

National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P12- Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2010

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2010
METEOR identifier:	396560
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 04/04/2011
Description:	The incidence of low birth weight among live-born babies, of mothers by Indigenous status.
Rationale:	Low birth weight is associated with increased risk of poor health and death during infancy and increased prevalence of a number of chronic diseases in adulthood. Low birth weight is a particular issue for Indigenous Australians.
Indicator set:	National Indigenous Reform Agreement (2010) Community Services (retired) , Superseded 04/04/2011
Outcome area:	Indigenous children are born and remain healthy Indigenous , Standard 21/07/2010
Data quality statement:	National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P12-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2010 QS Community Services (retired) , Superseded 04/04/2011

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	Low birth weight is defined as less than 2500 grams. Presentation: Number, percentage, rate ratio and rate difference
Computation:	100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)
Numerator:	Number of low birth weight singleton infants

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Birth—birth weight, total grams NNNN](#)

Data Source

[AIHW National Perinatal Data Collection \(NPDC\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Perinatal NMDS 2007-2008](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Birth—birth status, code N](#)

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[Birth event—birth plurality, code N](#)

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Denominator:

Number of live-born singleton infants

Denominator data elements:

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[Birth—birth status, code N](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[AIHW National Perinatal Data Collection \(NPDC\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Perinatal NMDS 2007-2008](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Used for Indigenous status of infant which currently is based solely on the Indigenous status of the mother.

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code \(ASGC 2007\) NNNNN](#)

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Comments: Disaggregation: National and state/territory by Indigenous status

Most recent data available for 2010 CRC baseline report: 2007

Data exclude births with unknown birth weight and births less than 20 weeks gestation and less than 400 grams, and multiple births.

Note: Currently available data on Indigenous status of infants is based solely on the Indigenous status of the mother.

Disaggregation by Indigenous status is to be reported using a three-year rolling average due to small numbers.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[N].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Health Conditions](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

[AIHW National Perinatal Data Collection \(NPDC\)](#)

Frequency

Calendar years ending 31 December each year

Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Accountability attributes

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Long-term

Work is underway to include the Indigenous status of the baby in the National Perinatal Data Collection (NPDC).

Other issues caveats: The level of under-identification in perinatal data has not been formally assessed.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 12-Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2011](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 01/07/2012

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P01-Proportion of babies born with low birth weight, 2010](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011