

# Person—country of birth, code (SACC 1998) NNNN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Country of birth
METEOR identifier:	270277
Registration status:	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Superseded 02/06/2008 <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 01/10/2008 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Superseded 24/11/2008
Definition:	The country in which the person was born, as represented by a code.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	<a href="#">Person—country of birth</a>
METEOR identifier:	269686
Registration status:	<a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023 <a href="#">Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board</a> , Standard 30/08/2022 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 23/08/2010 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 27/07/2005 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 01/11/2012 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 31/08/2016 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015 <a href="#">Youth Justice</a> , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	The country in which the person was born.
Context:	Country of birth is important in the study of access to services by different population sub-groups. Country of birth is the most easily collected and consistently reported of a range of possible data items that may indicate cultural or language diversity. Country of birth may be used in conjunction with other data such as period of residence in Australia, etc., to derive more sophisticated measures of access to (or need for) services by different population sub-groups.
Object class:	<a href="#">Person</a>
Property:	<a href="#">Country of birth</a>

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	<a href="#">Country code (SACC 1998) NNNN</a>
METEOR identifier:	270812
Registration status:	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Superseded 02/06/2008 <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 01/10/2008 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Superseded 24/11/2008
Definition:	A SACC code set representing a country.

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Standard Australian Classification of Countries 1998</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	NNNN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	4

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>The Standard Australian Classification of Countries 1998 (SACC) is a four-digit, three-level hierarchical structure specifying major group, minor group and country.</p> <p>A country, even if it comprises other discrete political entities such as states, is treated as a single unit for all data domain purposes. Parts of a political entity are not included in different groups. Thus, Hawaii is included in Northern America (as part of the identified country United States of America), despite being geographically close to and having similar social and cultural characteristics as the units classified to Polynesia.</p>
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:** Some data collections ask respondents to specify their country of birth. In others, a pre-determined set of countries is specified as part of the question, usually accompanied by an 'other (please specify)' category.

Recommended questions are:

In which country were you/was the person/was (name) born?

Australia

Other (please specify)

Alternatively, a list of countries may be used based on, for example common Census responses.

In which country were you/was the person/was (name) born?

Australia

England

New Zealand

Italy

Viet Nam

Scotland

Greece

Germany

Philippines

India

Netherlands

Other (please specify)

In either case coding of data should conform to the SACC.

Sometimes respondents are simply asked to specify whether they were born in either 'English speaking' or 'non-English speaking' countries but this question is of limited use and this method of collection is not recommended.

**Comments:** This metadata item is consistent with that used in ABS collections and is recommended for use whenever there is a requirement for comparison with ABS data.


## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** National Health Data Committee  
National Community Services Data Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Has been superseded by [Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2008\) NNNN](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/10/2011  
[Health](#), Superseded 22/11/2011  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 13/10/2011  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 13/10/2011

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*No registration status*

See also [Person—first language spoken, code \(ASCL 2005\) NN{NN}](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/10/2011  
[Health](#), Superseded 13/10/2011  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/05/2013

**Implementation in Data Set  
Specifications:**

[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 01/10/2008

[Admitted patient care NMDS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2005  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2006

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2006-07](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2006  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2007

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2007-08](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2007  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2008

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-09](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 04/02/2009  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2008  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2009

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005  
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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2006

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006  
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[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2007-08](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2007  
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[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2008-09](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 04/02/2009  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2008  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2009

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2005  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2006

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2006-07](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2006  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2007

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2007-08](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2007

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[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2008-09](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 04/02/2009

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2008

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2009

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 21/03/2006

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2005

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2006

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2006

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2007

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2007-08](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2007

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2008

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2008-10](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2008

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2010

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2006

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 14/12/2008

**DSS specific information:** It is recommended that the 10 most frequently reported countries of birth are listed on data collection forms to simplify data collection and minimise coding load on service type outlets and funding departments. Where the country of birth is known but is not specified in the classification below, (i.e., is 'other country'), funded agencies should specify it on primary data collection forms. These will then be coded by funding departments to the appropriate SACC code.

[Community mental health care NMDS 2004-05](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/12/2004

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2004

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2005

[Community mental health care NMDS 2005-06](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2005

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2006

[Community mental health care NMDS 2006-07](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2006

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2007

[Community mental health care NMDS 2007-08](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2007

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2008

[Community mental health care NMDS 2008-09](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 04/02/2009

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2008

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2009

[Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

[Health care client identification](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

**DSS specific information:** County of birth for newborn babies should be

'Australia'.

[Health care client identification DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

**DSS specific information:** Country of birth for newborn babies should be 'Australia'.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 24/03/2006

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2005

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2006

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2006

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2007

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-08](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2007

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2008

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-10](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2008

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2010

[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

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2005-06](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2005

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2006

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2006-07](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2006

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2007

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2007-08](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2007

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2008

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2008-09](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 04/02/2009

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2008

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2009

[SAAP Client Collection National Minimum Data Set](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2011

**DSS specific information:** This data element should be collected for the client and for each accompanying child.

[SAAP Demand for Accommodation National Minimum Data Set](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2011

**Implementation start date:** 21/04/2006

**Implementation end date:** 01/08/2006

**DSS specific information:** Implemented in the SAAP demand collection as a number by sex for all members of the group seeking accommodation including all adults and children.