

# Statistical area level 3 (SA3) code (ASGS 2016) N(5)

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	743409
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 30/04/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing a geographical area aggregated from whole Statistical areas level 2 (SA2s).

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2016</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	N(5)
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	5

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	SA2 coding structure:  An SA3 is identifiable by a 5-digit fully hierarchical code. The SA3 identifier is a 2-digit code, assigned in within a Statistical area level 4 (SA4). An SA3 code is only unique within a state/territory if it is preceded by the state/territory identifier.
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For example:

State/territory	SA4	SA3
N	NN	NN

<b>Comments:</b>	Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3) are geographical areas built from whole Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2). They have been designed for the output of regional data, including 2016 Census data. SA3s create a standard framework for the analysis of ABS data at the regional level through clustering groups of SA2s that have similar regional characteristics. Whole SA3s aggregate to form Statistical Areas Level 4 (SA4).
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There are 358 spatial SA3 regions covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. These include 18 non-spatial SA3 special purpose codes comprising Migratory–Offshore–Shipping and No Usual Address codes for each State and Territory.

The Other Territories of Jervis Bay, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Norfolk Island are each represented by a SA3 in the 2016 Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS).

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Department of Health Tasmania
<b>Origin:</b>	Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. <a href="#">Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 1 - Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas July 2016</a> . ABS cat. no. 1270.0.55.001. Canberra: ABS.

**Revision status:** The 2016 ASGS is the second edition of the ASGS, which updates the first edition (introduced in 2011) for growth and change in Australia's population, economy and infrastructure. It also incorporates the Territory of Norfolk Island for the first time.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Statistical Area Level 3 \(SA3\) code \(ASGS Edition 3\) NNNNN](#)  
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 3 \(SA3\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(5\)](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 30/04/2021