

Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2008) NNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Country of birth
METEOR identifier:	370943
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 13/10/2011 Housing assistance , Superseded 13/10/2011 Homelessness , Superseded 13/10/2011 Health , Superseded 22/11/2011
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:	Person—country of birth
METEOR identifier:	269686
Registration status:	Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Housing assistance , Standard 27/07/2005 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 01/11/2012 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 WA Health , Standard 19/03/2015 Tasmanian Health , Standard 31/08/2016 Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022 Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022 Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023
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:	Person
Property:	Country of birth

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:	Country code (SACC 2008) NNNN
METEOR identifier:	370934
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 22/11/2011 Community Services (retired) , Superseded 28/02/2012 Housing assistance , Superseded 28/02/2012 Homelessness , Superseded 28/02/2012

Definition: A SACC code set representing a country.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme: [Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2008](#)

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: NNNN

Maximum character length: 4

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2008 (SACC) is a four-digit, three-level hierarchical structure specifying major group, minor group and country.

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.

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

India

Scotland

Philippines

Greece

Germany

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 the [ABS collection methods](#) and is recommended for use whenever there is a requirement for comparison with ABS data (last viewed 2/6/2008).

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 1998\) NNNN](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/06/2008
[Health](#), Superseded 01/10/2008
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2008

Has been superseded by [Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2011\) NNNN](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/10/2011
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2016
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 13/10/2011
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 08/03/2017
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 01/09/2012

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2009-10](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009
Implementation start date: 01/07/2009
Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 18/01/2011
Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2012
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2009-10](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/01/2010
Implementation start date: 01/07/2009
Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 18/01/2011
Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2009-10](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/01/2010
Implementation start date: 01/07/2009
Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 21/12/2010
Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2012
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 24/12/2010
Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

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

[Health](#), Superseded 01/09/2012

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS \(July 2008\)](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 11/11/2009

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 2009-10](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/01/2010
Implementation start date: 01/07/2009
Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

[Community mental health care NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 01/12/2010
Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Community mental health care NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

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.

[Disability Services NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

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.

[Disability Services NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

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.

[Health care client identification DSS](#)

[Health](#), Retired 20/03/2013

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

[Home and Community Care MDS 2009](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 16/11/2009

Implementation start date: 11/05/2006

DSS specific information:

The three data elements included in Version 2.0 of the HACC MDS that are considered relevant to measuring cultural diversity are Country of birth, Main language spoken at home and Indigenous status.

[Non-admitted patient DSS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012](#)

[Health](#), Retired 30/01/2012

Implementation start date: 01/01/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 18/01/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Perinatal NMDS 2010-2011](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 21/12/2010

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

DSS specific information: 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: This item is collected for the mother only.

[Prison entrants DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

[Registered chiropractic labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

[Registered dental and allied dental health professional labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

[Registered medical professional labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

[Registered midwifery labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

[Registered nursing professional labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

[Registered optometry labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

[Registered osteopathy labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

[Registered pharmacy labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

[Registered physiotherapy labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

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[Registered podiatry labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

[Registered psychology labour force DSS](#)

[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS specific information: The collection methodology for this data element suggests including a list of countries that is based on the Australian Census of Population and Housing. The list is not appropriate for this DSS and an alternative list is used.

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2009-10](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/01/2010

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 21/12/2010

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2011](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

[National Disability Agreement: a-Labour force participation rate for people with disability aged 15-64 years, 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Used as Disaggregation

[National Disability Agreement: a\(1\)- Proportion of people with disability who are in the labour force, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: a\(1\)-Labour force participation rate for people with disability aged 15-64 years, 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: a\(1\)-Labour force participation rate for people with disability aged 15-64 years, 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

[National Disability Agreement: a\(2\)- Proportion of people with disability who are employed, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: a\(2\)-Labour force participation rate for people with disability aged 15-64 years, 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: a\(2\)-Labour force participation rate for people with disability aged 15-64 years, 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

[National Disability Agreement: b\(1\)-Proportion of people with disability who had face-to-face contact with ex-household family or friends in the previous week, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: b\(1\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

[National Disability Agreement: b\(1\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: b\(1\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

[National Disability Agreement: b\(2\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

[National Disability Agreement: b\(2\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: b\(2\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

[National Disability Agreement: b\(2\)-Proportion of people with disability who travelled to a social activity in the last two weeks, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: b\(3\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: b\(3\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

[National Disability Agreement: b\(3\)-Proportion of people with disability who report the main reason for not leaving home as often as they would like is their disability or condition, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: c-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

[National Disability Agreement: c\(1\)-Proportion of Disability Support Pension recipients who report earnings, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: c\(1\)-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: c\(1\)-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

[National Disability Agreement: c\(2\)-Proportion of Newstart and Youth Allowance recipients with disability and an assessed future work capacity of 0-29 hours per week who report earnings, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: c\(2\)-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: c\(2\)-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

[National Disability Agreement: e\(1\)-Proportion of the potential population of people with disability who report a need for more formal assistance, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: e\(3 - interim\)-Proportion of potential population expressing unmet demand for disability support services \(e.3-interim\), 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

[National Disability Agreement: g-Labour force participation rate for carers aged 15-64 of people with disability, 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

[National Disability Agreement: g\(1\)-Proportion of carers \(of people with disability\) who are in the labour force, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: g\(2\)-Proportion of carers \(of people with disability\) who are employed, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: g\(3\)-Proportion of carers \(of people with disability\) in the labour force who are unemployed, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: h\(1\)-Proportion of primary carers of people with disability who feel satisfied with their caring role, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: h\(2\)-Proportion of primary carers of people with disability who do not experience negative impacts on their wellbeing due to their caring role, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: i\(1\)-Proportion of primary carers of people with disability who report a need for further assistance in their caring roles, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: j-Proportion of people with disability receiving income support, 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

[National Disability Agreement: j-Proportion of people with disability receiving income support, 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: j-Proportion of people with disability receiving income support, 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

[National Disability Agreement: c-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Used as Denominator

[National Disability Agreement: c\(1\)-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: c\(1\)-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

[National Disability Agreement: c\(2\)-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: c\(2\)-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

