

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Statistical area level 3 (SA3)
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	SA3
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	457293
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a>, Retired 01/07/2016</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	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.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Address—statistical area</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	NNNNN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	5

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	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

<b>Comments:</b>	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

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