Patient—number of teeth surfaces affected by caries, total N[N]

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# Patient—number of teeth surfaces affected by caries, total N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of teeth surfaces affected by caries (total) |
| METEOR identifier: | 500164 |
| Registration status: | [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 08/10/2014 |
| Definition: | The total number of a patient's teeth surfaces that are affected by  [**caries**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/551229) as identified by a dental practitioner. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Patient—number of teeth surfaces affected by caries](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/502912) |
| METEOR identifier: | 502912 |
| Registration status: | [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 08/10/2014 |
| Definition: | The number of a patient's teeth surfaces that are affected by caries, as identified by a dental practitioner. |
| Object class: | [Patient](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268959) |
| Property: | [Number of teeth surfaces affected by caries](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/502904) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Total number N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/347205) |
| METEOR identifier: | 347205 |
| Registration status: | [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 22/11/2016  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Qualified 23/09/2015  [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/10/2008  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 01/05/2013  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 08/10/2014  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 20/12/2016 |
| Definition: | The total number. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 99 | Not stated/inadequately described |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | In order to identify specific locations on a tooth it is divided into surfaces.    The number of teeth surfaces affected by caries is used to determine the [**caries**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/551229) experience. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. |
| Steward: | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/246013) |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Decayed, missing and filled teeth cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/553034)  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 08/10/2014  ***Conditional obligation:*** First occurrence is for the total of deciduous teeth surfaces (dmfs) and the second occurrence is for the total of permanent teeth surfaces (DMFS). |