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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
| Indicator type: | Progress measure |
| Short name: | PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2012 |
| METEOR identifier: | 435863 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/06/2013 |
| Description: | Percentage of patients who are treated within national benchmarks for waiting times for each triage category in public hospital emergency departments |
| Indicator set: | [National Healthcare Agreement (2012)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/435821)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/06/2013 |
| Outcome area: | [Hospital and Related Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393487)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/07/2010  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| Data quality statement: | [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for Emergency department care, 2012 QS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/500209)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/01/2015 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Computation description: | See Australasian Triage Scale from the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine for description of each triage category, including indicative clinical descriptors.  The numerator and denominator include records with a Type of visit of *Emergency presentation*, or *Not reported* for South Australia.  Records are excluded from both the numerator and denominator if the episode end status is either *Did not wait to be attended by a health professional,* or *Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department*, or if the waiting time to service is *invalid*.  Analysis by state and territory is based on location of service.  Analysis by remoteness and SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.  Presented as a percentage. |
| Computation: | 100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)  Calculated overall and separately for each triage category. |
| Numerator: | Number of presentations to public hospital emergency departments that were treated within benchmarks for each triage category:   * Triage category 1: seen within seconds, calculated as less than or equal to 2 minutes * Triage category 2: seen within 10 minutes * Triage category 3: seen within 30 minutes * Triage category 4: seen within 60 minutes * Triage category 5: seen within 120 minutes |
| Numerator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—type of visit to emergency department, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270362)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data  **Data Element / Data Set**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/390392)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/390412)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data |
| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270362)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data  **Data Element / Data Set**  [Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/290046)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data  **Data Element / Data Set**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/322641)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data |
| Disaggregation: | 2009–10 (revised for peer group) and 2010–11—Nationally, by Triage category, by SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) deciles.  2009–10 (revised for peer group) and 2010–11—State and territory, by Triage category, by:   * peer group * Indigenous status * remoteness (Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure) * 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.  Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication. |
| Disaggregation data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**  **Data Element**  Public hospital peer group  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data  **Data Element / Data Set**  [Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269941)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data  **Data Element / Data Set**  [Person—Indigenous status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/291036)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data  **Data Element / Data Set**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/390392)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data  **Data Element / Data Set**  [Person—area of usual residence, geographical location CD code, (ASGC 2009) NNNNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/397211)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data Used for disaggregation by remoteness and SEIFA IRSD |
| Comments: | Most recent data available for 2012 CRC  report: 2010–11. |
| Representational attributes | |
| Representation class: | Percentage |
| Data type: | Real |
| Unit of measure: | Person |
| Format: | NN[N] |
| Indicator conceptual framework | |
| Framework and dimensions: | [Accessibility](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/392591) |
| Data source attributes | |
| Data sources: | **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/428999) |
| Further data development / collection required: | Specification: Interim |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/421621)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 31/10/2011  Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2013](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/497186)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 30/04/2014  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, 2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/435832)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Retired 25/06/2013  See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-Waiting times for GPs, 2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/436845)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/06/2013  See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/443689)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/06/2013  See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24-GP-type services, 2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/441378)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Retired 25/06/2013  See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 36-Waiting times for admission following emergency department care, 2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/435865)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/06/2013  See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 46-Rates of services: Outpatient occasions of service, 2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/435875)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Retired 25/06/2013 |