

# National Healthcare Agreement: P64a-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Output measure
<b>Short name:</b>	Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	395129
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 08/06/2011 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Superseded 08/06/2011
<b>Description:</b>	Indigenous Australians in the health workforce (for selected professions of medical practitioners and nurses/midwives).  Sourced from the the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Health Labour Force Surveys and state and territory registration board data.
<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 , Superseded 08/06/2011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: P64a-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010 QS</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 04/12/2012 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Superseded 04/12/2012

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Computation description:</b>	The scope of the workforce for each profession is defined as those employed in the profession. This excludes those who are registered with the profession but are retired, working outside the profession, on extended leave or working outside Australia.
<b>Computation:</b>	100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)
<b>Numerator:</b>	Number of Indigenous Australians in the health workforce for selected professions

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

Health professional—occupation

**Data Source**

[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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

Person—Indigenous status

**Data Source**

[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Health professional—occupation, code ANN](#)

**Data Source**

[AIHW Health Labour Force Surveys](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Health labour force NMDS](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Occupation codes for the selected occupations initially available are A01 to A06, C01 to C98

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[AIHW Health Labour Force Surveys](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Health labour force NMDS](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

Note: This data element is not included in the Health Labour Force NMDS but was included in the 2006 and 2007 Medical Labour Force Surveys and the 2007 Nursing and Midwifery Labour Force Survey.

**Denominator:**

Total health workforce for selected professions

**Denominator data  
elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Health professional—occupation

**Data Source**

[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Health professional—occupation, code ANN](#)

**Data Source**

[AIHW Health Labour Force Surveys](#)

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## Disaggregation data elements:

### Data Element / Data Set

#### Data Element

Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier

#### Data Source

[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

#### Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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## Comments:

Specified disaggregation: Nationally and state/territory by profession.

Available disaggregation: Nationally and state/territory by profession.

Most recent data available for 2010 CRC baseline report: 2007 (for medical and nursing/midwifery labour force survey data).

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Percentage

**Data type:** Real

**Unit of measure:** Person

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

## Indicator conceptual framework

## Data source attributes

**Data sources:**

**Data Source**

[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

**Frequency**

Annual

**Data custodian**

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Data Source**

[AIHW Health Labour Force Surveys](#)

**Frequency**

Annual

**Data custodian**

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Healthcare Agreement

**Organisation responsible  
for providing data:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Further data development /  
collection required:** Initially, only medical practitioners and nurses/midwives can be reported on. As the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme data become available, information on all 11 professions covered by that scheme (medical, dental, nursing, midwifery, optometry, osteopathy, occupational therapists, pharmacy, physiotherapy, psychology, chiropractic) will be used. From 2012, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners, Chinese medicine practitioners and medical radiation practitioners will also be included in the Scheme.

Questionnaires to collect workforce information as part of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme will need to be designed carefully to ensure sufficient Indigenous status responses are collected.

**Other issues caveats:** Specification: Interim

Until data are available from the new National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, the only available data will be for medical practitioners and nurses/midwives.

Indicators P64a and P64b present complementary information about the Indigenous workforce drawing from AIHW health labour force surveys and state and territory registration board data (P64a) and Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census data (P64b).

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: P164a-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2011](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P64b-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P65-Net growth in health workforce, 2010](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011