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# Infant weight, neonate, stillborn

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000010                      Version number: 3  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The first weight of the live-born or stillborn baby obtained after birth, or the weight of the neonate or infant on the date admitted if this is different from the date of birth.  
Context: Weight is an important indicator of pregnancy outcome, is a major risk factor for neonatal morbidity and mortality and is required to analyse perinatal services for high-risk infants.  
  
This item is required to generate Australian National Diagnosis Related Groups.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE  
Representation layout: NNNN  
Minimum Size: 4  
Maximum Size: 4  
Data Domain: NOVAL      4-digit field representing the weight in grams  
Guide For Use: For live births, birthweight should preferably be measured within the first hour of life before significant postnatal weight loss has occurred. While statistical tabulations include 500 g groupings for birthweight, weights should not be recorded in those groupings. The actual weight should be recorded to the degree of accuracy to which it is measured.

In perinatal collections the birthweight is to be provided for liveborn and stillborn babies.

