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The [Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/724949) is one example of a data source. The indicator [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.1.1–Immunisation rates for vaccines in the national schedule, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728323) relies on the AIR for its source of data.

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