

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Country of birth
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	370943
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Superseded 13/10/2011 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Superseded 13/10/2011 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Superseded 13/10/2011 <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 22/11/2011
<b>Definition:</b>	The country in which the person was born, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—country of birth</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Country code (SACC 2008) NNNN</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2008</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 2008 (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

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.

[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](#)