

# **National Healthcare Agreement: PB a–Better health: close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous Australians within a generation, 2019**

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Short name:</b>	PB a–Close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous Australians within a generation, 2019
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	698952
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 13/03/2020
<b>Description:</b>	Difference between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancies at birth.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement (2019)</a> <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 13/03/2020
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Prevention</a> <a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 07/07/2010

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Computation description:</b>	<p>A generation is defined as 25 years.</p> <p>Life expectancy for total population is calculated for a rolling 3-year period and reported annually.</p> <p>Life expectancy for Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations is calculated for a rolling 3-year period and reported every 5 years.</p> <p>Presented as number of years.</p>
<b>Computation:</b>	Calculated by direct estimation of life expectancy at birth for all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians using the average number of deaths in the 3-year period and the estimated resident population at a mid-point of that period.
<b>Numerator:</b>	The gap estimate does not have a numerator or denominator. The average number of years a person could expect to live from the day they are born, if they experienced mortality rates at each age, that are currently experienced by the relevant population.

**Numerator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

Number of years of life expectancy at birth

**Data Source**

[ABS Life Tables](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Census based and administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

Number of years of life expectancy at birth.

**Data Source**

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**Disaggregation:**

2015–17—State and territory, by:

- Indigenous status and sex

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—sex, code N](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

**Data Source**

[ABS Life Tables](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Census based and administrative by-product data  
Used for disaggregation by state/territory

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

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**Comments:**

Most recent data available for 2019 National Healthcare Agreement performance reporting: 2015–2017.

Baseline: 2005–2007.

Indigenous estimates of life expectancy are not produced for Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania or the Australian Capital Territory due to the small number of Indigenous deaths reported in these jurisdictions.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Mean (average)

**Data type:** Real

**Unit of measure:** Time (e.g. days, hours)

Format: NN.N

## Data source attributes

Data sources:

### Data Source

[ABS Life Tables](#)

#### Frequency

Annual

#### Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

### Data Source

[ABS Indigenous Life Tables](#)

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Australian Bureau of Statistics

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Healthcare Agreement

**Organisation responsible for providing data:** Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Benchmark:** National Healthcare Agreement Performance Benchmark:  
Close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous Australians within a generation.  
Refer:

[http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health/\\_archive/healthcare\\_national-agreement.pdf](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health/_archive/healthcare_national-agreement.pdf)

**Further data development / collection required:** Specification: Final, the measure meets the intention of the indicator.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PB a–Better health: close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous Australians within a generation, 2018](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PB a–Better health: close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous Australians within a generation, 2020](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 13/03/2020

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 06–Life expectancy, 2019](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

See also [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 01–Estimated life expectancy at birth, 2020](#)  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019