

National Healthcare Agreement: P60-Access to services by type of service compared to need, 2010

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Access to services compared to need, 2010
METEOR identifier:	395101
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 08/06/2011
Description:	Proportion of people who accessed health services by health status.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2010) Health! , Superseded 08/06/2011
Outcome area:	Social Inclusion and Indigenous Health Health! , Standard 07/07/2010 Indigenous , Standard 11/09/2012
Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: P60-Access to services by type of service compared to need, 2010 QS Health! , Retired 12/03/2015

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	15 years of age, except those who visited dentists or dental professional: from 2 years of age							
Computation description:	<p>Rates are directly age-standardised to the Australian population as at 30 June 2001.</p> <p>Limited to people aged 15 years or over.</p> <p>The service types to be reported are Admitted hospitalisations; Casualty/outpatients; General Practitioner (GP) and/or specialist doctor consultations; Consultations with other health professional; and Dental consultation.</p> <p>Categories of self-assessed health status are Excellent; Very good; Good; Fair; and Poor. These should be combined into two categories for reporting: Excellent/very good/good; and Fair/poor.</p> <p>For the service type 'Admitted hospitalisations', access is recorded based on the last 12 months. For all other services, access is recorded based on the last 2 weeks.</p>							
Computation:	<p>$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$</p> <p>Calculated separately for each type of service and by categories of self-assessed health status.</p>							
Numerator:	Number of people aged 15 years and over who accessed a particular health services in the past 12 months (for hospital admissions) or 2 weeks (for other health services)							
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Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who consulted a dentist or dental professional

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Consulted a dentist or dental professional, did not consult a dentist or dental professional, not applicable, not stated

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who consulted other health professional

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Consulted other health professional, did not consult other health professional, not known, not stated, not applicable

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who visited casualty/emergency or outpatients

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Visited casualty/emergency or outpatients, not visited casualty/emergency or outpatients, not applicable

Data Element / Data Set

Persons admitted to hospital in the last 12 months

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey](#)

[\(NATSIHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Hospitalised in the last 12 months, not hospitalised in the last 12 months, not applicable

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who consulted a dentist or dental professional

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[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

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Data Element / Data Set

Persons who visited casualty/outpatients in the last 12 months

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data element categories: Visited casualty/emergency or outpatients, not visited casualty/emergency or outpatients, not applicable

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Population aged 15 years and over

Denominator:

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

General health status

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data element codes: Excellent, very good, good, fair, poor, not applicable

Data Element / Data Set

Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2001)

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness area and SEIFA of residence

Data Element / Data Set

General health status

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

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Data Element / Data Set

Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2001)

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey
Used for state/territory disaggregation by Indigenous status

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Comments:

Specified disaggregation: Nationally and by state/territory: by service type and self assessed health status; with components of Indigenous status, remoteness area and SEIFA of residence.

Available disaggregation: Nationally and by state/territory: by service type and self assessed health status; with components of Indigenous status, remoteness area and SEIFA of residence.

Most recent data available for 2010 CRC baseline report: 2004-05.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Effectiveness](#)

[Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:**Data Source**

[ABS 2004-05 National Health Survey \(NHS\)](#)

Frequency

Every 3 years

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Data Source

[ABS 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(NATSIHS\)](#)

Frequency

Every 6 years

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Interim

From 2010–11, this indicator may be derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Patient Experience Survey. Service types in scope for 2011 CRC reporting are GPs, specialists, hospital emergency and hospital admissions; access to dentists will be available for 2012 reporting and beyond.

In the immediate future years the NATSIHS will remain the best data source for Indigenous Australians, as disaggregation of the Patient Experience Survey by Indigenous status within states/territories is unlikely to be possible. As the NATSIHS is conducted every 6 years, mechanisms for more frequent reporting of this indicator by Indigenous status should be investigated.

Modelling of imputed need for health services among population groups could be considered to enhance usefulness of administrative data on differential access to health services.

Other issues caveats: Disaggregations within individual jurisdictions are subject to data quality considerations. Some disaggregations may result in numbers too small for publication.

The scope of the source collections is limited to persons usually resident in private dwellings. Persons usually resident in non-private dwellings such as hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing homes and short-stay caravan parks were not included in the surveys. Estimates for non-Indigenous people exclude those living in very remote areas of Australia.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: P160-Access to services by type of service compared to need, 2011](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P15-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2010](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P16-People deferring recommended treatment due to financial barriers, 2010](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P46-Rates of services: Outpatient occasions of service, 2010](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P47-Rates of services: Non-acute care separations, 2010](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P48-Rates of services: Hospital procedures, 2010](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P08-Access to health care compared to need, 2010](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 04/04/2011