

# National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2014

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Progress measure
<b>Short name:</b>	PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2014
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	517658
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 14/01/2015</li></ul>
<b>Description:</b>	Waiting time between being placed on a public dentistry waiting list and being seen by a dental professional.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement (2014) Health</a> , Superseded 14/01/2015
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Primary and Community Health Health</a> , Standard 07/07/2010
<b>Quality statement:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry (Patient Experience Survey), 2014 QS Health</a> , Superseded 14/01/2015

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Computation description:</b>	<p>Numerator refers to waiting time for most recent appointment with a government dental professional in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Excludes treatment for urgent dental care.</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 Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p> <p>95% confidence intervals and relative standard errors are calculated for rates.</p>
<b>Computation:</b>	100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator) calculated separately for two waiting time categories (less than one month, one month or more).

**Numerator:**

(a) Number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported being on a public dental waiting list who reported seeing a dental professional at a government dental clinic (for their own health) within specified waiting time categories. (Excludes urgent dental care).

(b) Number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported seeing a dental professional at a government dental clinic in the last 12 months for non-urgent treatment by specified waiting time categories.

**Numerator data elements:****Data Element / Data Set****Data Element**

Persons who reported being on a public dental waiting list who reported seeing a dental professional at a government dental clinic (for their own health)

**Data Source**

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

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Data source type: Survey

**Data Element / Data Set****Data Element**

Persons who reported seeing a dental professional at a government dental clinic in the last 12 months for non-urgent treatment

**Data Source**

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Denominator:**

(a) Number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported being on a public dental waiting list (for their own health) in the last 12 months.

(b) Number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported seeing a dental professional at a government dental clinic in the last 12 months.

**Denominator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

People who reported being on a public dental waiting list (for their own health) in the last 12 months

**Data Source**

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

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

People who reported seeing a dental professional at a government clinic in the last 12 months

**Data Source**

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Disaggregation:**

2012–13—Nationally, by measure (a) by waiting time category, by:

- 2011 Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) quintiles
- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure)

2012–13—State and territory, by measure (a) by waiting time category.

2012–13—Nationally (non-remote areas of Australia only), by measure (b) by waiting time category by:

- Indigenous status (Indigenous only) by remoteness (ASGS Remoteness Structure)

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**

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

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**Data Element / Data Set**

**Data Element**

Specified waiting time categories

**Data Source**

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)

**Data Source**

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

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

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

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)

**Data Source**

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Survey

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**Comments:** Most recent data available for the 2014 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council (CRC) report: 2012–13 (total population: PEx; Indigenous: AATSIHS).

Non-Indigenous data from PEx may not be directly comparable with data for Indigenous people from AATSIHS.

Indigenous data for the 2014 CRC report is sourced from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS) component of the AATSIHS.

In the Patient Experience Survey of 2011/12, waiting times referred only to those who had seen a dental professional at a government dental clinic. These data were used for the 2013 reporting cycle. In 2012/13, the question was expanded to all those who had been put on a waiting list for a government dental clinic and these data are reported in the 2014 reporting cycle. Neither of these options include the possibility of using other services that have been outsourced by a government process.

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](#)

## Data source attributes

**Data sources:** **Data Source**  
[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEx\)](#)

**Frequency**

Annual

**Data custodian**

Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Data Source**

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

**Frequency**

Every 6 years

**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 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2013](#)

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

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2015](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry \(Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey\), 2014 QS](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 12/01/2015

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2014](#)

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

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