

National Healthcare Agreement: P64a-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Output measure
Short name:	Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010
METEOR identifier:	395129
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 08/06/2011 Indigenous , Superseded 08/06/2011
Description:	Indigenous Australians in the health workforce (for selected professions of medical practitioners and nurses/midwives). Sourced from the the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Health Labour Force Surveys and state and territory registration board data.
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 , Superseded 08/06/2011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: P64a-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010 QS Health! , Superseded 04/12/2012 Indigenous , Superseded 04/12/2012

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	The scope of the workforce for each profession is defined as those employed in the profession. This excludes those who are registered with the profession but are retired, working outside the profession, on extended leave or working outside Australia.
Computation:	100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)
Numerator:	Number of Indigenous Australians in the health workforce for selected professions

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Health professional—occupation

Data Source

[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

Person—Indigenous status

Data Source

[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Health professional—occupation, code ANN](#)

Data Source

[AIHW Health Labour Force Surveys](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Health labour force NMDS](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Occupation codes for the selected occupations initially available are A01 to A06, C01 to C98

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[AIHW Health Labour Force Surveys](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Health labour force NMDS](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Note: This data element is not included in the Health Labour Force NMDS but was included in the 2006 and 2007 Medical Labour Force Surveys and the 2007 Nursing and Midwifery Labour Force Survey.

Denominator:

Total health workforce for selected professions

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Health professional—occupation

Data Source

[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Health professional—occupation, code ANN](#)

Data Source

[AIHW Health Labour Force Surveys](#)

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Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set
Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier

Data Source
[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

Guide for use
Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set
Health professional—occupation

Data Source
[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

Guide for use
Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set
[Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](#)

Data Source
[AIHW Health Labour Force Surveys](#)

Guide for use
Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set
[Health professional—occupation, code ANN](#)

Data Source
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Guide for use
Data source type: Survey

Comments:

Specified disaggregation: Nationally and state/territory by profession.

Available disaggregation: Nationally and state/territory by profession.

Most recent data available for 2010 CRC baseline report: 2007 (for medical and nursing/midwifery labour force survey data).

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Percentage
Data type:	Real
Unit of measure:	Person
Format:	N[N].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Effectiveness](#)
[Efficiency & Sustainability](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

[State/territory health practitioner registration board data](#)

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data Source

[AIHW Health Labour Force Surveys](#)

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

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Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Further data development / collection required: Initially, only medical practitioners and nurses/midwives can be reported on. As the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme data become available, information on all 11 professions covered by that scheme (medical, dental, nursing, midwifery, optometry, osteopathy, occupational therapists, pharmacy, physiotherapy, psychology, chiropractic) will be used. From 2012, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners, Chinese medicine practitioners and medical radiation practitioners will also be included in the Scheme.

Questionnaires to collect workforce information as part of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme will need to be designed carefully to ensure sufficient Indigenous status responses are collected.

Other issues caveats: Specification: Interim

Until data are available from the new National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, the only available data will be for medical practitioners and nurses/midwives.

Indicators P64a and P64b present complementary information about the Indigenous workforce drawing from AIHW health labour force surveys and state and territory registration board data (P64a) and Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census data (P64b).

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: P164a-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2011](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P64b-Indigenous Australians in the health workforce, 2010](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P65-Net growth in health workforce, 2010](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011