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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
| Indicator type: | Progress measure |
| Short name: | PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2021 |
| METEOR identifier: | 725787 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 16/09/2020 |
| Description: | The percentage of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery within the clinically recommended time, by urgency category. |
| Indicator set: | [National Healthcare Agreement (2021)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/725844)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 19/11/2020 |
| Outcome area: | [Hospital and Related Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393487)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/07/2010       [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016 |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Computation description: | [**Elective surgery**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/568780) as defined in the Elective Surgery Waiting Times National Minimum Data Set (NMDS).Waiting time is as defined in [Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at removal, total days N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689791). Calculated by jurisdictions by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days the patient was waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal, and excluding days where the patient was not ready for care.Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was:1. Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory.
2. Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory.

For the purposes of reporting, patients are reported as the final urgency category they were when treated. When a patient’s urgency category changes, the patient’s waiting time at removal is calculated as per the Guide for use for [Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at removal, total days N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689791).Analysis by state and territory based on location of service.Presented as a percentage. |
| Computation: | 100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator) |
| Numerator: | Number of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery within the clinically recommended time. |
| Numerator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**[Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684830)**Data Source**[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635534)**NMDS / DSS**[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/701975)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at removal, total days N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689791)**Data Source**[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635534)**NMDS / DSS**[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/701975)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data  |
| Denominator: | Number of patients who received elective surgery. |
| Denominator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**[Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684830)**Data Source**[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635534)**NMDS / DSS**[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/701975)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data  |
| Disaggregation: | State and territory, by:* clinical urgency,
* Indigenous status.
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| Disaggregation data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**[Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269973)**Data Source**[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635534)**NMDS / DSS**[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/701975)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product dataUsed for disaggregation by state/territory **Data Element / Data Set**[Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/598034)**Data Source**[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635534)**NMDS / DSS**[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/701975)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Person—Indigenous status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/602543)**Data Source**[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635534)**NMDS / DSS**[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/701975)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data  |
| Comments: | NO DATA FOR 2021 REPORTING.The scope of the indicator is all hospitals reporting to the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection. It includes episode-level data on patients added to or removed from waiting lists for elective surgery which are managed by public hospitals. |
| 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**[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635534)**Data custodian** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  |
| Accountability attributes |
| Reporting requirements: | National Healthcare Agreement |
| Organisation responsible for providing data: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Further data development / collection required: | Specification: Minor work required, the measure needs minor work to meet the intention of the indicator. |
| Relational attributes  |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/716575)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/03/2020Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/740843)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 24/09/2021See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.2–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/715376)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/10/2021See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.3–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion admitted within clinically recommended time, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/715378)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/10/2021See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.4–Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 days, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/716182)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/10/2021See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/725789)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 16/09/2020See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32–Patient satisfaction/experience, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/725757)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 03/07/2020 |