

# Female—number of previous pregnancies (spontaneous abortion), total NN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Previous pregnancies—spontaneous abortion
METEOR identifier:	269934
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The total number of previous pregnancies of a female resulting in spontaneous abortion (less than 20 weeks' gestational age, or less than 400 g <a href="#">birthweight</a> if gestational age is unknown).

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	<a href="#">Female—number of previous pregnancies</a>
METEOR identifier:	269454
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The total number of previous pregnancies.
Object class:	<a href="#">Female</a>
Property:	<a href="#">Number of previous pregnancies</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	<a href="#">Total pregnancies N[N]</a>
METEOR identifier:	270603
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 20/12/2016
Definition:	Total number of pregnancies.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Pregnancy	

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** A pregnancy resulting in multiple births should be counted as once pregnancy.

In multiple pregnancies with more than one type of outcome, the pregnancies should be recorded in the following order:

- all live births
- stillbirth
- spontaneous abortion
- induced abortion
- ectopic pregnancy

Where the outcome was one stillbirth and one live birth, count as stillbirth.

If a previous pregnancy was a hydatidiform mole, code as spontaneous or induced abortion (or rarely, ectopic pregnancy), depending on the outcome.

**Comments:** The number of previous pregnancies is an important component of the woman's reproductive history. Parity may be a risk factor for adverse maternal and perinatal outcomes.

A previous history of spontaneous abortion identifies the mother as high risk for subsequent pregnancies.

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Is re-engineered from  [Previous pregnancies, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.1 KB)  
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