Birth—birth weight, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Birth weight |
| METEOR identifier: | 459938 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018[Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 02/04/2019 |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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269455) |
| Value Domain: | [Birth weight code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/459935) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams) |
|   | 2 | Normal birth weight (2,500 grams to less than 4,500 grams) |
|   | 3 | High birth weight (4,500 grams and over) |
| Supplementary values: | 8  | Unknown birth weight  |

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

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | For [**live births**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327248), [**birthweight**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327212) 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 |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Product of birth—birthweight, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709560)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 12/12/2018       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 14/07/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Indigenous primary health care DSS 2012-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/430629)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 21/11/2013       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/504325)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/03/2015       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 13/03/2015***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2014***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015***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 2015-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/585036)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 27/02/2018***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017***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 NBEDS 2017–18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/686603)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/09/2018       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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.This item is only collected for infants born during the preceding 12 months.[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2018–19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/694101)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 02/04/2019***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019***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.This item is only collected for infants born during the preceding 12 months. |
| 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, 2013](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/450659)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 21/11/2013       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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, 2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/504692)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/03/2015       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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, 2015](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/588973)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/10/2016       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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, 2015-2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/663905)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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, 2015-2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/686346)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/10/2018       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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, 2018-2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/687921)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/01/2020       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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, 2013](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/450666)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 21/11/2013       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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, 2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/504694)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/03/2015       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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, 2015](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/588977)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/10/2016       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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, 2015-2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/663907)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 27/02/2018[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, 2015-2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/686348)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/10/2018       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 17/10/2018[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, 2018-2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/687923)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/01/2020       [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 14/07/2021 |