

Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.4.2–Life expectancy, 2019

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	AHPF PI 3.4.2–Life expectancy, 2019
METEOR identifier:	715309
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 09/04/2020
Description:	The average number of years a person could expect to live if they experienced the age/sex specific death rates that applied at their birth throughout their lifetime.
Indicator set:	Australian Health Performance Framework, 2019 Health , Standard 09/04/2020

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>Life expectancy for total population is calculated for a rolling 3-year period and reported annually.</p> <p>Life expectancy for Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations is calculated for a rolling 3-year period and reported every 5 years.</p> <p>Presented as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• number of years• difference between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancies at birth• difference between male and female life expectancies at birth (total population).
Computation:	Calculated by direct estimation of life expectancy for all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians using the average number of deaths in the 3-year period and the estimated resident population at the mid-point of that period.
Numerator:	The indicator does not have a numerator or denominator. The average number of years a person could expect to live from the day they are born if they experienced mortality rates at each age that are currently experienced by the relevant population.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Number of years of life expectancy at birth

Data Source

[ABS Life Tables](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census based and administrative by-product data

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Data Element

Number of years of life expectancy at birth.

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Disaggregation:

2000–2002 to 2015–2017—Nationally, by sex.

2005–2007 to 2015–2017—State and territory, by sex.

2011–2013 to 2015–2017—Primary Health Network (PHN), by sex.

Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA), by sex (not reported).

Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4) by sex (not reported).

2005–2007, 2010–2012, 2015–17—Nationally, by Indigenous status and sex.

2005–2007, 2010–2012, 2015–17—State and territory, by Indigenous status and sex.

2015–2017—Nationally, by sex and remoteness area (Major Cities, Inner Regional and Outer Regional combined, Remote and Very Remote combined).

Estimates of life expectancy at birth by Indigenous status and state/territory are based on data from 4 jurisdictions for which the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths is considered acceptable for reliable estimates – New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

[Person—sex, code X](#)

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

Data Source

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Data source type: Census based and administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by state/territory, PHN, GCCA, SA4 and remoteness

Comments:

Most recent data available for 2019 Australian Health Performance Framework reporting: 2015–17.

Indigenous estimates of life expectancy are not produced for Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania or the Australian Capital Territory due to the small number of Indigenous deaths reported in these jurisdictions.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Mean (average)
Data type:	Real
Unit of measure:	Time (e.g. days, hours)
Format:	NN.N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [4. Deaths](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:**Data Source**

[ABS Life Tables for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians](#)

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Data Source

[ABS Life Tables](#)

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: Australian Health Performance Framework

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.1.6–Potentially avoidable deaths, 2019](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 09/04/2020

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 06–Life expectancy, 2020](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 13/03/2020

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 06–Life expectancy, 2021](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 03/07/2020

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