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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
| Indicator type: | Progress measure |
| Short name: | PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2015 |
| METEOR identifier: | 559026 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016 |
| Description: | Percentage of patients who are treated within national benchmarks for waiting times for each triage category in public hospital emergency departments. |
| Indicator set: | [National Healthcare Agreement (2015)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/558998)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016 |
| Outcome area: | [Hospital and Related Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393487)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/07/2010       [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| Data quality statement: | [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency department care: proportion seen on time, 2015 QS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/559105)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016 |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Computation description: | See [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode - triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/474185) for description of each triage category.The numerator and denominator include records with a Type of visit of *Emergency presentation.*Records are excluded from both the numerator and denominator if the episode end status is either *Did not wait to be attended by a health professional,* or *Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department*, or if the waiting time to service is *invalid*.Limited to public hospitals in Peer Group A and B.To ensure comparability over time, emergency department activity at the Mersey Community Hospital is reported with Peer Group B hospitals for *National Healthcare Agreement* purposes. Whilst it is currently not a Peer Group A or B hospital, in the baseline year (2007-08) Mersey was a campus of the Peer Group B North West Regional Hospital and its emergency department activity was included in the baseline.Analysis by state and territory is based on location of service.Analysis by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.Presented as a percentage. |
| Computation: | 100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)Calculated overall and separately for each triage category. |
| Numerator: | Number of presentations to public hospital emergency departments that were treated within benchmarks for each triage category:* Triage category 1: seen within seconds, calculated as less than or equal to 2 minutes
* Triage category 2: seen within 10 minutes
* Triage category 3: seen within 30 minutes
* Triage category 4: seen within 60 minutes
* Triage category 5: seen within 120 minutes
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| Numerator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—type of visit to emergency department, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270362)**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product data**Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/390392)**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product data**Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—waiting time (to service delivery), total minutes NNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/390412)**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product data |
| Denominator: | Total presentations to public hospital emergency departments |
| Denominator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—type of visit to emergency department, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270362)**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product data**Data Element / Data Set**[Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/290046)**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product data**Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/322641)**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product data |
| Disaggregation: | 2012–13 (revised for peer group) and 2013–14—Nationally, by Triage category, by 2011 Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) deciles.2012–13 (revised for peer group) and 2013–14—State and territory, by Triage category by:* peer group
* Indigenous status
* remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure)
* 2011 SEIFA IRSD quintiles

Disaggregation by peer group is limited to Peer Groups A and B, as this is the scope of the collection, and coverage varies for other hospitals by state and territory.Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.   |
| Disaggregation data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set****Data Element**Public hospital peer group**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product data**Data Element / Data Set**[Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269941)**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product data**Data Element / Data Set**[Person—Indigenous status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/291036)**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product data**Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/390392)**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product data**Data Element / Data Set**[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2011) N(9)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/469909)**Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)**Guide for use**Data source type: Administrative by-product dataUsed for disaggregation by remoteness and SEIFA IRSD |
| Comments: | Most recent data available for 2015 National Healthcare Agreement (NHA) performance reporting: 2013–14.For 2012-13 data, the 2011 SEIFA IRSD quintile and decile data were produced using the Australian Standard Geography Classification geographical unit of Statistical Local Area. For 2013-14 data, the 2011 SEIFA IRSD quintile and decile data will be produced using the Australian Statistical unit of Statistical Area 2. |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Percentage |
| Data type: | Real |
| Unit of measure: | Person |
| Format: | NN[N] |
| Indicator conceptual framework |
| Framework and dimensions: | [Accessibility](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/392591)  |
| Data source attributes |
| Data sources: | **Data Source**[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)**Frequency**Annual**Data custodian** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  |
| Accountability attributes |
| Reporting requirements: | National Healthcare Agreement |
| Organisation responsible for providing data: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Further data development / collection required: | Specification: Final, the measure meets the intention of the indicator. |
| Relational attributes  |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/517640)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/01/2015Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/598738)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 31/01/2017See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2015](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/559044)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2015](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/588731)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21b-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion completed within four hours, 2015](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/559024)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016 |