

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 , 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.

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\[N\]](#); [Person—alcohol consumption frequency, AUDIT frequency alcohol consumption code N](#); and [Person—consumption of 6 or more standard drinks on one occasion, AUDIT consuming 6 or more standard drinks code N](#) 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 drink
425ml light beer (2.9% alcohol)	1 standard drink
375ml stubby or can (4.9% alcohol)	1.4 standard drinks
425ml full strength beer (4.9% alcohol)	1.6 standard drinks
30 ml spirits (40% alcohol)	1 standard drink
150ml 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 \(dischargee\) Health](#), 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?

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
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1	Person—alcohol consumption frequency, AUDIT frequency alcohol consumption code N	Mandatory	1
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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?'

2	Person—alcohol consumption amount, total standard drinks N[N]	Conditional	1
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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:

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

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
3	Person—consumption of 6 or more standard drinks on one occasion, AUDIT consuming 6 or more standard drinks code N	Conditional	1

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?'