

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2014

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2014
METEOR identifier:	517663
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 14/01/2015
Description:	Length of time a person needs to wait to see a GP for an urgent appointment.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2014) Health , Superseded 14/01/2015
Outcome area:	Primary and Community Health Health , Standard 07/07/2010
Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12-Waiting times for GPs (Patient Experience Survey), 2014 QS Health , Superseded 14/01/2015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

People who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (for their own health)

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Specified waiting time categories

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

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

Data Element / Data Set

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in non-remote areas who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (for their own health)

Data Source

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

Data Element / Data Set

Specified waiting time categories

Data Source

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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

People who reported seeing a GP for urgent medical care (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

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Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

Data Source

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

Disaggregation:

2012–13—State and territory, by waiting time category, by:

- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure) (major cities, other)

2012–13—Nationally, by waiting time category, by:

- sex
- 2011 Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) deciles
- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure) (major cities, inner regional, outer regional, remote/very remote)

2012–13—Nationally (non-remote areas of Australia only), by waiting time categories, 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

Person—area of usual residence

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

Specified waiting time categories

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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, non-Indigenous: 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.

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: 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 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2013](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2015](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12-Waiting times for GPs \(Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey\), 2014 QS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 12/01/2015

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2014](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2014](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2014](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 33-Full time equivalent employed health practitioners per 1,000 population \(by age group\), 2014](#)
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