

National Healthcare Agreement: P64b-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Output measure
Short name:	Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010
METEOR identifier:	395132
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 08/06/2011
Description:	Indigenous Australians in the health workforce. Sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census data.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2010) Health , Superseded 08/06/2011
Outcome area:	Social Inclusion and Indigenous Health Health , Standard 07/07/2010 Indigenous , Standard 11/09/2012
Quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: P64b-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010 QS Health, Retired 12/03/2015

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	Calculation excludes 'Not stated' responses to the Indigenous status question. The scope of the health workforce for this indicator is those employed in health occupations. Those occupations that are defined as health occupations are detailed in the AIHW's <i>Health and community services labour force</i> publication. Occupation groupings are medical practitioners, medical imaging workers, dental workers, nursing workers, pharmacists, allied health workers, complementary health workers and other health workers.
Computation:	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$
Numerator:	Number of Indigenous Australians in the health workforce

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing](#)

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Data source type: Census

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—occupation \(main\), code \(ANZSCO 1st edition\) N\[NNN\]{NN}](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing](#)

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Number of people employed in those codes that equate to health occupations, as defined in the *Health and community services labour force* publication (AIHW, 2006)

Denominator:

Total health workforce

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—occupation \(main\), code \(ANZSCO 1st edition\) N\[NNN\]{NN}](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing](#)

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Number of people employed in those codes that equate to health occupations, as defined in the *Health and community services labour force* publication (AIHW, 2006)

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—occupation \(main\), code \(ANZSCO 1st edition\) N\[NNN\]{NN}](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing](#)

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Data Element / Data Set

[Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code \(ASGC 2009\) NNNNN](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing](#)

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Data source type: Census

The first character of the 5 digit ASGC code is the state/territory identifier

Comments:

Specified disaggregation: Nationally and state/territory by occupation grouping.

Available disaggregation: Nationally and state/territory by occupation grouping.

Most recent data available for 2010 CRC baseline report: 2006.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[N].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Effectiveness](#)

[Efficiency & Sustainability](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources: **Data Source**

[ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing](#)

Frequency

Every 5 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: 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

Occupation groupings are medical practitioners, medical imaging workers, dental workers, nursing workers, pharmacists, allied health workers, complementary therapists and other health workers.

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

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: *Health and community services labour force* publication (AIHW, 2006): <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10677>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 64b-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2011](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P64a-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010](#)

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

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

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