

# Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Birth plurality
Synonymous names:	Multiple birth
METEOR identifier:	695308
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 03/12/2020 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Superseded 14/07/2021
Definition:	The number of births resulting from a single pregnancy, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal.  Multiple pregnancy increases the risk of complications during pregnancy, labour and delivery and is associated with higher risk of perinatal morbidity and mortality.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Pregnancy—birth plurality</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Birth plurality code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Permissible values:	1	Singleton
	2	Twins
	3	Triplets
	4	Quadruplets
	5	Quintuplets
	6	Sextuplets
	8	Other
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Plurality at birth is determined by the total number of <a href="#">live births</a> and <a href="#">stillbirths</a> that result from the pregnancy.  Stillbirths, including those where the fetus was likely to have died before 20 weeks gestation (including fetus papyraceous and fetus compressus), should be included in the count of plurality if recognisable as a fetus and expelled or extracted with other products of conception at 20 or more weeks gestation.
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## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Birth event—birth plurality, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019  
Has been superseded by [Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 24/03/2023

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2019–20](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020  
**DSS specific information:**

This item is only collected for infants born during the preceding 12 months.

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2020–21](#)  
[Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021  
**Conditional obligation:**

This item is only collected for babies born during the preceding 12 months.

[Perinatal NMDS 2019–20](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020  
**DSS specific information:**

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2020–21](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021  
**DSS specific information:**

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

**Implementation in Indicators:**

### Used as Numerator

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, June 2020](#)  
[Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, June 2020](#)  
[Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

### **Used as Denominator**

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, June 2020](#)

[Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

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[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

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[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

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[Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021