released in 2023.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Mean (average)
Data type: Real
Unit of measure: Time (e.g. days, hours)
Format: NN.N

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

[ABS Life Tables for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians](#)

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement
Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Bureau of Statistics
Benchmark: National Healthcare Agreement Performance Benchmark:
Close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous Australians within a generation.
Refer [National Healthcare Agreement 2012](#).
Further data development / collection required: Specification: Final, the measure meets the intention of the indicator.

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2018. *Life Tables for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2015–2017*, ABS cat. no. 3302.0.55.003. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 5 May 2020,
<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/3302.0.55.003~2015-2017~Main%20Features~Life%20Tables~13>
Council of Australian Governments 2012. National Healthcare Agreement (effective 25 July 2012). Viewed 5 May 2020,
http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health/_archive/healthcare_national-agreement.pdf

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PB a–Better health: close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous Australians within a generation, 2020 Health](#), Standard 13/03/2020
See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 06–Life expectancy, 2021 Health](#), Standard 03/07/2020