Primary Health Network—number of regular clients

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	728691
Registration status:	Health!, Recorded 05/01/2021
Definition:	The number of people who are considered to be regular clients of service providers within a Primary Health Network at a given point in time.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Primary Health Network
Definition:	A Primary Health Network (PHN) is an administrative health region established to facilitate access to primary care services for patients, as well as co-ordinate with local hospitals in order to improve the overall operational efficiency of the network.

PHN organisations commission services and work directly with general practices (GPs) and other health care providers including hospitals and the broader community to ensure improved outcomes for patients across their region.

The term PHN can refer to either:

1. PHN organisation - A PHN organisation is responsible for identifying and addressing the primary health needs of communities in their PHN geographical region through strategic planning, commissioning services, supporting general practices and other health care providers, and supporting the integration of local health care services (DoH 2018).
2. PHN geographical area – A PHN geographical area is an administrative health region with boundaries that align with Local Hospital Networks (LHNs) or equivalents, or clusters of LHNs (DoH 2016).

Context:	Primary health care.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	

DoH (Department of Health) 2016. PHN boundaries. Australian Government Department of Health, Canberra. Viewed 9 July 2020 <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/PHN-Boundaries>

DoH (Department of Health) 2018. PHN program performance and quality framework. Australian Government Department of Health, Canberra. Viewed 9 July 2020 <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/PHN-Performance_Framework>

Reference documents:	ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2017. Survey of health care, Australia. Australian Bureau of Statistics, Canberra. Viewed 9 July 2020 <https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4343.0Explanatory%20Notes12016?OpenDocument>

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	Number of regular clients
Definition:	A count of the number of people who are considered to be regular clients of an organisation or agency at a given point in time.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

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Relational attributes

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