

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2013

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
| Indicator type: | Progress measure |
| Short name: | PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2013 |
| METEOR identifier: | 497262 |
| Registration status: | Health! , Superseded 30/04/2014 |
| Description: | Length of time a person waits to see a dental professional at a public government dental clinic. |
| Indicator set: | National Healthcare Agreement (2013) Health! , Superseded 30/04/2014 |
| Outcome area: | Primary and Community Health Health! , Standard 07/07/2010 |
| Data quality statement: | National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2013 QS Health! , Superseded 14/01/2015 |

Collection and usage attributes

| Computation description: | <p>Numerator refers to waiting time for most recent appointment with a government dental professional in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Excludes treatment for urgent dental care.</p> <p>Population is limited to persons aged 15 years and over.</p> <p>Rates directly age-standardised to the 2001 Australian population.</p> <p>Analysis by remoteness and</p> <p>Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p> <p>95% confidence intervals and relative standard errors are calculated for rates.</p> | | | |
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| Computation: | 100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator) calculated separately for each waiting time category (within 2 weeks; 2 weeks to less than 1 month; 1 month to less than 6 months; 6 months to less than 1 year; 1 year or more years). | | | |
| Numerator: | Number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported seeing a dental professional at a government dental clinic within specified waiting time categories (excluding for urgent dental care). | | | |
| Numerator data elements: | <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Data Element / Data Set</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Data Source</td></tr><tr><td>ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEX)</td></tr></tbody></table> | Data Element / Data Set | Data Source | ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEX) |
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| ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEX) | | | | |
| Denominator: | Total number of persons aged 15 years and over who reported seeing a dental professional at a government dental clinic in the last 12 months (excluding for urgent dental care). | | | |

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Disaggregation:

2011-12—Nationally, by waiting time category, by:

- SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) quintiles
- remoteness (Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure)

2011-12—State and territory, by waiting time category.

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Comments:

Most recent data available for the 2013 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council (CRC) report: 2011-12.

In the Patient Experience Survey of 2011-12, waiting times refer only to those who had seen a dental professional at a government dental clinic. These data will be used for the 2013 reporting cycle. In 2012-13, the question is expanded to all those who had been put on a waiting list for a government dental clinic and will be reported in 2014. Neither of these options include the possibility of using other services that have been outsourced by a government process. Testing of questions to collect this information is about to be undertaken for the 2013-14 cycle of the Patient Experience Survey.

The ABS Patient Experience Survey is being used as an interim data source for this indicator, while a Public dental waiting times NMDS is developed. The first data available from the new NMDS is expected to be in respect of the 2013-14 financial year.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Frequency

Annual

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: Minor work required, the measure needs minor work to meet the intention of the indicator. Proxy measure.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 15-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2012](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 25/06/2013

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13-Waiting times for public dentistry, 2014](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2013](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 30/04/2014