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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| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016 |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(2015)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/558998)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016 |
| Outcome area: | [Primary and Community Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393484)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/07/2010 |
| Data quality statement: | [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2015 QS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/559119)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016 |

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| 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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410)  **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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410)  **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**  [ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Survey  **Data Element / Data Set**  **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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/585489)  **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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/585489)  **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**  [ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (AATSIHS), 2012–13 (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/585489)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Survey |
| 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**  [ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Survey  **Data Element / Data Set**  **Data Element**  Person—age  **Data Source**  [ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410)  **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 (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/585489)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Survey  **Data Element / Data Set**  **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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/585489)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Survey |
| 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: | **Data Element / Data Set**  **Data Element**  Person—area of usual residence  **Data Source**  [ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410)  **Guide for use**    Data source type: Survey  Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD    **Data Element / Data Set**  **Data Element**  Specified waiting time categories (less than one month, one month or more)  **Data Source**  [ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Survey  **Data Element / Data Set**  **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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/585489)  **Guide for use**    Data source type: Survey  Used for disaggregations by state/territory and remoteness    **Data Element / Data Set**  **Data Element**  Specified waiting time categories (less than one month, one month or more)  **Data Source**  [ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (AATSIHS), 2012–13 (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/585489)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Survey |
| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/392591) |
| Data source attributes | |
| Data sources: | **Data Source**  [ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEx)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394410)  **Frequency**  Annual  **Data custodian**    Australian Bureau of Statistics    **Data Source**  [ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (AATSIHS), 2012–13 (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey component)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/585489)  **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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/517658)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/01/2015  Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/602211)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 31/01/2017  See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2015](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/559002)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016 |