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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
| Indicator type: | Progress measure |
| Short name: | PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2015 |
| METEOR identifier: | 559026 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 08/07/2016 |
| Description: | Percentage of patients who are treated within national benchmarks for waiting times for each triage category in public hospital emergency departments. |
| Indicator set: | [National Healthcare Agreement (2015)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/558998)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 08/07/2016 |
| Outcome area: | [Hospital and Related Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/393487)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 07/07/2010 |
| Data quality statement: | [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency department care: proportion seen on time, 2015 QS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/559105)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 08/07/2016 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Computation description: | See [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode - triage category, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/474185) for description of each triage category.  The numerator and denominator include records with a Type of visit of *Emergency presentation.*  Records are excluded from both the numerator and denominator if the episode end status is either *Did not wait to be attended by a health professional,* or *Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department*, or if the waiting time to service is *invalid*.  Limited to public hospitals in Peer Group A and B.  To ensure comparability over time, emergency department activity at the Mersey Community Hospital is reported with Peer Group B hospitals for *National Healthcare Agreement* purposes. Whilst it is currently not a Peer Group A or B hospital, in the baseline year (2007-08) Mersey was a campus of the Peer Group B North West Regional Hospital and its emergency department activity was included in the baseline.  Analysis by state and territory is based on location of service.  Analysis by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.  Presented as a percentage. |
| Computation: | 100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)  Calculated overall and separately for each triage category. |
| Numerator: | Number of presentations to public hospital emergency departments that were treated within benchmarks for each triage category:   * Triage category 1: seen within seconds, calculated as less than or equal to 2 minutes * Triage category 2: seen within 10 minutes * Triage category 3: seen within 30 minutes * Triage category 4: seen within 60 minutes * Triage category 5: seen within 120 minutes |
| Numerator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—type of visit to emergency department, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270362)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data    **Data Element / Data Set**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/390392)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data    **Data Element / Data Set**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—waiting time (to service delivery), total minutes NNNNN](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/390412)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data |
| Denominator: | Total presentations to public hospital emergency departments |
| Denominator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—type of visit to emergency department, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270362)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data    **Data Element / Data Set**  [Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/290046)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data    **Data Element / Data Set**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/322641)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data |
| Disaggregation: | 2012–13 (revised for peer group) and 2013–14—Nationally, by Triage category, by 2011 Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) deciles.  2012–13 (revised for peer group) and 2013–14—State and territory, by Triage category by:   * peer group * Indigenous status * remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure) * 2011 SEIFA IRSD quintiles   Disaggregation by peer group is limited to Peer Groups A and B, as this is the scope of the collection, and coverage varies for other hospitals by state and territory.  Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication. |
| Disaggregation data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**Public hospital peer group  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data    **Data Element / Data Set**  [Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269941)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data    **Data Element / Data Set**  [Person—Indigenous status, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/291036)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data    **Data Element / Data Set**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/390392)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data    **Data Element / Data Set**  [Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2011) N(9)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/469909)  **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **NMDS / DSS**  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/509116)  **Guide for use**  Data source type: Administrative by-product data Used for disaggregation by remoteness and SEIFA IRSD |
| Comments: | Most recent data available for 2015 National Healthcare Agreement (NHA) performance reporting: 2013–14.  For 2012-13 data, the 2011 SEIFA IRSD quintile and decile data were produced using the Australian Standard Geography Classification geographical unit of Statistical Local Area. For 2013-14 data, the 2011 SEIFA IRSD quintile and decile data will be produced using the Australian Statistical unit of Statistical Area 2. |
| Representational attributes | |
| Representation class: | Percentage |
| Data type: | Real |
| Unit of measure: | Person |
| Format: | NN[N] |
| Indicator conceptual framework | |
| Framework and dimensions: | [Accessibility](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/392591) |
| Data source attributes | |
| Data sources: | **Data Source**  [National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/394733)  **Frequency**  Annual  **Data custodian**  Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Accountability attributes | |
| Reporting requirements: | National Healthcare Agreement |
| Organisation responsible for providing data: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| 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 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2014](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/517640)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 14/01/2015  Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2016](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/598738)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 31/01/2017  See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12-Waiting times for GPs, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/559044)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 08/07/2016  See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/588731)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 08/07/2016  See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21b-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion completed within four hours, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/559024)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 08/07/2016 |