

# National Healthcare Agreement: P60-Access to services by type of service compared to need, 2010

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Short name:</b>	Access to services compared to need, 2010
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	395101
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 08/06/2011
<b>Description:</b>	Proportion of people who accessed health services by health status.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement (2010)</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 08/06/2011
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Social Inclusion and Indigenous Health</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/07/2010 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 11/09/2012
<b>Data quality statement:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement: P60-Access to services by type of service compared to need, 2010 QS</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Retired 12/03/2015

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Population group age from:</b>	15 years of age, except those who visited dentists or dental professional: from 2 years of age							
<b>Computation description:</b>	<p>Rates are directly age-standardised to the Australian population as at 30 June 2001.</p> <p>Limited to people aged 15 years or over.</p> <p>The service types to be reported are Admitted hospitalisations; Casualty/outpatients; General Practitioner (GP) and/or specialist doctor consultations; Consultations with other health professional; and Dental consultation.</p> <p>Categories of self-assessed health status are Excellent; Very good; Good; Fair; and Poor. These should be combined into two categories for reporting: Excellent/very good/good; and Fair/poor.</p> <p>For the service type 'Admitted hospitalisations', access is recorded based on the last 12 months. For all other services, access is recorded based on the last 2 weeks.</p>							
<b>Computation:</b>	<p><math>100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})</math></p> <p>Calculated separately for each type of service and by categories of self-assessed health status.</p>							
<b>Numerator:</b>	Number of people aged 15 years and over who accessed a particular health services in the past 12 months (for hospital admissions) or 2 weeks (for other health services)							
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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Data Element / Data Set**

Persons who consulted a dentist or dental professional

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Consulted a dentist or dental professional, did not consult a dentist or dental professional, not applicable, not stated

**Data Element / Data Set**

Persons who consulted other health professional

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Consulted other health professional, did not consult other health professional, not known, not stated, not applicable

**Data Element / Data Set**

Persons who visited casualty/emergency or outpatients

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Visited casualty/emergency or outpatients, not visited casualty/emergency or outpatients, not applicable

**Data Element / Data Set**

Persons admitted to hospital in the last 12 months

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey](#)

[\(NATSIHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Hospitalised in the last 12 months, not hospitalised in the last 12 months, not applicable

**Data Element / Data Set**

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Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Consulted a dentist or dental professional, did not consult a dentist or dental professional, not applicable, not stated

**Data Element / Data Set**

Persons who consulted other health professional

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Consulted other health professional, did not consult other health professional, not known, not stated, not applicable

**Data Element / Data Set**

Persons who visited casualty/outpatients in the last 12 months

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Visited casualty/emergency or outpatients, not visited casualty/emergency or outpatients, not applicable

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Population aged 15 years and over

Denominator:

**Denominator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

General health status

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Data element codes: Excellent, very good, good, fair, poor, not applicable

**Data Element / Data Set**

Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2001)

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness area and SEIFA of residence

**Data Element / Data Set**

General health status

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Data element codes: Excellent, very good, good, fair, poor, not applicable

**Data Element / Data Set**

Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2001)

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey  
Used for state/territory disaggregation by Indigenous status

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Comments:**

Specified disaggregation: Nationally and by state/territory: by service type and self assessed health status; with components of Indigenous status, remoteness area and SEIFA of residence.

Available disaggregation: Nationally and by state/territory: by service type and self assessed health status; with components of Indigenous status, remoteness area and SEIFA of residence.

Most recent data available for 2010 CRC baseline report: 2004-05.

**Representational attributes**

**Representation class:** Percentage

**Data type:** Real

**Unit of measure:** Person

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

**Indicator conceptual framework**

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

[Accessibility](#)

**Data source attributes**

**Data sources:****Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

**Frequency**

Every 3 years

**Data custodian**

Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

**Frequency**

Every 6 years

**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: Interim

From 2010–11, this indicator may be derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Patient Experience Survey. Service types in scope for 2011 CRC reporting are GPs, specialists, hospital emergency and hospital admissions; access to dentists will be available for 2012 reporting and beyond.

In the immediate future years the NATSIHS will remain the best data source for Indigenous Australians, as disaggregation of the Patient Experience Survey by Indigenous status within states/territories is unlikely to be possible. As the NATSIHS is conducted every 6 years, mechanisms for more frequent reporting of this indicator by Indigenous status should be investigated.

Modelling of imputed need for health services among population groups could be considered to enhance usefulness of administrative data on differential access to health services.

**Other issues caveats:** Disaggregations within individual jurisdictions are subject to data quality considerations. Some disaggregations may result in numbers too small for publication.

The scope of the source collections is limited to persons usually resident in private dwellings. Persons usually resident in non-private dwellings such as hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing homes and short-stay caravan parks were not included in the surveys. Estimates for non-Indigenous people exclude those living in very remote areas of Australia.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: P160-Access to services by type of service compared to need, 2011](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P15-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2010](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P16-People deferring recommended treatment due to financial barriers, 2010](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P46-Rates of services: Outpatient occasions of service, 2010](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P47-Rates of services: Non-acute care separations, 2010](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P48-Rates of services: Hospital procedures, 2010](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P08-Access to health care compared to need, 2010](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 04/04/2011