

# National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13—Waiting times for public dentistry, 2022

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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, 2022
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	740870
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 24/09/2021
<b>Description:</b>	Median (50th percentile) and 90th percentile waiting times between being placed on a public dentistry waiting list and:  a) being offered dental care; and  b) receiving dental care.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement (2022)</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 24/09/2021
<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>	Calculated by subtracting the date placed on a public dentistry waiting list (public dental listing date) from:  a) the date dental care was offered (offer of dental care date); and  b) the date dental care was received (date of first dental visit).  Presented as median number of days (50th percentile) and 90th percentile by waiting list type.  Analysis by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.
<b>Computation:</b>	Number of days at the 50th percentile and number of days at the 90th percentile. Calculated separately for a) and b).  The 50th and 90th percentiles have been rounded to the nearest whole number of days.

**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:**

2020–21—Nationally, by 2016 SEIFA IRSD deciles (not reported).

2020–21—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 2022 National Healthcare Agreement performance reporting: 2020–21.

The calculation of Australian totals for this indicator is not appropriate given that data for jurisdictions are not comparable due to different program structures.

Data for 2019-20 reflect the impact of COVID-19 on service activity. This should be considered when interpreting time series of results.

The data collected for this indicator serves a dual purpose, also meeting the requirements of the Public Dental Waiting Times (PDWT) National Minimum Data Set (NMDS). As such the quality of the data is further described in the [Public Dental Waiting Times Database, 2019–20: Data Quality Statement](#).

Further information about the reporting of public dental waiting times is available from the AIHW paper [A discussion of public dental waiting times information in Australia 2013–14 to 2016–17](#). Data regarding public dental waiting times are also published in the AIHW web report [Oral health and dental care in Australia](#).

Further details about oral health among Indigenous Australians are available from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework ([measure 1.11: Oral health](#)).

**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  
**Reference documents:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2021. *Oral health and dental care in Australia*. Cat. no. DEN 231. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 27 April 2021, <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/dental-oral-health/oral-health-and-dental-care-in-australia/contents/dental-care>  
  
AIHW 2020. *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework*. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 19 February 2021, <https://indigenoushpf.gov.au/>  
  
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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2021](#)  
Health, Standard 16/09/2020  
  
See also [Public Dental Waiting Times Database, 2022–23; Data Quality Statement](#)  
[AIHW Data Quality Statements](#), Standard 07/03/2024