

Birth—birth weight, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Birth weight

METEOR identifier: 459938

Registration status:

- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

Definition: The first weight of the live-born or stillborn baby obtained after birth, or the weight of the neonate or infant on the date admitted if this is different from the date of birth, as represented by a code.

Data Element Concept: [Birth—birth weight](#)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
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1	Low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams)
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2	Normal birth weight (2,500 grams to less than 4,500 grams)
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3	High birth weight (4,500 grams and over)
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Supplementary values:

Value	Meaning
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8	Unknown birth weight
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: For [live births](#), [birthweight](#) should preferably be measured within the first hour of life before significant postnatal weight loss has occurred.

In perinatal collections the birthweight is to be provided for liveborn and stillborn babies.

Source and reference attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Product of birth—birthweight, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Indigenous primary health care DSS 2012-14Health](#), Superseded 21/11/2013
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

In the Indigenous primary health care DSS, birth weight is defined as the first weight of a baby obtained after birth. The birth weight is that which is recorded as birth weight by services on their Patient Information Referral Systems (PIRS). The date of admission is not relevant for this DSS.

This item is only collected for infants born during the preceding 12 months.

[Indigenous primary health care DSS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 13/03/2015
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

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[Indigenous primary health care DSS 2015-17Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

DSS specific information:

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[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2017–18Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 22/10/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

In the Indigenous primary health care NBEDS, birth weight is defined as the first weight of a baby obtained after birth. The birth weight is that which is recorded as birth weight by services on their Patient Information Referral Systems (PIRS). The date of admission is not relevant for this NBEDS.

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[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2018–19Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

DSS specific information:

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**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Numerator

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2013Health](#), Superseded 21/11/2013
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2014Health](#), Superseded 13/03/2015
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2015Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 20/01/2017

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2015-2017Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, 2015-2017Health](#), Superseded 17/10/2018
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, 2018-2019Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2013Health](#), Superseded 21/11/2013
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2014Health](#), Superseded 13/03/2015
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2015Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 20/01/2017

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2015-2017Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
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[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, 2015-2017Health](#), Superseded 17/10/2018
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