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!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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

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| Object class: | [Primary Health Network](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/730305) |
| 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](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4343.0Explanatory Notes12016?OpenDocument)> |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Number of regular clients](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/727543) |
| 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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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

### Relational attributes

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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Primary Health Network—number of regular clients, total number N[NNNNNN]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/728693)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Recorded 05/01/2021 |