Child protection notification—investigation commencement date, DDMMYYYY

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Investigation commencement date (child protection) |
| Synonymous names: | Date investigation commenced |
| METEOR identifier: | 455361 |
| Registration status: | [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 22/11/2016  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 19/08/2011 [Non Dictionary] |
| Definition: | The date on which an [**investigation**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/367345) into a child protection notification began, expressed as DDMMYYYY. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Child protection notification—investigation commencement date](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/455358) |
| Value Domain: | [Date DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270566) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Date | |
| Data type: | Date/Time | |
| Format: | DDMMYYYY | |
| Maximum character length: | 8 | |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | An investigation has commenced when a departmental caseworker initiates an appropriate course of action regarding a child protection notification.  This date should be recorded when the investigation commences by a departmental case worker after the notification is made. How the investigation commences will vary. For some it will be a phone call, for others it will be a visit to the child and/or persons involved with the child.  This data element is used to measure the length of time between the receipt of a notification and the commencement of an investigation. It may also be used in conjunction with [Child protection notification—investigation conclusion date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/456528) to measure the length of time of the investigation. |
| Collection methods: | This data element should always be recorded as an 8-digit valid date comprising day, month and year. Year should always be recorded in its full 4-digit format. For day and months with a numeric value of less than 10, zeros should be used to ensure that the date contains the required 8 digits. For example, if the investigation commenced on 1 July 2012, the date should be recorded as 01072012.  When an estimate is required, all known fields should be entered (e.g. if year and month are known use 01MMYYYY; if the exact date is unknown but the reporting period to which it relates can be determined, use 0107YYYY).  If the date is not known and can’t be estimated, record 01011900.  If it is not applicable to record a date (i.e. the investigation was not commenced by the end of the reference period), record 01019999. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Steward: | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/246013) |
| Origin: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Child protection notification—investigation commencement date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/316537)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 30/04/2008  See also [Child protection notification—investigation conclusion date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/456528)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 22/11/2016  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 19/08/2011  See also [Child protection notification—notification date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/455248)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 22/11/2016  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 19/08/2011 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) DSS Pilot 2010](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/433700)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 19/08/2011  ***Conditional obligation:*** Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.  [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/492995)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 22/11/2016  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 09/10/2014  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2011 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2013 ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.  [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/655210)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 22/11/2016  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2012 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014 ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.  [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/656478)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 22/11/2016  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015 ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.  [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/656498)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 20/04/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2014 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2016 ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.  [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/688435)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 20/01/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017 ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.  [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/706956)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 03/11/2021  ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.  ***DSS specific information:***  This collection requires a non-standard format for this data item: DD/MM/YYYY.  [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748919)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 11/05/2023  ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.  ***DSS specific information:***  This collection requires a non-standard format for this data item: DD/MM/YYYY.  [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/773500)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 11/05/2023  ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.  ***DSS specific information:***  This collection requires a non-standard format for this data item: DD/MM/YYYY. |