

Statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2011) N(9)

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

METEOR identifier: 455810

Registration status:

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/12/2011
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2016
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 27/06/2017
- [WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

Definition: A code set representing a medium-sized area built from whole Statistical areas level 1 (SA1s). The aim of Statistical areas level 2 (SA2s) is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme: [Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011](#)

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: N(9)

Maximum character length: 9

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: SA2 coding structure:

An SA2 is identifiable by a 9-digit fully hierarchical code. The SA2 identifier is a 4-digit code, assigned in alphabetical order within an SA3. An SA2 code is only unique within a state/territory if it is preceded by the state/territory identifier.

For example:

State/territory	SA4	SA3	SA2
N	NN	NN	NNNN

Comments: There are 2,196 SA2 spatial units. In aggregate, they cover the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and the Territory of Christmas Island are each represented by an SA2.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: 1270.0.55.001 - Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 1 - Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, July 2011 http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/
1270.0.55.001July%202011?OpenDocument

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 19/07/2018
- [Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 21/01/2021
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/12/2011
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2016

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2016
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 27/06/2017
- [WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015