

Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.4— Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 days, 2020

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	AHPF PI 2.5.4—Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 days, 2020
METEOR identifier:	728365
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 13/10/2021
Description:	The percentage of patients removed who waited more than 365 days for admission to a public hospital for elective surgery.
Indicator set:	Australian Health Performance Framework, 2020 Health , Standard 13/10/2021

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>Elective surgery as defined in the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection (NESWTDC).</p> <p>The NESWTDC includes data collected for patients on elective surgery waiting lists managed by public acute hospitals and/or state and territory health authorities, who are yet to be admitted to hospital and for patients who have been removed from an elective surgery waiting list (for admission or another reason). The NESWTDC includes the date the patient is listed for care and the date the patient is removed from the elective surgery waiting list (removal date).</p> <p>Intended procedures are as defined in permissible values 001 to 017 in Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN.</p> <p>Waiting time is as defined in Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at removal, total days N[NNN]. 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.</p> <p>Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory.• Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory. <p>Analysis by state and territory based on location of service.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p>
Computation:	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$
Numerator:	Number of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists whose waiting time was more than 365 days.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time \(at removal\), total days N\[NNN\]](#)

Data Source

[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N](#)

Data Source

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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](#)

Data Source

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Disaggregation:

2019–20—National.

Nationally, by (all not reported):

- intended procedure
- specialty of surgeon.

Nationally, by intended procedure, by (not reported):

- Indigenous status.

2019–20—State and territory.

State and territory, by (all not reported):

- intended procedure
- specialty of surgeon
- Indigenous status.

Local Hospital Network, by (all not reported):

- specialty of surgeon
- intended procedure.

Hospital, by (all not reported):

- specialty of surgeon
- intended procedure.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by state/territory and Local Hospital Network

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty \(of scheduled doctor\), code NN](#)

Data Source

[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN](#)

Data Source

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Comments: Most recent data available for 2020 Australian Health Performance Framework reporting: 2019–20.

The scope of the indicator is all hospitals reporting to the NESWTDC. 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: [5. Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources: **Data Source**
[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](#)
Frequency
Data custodian
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: Australian Health Performance Framework
Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.2–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2020](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 13/10/2021

See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.3–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion admitted within clinically recommended time, 2020](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 13/10/2021

Supersedes [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.4–Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 days, 2019](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2020](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2022](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2020](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2022](#)

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