

Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 1.2.6— Sharing of used needles/syringes, 2024

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	AHPF PI 1.2.6—Sharing of used needles/syringes, 2024
Synonymous names:	Receptive sharing of used needles/syringes by people who inject drugs
METEOR identifier:	778287
Registration status:	Health , Standard 02/02/2024
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 Australian Needle Syringe Program Survey National Data Report 2018–2022
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, 2024 Health , Qualified 21/02/2024

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:	(Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100
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:	<div>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.</div>
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 and to provide a capillary blood sample for HIV and HCV testing.
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 the past 5 years fell within the band of 34% to 45% of clients invited to participate.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Steward: [Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

Origin: Heard, S; Iversen, J & Maher, L. (2022). [Australian Needle Syringe Program Survey National Data Report 2018–2022](#). Sydney: Kirby Institute, UNSW Sydney.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 1.2.6–Sharing of used needles/syringes, 2021](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2024