

# Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 1.2.6—Sharing of used needles/syringes, 2020

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
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<b>Short name:</b>	AHPF PI 1.2.6—Sharing of used needles/syringes, 2020
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Receptive sharing of used needles/syringes by people who inject drugs
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	728302
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 13/10/2021</li></ul>

**Description:** The proportion of people who inject drugs who attend Needle-Syringe Programs (NSP), and who reported re-using someone else's used needles/syringes in the previous month, based on the [1995—2019 Australian Needle Syringe Program Survey](#).

**Rationale:** Re-use of another person's used needles/syringes increases the risk of transmission of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV). Needle-Syringe Programs are part of a comprehensive package of programs that aim to reduce the harmful consequences of injection drug use by facilitating access to new needles/syringes for people who inject drugs.

**Indicator set:** [Australian Health Performance Framework, 2020](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 13/10/2021

## Collection and usage attributes

**Computation description:** The proportion of people who inject drugs in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs who reported re-using someone else's used needles/syringes in the last month.

**Computation:**  $100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$

**Numerator:** The number of surveyed participants in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs, who report re-using someone else's used needles or syringes in the last month.

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

Surveyed participants in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs, who reported re-using someone else's used needles or syringes in the last month.

**Data Source**

[Australian Needle and Syringe Program Survey \(ANSPS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Clients in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs are asked to participate in an anonymous survey over a two-week period in October each year.

**Denominator:**

The number of surveyed participants in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs who injected in the last month.

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

Surveyed participants in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs.

**Data Source**

[Australian Needle and Syringe Program Survey \(ANSPS\)](#)

**Guide for use**

Clients in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs are asked to participate in an anonymous survey over a two-week period in October each year.

**Disaggregation:**

Nationally, by state/territory.

**Comments:**

1. The Australian Needle Syringe Program Survey is a self-report survey conducted annually over a one to two-week period in October. All clients attending participating Needle and Syringe Programs are invited to complete a brief, anonymous questionnaire.
2. Estimates are calculated using data from annual reports. Trend data may not match previously published results.
3. The denominator is people who reported having injected in the last month; the numerator is people who reported having re-used someone else's used needles and syringes in the last month. Percentages exclude those who reported having injected in the last month but did not report their needle/syringe sharing frequency.
4. The Australian Needle Syringe Program Survey report refers to re-use of someone else's used needles and syringes as 'receptive sharing'.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Percentage

**Data type:** Real

**Unit of measure:** Person

**Format:** N[NN].N

## Indicator conceptual framework

**Framework and dimensions:** [Health behaviours](#)

## Data source attributes

**Data sources:** **Data Source**  
[Australian Needle and Syringe Program Survey \(ANSPS\)](#)  
**Data custodian**  
The Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales

## Accountability attributes

**Methodology:** Clients of Needle and Syringe Programs are invited to complete an anonymous survey over a two-week period in October.

**Reporting requirements:** Annual reporting of survey results as a requirement of funding from the Australian Government Department of Health.

**Organisation responsible for providing data:** Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales

**Accountability:** Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales

**Other issues caveats:** Survey response rate over recent years falls within the band of 41% to 48% of clients invited to participate.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales

**Steward:** [Department of Health](#)

**Origin:** Heard S, Iversen J, Kwon JA, Maher L 2017. [Needle and Syringe Program National Minimum Data Collection: National data report 2017](#). Sydney: Kirby Institute.

**Reference documents:** Heard, S; Iversen J; Geddes L & Maher, L. 2020. Australian NSP survey: Prevalence of HIV, HCV and injecting and sexual behaviour among NSP attendees, 25-year National Data Report 1995-2019. Sydney: The Kirby Institute, UNSW Sydney.

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