

# National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2011

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Progress measure
<b>Short name:</b>	PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2011
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	421621
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 31/10/2011
<b>Description:</b>	Percentage of patients who are treated within national benchmarks for waiting times for each triage category in public hospital emergency departments
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement (2011)</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 31/10/2011
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Hospital and Related Care</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/07/2010 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
<b>Data quality statement:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35: Waiting times for Emergency department care, 2011 QS</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 04/12/2012

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Computation description:</b>	<p>See National Triage Scale from the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine for description of each triage category, including indicative clinical descriptors.</p> <p>The numerator and denominator include records with a Type of visit of <i>Emergency presentation</i>, or <i>Not reported</i> for South Australia.</p> <p>Records are excluded from both the numerator and denominator if the episode end status is either <i>Did not wait</i> or <i>Dead on arrival</i>, or if the waiting time to service is <i>invalid</i>.</p> <p>Analysis by state and territory is based on location of service.</p> <p>Analysis by remoteness and SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p>
<b>Computation:</b>	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$  Calculated overall and separately for each triage category.
<b>Numerator:</b>	Number of presentations to public hospital emergency departments that were treated within benchmarks for each triage category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Triage category 1: seen within seconds, calculated as less than or equal to 2 minutes</li><li>• Triage category 2: seen within 10 minutes</li><li>• Triage category 3: seen within 30 minutes</li><li>• Triage category 4: seen within 60 minutes</li><li>• Triage category 5: seen within 120 minutes</li></ul>

**Numerator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—type of visit to emergency department, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-10](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-10](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—waiting time \(to service delivery\), total minutes NNNNN](#)

**Data Source**

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

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**Denominator:**

Total presentations to public hospital emergency departments

**Denominator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—type of visit to emergency department, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—person identifier, XXXXXX\[X\(14\)\]](#)

**Data Source**

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-10](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

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**Disaggregation:**

2008-09 and 2009-10—Nationally, by Triage category, by SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) deciles

2008-09 and 2009-10—State and territory, by Triage category, by:

- peer group
- Indigenous status
- remoteness
- SEIFA IRSD quintiles

Disaggregation by peer group is limited to Peer Groups A and B, as this is the scope of the collection, and coverage varies for other hospitals by state and territory.

Disaggregations within individual jurisdictions are subject to data quality considerations. Some disaggregations may result in numbers too small for publication. National disaggregation by Indigenous status will be based on data only from jurisdictions for which the quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable.

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

Public hospital peer group

**Data Source**

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-10](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-10](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

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#### Data Element / Data Set

##### Data Source

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

##### NMDS / DSS

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data  
Used for disaggregation by remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

#### Data Element / Data Set

[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](#)

##### Data Source

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

##### NMDS / DSS

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-10](#)

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**Comments:** Most recent data available for 2011 CRC report: 2008–09 and 2009-10

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Percentage

**Data type:** Real

**Unit of measure:** Person

**Format:** NN[N]

## Indicator conceptual framework

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

## Data source attributes

### Data sources:

#### Data Source

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

##### 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

**Benchmark:** [National Healthcare Agreement: PB 05-By 2012–13, 80 per cent of emergency department presentations are seen within clinically recommended triage times as recommended by the Australian College of Emergency Medicine](#)

**Further data development / collection required:** Specification: Interim

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: P35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2010](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2012](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PB 05-By 2012–13, 80 per cent of emergency department presentations are seen within clinically recommended triage times as recommended by the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine, 2011](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-Waiting times for GPs, 2011](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2011](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24-GP-type services, 2011](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 36-Waiting times for admission following emergency department care, 2011](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 46-Rates of services: Outpatient occasions of service, 2011](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011