

# Prison entrant—reason for non-utilisation of health service, code NN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Reason for non-utilisation of health service
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	376304
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 28/04/2016</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The reason as to why a prison entrant did not use a health service when it was needed, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Prison entrant—reason for non-utilisation of health service</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2
<b>Permissible values:</b>	

Value	Meaning
01	Cost
02	Discrimination
03	Cultural inappropriateness
04	Indifference or unwillingness
05	Difficulty in attending health service
06	Waiting time too long or service not available at time required
07	Required service not available in a specific location
08	Too busy
09	Legal reasons
10	Intoxication
20	Other reasons

**Supplementary values:****Value Meaning**

99 Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

More than one reason may be selected.

**CODE 1 Cost**

Includes all cases where a health service was not sought because it was likely to be unaffordable.

**CODE 2 Discrimination**

Includes all cases of perceived discrimination at a health service, on the basis of factors such as age, sex, disability, religion or culture, etc.

**CODE 3 Cultural inappropriateness**

Includes cases where a health service was not sought because of a perceived lack of cultural consideration e.g. lack of appropriate interpreter services, or no service provider of similar cultural background available.

**CODE 4 Indifference or unwillingness**

Includes cases where a health service was not sought because a person either felt that seeking a health service was unnecessary, a person did not want to seek a health service, or a person lacked motivation to seek a health service.

**CODE 5 Difficulty in attending health service**

Includes cases where a health service was not sought either due to lack of available transport to attend the service or the distance required to attend a health service was perceived as being too great.

**CODE 6 Waiting time too long or service not available at time required**

Includes cases where the waiting time for a health service (either expected or actual) was too long, or the health service was not available at the required time.

**CODE 7 Required service not available in a specific location**

Includes cases where a health service was not available in the person's location e.g. local community area, prison etc.

**CODE 8 Too busy**

Includes cases where the person was too busy to seek a health service e.g. work, personal or family responsibilities.

**CODE 9 Legal reasons**

Includes cases where the person did not seek a health service for legal reasons e.g. likely arrest, actual arrest, appearance in court or being in custody.

**CODE 10 Intoxication**

Includes cases where the person did not seek a health service because they were intoxicated as a result of drug use, alcohol consumption or other causes.

**CODE 20 Other reasons**

Includes all reasons not elsewhere included.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This data element is used in conjunction with the data elements: *Prison entrant—service provider needed but not utilised indicator, yes/no code N*; *Prison entrant—type of service provider needed but not utilised, occupation code (ANZSCO 1st edition) N[NNN]{NN}* and *Health service event—prisoner location when service provider was needed, but not utilised, prisoner location code N* to provide information on the health seeking behaviours of prison entrants.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Prison entrant—reason for non-utilisation of health service, code NN](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

See also [Health service event—prisoner location when service provider was needed, but not utilised, prisoner location code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

See also [Prison entrant—type of service provider needed but not utilised, occupation code \(ANZSCO 1st edition\) N\[NNN\]{NN}](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Prison entrants DSS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

**Conditional obligation:**

Conditional on the prison entrant not seeing a health professional during the last 12 months, when required.

**DSS specific information:**

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants by reason for not seeking medical contact in the past 12 months when required.

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