

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of caesarean sections
METEOR identifier:	297820
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Health, Standard 29/11/2006
Definition:	The total number of previous caesarean sections performed on the woman.
Data Element Concept:	Female—number of caesarean sections

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total				
Data type:	Number				
Format:	N[N]				
Maximum character length:	2				
Supplementary values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>99</td><td>Not stated/Inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	99	Not stated/Inadequately described
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Unit of measure:	Caesarean sections				

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>In the case of multiple births, count the number of operations the mother has had, rather than the number of babies born.</p> <p>Exclude the current birth if by caesarean section.</p> <p>Record as 0 if no previous caesarean sections.</p>
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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