

# Female—number of caesarean sections, total count N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of caesarean sections
METEOR identifier:	297820
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 29/11/2006 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 09/11/2023
Definition:	The total number of previous caesarean sections performed on the woman.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Female—number of caesarean sections</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Total caesarean sections N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/Inadequately described
Unit of measure:	Caesarean sections	

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	In the case of multiple births, count the number of operations the mother has had, rather than the number of babies born.  Exclude the current birth if by caesarean section.  Record as 0 if no previous caesarean sections.
Comments:	Previous caesarean sections are associated with a higher risk of obstetric complications, and when used with other indicators provides important information on the quality of obstetric care.

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## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Mother data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 17/11/2023  
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[Tasmanian Perinatal Data Set - 2023](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 23/11/2023  
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