Birth event—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:	269994
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 07/03/2014
Definition:	The number of babies resulting from a single pregnancy, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—birth plurality
Value Domain:	Birth plurality code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Plurality of a pregnancy is determined by the number of live births or by the number of fetuses that remain in utero at 20 weeks gestation and that are subsequently born separately. In multiple pregnancies, or if gestational age is unknown, only **live births** of any **birthweight** or gestational age, or fetuses weighing 400 g or more, are taken into account in determining plurality. Fetuses aborted before 20 completed weeks or fetuses compressed in the placenta at 20 or more weeks are excluded.
Collection methods:	This data should be collected routinely for persons aged 28 days or less.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by Birth event—birth plurality, code N
Health, Superseded 02/08/2017
Indigenous, Superseded 22/10/2018

Has been superseded by Female (pregnant)—pregnancy plurality, code N
Health, Recorded 19/09/2007

Is re-engineered from Birth plurality, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (15.6 KB)
No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Health care client identification
Health, Superseded 04/05/2005

Health care client identification DSS
Health, Superseded 03/12/2008

Health care client identification DSS
Health, Retired 20/03/2013
DSS specific information:

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.

Perinatal NMDS
Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
Implementation start date: 01/07/2005
Implementation end date: 30/06/2006

Perinatal NMDS
Health, Superseded 06/09/2006
Implementation start date: 01/07/2006
Implementation end date: 30/06/2007

Perinatal NMDS 2007-2008
Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
Implementation start date: 01/07/2007
Implementation end date: 30/06/2008

Perinatal NMDS 2008-2010
Health, Superseded 02/12/2009
Implementation start date: 01/07/2008
Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

Perinatal NMDS 2010-2011
Health, Superseded 21/12/2010
Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
Implementation end date: 30/06/2011
DSS specific information:

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.

Plurality of pregnancy is determined by the number of babies that are in scope for the Perinatal NMDS (i.e. births of at least 20 weeks gestation or at least 400g birth weight). In the case of multiple pregnancies, if one or more fetuses were removed from the uterus before 20 weeks gestation, for example, by abortion (spontaneous, induced or fetal reduction) they are not considered in determining the birth plurality. For example, in a twin pregnancy, where one twin is aborted before 20 weeks gestation and the remaining twin is born and is in scope for the Perinatal NMDS, plurality is coded as '1 Singleton'. If both twins are born at 20 weeks gestation or more, plurality is coded as '2 Twins'.

This item is collected for the mother only.

Perinatal NMDS 2011-12

Health, Superseded 07/03/2012
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2012
DSS specific information:

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.

Plurality of pregnancy is determined by the number of babies that are in scope for the Perinatal NMDS (i.e. births of at least 20 weeks gestation or at least 400g birth weight). In the case of multiple pregnancies, if one or more fetuses were removed from the uterus before 20 weeks gestation, for example, by abortion (spontaneous, induced or fetal reduction) they are not considered in determining the birth plurality. For example, in a twin pregnancy, where one twin is aborted before 20 weeks gestation and the remaining twin is born and is in scope for the Perinatal NMDS, plurality is coded as '1 Singleton'. If both twins are born at 20 weeks gestation or more, plurality is coded as '2 Twins'.

This item is collected for the mother only.

Perinatal NMDS 2012-13
Health, Superseded 07/02/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013
DSS specific information:

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.

Plurality of pregnancy is determined by the number of babies that are in scope for the Perinatal NMDS (i.e. births of at least 20 weeks gestation or at least 400g birth weight). In the case of multiple pregnancies, if one or more fetuses were removed from the uterus before 20 weeks gestation, for example, by abortion (spontaneous, induced or fetal reduction) they are not considered in determining the birth plurality. For example, in a twin pregnancy, where one twin is aborted before 20 weeks gestation and the remaining twin is born and is in scope for the Perinatal NMDS, plurality is coded as '1 Singleton'. If both twins are born at 20 weeks gestation or more, plurality is coded as '2 Twins'.

This item is collected for the mother only.

Perinatal NMDS 2013-14
Health, Superseded 07/03/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2014
DSS specific information:

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.

Plurality of pregnancy is determined by the number of babies that are in scope for the Perinatal NMDS (i.e. births of at least 20 weeks gestation or at least 400g birth weight). In the case of multiple pregnancies, if one or more fetuses were removed from the uterus before 20 weeks gestation, for example, by abortion (spontaneous, induced or fetal reduction) they are not considered in determining the birth plurality. For example, in a twin pregnancy, where one twin is aborted before 20 weeks gestation and the remaining twin is born and is in scope for the Perinatal NMDS, plurality is coded as '1 Singleton'. If both twins are born at 20 weeks gestation or more, plurality is coded as '2 Twins'.

This item is collected for the mother only.

Implementation in	**Used as Numerator**

Indicators:

Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2013
Health, Superseded 21/11/2013
Indigenous, Superseded 21/11/2013

Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2014
Health, Superseded 13/03/2015
Indigenous, Superseded 13/03/2015

Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2013
Health, Superseded 21/11/2013
Indigenous, Superseded 21/11/2013

Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2014
Health, Superseded 13/03/2015
Indigenous, Superseded 13/03/2015

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05-Induction of labour for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06-Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07-Normal (non-instrumental) vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08-Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Percentage of live singleton births that were of low birthweight, 2007–2011
National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016

National Healthcare Agreement: P01-Proportion of babies born with low birth weight, 2010
Health, Superseded 08/06/2011

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2011
Health, Superseded 30/10/2011

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2012
Health, Superseded 25/06/2013

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2013
Health, Superseded 30/04/2014

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2014
Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2015
Health, Superseded 08/07/2016

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2016
Health, Superseded 31/01/2017

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2017
Health, Superseded 30/01/2018

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P12-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2010
Community Services (retired), Superseded 04/04/2011

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low

birth weight, 2013
Indigenous, Superseded 13/12/2013

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2014
Indigenous, Superseded 24/11/2014

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2015
Indigenous, Superseded 18/11/2015

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07—Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2016
Indigenous, Superseded 01/07/2016

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07—Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2017
Indigenous, Superseded 06/06/2017

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2018
Indigenous, Superseded 31/07/2018

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2019
Indigenous, Superseded 23/08/2019

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2020
Indigenous, Standard 23/08/2019

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2011
Indigenous, Superseded 01/07/2012

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2012
Indigenous, Superseded 13/06/2013

Used as Denominator

Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2013
Health, Superseded 21/11/2013
Indigenous, Superseded 21/11/2013

Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2014
Health, Superseded 13/03/2015
Indigenous, Superseded 13/03/2015

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05-Induction of labour for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06-Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07-Normal (non-instrumental) vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08-Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Percentage of live singleton births that were of low birthweight, 2007–2011
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Health, Superseded 08/06/2011

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2011
Health, Superseded 30/10/2011

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2012
Health, Superseded 25/06/2013

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2013
Health, Superseded 30/04/2014

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2014
Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

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Health, Superseded 08/07/2016

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Indigenous, Superseded 24/11/2014

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2015
Indigenous, Superseded 18/11/2015

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07—Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2016
Indigenous, Superseded 01/07/2016

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07—Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2017
Indigenous, Superseded 06/06/2017

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2018
Indigenous, Superseded 31/07/2018

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2019
Indigenous, Superseded 23/08/2019

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2020
Indigenous, Standard 23/08/2019

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2011
Indigenous, Superseded 01/07/2012

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2012
Indigenous, Superseded 13/06/2013