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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
| Indicator type: | Indicator |
| Short name: | AHPF PI 1.2.6–Sharing of used needles/syringes, 2020  |
| Synonymous names: | Receptive sharing of used needles/syringes by people who inject drugs |
| METEOR identifier: | 728302 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 13/10/2021 |
| Description: | The proportion of people who inject drugs who attend Needle-Syringe Programs (NSP), and who reported re-using someone else’s used needles/syringes in the previous month, based on the [1995—2019 Australian Needle Syringe Program Survey](https://kirby.unsw.edu.au/report/australian-nsp-survey-25-year-national-data-report-1995-2019). |
| Rationale: | Re-use of another person's used needles/syringes increases the risk of transmission of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV). Needle-Syringe Programs are part of a comprehensive package of programs that aim to reduce the harmful consequences of injection drug use by facilitating access to new needles/syringes for people who inject drugs. |
| Indicator set: | [Australian Health Performance Framework, 2020](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/728283)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 13/10/2021 |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Computation description: | The proportion of people who inject drugs in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs who reported re-using someone else’s used needles/syringes in the last month. |
| Computation: | 100 × (Numerator ÷ Denominator) |
| Numerator: | The number of surveyed participants in contact with Needle- Syringe Programs, who report re-using someone else’s used needles or syringes in the last month. |
| Numerator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**Surveyed participants in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs, who reported re-using someone else’s used needles or syringes in the last month.**Data Source**[Australian Needle and Syringe Program Survey (ANSPS)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/742637)**Guide for use**Clients in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs are asked to participate in an anonymous survey over a two-week period in October each year. |
| Denominator: | The number of surveyed participants in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs who injected in the last month. |
| Denominator data elements: | **Data Element / Data Set**Surveyed participants in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs.**Data Source**[Australian Needle and Syringe Program Survey (ANSPS)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/742637)**Guide for use**Clients in contact with Needle-Syringe Programs are asked to participate in an anonymous survey over a two-week period in October each year. |
| Disaggregation: | Nationally, by state/territory. |
| Comments: | 1. The Australian Needle Syringe Program Survey is a self-report survey conducted annually over a one to two-week period in October. All clients attending participating Needle and Syringe Programs are invited to complete a brief‚ anonymous questionnaire.2. Estimates are calculated using data from annual reports. Trend data may not match previously published results.3. The denominator is people who reported having injected in the last month; the numerator is people who reported having re-used someone else’s used needles and syringes in the last month. Percentages exclude those who reported having injected in the last month but did not report their needle/syringe sharing frequency.4. The Australian Needle Syringe Program Survey report refers to re-use of someone else’s used needles and syringes as ‘receptive sharing’. |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Percentage |
| Data type: | Real |
| Unit of measure: | Person |
| Format: | N[NN].N |
| Indicator conceptual framework |
| Framework and dimensions: | [Health behaviours](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/721210)* [Test framework](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/758304)
* [Test framework](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/758305)
* [Test framework](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/758303)
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| Data source attributes |
| Data sources: | **Data Source**[Australian Needle and Syringe Program Survey (ANSPS)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/742637)**Data custodian**The Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales |
| Accountability attributes |
| Methodology: | Clients of Needle and Syringe Programs are invited to complete an anonymous survey over a two-week period in October. |
| Reporting requirements: | Annual reporting of survey results as a requirement of funding from the Australian Government Department of Health. |
| Organisation responsible for providing data: | Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales |
| Accountability: | Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales |
| Other issues caveats: | Survey response rate over recent years falls within the band of 41% to 48% of clients invited to participate. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales |
| Steward: | [Department of Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/564862) |
| Origin: | Heard S, Iversen J, Kwon JA, Maher L 2017. [Needle and Syringe Program National Minimum Data Collection: National data report 2017](https://kirby.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/kirby/report/NSP-NMDC_Report-2017.pdf). Sydney: Kirby Institute. |
| Reference documents: | Heard, S; Iversen J; Geddes L & Maher, L. 2020. Australian NSP survey: Prevalence of HIV, HCV and injecting and sexual behaviour among NSP attendees, 25-year National Data Report 1995-2019. Sydney: The Kirby Institute, UNSW Sydney. |