

Birth event—birth plurality

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269433
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 02/08/2017 Indigenous , Superseded 22/10/2018
Definition:	The number of babies resulting from a single pregnancy.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Birth event
Definition:	The sequence of actions by which a baby and the afterbirth (placenta) are expelled or extracted from the uterus at childbirth. The process usually starts spontaneously about 280 days after conception with onset of labour, but it may be started by artificial means.
Specialisation of:	Life event

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	University of Oxford 2002. Concise Colour Medical Dictionary 3rd ed. UK: Oxford University Press

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	Birth plurality
Definition:	An indicator of multiple birth, showing the total number of births resulting from a single pregnancy.
Context:	National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) 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 Set Specification (DSS) Health Care Client Identification: While this piece of information is normally recorded for multiple births against the mother's record, if the health care client volunteers the information, it should be recorded.
Property group:	Birth event

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

Has been superseded by [Birth event—birth plurality
Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

Has been superseded by [Female \(pregnant\)—pregnancy plurality
Health](#), Recorded 19/09/2007

**Data Elements
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[Birth event—birth plurality, code N](#)
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