National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2012

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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| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/06/2013 |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(2012)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/435821)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/06/2013 |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QS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/500209)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/01/2015 |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
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| 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 dataUsed 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 31/10/2011Has 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 30/04/2014See 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 25/06/2013See 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 25/06/2013See 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 25/06/2013See 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 25/06/2013See 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 25/06/2013See 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 |