

Address—statistical area, level 3 (SA3) code (ASGS 2011) NNNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Statistical area level 3 (SA3)
Synonymous names:	SA3
METEOR identifier:	457293
Registration status:	National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Definition:	A designated region representing a standardised regional breakup of Australia, as represented by a code. The aim of SA3s is to create a standard framework for the analysis of ABS data at the regional level through clustering groups of SA2s that have similar regional characteristics.
Data Element Concept:	Address—statistical area
Value Domain:	Statistical area level 3 (SA3) code (ASGS 2011) NNNNN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	NNNNN
Maximum character length:	5

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	SA3 coding structure: An SA3 is identified by a 5-digit hierarchical code. This comprises a 1-digit state/territory identifier followed by a 2-digit SA4 identifier, unique within each state/territory, and a 2-digit SA3 identifier, unique within each SA4.
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For example:

State/territory	SA4	SA3
N	NN	NN

Comments:	SA3s are built from whole SA2s. Whole SA3s aggregate directly to SA4s in the Main Structure. SA3s do not cross state/territory borders. There are 333 SA3 spatial units. In aggregate, they cover the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps.
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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
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