

Public dental waiting times NMDS 2022–

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 765394

Registration status: [Health, Standard 08/02/2023](#)

DSS type: National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

Scope: The purpose of the Public dental waiting times national minimum data set (PDWT NMDS) is to describe the information that must be collected to calculate the waiting times for two time periods in the treatment pathway for public dental services in Australia:

- the time between the date a person is placed on a waiting list and the date they are offered dental care; and
- the time between the date a person is placed on a waiting list and the date they receive dental care.

In the PDWT NMDS, person includes all persons eligible for their state or territory public dental scheme, who were aged 18 years or over when they were placed on a general or prosthetic public dentistry waiting list for the purpose of receiving treatment.

The PDWT NMDS includes:

- all people specified above with a *listing date for dental care* within the collection period
- all people specified above with a *date of offer of dental care* within the collection period
- all people specified above with a *date of first dental visit* within the collection period.

The PDWT NMDS excludes:

- people who access their local public clinic but pay full price and are not eligible for their state or territory's public dental service
- people who are treated under jurisdictional priority client schemes.

In the PDWT NMDS, treatment means any event consisting of the provision of dental care resulting from a person being placed on a public dental waiting list and funded under a state or territory public dental scheme. Only treatments received after a person is placed on a public dental waiting list should be recorded.

Excluded treatments are:

- treatment paid for in full by the person receiving the treatment
- treatment provided by practitioners funded from outside of the public dental health sector, e.g. treatment provided by general practitioners (GPs)
- treatments which do not result in removal from a waiting list, such as:
 - – relief of pain that does not satisfy other dental treatment needs
 - – emergency treatment that does not satisfy other dental treatment needs
 - – where a person is on a general care or denture care waiting list, consultations to determine future care that do not result in the removal from the list

A public dental waiting list episode ends:

- at the *date of offer of dental care*, if this is the last recorded date; or
- at the *date of first dental visit*.

All dental services funded by the state or territory government should be included unless otherwise noted.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit:	A public dental waiting list episode .
Collection methods:	This is an administrative collection and information is derived from client records. The collection period is the twelve month financial year, i.e. the twelve months ending 30 June.
Implementation start date:	01/07/2022
Comments:	<i>Glossary items</i> Glossary terms that are relevant to this National minimum data set are included here: Gender Geographic indicator Sex

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Steward:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	Oral Health Monitoring Group 2015. Healthy mouths healthy lives: Australia's national oral health plan 2015-2024. Viewed 30 August 2022, https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/healthy-mouths-healthy-lives-australias-national-oral-health-plan-2015-2024

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-2022 Health , Superseded 08/02/2023 See also Public Dental Waiting Times Database, 2019-20; Data Quality Statement AIHW Data Quality Statements , Superseded 21/09/2023 See also Public Dental Waiting Times Database, 2021-22; Data Quality Statement AIHW Data Quality Statements , Superseded 07/03/2024 See also Public Dental Waiting Times Database, 2022-23; Data Quality Statement AIHW Data Quality Statements , Standard 07/03/2024 See also Statistical Area Level 1 of usual residence NBEDS 2022-23 Health , Superseded 09/12/2022 See also Statistical Area Level 1 of usual residence NBEDS 2023-24 Health , Superseded 06/12/2023 See also Statistical Area Level 1 of usual residence NBEDS 2024-25 Health , Standard 06/12/2023
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Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
2	Person—sex, code X	Mandatory	1
<p>DSS specific information:</p> <p>In the PDWT NMDS sex is understood to be reported as at time of data collection.</p>			
3	Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN	Mandatory	1
<p>DSS specific information:</p> <p>In the PDWT NMDS, this data element refers to the postcode of a person's usual residence ('usual' means 4 or more days per week on average).</p>			
4	Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS Edition 3) N(9)	Mandatory	1
5	Person—Australian state/territory identifier, code N	Mandatory	1
6	Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN	Mandatory	1
7	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1
8	Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]	Mandatory	1
9	Public dental waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
10	Public dental waiting list episode—waiting list type, code N	Mandatory	1
11	Public dental waiting list episode—date of offer of dental care, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>This data element is recorded if an offer of care has been made.</p>			
12	Public dental waiting list episode—date of first visit, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>This data element is recorded if the person has made a visit to a dental professional as a result of being placed on a public dental waiting list, regardless of setting.</p>			