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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
| Indicator type: | Indicator |
| Short name: | AHPF PI 2.5.5–Waiting times for emergency department care: proportion seen on time, 2020 |
| METEOR identifier: | 728367 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/10/2021 |
| Description: | The percentage of patients who are treated within national benchmarks for waiting times, for each triage category, in public hospital emergency departments. |
| Indicator set: | [Australian Health Performance Framework, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728283)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 11/07/2023 |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Computation description: | See [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684872) for description of each triage category.The numerator and denominator include records with a [Type of visit](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684942) of Emergency presentation. Records are excluded from both the numerator and denominator if the [episode end status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/685013) is any of *'Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional'*, or *'Dead on arrival'*, or *'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional'* or if the waiting time to service is *invalid*.The scope for calculation of this indicator is all hospitals reporting to the [Non-admitted patient emergency department care (NAPEDC) national minimum data set (NMDS) 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738) and [NAPEDC national best endeavours data set (NBEDS) 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/708556).Analysis by state and territory is based on location of service.Analysis by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.Presented as a percentage. |
| Computation: | 100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)Calculated overall and separately for each triage category. |
| Numerator: | Number of presentations to public hospital emergency departments that were treated within benchmarks for each triage category:* Triage category 1: seen within seconds, calculated as less than or equal to 2 minutes
* Triage category 2: seen within 10 minutes
* Triage category 3: seen within 30 minutes
* Triage category 4: seen within 60 minutes
* Triage category 5: seen within 120 minutes.
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| Numerator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**[Emergency department stay—waiting time (to commencement of clinical care), total minutes NNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/621840)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Emergency department stay—waiting time (to commencement of clinical care), total minutes NNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/621840)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/708556)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684872)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684872)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/708556)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684942)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684942)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/708556)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/685013)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/685013)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/708556)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data  |
| Denominator: | Total presentations to public hospital emergency departments |
| Denominator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**[Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684942)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/685013)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data  |
| Disaggregation: | 2019–20—Nationally, by triage category.Nationally, by triage category, by (all not reported):* peer group
* Indigenous status
* remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure)
* SEIFA IRSD quintiles.

2019–20—State and territory, by triage category.State and territory, by triage category by (all not reported):* peer group
* Indigenous status
* remoteness (ASGS Remoteness Structure)
* SEIFA IRSD quintiles.

Local hospital network, by Triage category (not reported).Hospital, by Triage category (not reported).Disaggregation by peer group uses the peer group classification as described in the AIHW publication [Australian hospital peer groups](http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129553446).Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication. |
| Disaggregation data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**[Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269973)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product dataUsed for disaggregation by state/territory and to derive hospital peer group **Data Element / Data Set**[Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269973)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/708556)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product dataUsed for disaggregation by state/territory and to derive hospital peer group **Data Element / Data Set**[Person—Indigenous status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/602543)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)**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 non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/708556)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/659725)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product dataUsed for disaggregation by remoteness and SEIFA IRSD **Data Element / Data Set**[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/659725)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/708556)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product dataUsed for disaggregation by remoteness and SEIFA IRSD **Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684872)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data **Data Element / Data Set**[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684872)**Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**NMDS / DSS**[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/708556)**Guide for use** Data source type: Administrative by-product data  |
| Comments: | Most recent data available for 2020 Australian Health Performance Framework reporting: 2019–20.For 2019–20 data, the 2016 SEIFA IRSD quintile and decile data will be produced using the ASGS 2016 geographical unit of Statistical Area Level 2. |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Percentage |
| Data type: | Real |
| Unit of measure: | Episode |
| Format: | NN[N] |
| Indicator conceptual framework |
| Framework and dimensions: | [5. Accessibility](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/721646)  |
| Data source attributes |
| Data sources: | **Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635463)**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 |
| Accountability: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | AIHW 2015. Australian hospital peer groups. Health services series no. 66. Cat. no. HSE 170. Canberra: AIHW. |
| Relational attributes  |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.5–Waiting times for emergency department care: proportion seen on time, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/715380)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/10/2021See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.6–Waiting times for emergency department care: waiting times to commencement of clinical care, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728369)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/10/2021See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.7–Waiting times for emergency department care: percentage of patients whose length of emergency department stay is 4 hours or less, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728373)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/10/2021See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.8–Waiting times for emergency department care: time spent in the emergency department, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728375)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/10/2021See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion seen on time, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/716686)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/03/2020See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion seen on time, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/740840)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 24/09/2021See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21b–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion of patients whose length of emergency department stay is less than or equal to four hours, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/716695)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/03/2020See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21b–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion of patients whose length of emergency department stay is less than or equal to four hours, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/740838)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 24/09/2021 |