AUDIT-C score of risky alcohol consumption cluster (dischargee)

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Set Specification |
| METEOR identifier: | 696837 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 29/05/2024 |
| DSS type: | Data Element Cluster |
| Scope: | The AUDIT-C score of risky alcohol consumption cluster (dischargee) is used to provide a score on the World Health Organization's Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test-C (AUDIT-C) screening instrument. The data elements in this cluster relate to alcohol use prior to most recent imprisonment only. The AUDIT-C is a reliable and simple screening tool which is sensitive to the early detection of risky and high-risk (or hazardous and harmful) drinking. The AUDIT-C is a subset of the AUDIT. |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | The AUDIT-C score of risky alcohol consumption cluster comprises three data elements which define the frequency of alcohol consumption, the number of standard drinks consumed on a typical day when drinking and the frequency of consuming six or more standard drinks on one occasion. The AUDIT-C is a subset of the full AUDIT questions.The combination of codes for the three data elements: [Person—alcohol consumption amount, total standard drinks N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/696835); [Person—alcohol consumption frequency, AUDIT frequency alcohol consumption code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/696844); and [Person—consumption of 6 or more standard drinks on one occasion, AUDIT consuming 6 or more standard drinks code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/696847) are used to provide a score on the AUDIT.Responses to each question on the AUDIT are scored from 0 to 4, with a maximum possible score over the three questions being 12. A score of 6 or more on the AUDIT may indicate a risk of alcohol-related harm.The formula for calculating a standard drink is:Volume of container in litres x % alcohol by volume (ml/100ml) X 0.789\*= The number of standard drinks. For example:285ml full strength beer (4.9% alcohol)   1 standard drink425ml light beer (2.9% alcohol)              1 standard drink375ml stubby or can (4.9% alcohol)        1.4 standard drinks425ml full strength beer (4.9% alcohol)    1.6 standard drinks30 ml spirits (40% alcohol)                     1 standard drink150ml wine (12% alcohol)                      1.5 standard drinks\* The specific gravity of ethyl alcohol is 0.789. |
| Collection methods: | The AUDIT contains the following questions:Prior to your current incarceration:a)  How often did you have a drink containing alcohol?0   Never 1   Monthly or less 2   2-4 times a month 3   2-3 times a week 4   4 or more times a week b) How many standard drinks would you have on a typical day when you were drinking?0   1 or 2 1   3 or 4 2   5 or 6 3   7 to 9 4   10 or more  c) How often did you have six or more standard drinks on one occasion?0   Never 1   Less than monthly 2   Monthly 3   Weekly 4   Daily or almost daily If the person's response to '(a) How often did you have a drink containing alcohol' is Never, do not ask questions (b) and (c).The person should only record one answer to each question. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | Department of Health 2012. The Australian Standard Drink. Canberra: Department of Health. Babor T, Higgins-Biddle JC, Saunders JB, Monteiro MG 2001. The Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test Guidelines for Use in Primary Care. 2nd edn. Switzerland: World Health Organization. |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [AUDIT-C score of risky alcohol consumption cluster (dischargee)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/625869)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 29/05/2024 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Prison dischargee NBEDS 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/696775)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 29/05/2024***DSS specific information:*** This data element corresponds to the following questions of the Prison Dischargee Form: 24a. Prior to your incarceration, how often did you drink containing alcohol?24b. Prior to your current incarceration, how many standard drinks would you have on a typical day that you were drinking?24c. Prior to your current incarceration, how often would you have six or more standard drinks on one occasion? |

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| Metadata items in this Data Set Specification  |
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| Seq No. | Metadata item | Obligation | Max occurs |
| 1 | [Person—alcohol consumption frequency, AUDIT frequency alcohol consumption code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/696844)***DSS specific information:***This data element refers to prison dischargees only.The AUDIT contains the question 'How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?'. The Prisoner Health Information Group amended the question wording for the National Prisoner Health Census to 'Prior to your current incarcerations, how often did you have a drink containing alcohol?' | Mandatory | 1 |
| 2 | [Person—alcohol consumption amount, total standard drinks N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/696835)***Conditional obligation:***Conditional on the person having had an alcoholic drink prior to their current incarceration.***DSS specific information:***This data element refers to prison dischargees only.The number of standard drinks reported will be mapped as follows:

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| **Code** | **Number of standard drinks** |
| 0 | 1 or 2 |
| 1 | 3 or 4 |
| 2 | 5 or 6 |
| 3 | 7 to 9 |
| 4 | 10 or more |
| 9 | Unknown |

 | Conditional | 1 |
| 3 | [Person—consumption of 6 or more standard drinks on one occasion, AUDIT consuming 6 or more standard drinks code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/696847)***Conditional obligation:***Conditional on the person having had an alcoholic drink prior to their current incarceration.***DSS specific information:***This data element refers to prison dischargees only.The AUDIT contains the question 'How often do you have six or more standard drinks on one occasion?' The Prisoner Health Information Group amended the question wording for the National Prisoner Health Census to 'Prior to your current incarceration, how often did you have six or more standard drinks on one occasion?' | Conditional | 1 |

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