National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2015

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2015
METEOR identifier:	559042
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 08/07/2016
Description:	Waiting time between being placed on a public dentistry waiting list and being seen by a dental professional.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2015) Health, Superseded 08/07/2016
Outcome area:	Primary and Community Health Health, Standard 07/07/2010
Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2015 QS Health, Superseded 08/07/2016

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	Numerator refers to waiting time for most recent appointment with a government dental professional in the last 12 months. Population is limited to persons aged 15 years and over. 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. 95% confidence intervals and relative standard errors are calculated for rates.
Computation:	100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator) calculated separately for two waiting time categories (less than one month, one month or more).
Numerator:	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.
Numerator data elements:	**Data Element / Data Set** **Data Element** Person—age **Data Source** ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx) **Guide for use** Data source type: Survey **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)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Specified waiting time categories (less than one month, one month or more)

Data Source

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Data Element

Person—age

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (AATSIHS), 2012–13 (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component)](#)

Guide for use

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 (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Specified waiting time categories (less than one month, one month or more)

Data Source

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Denominator: 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.

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

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Data Element

Person—age

Data Source

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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 (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component)

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Person—age

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Disaggregation: 2012–13 (resupplied for crude rate data), 2013–14—Nationally, 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 (resupplied for crude rate data), 2013–14—State and territory, by waiting time category.

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

Disaggregation data elements:

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  Data Element

  Person—area of usual residence

  Data Source

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

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  Specified waiting time categories (less than one month, one month or more)

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  Data Element

  Person—area of usual residence

  Data Source

  [ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (AATSIHS), 2012–13 (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component)](#)

  Guide for use

  Data source type: Survey

  Used for disaggregations by state/territory and remoteness

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  Data Element

  Specified waiting time categories (less than one month, one month or more)

  Data Source

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Comments:	Most recent data available for the 2015 National Healthcare Agreement (NHA) performance reporting: 2013–14 (total population: PEx); 2012–13 (Indigenous: 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:	

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ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

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ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (AATSIHS), 2012–13 (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component)

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, 2014](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2016](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 31/01/2017

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2015](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016