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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
| Indicator type: | Progress measure |
| Short name: | PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2013 |
| METEOR identifier: | 497262 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 30/04/2014 |
| Description: | Length of time a person waits to see a dental professional at a public government dental clinic. |
| Indicator set: | [National Healthcare Agreement (2013)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/496807)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 30/04/2014 |
| Outcome area: | [Primary and Community Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393484)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/07/2010 |
| Data quality statement: | [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2013 QS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/511937)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/01/2015 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Computation description: | Numerator refers to waiting time for most recent appointment with a government dental professional in the last 12 months.  Excludes treatment for urgent dental care.  Population is limited to persons aged 15 years and over.  Rates directly age-standardised to the 2001 Australian population.  Analysis by remoteness and  Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.  Presented as a percentage.  95% confidence intervals and relative standard errors are calculated for rates. |
| Computation: | 100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator) calculated separately for each waiting time category (within 2 weeks; 2 weeks to less than 1 month; 1 month to less than 6 months; 6 months to less than 1 year; 1 year or more years). |
| Numerator: | Number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported seeing a dental professional at a government dental clinic within specified waiting time categories (excluding for urgent dental care). |
| Numerator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**  **Data Source**  [ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410) |
| Denominator: | Total number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported seeing a dental professional at a government dental clinic in the last 12 months (excluding for urgent dental care). |
| Denominator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**  **Data Source**  [ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410) |
| Disaggregation: | 2011-12—Nationally, by waiting time category, by:   * SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) quintiles * remoteness (Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure)   2011-12—State and territory, by waiting time category.  Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication. |
| Disaggregation data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**  **Data Source**  [ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410) |
| Comments: | Most recent data available for the 2013 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council (CRC) report: 2011-12.  In the Patient Experience Survey of 2011-12, waiting times refer only to those who had seen a dental professional at a government dental clinic. These data will be used for the 2013 reporting cycle. In 2012-13, the question is expanded to all those who had been put on a waiting list for a government dental clinic and will be reported in 2014. Neither of these options include the possibility of using other services that have been outsourced by a government process. Testing of questions to collect this information is about to be undertaken for the 2013-14 cycle of the Patient Experience Survey.  The ABS Patient Experience Survey is being used as an interim data source for this indicator, while a Public dental waiting times NMDS is developed. The first data available from the new NMDS is expected to be in respect of the 2013-14 financial year. |
| Representational attributes | |
| Representation class: | Percentage |
| Data type: | Real |
| Unit of measure: | Person |
| Format: | N[NN].N |
| Indicator conceptual framework | |
| Framework and dimensions: | [Accessibility](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/392591) |
| Data source attributes | |
| Data sources: | **Data Source**  [ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410)  **Frequency**  Annual  **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: | Specification: Minor work required, the measure needs minor work to meet the intention of the indicator. Proxy measure. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 15-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/435849)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/06/2013  Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/517658)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/01/2015  See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2013](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/496816)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 30/04/2014 |