

# National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13—Waiting times for public dentistry, 2021

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Progress measure
<b>Short name:</b>	PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2021
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	725803
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 16/09/2020
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Median (50th percentile) and 90th percentile waiting times between being placed on a public dentistry waiting list and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) being offered dental care; and</li><li>b) receiving dental care.</li></ul>
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement (2021)</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 19/11/2020
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Primary and Community Health</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/07/2010

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Population group age from:</b>	18 years
<b>Computation description:</b>	<p>Calculated by subtracting the date placed on a public dentistry waiting list (public dental listing date) from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the date dental care was offered (offer of dental care date); and</li><li>b) the date dental care was received (date of first dental visit).</li></ul> <p>Presented as median number of days (50th percentile) and 90th percentile by waiting list type.</p> <p>Analysis by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.</p>
<b>Computation:</b>	<p>Number of days at the 50th percentile and number of days at the 90th percentile. Calculated separately for a) and b).</p> <p>The 50th and 90th percentiles have been rounded to the nearest whole number of days.</p>

**Numerator data elements:****Data Element / Data Set**

[Public dental waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-2022](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Public dental waiting list episode—date of offer of dental care, DDMMYYYY](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-2022](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Public dental waiting list episode—date of first visit, DDMMYYYY](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-2022](#)

**Disaggregation:**

2019–20—Nationally, by 2016 SEIFA IRSD deciles (not reported).

2019–20—State and territory, for a) and b), by waiting list type, by:

- Indigenous status
- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2016 Remoteness Structure)
- 2016 SEIFA IRSD quintiles.

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Public dental waiting list episode—waiting list type, code N](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-2022](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-2022](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Address—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) NNNN](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-2022](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

NMDS / DSS

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-2022](#)

**Comments:**

Most recent data available for the 2021 National Healthcare Agreement performance reporting: 2019–20.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Percentile  
**Data type:** Real  
**Unit of measure:** Time (e.g. days, hours)  
**Format:** N[NNN]

## Indicator conceptual framework

**Framework and dimensions:** [Accessibility](#)

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Healthcare Agreement

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

**Further data development / collection required:** Specification: Final, the measure meets the intention of the indicator.

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13—Waiting times for public dentistry, 2020](#)

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

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13—Waiting times for public dentistry, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

See also [Public Dental Waiting Times Database, 2019-20: Data Quality Statement AIHW Data Quality Statements](#), Superseded 21/09/2023