Patient—number of teeth affected by caries, total N[N]

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# Patient—number of teeth affected by caries, total N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of teeth affected by caries (total) |
| Synonymous names: | Dental caries experience; Decay experience |
| METEOR identifier: | 500127 |
| Registration status: | [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Standard 08/10/2014 |
| Definition: | The total number of a patient's teeth which are affected by  [**caries**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/551229) as identified by a dental practitioner. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Patient—number of teeth affected by caries](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/498789) |
| METEOR identifier: | 498789 |
| Registration status: | [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Standard 08/10/2014 |
| Definition: | The number of a patient's teeth which are affected by caries as identified by a dental practitioner. |
| Object class: | [Patient](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/268959) |
| Property: | [Number of teeth affected by caries](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/505530) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Total number N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/347205) |
| METEOR identifier: | 347205 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/10/2008  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 10/04/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 01/05/2013  [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Standard 08/10/2014  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12) , Qualified 23/09/2015  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 22/11/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 20/12/2016  [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018 |
| Definition: | The total number. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 99 | Not stated/inadequately described |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The number of teeth affected by caries is used in conjunction with [Patient—result of caries experience on permanent teeth code A](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/505744) and [Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, deciduous code a](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/505722)  to calculate the dmft/DMFT (for deciduous/permanent teeth, excluding teeth surfaces) score for a patient. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. |
| Steward: | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/246013) |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, deciduous code a](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/505722)  [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Standard 08/10/2014  See also [Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, permanent code A](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/505744)  [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Standard 08/10/2014 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Decayed, missing and filled teeth cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/553034)  [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Standard 08/10/2014  ***DSS specific information:*** First occurrence is for the total of deciduous teeth (dmft) and the second occurrence is for total of permanent teeth (DMFT). |