

National Healthcare Agreement: P66-Proportion of health expenditure spent on public health, 2010 QS

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Data quality

Data quality statement summary:

- The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) health expenditure database is a comprehensive collection of expenditure data across all jurisdictions, and the private sector, and encompasses all areas of health expenditure from hospitals to medical services to public health activities.
- The indicator excludes small amounts of expenditure by state and territory governments that are funded by non-government sources (in the form of fees-for-service, etc). This amounted in 2007-08 to \$30 million out of \$2,129 million (1.4%).
- The numerator includes only funding from the health departments in the various jurisdictions. It does not include activities undertaken, for example, in education departments that do not receive funding from the health department in a state or territory. It also excludes any expenditure on public health activities undertaken or funded by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).

Institutional environment: The AIHW has calculated this indicator.

The data that are incorporated into the AIHW health expenditure database were supplied by a variety of data providers, including the DVA and the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA), state and territory health authorities, Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC), the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and injury compensation insurers. In the case of medical services and benefit-paid pharmaceuticals, they are sourced from the Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme statistics, respectively. Many of the ultimate sources of these data are the financial reporting systems of the various organisations.

The AIHW is an independent statutory authority within the Health and Ageing portfolio, which is accountable to the Parliament of Australia through the Minister. For further information see the AIHW website.

Timeliness: The reference period for this data set is 2007–08.

Accessibility: The AIHW publishes a number of products that draw upon its health expenditure database. Published products available on the AIHW website are:

- *Health expenditure Australia* and associated Excel tables
- *Public health expenditure Australia* and associated Excel tables
- Interactive data cubes

Interpretability: Supporting information on the quality and use of data from the Institute's health expenditure database are published annually in *Health expenditure Australia* (Chapter 6 & technical appendixes in the edition covering 2007–08) and in Appendixes A to C in *Public health expenditure in Australia, 2007-08*.

Relevance:	<p>The AIHW health expenditure database is a comprehensive collection of expenditure data across all jurisdictions, and the private sector, and encompasses all areas of health expenditure from hospitals to medical services to public health activities.</p> <p>This indicator is regarded as a long-term indicator of public health effort and sustainability.</p> <p>Public health activities that are not the subject of funding by state and territory governments or the Australian Government through the major jurisdictional health departments are not included in the estimates on which the indicator is based.</p> <p>Public health expenditure in the indicator for 2007-08 excludes Australian Government expenditure on regulatory bodies such as the Therapeutic Goods Administration, Office of Gene Technology Regulator and National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme that are largely funded from private revenues.</p> <p>Public health expenditure funded by the states and territories excludes \$30 million funding by non-government sources that cannot be allocated to individual activities.</p>
Accuracy:	<p>The AIHW develops, on advice from the National Public Health Expenditure Project's Technical Advisory Committee, comprehensive guidelines to accompany the annual questionnaires that are sent to the Australian government and state and territory health departments. These guidelines assist in ensuring that the data provided are consistent and comprehensive across jurisdictions. The AIHW undertakes checking of the data including comparisons of jurisdictions and over time.</p>
Coherence:	<p>The data here are consistent with what are published in <i>Public health expenditure in Australia 2007-08</i> and <i>Health expenditure Australia 2007-08</i>.</p>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Has been superseded by National Healthcare Agreement: P1 66-Public health program expenditure as a proportion of total health expenditure, 2011 QS Health, Superseded 04/12/2012</p>
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