

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to financial barriers, 2014

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 14-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to financial barriers, 2014
METEOR identifier:	517656
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 14/01/2015
Description:	Proportion of people who required treatment but deferred that treatment due to cost, by type of health service.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2014) Health! , Superseded 14/01/2015
Outcome area:	Primary and Community Health Health! , Standard 07/07/2010
Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to financial barriers (Patient Experience Survey), 2014 QS Health! , Superseded 14/01/2015

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	15 years
Computation description:	Population is limited to persons aged 15 years and over. Rates directly age-standardised to the 2001 Australian population. Analysis by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person. Presented as a percentage. 95% confidence intervals and relative standard errors calculated for rates.
Computation:	$100 \times (\text{numerator} \div \text{denominator})$ calculated separately for each type of healthcare (GP, medical specialist, dental care, prescribed medication, pathology or imaging tests).

Numerator:

- (a) Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a GP in the last 12 months because of cost.
- (b) Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a medical specialist in the last 12 months because of cost.
- (c) Number of persons who reported delaying or not getting a prescription filled for medication in the last 12 months because of cost.
- (d) Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a dental practitioner in the last 12 months because of cost.
- (e) Number of persons who reported delaying or not getting pathology or imaging tests in the last 12 months because of cost.
- (f) Number of persons who reported needing to see a GP in the last 12 months, but did not because of cost.
- (g) Number of persons in who did not fill a prescription in the last 12 months because of cost.
- (h) Number of persons who reported needing to see a dental practitioner in the last 12 months, but did not because of cost.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who reported delaying or not getting a prescription filled for medication in the last 12 months

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Reason(s) for not seeking treatment or having a prescription filled

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who reported delaying or not getting pathology or imaging tests in the last 12 months

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who reported delaying or not seeing a dental practitioner in the last 12 months

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who reported delaying or not seeing a GP in the last 12 months

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who reported delaying or not seeing a medical specialist in the last 12 months

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Reason for delaying or not seeking treatment

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who reported needing to see a dental practitioner in the last 12 months

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who reported needing to see a GP in the last 12 months

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people who reported not getting a prescription filled in the last 12 months

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Denominator:

(a) Total number of persons who saw a GP or needed to see a GP but didn't in the last 12 months.

(b) Total number of persons who received a written referral to a specialist by a GP in the last 12 months.

(c) Total number of persons who saw a dental practitioner or who needed to see a dental practitioner but didn't in the last 12 months.

(d) Total number of persons who received a prescription for medication from a GP in the last 12 months.

(e) Total number of persons who had a pathology or imaging test or who needed a pathology or imaging test but didn't get one in the last 12 months.

(f) Total number of persons who needed to see a GP in the last 12 months, but did not.

(g) Total number of persons who had prescriptions that were not filled in the last 12 months.

(h) Total number of persons who needed to see a dental practitioner in the last 12 months, but did not.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who had a pathology or imaging test or who needed a pathology or imaging test but didn't get one in the last 12 months

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey or census-based

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who received a prescription for medication from a GP in the last 12 months

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey and census-based

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who received a written referral to a specialist by a GP in the last 12 months.

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey and census-based

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who saw a dental practitioner or who needed to see a dental practitioner but didn't in the last 12 months.

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey and census-based

Data Element / Data Set

Persons who saw a GP or needed to see a GP but didn't in the last 12 months

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who needed to see a dental practitioner in the last 12 months, but did not

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who needed to see a GP in the last 12 months, but did not

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who received a prescription for medication from a GP in the last 12 months

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey and census-based

Disaggregation:

2012–13—State and Territory, by type of healthcare (GP, medical specialist, dental care, prescribed medication, pathology or imaging tests, i.e. measures (a) to (e)), by:

- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure) (major cities, other)

2012–13—Nationally by type of healthcare (GP, medical specialist, dental care, prescribed medication, pathology or imaging tests, i.e. measures (a) to (e)), by:

- sex
- 2011 Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) deciles
- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure) (major cities, inner regional, outer regional, remote/very remote)

2012–13 — State and territory, by measures (f) and (h) by:

- Indigenous status (Indigenous only) by remoteness (ASGS Remoteness Structure)

2012–13 — State and territory (non-remote areas of Australia only), by measure (g), by:

- Indigenous status (Indigenous only) by remoteness (ASGS Remoteness Structure)

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

Disaggregation data elements:**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)

Data Source

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

Comments: Most recent data available for 2014 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council (CRC) report: 2012-13 (total population, non-Indigenous: PEX; Indigenous: AATSIHS).

Non-Indigenous data from PEX may not be directly comparable with data for Indigenous people from AATSIHS.

Indigenous data for the 2014 CRC report is sourced from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS) component of the AATSIHS.

Dental practitioner includes dentist, dental hygienist or dental specialist.

Pathology and imaging tests exclude those had while in hospital. Imaging tests also exclude those for dental work.

Some survey respondents may report pathology and imaging as a referral to a medical specialist.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN.NN]

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

Data Source

[ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey \(AATSIHS\), 2012-13](#)

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: Final, the measure meets the intention of the indicator.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to financial barriers, 2013](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to financial barriers, 2015](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to financial barriers \(Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey\), 2014 QS](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 12/01/2015

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2014](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 14/01/2015