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### DEMOGRAPHIC

DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Sex	All persons aged 15 years or	1. Male
	over	2. Female
State of usual residence	All households; All persons	1. New South Wales
	aged 15 years or over	2. Victoria
		3. Queensland
		4. South Australia
		5. Western Australia
		6. Tasmania
		7. Northern Territory
		8. Australian Capital Territory
Social marital status	All persons aged 15 years or	0. Not applicable
	over	1. Married
		2. Not married
Family relationship	All persons aged 15 years or	Available on request
	over	
Country of birth	All persons aged 15 years or	SACC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition
	over	
Year of arrival	All persons aged 15 years or	Available in single years
	over	
Age of person	All persons aged 15 years or	Available in single years
	over	
Area of usual residence	All households; All persons	1. Capital City
	aged 15 years or over	2. Balance of State/Territory
Family composition of Household	All households	Available on request
Dissemination region	All households; All persons	Labour Force Dissemination
	aged 15 years or over	Regions
Indigenous status	All persons aged 15 years or	1. Not Aboriginal nor Torres
	over	Strait Islander
		2. Aboriginal
		3. Torres Strait Islander
		4. Both Aboriginal and Torres
		Strait Islander
		5. Total
Whether household has children aged under 15	All households	0. Not applicable
		1. Household has children aged
		under 15
		2. Household does not have
		children aged under 15

Index of relative socio-economic index disadvantage	All households	01. Lowest decile
Deciles	- Tui nousenoius	02. Second decile
Deches		03. Third decile
		04. Fourth decile
		05. Fifth decile
		06. Sixth decile
		07. Seventh decile
		08. Eighth decile
		09. Ninth decile
		10. Highest decile
		11. Could not be determined
Index of relative socio-economic index	All households	01. Lowest decile
advantage/disadvantage - Deciles		02. Second decile
		03. Third decile
		04. Fourth decile
		05. Fifth decile
		06. Sixth decile
		07. Seventh decile
		08. Eighth decile
		09. Ninth decile
		10. Highest decile
		11. Could not be determined
Remoteness Index of Australia	All households	1. Major Cities of Australia
		2. Inner Regional Australia
		3. Outer Regional Australia
		4. Remote Australia
		5. Very Remote Australia
Number of persons who are usual residents in the	All households	Parametric item
household		
Age of Person (5 year age groups)	All persons aged 15 years or	01. 15-17
	over	02. 18-19
		03. 20-24
		04. 25-29
		05. 30-34
		06. 35-39
		07. 40-44
		08. 45-49
		09. 50-54
		10. 55-59
		10. 55-59 11. 60-64
		12. 65-69
		13. 70-74
		14. 75-79
		15. 80 and over
Age of person (1 year categorically)	All persons aged 15 years or	<1599>
	over	

Number of children aged 0 to 14 in the household	All households	<09>
(usual residents of private dwellings)		
Statistical Area Level 1	All households	ASGS 2011
Statistical Area Level 4	All households	ASGS 2011
Greater capital city statistical area (GCCSA)	All households	ASGS 2011

### EDUCATION

data item name	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Age and whether attending	All persons aged 15 years and over	1. 15-19 years and attending school
an educational institution		2. 15-19 years, left school and studying full time
		3. 15-19 years, left school and not studying full time
		4. 20-24 years and studying full time
		5. 20-24 years and not studying full time
		6. 25 years and over
Highest year of school	All persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
completed		1. Year 12
		2. Year 11
		3. Year 10
		4. Year 9
		5. Year 8 or below
		6. Never attended school
Level of highest educational	All persons aged 15 years or over	00. Not applicable
attainment		01. Postgraduate degree
		02. Graduate diploma or graduate certificate
		03. Bachelor degree
		04. Advanced diploma or diploma
		05. Certificate III or IV
		06. Certificate I or II
		07. Certificate n.f.d.
		08. Year 12
		09. Year 11
		10. Year 10
		11. Year 9
		12. Year 8
		13. Level not determined
		14. No educational attainment/attendance
Main field of highest	All persons aged 15 years or over	00. No educational attainment
educational attainment	in persons aged 19 years of over	01. Natural and physical sciences
(ASCED)		02. Information technology
(III)		03. Engineering and related technologies
		04. Architecture and building
		05. Agriculture, environmental and related studies
		06. Health
		07. Education
		07. Education 08. Management and commerce
		09. Society and culture
		10. Creative arts
		11. Food, hospitality and personal services
		12. Mixed field programmes
		13. Field not determined

Level of highest non-school	Persons aged 15 years or over who	1. Postgraduate degree
qualification	- ·	2. Graduate diploma or graduate certificate
quanteuron	educational qualification	3. Bachelor degree
	educational quanteation	4. Advanced diploma or diploma
		5. Certificate III or IV
		6. Certificate I or II
		7. Certificate n.f.d.
		8. Level not determined
		9. No non-school qualification
Main field of highest non-	Persons aged 15 years or over who	00. Not applicable
school formal qualification	have completed a non-school	01. Natural and physical sciences
(ASCED)	educational qualification	02. Information technology
		03. Engineering and related technologies
		04. Architecture and building
		05. Agriculture, environmental and related studies
		06. Health
		07. Education
		08. Management and commerce
		09. Society and culture
		10. Creative arts
		11. Food, hospitality and personal services
		12. Mixed field programmes
		13. Field not determined
		14. No non-school qualification

### INCOME

DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Total gross weekly household	All households	00. Not applicable
income from all sources		01. Negative income
		02. No income
		03. \$1 and under \$100
		04. \$100 and under \$200
		05. \$200 and under \$300
		06. \$300 and under \$400
		07. \$400 and under \$500
		08. \$500 and under \$600
		09. \$600 and under \$700
		10. \$700 and under \$800
		11. \$800 and under \$900
		12. \$900 and under \$1,000
		13. \$1,000 and under \$1,100
		14. \$1,100 and under \$1,200
		15. \$1,200 and under \$1,300
		16. \$1,300 and under \$1,400
		17. \$1,400 and under \$1,500
		18. \$1,500 and under \$1,600
		19. \$1,600 and under \$1,700
		20. \$1,700 and under \$1,800
		21. \$1,800 and under \$1,900
		22. \$1,900 and under \$2,000
		23. \$2,000 and under \$2,200
		24. \$2,200 and under \$2,400
		25. \$2,400 and under \$2,600
		26. \$2,600 and under \$2,800
		27. \$2,800 and under \$3,000
		28. \$3,000 and over
		29. Could not be determined
Total gross weekly household	All households	01. First decile
income from all sources - deciles		02. Second decile
		03. Third decile
		04. Fourth decile
		05. Fifth decile
		06. Sixth decile
		07. Seventh decile
		08. Eighth decile
		09. Ninth decile
		10. Tenth decile
		11. Income not known or not stated
Total gross weekly household	All households	Parametric item, with '9999999998' as
income from all sources - Parametr		'not stated' and '9999999999' as 'refusal

Total gross annual household	All households	Parametric item, with '9999999998' as
income from all sources - Parametric		'not stated' and '9999999999' as 'refusal'
Equivalised weekly household	All households	Parametric item, with '9999999998' as
income - Parametric		'not stated' and '9999999999' as 'refusal'
Equivalised annual household	All households	Parametric item, with '9999999998' as
income - Parametric		'not stated' and '9999999999' as 'refusal'
Equivalised weekly household	All households	01. First decile
income - deciles		02. Second decile
		03. Third decile
		04. Fourth decile
		05. Fifth decile
		06. Sixth decile
		07. Seventh decile
		08. Eighth decile
		09. Ninth decile
		10. Tenth decile
		11. Income not known or not stated
Weekly personal income from all	All persons aged 15 years or over	00. Not applicable
sources		01. Negative income
		02. No income
		03. \$1 and under \$100
		04. \$100 and under \$200
		05. \$200 and under \$300
		06. \$300 and under \$400
		07. \$400 and under \$500
		08. \$500 and under \$600
		09. \$600 and under \$700
		10. \$700 and under \$800
		11. \$800 and under \$900
		12. \$900 and under \$1,000
		13. \$1,000 and under \$1,100
		14. \$1,100 and under \$1,200
		15. \$1,200 and under \$1,300
		16. \$1,300 and under \$1,400
		17. \$1,400 and under \$1,500
		18. \$1,500 and under \$1,600
		19. \$1,600 and under \$1,700
		20. \$1,700 and under \$1,800
		21. \$1,800 and under \$1,900
		22. \$1,900 and under \$2,000
		23. \$2,000 and over
		24. Could not be determined

Weekly personal income from all	All persons aged 15 years or over	01. First decile
sources - deciles		02. Second decile
		03. Third decile
		04. Fourth decile
		05. Fifth decile
		06. Sixth decile
		07. Seventh decile
		08. Eighth decile
		09. Ninth decile
		10. Tenth decile
		11. Income/earnings not known or not
		stated
Weekly personal income from all	All persons aged 15 years and over	Parametric item, with '9999999998' as
sources - parametric		'not stated' and '9999999999' as 'refusal'
Annual personal income from all	All persons aged 15 years or over	Parametric item, with '9999999998' as
sources		'not stated' and '99999999999' as 'refusal'
All sources of personal income	All persons aged 15 years or over	00. Not applicable
		01. Profit or loss from own
		unincorporated business or share in a
		partnership
		02. Profit or loss from rental property
		03. Dividends or interest
		04. Wages or salary (including from
		own incorporated business)
		05. Government pension or allowance
		06. Child support or maintenance
		07. Superannuation, Annuity or
		allocated pension
		08. Workers' Compensation
		09. Any other regular source
		10. Refusal
		11. No income source
Main source of personal income	All persons aged 15 years and over	00. Not applicable
*		01. Profit from own unincorporated
		business or share in a partnership
		02. Profit from rental property
		03. Dividends or interest
		04. Wages or salary (including from
		own incorporated business)
		05. Government pension or allowance
		06. Child support or maintenance
		07. Superannuation, Annuity or
		allocated pension
		08. Workers' Compensation
		09. Other
		10. Don't know

Personal types of government	Persons aged 15 years or over who	00. Null response
pensions/allowances received	receive a government pension or	01. Australian Age Pension
	allowance	02. Family Tax Benefit (Parts A and B)
		(Centrelink)
		03. Disability Support Pension
		(Centrelink)
		04. Disability Pension (DVA)
		05. Parenting Payment
		06. Newstart Allowance
		07. Youth Allowance
		08. Carer Allowance
		09. Carer Payment
		10. Service Pension (DVA) (exclude
		superannuation e.g. DFRDB)
		11. War Widow's/Widower's pension
		(DVA)
		12. Partner Allowance
		13. Wife Pension
		14. Sickness Allowance
		15. Widow Allowance (Widow B
		Pension) (Centrelink)
		16. Special Benefit
		17. Overseas pensions/benefits
		18. Other
		19. Type of Government pension
		could not be determined
		20. Does not receive government
		pension or allowance
		21. Whether receives Government
		pension could not be determined

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### LABOUR FORCE

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DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Labour force status	All persons aged 15 years or over	<ol> <li>Employed</li> <li>Unemployed</li> <li>Not in the labour force</li> </ol>
Full time or part time status of employment	All persons aged 15 years or over who are currently employed	0. Not applicable 1. Full time 2. Part time
Full time or part time status of work last week	All persons aged 15 years or over who are currently employed	0. Not applicable 1. Worked 35 or more hours last week 2. Worked 1-34 hours last week 3. Employed but did not work last week
Full time or part time status of usual work	All persons aged 15 years or over who are currently employed	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Usually works full time</li> <li>Usually works part time</li> <li>Does not usually work</li> </ol>
Hours usually worked in all jobs	All persons aged 15 years or over who are currently employed - people may be currently employed but usually work 0 hours	In single hours
Occupation in current job or business - ANZSCO 2006	All persons aged 15 years and over who are currently employed	ANZSCO 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition Revision 1
Industry of current job or business - ANZSIC06	All persons aged 15 years and over who are currently employed	ANZSIC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition
Status in employment	All persons aged 15 years or over who are currently employed	0. Not applicable 1. Employee 2. Employer 3. Own account worker 4. Contributing family worker
Duration of unemployment in weeks	All persons aged 15 years or over who are currently unemployed	Parametric item
Looked for full-time or part- time work	All persons aged 15 years or over who are currently unemployed	1. Looking for full-time work 2. Looking for part-time work

## SELF-ASSESSED HEALTH STATUS

DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Self-assessed health status	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
	who did not respond by proxy	1. Excellent
		2. Very good
		3. Good
		4. Fair
		5. Poor

### **GP SERVICES**

DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Whether seen a GP for own health in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	1. Has seen a GP 2. Has not seen a GP 3. Don't know
Hasn't seen a GP in the last 12 months but needed to	Persons aged 15 years and over who have not seen/don't know if seen a GP in last 12 months for their own health	<ul> <li>0. Not applicable</li> <li>1. Needed to see a GP for own health in the last 12 months</li> <li>2. Didn't need to see a GP for own health in the last 12 months</li> <li>3. Don't know</li> </ul>
Number of times visited a GP for own health in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over who have seen a GP in last 12 months for their own health	<ol> <li>Dont failow</li> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Once (annually)</li> <li>2. 2-3 times (at least every 6 months)</li> <li>3. 4-11 times (at least every 3 months)</li> <li>4. 12 or more times (at least monthly)</li> </ol>
How often GP(s) listened carefully in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over who have seen a GP in last 12 months for their own health	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Always</li> <li>Often</li> <li>Sometimes</li> <li>Rarely</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>
How often GP(s) showed respect in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over who have seen a GP in last 12 months for their own health	0. Not applicable 1. Always 2. Often 3. Sometimes 4. Rarely 5. Don't know
How often GP(s) spent enough time with person in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over who have seen a GP in last 12 months for their own health	<ul> <li>Don't know</li> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Always</li> <li>Often</li> <li>Sometimes</li> <li>Rarely</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ul>
Whether waited longer than felt acceptable to get an appointment with a GP in last 12 months	not respond by proxy and who saw	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Did wait longer than felt acceptable</li> <li>Did not wait longer than felt acceptable</li> </ol>
Needed to see a GP but didn't at least once in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	<ol> <li>At least one time in last 12 months needed to see a GP but didn't</li> <li>Saw a GP and at no time in last 12 months has needed to see a GP but didn't</li> <li>Did not see a GP and did not need to in last 12 months</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>

All reasons did not son CD	Persons aged 15 years and over	00 Null response	
All reasons did not see GP	Persons aged 15 years and over	00. Null response	
when needed to	who did not see GP when needed	01. Cost	
	to in last 12 months	02. Discrimination	
		03. Service not culturally appropriate	
		04. Language problems	
		05. Transport/distance	
		06. Waiting time too long or not available at time	
		required	
		07. Not available in area	
		08. Too busy / no time (including work, personal,	
		family responsibilities)	
		09. Dislikes (service / professional, afraid,	
		embarrassed)	
		10. Felt it would be inadequate	
		11. Decided not to seek care	
		12. Other	
		13. Not applicable	
Main reason did not see GP	Persons aged 15 years and over	00. Not applicable	
when needed to	who did not see GP when needed	01. Cost	
	to in last 12 months	02. Discrimination	
		03. Service not culturally appropriate	
		04. Language problems	
		05. Transport/distance	
		06. Waiting time too long or not available at time	
		required	
		07. Not available in area	
		08. Too busy / no time (including work, personal,	
		family responsibilities)	
		09. Dislikes (service / professional, afraid,	
		embarrassed)	
		10. Felt it would be inadequate	
		11. Decided not to seek care	
		12. Other	
Whether delayed seeing or	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable	
did not see GP in last 12		1. Delayed seeing or did not see a GP due to cost	
months because of the cost		2. Saw a GP when needed to	
		3. Delayed seeing or did not see a GP due to other	
		reasons	
		4. No need or did not see a GP	
Whether received a	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable	
prescription for medication	r croons agen 19 years and over	1. Has received a prescription for medication from	
from a GP for own health in		GP	
last 12 months		2. Has not received a prescription for medication	
		from GP	

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Hasn't received a		0. Not applicable
prescription for medication	who were not written a	1. Needed prescribed medication
in the last 12 months but	prescription for medication by GP	2. Did not need prescribed medication
needed to	in last 12 months	3. Don't know
Whether GP explained	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
reasons for most recent	who were written a prescription for	1. GP explained reasons for most recent prescription
prescription for medication	medication by GP in last 12 months	2. GP did not explain reasons for most recent
		prescription
		3. Reasons for prescription explained at previous
		appointment
Satisfaction with how well	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
GP explained reasons for		1. Satisfied
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most recent prescribed		2. Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
medication		3. Dissatisfied
		4. Can't remember
		5. Don't know
Whether advised or shown	- ·	0. Not applicable
how to take or administer	· · ·	1. Advised or shown how to take or administer
medication from most	medication by GP in last 12 months	
recent prescription		2. Not advised or shown how to take or administer
		medication
		3. No need
Who advised or showed		0. Not applicable
how to take or administer	who were written a prescription for	
medication from most	medication by GP in last 12 months	
recent prescription	and were advised/shown how to	3. Some other health professional
	take/administer medication	4. Someone else
Whether delayed getting or	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
did not get prescribed	who were written a prescription for	1. Delayed getting or did not get prescribed
medication because of cost	medication by GP in last 12 months	medication because of cost
in the last 12 months	or needed prescribed medication	2. Did not delay or not get prescribed medication
		because of cost
Whether saw GP for urgent	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
medical care for own health	who have seen a GP in last 12	1. Saw GP for urgent medical care in last 12 months
in last 12 months	months	2. Did not see GP for urgent medical care in last 12
		months
Length of time between	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
making appointment and	who have seen a GP for urgent	1. Within 4 hours
seeing GP for most recent	medical in last 12 months	2. 4 hours or more but within 1 day
urgent medical care		3. 1 day or more but within 2 days
		4. 2 days or more but within 6 days
		5. 6 or more days
Whether time waited to see		0. Not applicable
GP for most recent urgent	who did not respond by proxy who	
_	saw a GP for urgent medical care in	
	last 12 months	
		1

	1	
Length time considered	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
acceptable between making	who did not respond by proxy who	1. Within 4 hours
appointment and seeing GP	saw a GP for urgent medical care in	2. 4 hours or more but within 1 day
for urgent medical care	last 12 months and who felt the	3. 1 day or more but within 2 days
	waiting time was unacceptable	4. 2 days or more but within 6 days
		5. 6 or more days
Whether health deteriorated	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
during time waiting to see	who did not respond by proxy and	1. Health deteriorated a little between making
GP for most recent urgent	who saw a GP for urgent medical	appointment and seeing GP
medical care	care in last 12 months	2. Health deteriorated a lot between making
		appointment and seeing GP
		3. Health deteriorated between making appointment
		and seeing GP but don't know by how much
		4. Health stayed the same between making
		appointment and seeing GP
		5. Health improved between making appointment
		and seeing GP
		6. Don't know whether health deteriorated between
		making appointment and seeing GP
Total population that	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
needed to see a GP		1. Needed to see a GP
		2. Did not need to see a GP
		3. Don't know
Total population that	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
needed a prescription from		1. Needed a prescription from a GP
a GP		2. Did not need a prescription from a GP
		3. Don't know

### MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Whether received a written	Persons aged 15 years and over	1. Did receive written referral to a
referral to a specialist by a GP in		specialist by a GP
last 12 months		2. Did not receive written referral to a
		specialist by a GP
Whether GP explained reasons	Persons aged 15 years and over who were	0. Not applicable
for most recent referral to	referred to a specialist by a GP in last 12	1. GP did explain reasons for referral
medical specialist	months	2. GP did not explain reasons for
		referral
		3. Reasons for referral explained on
		previous occasion
		4. No need for referral to be
		explained
Satisfaction with how well GP	Persons aged 15 years and over who were	0. Not applicable
explained reasons for most	referred to a specialist by a GP in last 12	1. Satisfied
recent referral to medical	months and had referral explained	2. Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
specialist		3. Dissatisfied
		4. Can't remember
		5. Don't know
Whether seen a medical	Persons aged 15 years and over who were	1. Has seen a medical specialist
specialist for own health in last	referred to a specialist by a GP in last 12	2. Has not seen a medical specialist
12 months	months or needed to see a specialist.	
Number of times visited medical	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
specialist for own health in last 12 months	seen a medical specialist in last 12 months	<199>
How often medical specialist(s)	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
listened carefully in last 12	seen a medical specialist in last 12 months	1. Always
months		2. Often
		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often medical specialist(s)	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
showed respect in last 12 months	seen a medical specialist in last 12 months	1. Always
		2. Often
		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often medical specialist(s)	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
spent enough time with person	seen a medical specialist in last 12 months	1. Always
in last 12 months		2. Often
		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know

Whether delayed seeing or did	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
not see a medical specialist	reisons aged 19 years and over	1. Delayed seeing or did not see a
because of cost in last 12 months		medical specialist due to cost
because of cost in last 12 months		2. Saw a medical specialist when
		needed to
		3. Delayed seeing or did not see a
		medical specialist due to other
		_
		reasons 4. No need or did not see a medical
		specialist
Needed to see a medical	Persons aged 15 years and over	1. At least one time in last 12 months
specialist but didn't at least once in last 12 months		needed to see a medical specialist but didn't
		2. Saw a medical specialist and at no
		time in last 12 months has needed to
		see a specialist but didn't
		3. Did not see a specialist and did not
		need to in last 12 months
		4. Don't know
All reasons did not see medical	Persons aged 15 years and over who did not	00. Null response
specialist when needed to	see medical specialist when needed to in last	01. Cost
	12 months`	02. Appointment upcoming
		03. Discrimination
		04. Service not culturally appropriate
		05. Language problems
		06. Transport/ distance
		07. Waiting time too long or not
		available at time required
		08. Not available in area
		09. Too busy/ no time (including
		work, personal, family
		responsibilities)
		10. Dislikes (service/ professional,
		afraid, embarrassed)
		11. Felt it would be inadequate
		12. Decided not to seek care
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		14. Not applicable

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### DENTAL

DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Whether seen a dentist, dental hygienist or dental specialist for own health in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	1. Has seen a dental professional 2. Has not seen a dental professional
Hasn't seen a dental professional in the last 12 months but needed to	Persons aged 15 years and over who did not see a dental professional in last 12 months for their own health	<ol> <li>Needed to see a dental professional for own health in the last 12 months</li> <li>Didn't need to see a dental professional for own health in the last 12 months</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>
Total population that needed to see a dental professional		1. Needed to see a dental professional 2. Did not need to see a dental professional 3. Don't know
Number of times visited dental professional for own health in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over who saw a dental professional in last 12 months	
Type of clinic visited for most recent time saw a dental professional	Persons aged 15 years and over who saw a dental professional in last 12 months	0. Not applicable 1. Private dental clinic 2. Government dental clinic 3. Don't know
Whether delayed seeing or did not see a dental professional because of cost in last 12 months		<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Delayed seeing or did not see a dental professional due to cost</li> <li>Saw a dental professional when needed to</li> <li>Delayed seeing or did not see a dental professional due to other reasons</li> <li>No need or did not see a dental professional</li> </ol>
professional(s) listened carefully		*

How often dental	Persons aged 15 years and over who saw a dental	0 Not applicable
professional(s) showed respect	professional in last 12 months for their own	1. Always
in last 12 months	health	2. Often
in last 12 months	licatti	3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often dental	Persons aged 15 years and over who saw a dental	
professional(s) spent enough	professional in last 12 months for their own	1. Always
time with person in last 12	health	2. Often
months		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
Needed to see a dental	Persons aged 15 years and over	1. At least one time in last 12
professional but didn't at least		months needed to see a dental
once in last 12 months		professional but didn't
		2. Saw a dental professional and at
		no time in last 12 months has
		needed to see a dental professional
		but didn't
		3. Did not see a dental professional
		and did not need to in last 12
		months
		4. Don't know
All reasons did not see dental	Persons aged 15 years and over who did not see	00. Null response
professional when needed to	dental professional when needed to in last 12	01. Cost
	months	02. Discrimination
		03. Service not culturally
		appropriate
		04. Language problems
		05. Transport/ distance
		06. Waiting time too long or not
		available at time required
		07. Not available in area
		08. Too busy/ no time (including
		work, personal, family
		responsibilities)
		09. Dislikes (service/ professional,
		afraid, embarrassed)
		10. Felt it would be inadequate
		11. Decided not to seek care
		12. Other
		13. Not applicable

Main reason did not see dental	Persons aged 15 years and over who did not see	00. Not applicable
professional when needed to	dental professional when needed to in last 12	01. Cost
professional when needed to		
	months	02. Discrimination
		03. Service not culturally
		appropriate
		04. Language problems
		05. Transport/ distance
		06. Waiting time too long or not
		available at time required
		07. Not available in area
		08. Too busy/ no time (including
		work, personal, family
		responsibilities)
		09. Dislikes (service/ professional,
		afraid, embarrassed)
		10. Felt it would be inadequate
		11. Decided not to seek care
		12. Other
Whether saw dental professional	Persons aged 15 years and over who saw dental	0. Not applicable
for urgent dental care in last 12	professional in last 12 months	1. Saw dental professional for
months		urgent dental care
		2. Did not see dental professional
		for urgent dental care
Length time between making	Persons aged 15 years and over who saw dental	0. Not applicable
appointment and seeing dental	professional for urgent dental care in last 12	1. Within 4 hours
professional for most recent	months	2. More than 4 hours but same day
urgent care		3. Next day and within 24 hours
		4. Next day and more than 24
		hours
		5. 2-5 days
		6. 6 or more days
Whether been on a public	Persons aged 15 years and over who saw dental	0. Not applicable
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dental waiting list in last 12	professional at a government dental clinic in last	1. Been on a waiting list for dental
months excluding urgent care	12 months	care
		2. Has not been on a waiting list for
		dental care
		3. Don't know
	Persons aged 15 years and over who saw a dental	
waiting list before receiving	professional at a government dental clinic in last	1. Within 2 weeks
dental care excluding urgent	12 months and for the most recent occasion	2. 2 weeks to less than 1 month
care	were placed on a waiting list before receiving	3. 1 month to less than 6 months
	care	4. 6 months to less than 1 year
		5. 1 or more years year or more

### LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION

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DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Long term health conditions	Persons aged 15 years and over	1. Arthritis or osteoporosis
		2. Asthma
		3. Cancer
		4. Diabetes
		5. Heart or circulatory condition
		6. Mental illness
		7. Long term injury
		8. Other long term condition (not specified)
		9. No Condition

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### PATHOLOGY TESTS

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DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Whether referred by a health professional for a pathology test in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable 1. Referred for pathology test 2. Not referred for pathology test 3. Don't know
Whether had a pathology test when referred by a health professional in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	<ol> <li>Don't know</li> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Had a referred test</li> <li>Received a referral but didn't have the referred test</li> <li>Didn't receive referral and didn't have a referred test</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>
Whether referring health professional explained reasons for most recent pathology test	Persons aged 15 years and over who had a referred pathology test in last 12 months	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Referring health professional explained reasons</li> <li>Referring health professional did not explain reasons</li> <li>Referring health professional had explained reasons on previous occasion</li> <li>No need for referral to be explained</li> </ol>
Satisfaction with how well health professional explained reasons for most recent pathology test	Persons aged 15 years and over who had a referred pathology test in last 12 months and who had the reason for test explained	0. Not applicable 1. Satisfied 2. Neither satisfied or dissatisfied 3. Dissatisfied 4. Can't remember 5. Don't know
Whether delayed getting or did not get referred pathology test because of cost in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over who had a referred pathology test or who were referred for a pathology test in last 12 months	0. Not applicable
Whether had a non-referred pathology test in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Had non-referred pathology test</li> <li>Did not have non-referred pathology test</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>
Whether had a referred or non- referred pathology test in last 12 months excluding tests in hospital	Persons aged 15 years and over	1. Had pathology test 2. Did not have pathology test 3. Don't know

Total population that needed a	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
pathology test		1. Needed a pathology test
		2. Did not need a pathology test
		3. Don't know

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### **IMAGING TESTS**

DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Whether referred by a health professional for an imaging test in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Referred for an imaging test</li> <li>Not referred for an imaging test</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>
Whether had an imaging test when referred by a health professional in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	<ol> <li>Don't know</li> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Had a referred test</li> <li>Received a referral but didn't have the referred test</li> <li>Didn't receive referral and didn't have a referred test</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>
Whether referring health professional explained reasons for most recent imaging test	Persons aged 15 years and over who had a referred imaging test in last 12 months	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Referring health professional explained reasons</li> <li>Referring health professional did not explain reasons</li> <li>Referring health professional had explained reasons on previous occasion</li> <li>No need for referral to be explained</li> </ol>
Satisfaction with how well health professional explained reasons for most recent imaging test	Persons aged 15 years and over who had a referred imaging test in last 12 months and who had the reason for test explained	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Satisfied</li> <li>Neither satisfied or dissatisfied</li> <li>Dissatisfied</li> <li>Can't remember</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>
Whether delayed getting or did not get referred imaging test because of cost in the last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over who had a referred imaging test or who were referred for an imaging test in last 12 months	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Delayed getting or did not get referred imaging test because of cost</li> <li>Did not delay or not get referred imaging test because of cost</li> </ol>
Whether had a non-referred imaging test in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Had non-referred imaging test</li> <li>Did not have non-referred</li> <li>imaging test</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>
Whether had referred or non- referred imaging test in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	<ol> <li>Had an imaging test</li> <li>Did not have imaging test</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>

Total population that needed an	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable
imaging test		1. Needed an imaging test
		2. Did not need an imaging test
		3. Don't know

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### HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Whether been to hospital	Persons aged 15 years and over	1. Has been to hospital emergency
emergency department for own		department
health in last 12 months		2. Has not been to hospital
		emergency department
Number of times been to hospital	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	0. Not applicable
emergency department for own	to hospital emergency department for own	<199>
health in last 12 months	health in last 12 months	
Whether felt GP could have	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	0. Not applicable
provided care for most recent	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Thought care could have been
time went to emergency	health in last 12 months	provided by GP
department		2. Thought care could not have
		been provided by GP
		3. Don't know
		4. Not known
All reasons went to hospital	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	00. Null response
emergency department instead of	to hospital emergency department for own	01. Condition was serious / life
GP on most recent occasion	health in last 12 months	threatening
		02. Time of day / day of week
		03. Sent to emergency by GP
		04. Cheaper / cost
		05. Medical history is at hospital /
		previous relationship
		06. Trust / confidence in hospital
		07. Emergency department
		recommended by someone
		08. GP not taking new patients
		09. Waiting time for GP
		appointment too long
		10. Do not have a regular GP/
		family doctor
		11. Other
		12. Not applicable

Main reason went to hospital	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	00 Not applicable
-	to hospital emergency department for own	01. Condition was serious / life
GP on most recent occasion	health in last 12 months	threatening
of on most recent occasion	incarti in fast 12 months	02. Time of day / day of week
		03. Sent to emergency by GP
		04. Cheaper/cost
		05. Medical history is at hospital /
		previous relationship
		06. Trust / confidence in hospital
		07. Emergency department
		recommended by someone
		08. GP not taking new patients
		09. Waiting time for GP
		appointment too long
		10. Do not have a regular GP/
		family doctor
		11. Other
How often hospital emergency	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	
	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Always
listened carefully in last 12 months		2. Often
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		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often bespital amorganay	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	
How often hospital emergency department doctors or specialists	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Always
showed respect in last 12 months	health in last 12 months	2. Often
showed respect in last 12 months	incarti in fast 12 months	3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often hospital emergency	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	
	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Always
spent enough time with person	health in last 12 months	2. Often
spent enough time with person	incarti in fast 12 months	3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often hospital emergency	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	
department nurses listened	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Always
carefully in last 12 months	health in last 12 months	2. Often
carefully in last 12 months	incarti in fast 12 months	3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often beenital arrange	Demons agod 15 years and over the here 1	
How often hospital emergency	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	
department nurses showed	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Always
respect in last 12 months	health in last 12 months	2. Often
		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know

How often hospital emergency	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	0. Not applicable
department nurses spent enough	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Always
time with person	health in last 12 months	2. Often
L		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
Whether condition or injury	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	
explained at most recent visit to a	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Condition or injury explained at
hospital emergency department	health in last 12 months	most recent visit to hospital
		emergency department.
		2. Condition or injury not explained
		at most recent visit to hospital
		emergency department
Satisfaction with explanation of	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	
condition or injury at most recent	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Satisfied
visit to emergency department	health in last 12 months and had condition	2. Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
	explained	3. Dissatisfied
		4. Can't remember
		5. Don't know
Whether treatment explained at	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	0. Not applicable
most recent visit to a hospital	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Treatment explained at most
emergency department	health in last 12 months	recent visit to hospital emergency
		department.
		2. Treatment not explained at most
		recent visit to hospital emergency
		department
Satisfaction with explanation of	Persons aged 15 years and over who have been	0. Not applicable
treatment at most recent visit to	to hospital emergency department for own	1. Satisfied
emergency department	health in last 12 months and had treatment	2. Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
	explained	3. Dissatisfied
		4. Can't remember
		5. Don't know

### HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

data item name	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Whether been admitted to	Persons aged 15 years and over	1. Has been admitted to hospital
hospital in last 12 months		2. Has not been admitted to hospital
Number of times admitted to	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
hospital in last 12 months	been admitted to hospital in last 12 months	<199>
How often hospital doctors or	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
specialists listened carefully in	been admitted to hospital in last 12 months	
last 12 months		2. Often
		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often hospital doctors or	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
-	been admitted to hospital in last 12 months	1. Always
12 months		2. Often
		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often hospital doctors or	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
specialists spent enough time	been admitted to hospital in last 12 months	^ ^
with person in last 12 months	*	2. Often
*		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often hospital nurses	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
listened carefully in last 12	been admitted to hospital in last 12 months	
months		2. Often
		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often hospital nurses	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
showed respect in last 12	been admitted to hospital in last 12 months	* *
months	*	2. Often
		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know
How often hospital nurses spent	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable
	been admitted to hospital in last 12 months	<u>.</u>
12 months	······································	2. Often
		3. Sometimes
		4. Rarely
		5. Don't know

Whether condition or injury	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable	
explained at most recent	been admitted to hospital in last 12 months	· · ·	
admission to a hospital	been admitted to nospital in last 12 months	recent admission to hospital	
		2. Condition or injury not explained at	
		most recent admission to hospital	
Satisfaction with explanation of	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable	
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condition or injury at most	been admitted to a hospital in last 12	1. Satisfied	
recent hospital admission	months and had condition or injury	2. Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	
	explained	3. Dissatisfied	
		4. Can't remember	
		5. Don't know	
	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable	
most recent admission to a	been admitted to hospital in last 12 months		
hospital		admission to hospital	
		2. Treatment not explained at most	
		recent admission to hospital	
Satisfaction with explanation of	Persons aged 15 years and over who have	0. Not applicable	
treatment at most recent	been admitted to a hospital in last 12	1. Satisfied	
hospital admission	months and had treatment explained	2. Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	
		3. Dissatisfied	
		4. Can't remember	
		5. Don't know	
Needed to go to hospital but	Persons aged 15 years and over	1. At least one time in last 12 months	
didn't at least once in last 12		needed to go to hospital but didn't	
months		2. Has been admitted to hospital and at	
		no time in last 12 months has needed to	
		go to hospital but didn't	
		3. Has not been admitted to hospital	
		and did not need to in last 12 months	
		4. Don't know	
All reasons did not go to hospital	Persons aged 15 years and over who did	00. Null response	
when needed to	not go to hospital when needed to in last	01. Cost	
	12 months	02. Discrimination	
		03. Service not culturally appropriate	
		04. Language problems	
		05. Transport / distance	
		06. Waiting time too long or not	
		available at time required	
		07. Not available in area	
		08. Too busy / no time (including work,	
		personal, family responsibilities)	
		09. Dislikes (service / professional,	
		afraid, embarrassed)	
		10. Felt it would be inadequate	
		11. Decided not to seek care	
		12. Other	
		13. Not applicable	

Main reason did not go to	Persons aged 15 years and over who did	00. Not applicable	
hospital when needed to	not go to hospital when needed to in last	01. Cost	
	12 months	02. Discrimination	
		03. Service not culturally appropriate	
		04. Language problems	
		05. Transport / distance	
		06. Waiting time too long or not	
		available at time required	
		07. Not available in area	
		08. Too busy / no time (including work,	
		personal, family responsibilities)	
		09. Dislikes (service / professional,	
		afraid, embarrassed)	
		10. Felt it would be inadequate	
		11. Decided not to seek care	
		12. Other	
Whether delayed going or did	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable	
not go to hospital because of		1. Delayed going or did not go to	
cost in last 12 months		hospital due to cost	
		2. Went to a hospital when needed to	
		3. Delayed going or did not go to	
		hospital due to other reasons	
		4. No need or did not go to hospital	
Total population that needed to	Persons aged 15 years and over	0. Not applicable	
go to hospital		1. Needed to go to hospital	
		2. Did not need go to hospital	

## HARM AND HARMFUL SIDE-EFFECTS

DATA ITEM NAME	POPULATION	CLASSIFICATION
Whether any medical care treatment or tests caused harm or harmful side-effects in last 12 months	Persons aged 15 years and over	<ol> <li>Did experience harm or harmful side-effect</li> <li>Did not experience harm or harmful side-effect</li> <li>Not known</li> </ol>
Where had medication medical care treatment or test causing most recent harm/harmful side- effect	Persons aged 15 years and over who experienced harm or harmful side-effect in last 12 months	0. Not applicable 1. Home or someone else's house 2. General Practice 3. Hospital 4. Somewhere else
	Persons aged 15 years and over who experienced harm or harmful side-effect in last 12 months	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Received information</li> <li>Did not receive information</li> <li>Received written</li> <li>information but did not read it</li> </ol>
Whether received an explanation about most recent harm or harmful side-effect	Persons aged 15 years and over who experienced harm or harmful side-effect in last 12 months	0. Not applicable 1. Did receive explanation 2. Did not receive explanation
	Persons aged 15 years and over who experienced harm or harmful side-effect in last 12 months and received an explanation about most recent harm or harmful side-effect	0. Not applicable 1. Completely 2. To some extent 3. Not at all 4. Can't remember 9. Not known
Whether saw a health professional about the harm or harmful side- effect	Persons aged 15 years and over who experienced harm or harmful side-effect in last 12 months	0. Not applicable 1. Saw a health professional about the harm or harmful side-effect 2. Did not see a health professional about the harm or harmful side-effect
handled by HP regarding most	Persons 15 years and over who experienced harm or a harmful side-effect in last 12 months and who saw a health professional about most recent harm or harmful side-effect	0. Not applicable

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