

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care service episodes of care cluster

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification  
**METEOR identifier:** 676943  
**Registration status:**

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 07/12/2017

**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster

**Scope:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care services provide care, including but not limited to, for sickness and injury, as well as counselling, health education and screening.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care services episodes of care cluster describes the number of episodes of health-care provided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care services that received funding from the Australian Government through the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH).

The three data elements are used together to provide a count of episodes of care by the Indigenous status and sex of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services clients.

### Episodes of health care

	Male	Female	Total
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander episodes of health care</b>	N[NNN]	N[NNN]	N[NNN]
<b>Non-Indigenous episodes of health care</b>	N[NNN]	N[NNN]	N[NNN]
<b>Unknown Indigenous status episodes of health care</b>	N[NNN]	N[NNN]	N[NNN]
<b>Total episodes of health care</b>	N[NNN]	N[NNN]	N[NNN]

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Includes:

- health care provided through all sources of funding (e.g. OATSIH, State government etc.)
- transport only if it involves direct provision of health care/information by service staff
- outreach (e.g. episodes at outstation visits, park clinics, satellite clinics etc.)
- episodes of health care delivered over the phone
- episodes of care provided to visitors/transients.

Excludes:

- residential care
- administration contacts with clients (e.g. receptionist making appointments for clients)
- groups (e.g. antenatal classes, men's groups etc.)
- family/relationship counselling if people don't have their own file/record.

**Collection methods:** If figures are not available for the full year, an estimate can be made based on a representative part of the year.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care service is required to provide counts of male, female and total episodes of health care by Indigenous status, as detailed in the Scope, Episodes of health care table. The total episodes of health care may include episodes for which Indigenous status or sex was not known or not reported.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care services DSS Indigenous](#), Superseded 07/12/2017

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2009

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2010

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care services DSS Indigenous](#), Standard 07/12/2017

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2011

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2012

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification [Show more detail](#)

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Episode of care—number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services episodes of care, N[NN]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status, code N</a>	Mandatory	3
-	<a href="#">Person—sex, code N</a>	Mandatory	2
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—comment, extended text X[X(<math>\infty</math>)]</a>	Optional	1