

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2013

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2013
METEOR identifier:	497366
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 30/04/2014
Description:	Length of time a person needs to wait to see a GP for an urgent appointment.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2013) Health , Superseded 30/04/2014
Outcome area:	Primary and Community Health Health , Standard 07/07/2010
Quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2013 QS Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	15 years
Computation description:	<p>The interpretation of 'urgent medical care' was left to the respondent.</p> <p>Numerator refers to waiting time for most recent appointment with a GP in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Population is limited to persons aged 15 years and over.</p> <p>Rates directly age-standardised to the 2001 Australian population.</p> <p>Analysis by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p> <p>95% confidence intervals and relative standard errors calculated for rates.</p>
Computation:	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$ calculated separately for each waiting time category (within 4 hours; more than 4 hours but within 24 hours; and more than 24 hours).
Numerator:	Number of persons who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (for their own health) within specified waiting time categories.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Number of people who saw GP for urgent medical care

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Specified waiting time categories

Data Source

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Data source type: Survey

Waiting time categories are: within 4 hours; more than 4 hours but within 24 hours; and more than 24 hours.

Denominator:

Total number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (for their own health) in the last 12 months.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Number of people who saw GP for urgent medical care

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

Data Source

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Disaggregation:

2011–12—State and territory, by waiting time category, by:

- remoteness (Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure)

2011–12—Nationally, by waiting time category, by:

- SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) deciles

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Specified waiting time categories

Data Source

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Waiting time categories are: within 4 hours; more than 4 hours but within 24 hours; and more than 24 hours.

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code \(ASGC 2010\) NNNNN](#)

Data Source

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Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

Comments:

Most recent data available for the 2013 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council (CRC) report: 2011–12

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources: **Data Source**

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

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: Final, the measure meets the intention of the indicator.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-Waiting times for GPs, 2012](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2014](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

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](#)

- [Health](#), Retired 25/06/2013

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2013](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2013](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2013](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 33-Full time equivalent employed health practitioners per 1,000 population \(by age group\), 2013](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

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