

Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2011) NNNN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Country of birth
METEOR identifier:	459973
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 13/10/2011• Disability, Standard 07/10/2014• Health, Superseded 06/12/2016• Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018• Housing assistance, Standard 13/10/2011• Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 01/11/2012• Tasmanian Health, Superseded 08/03/2017• WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	The country in which the person was born, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—country of birth

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2011
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNN
Maximum character length:	4

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2011 (SACC) is a four-digit, three-level hierarchical structure specifying major group, minor group and country.</p> <p>A country, even if it comprises other discrete political entities such as states, is treated as a single unit for all data domain purposes. Parts of a political entity are not included in different groups. Thus, Hawaii is included in Northern America (as part of the identified country United States of America), despite being geographically close to and having similar social and cultural characteristics as the units classified to Polynesia.</p>
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: Some data collections ask respondents to specify their country of birth. In others, a pre-determined set of countries is specified as part of the question, usually accompanied by an 'other (please specify)' category.

Recommended questions are:

In which country were you/was the person/was (name) born?

Australia

Other (please specify)

Alternatively, a list of countries may be used based on, for example common Census responses.

In which country were you/was the person/was (name) born?

Australia

England

New Zealand

Italy

Vietnam

India

Scotland

Philippines

Greece

Germany

Other (please specify)

In either case coding of data should conform to the SACC.

Sometimes respondents are simply asked to specify whether they were born in either 'English speaking' or 'non-English speaking' countries but this question is of limited use and this method of collection is not recommended.

Comments:

This metadata item is consistent with that used in the [ABS collection methods](#) and is recommended for use whenever there is a requirement for comparison with ABS data (last viewed 2/6/2008).

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2008\) NNNN](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/10/2011
- [Health](#), Superseded 22/11/2011
- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 13/10/2011
- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 13/10/2011
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Incomplete 22/08/2012

Has been superseded by [Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 19/07/2018
- [Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018
- [Disability](#), Standard 15/12/2017
- [Health](#), Standard 06/12/2016
- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017
- [Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Emergency department care DSS 2013-2014Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 01/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Activity based funding: Mental health care DSS 2016-17Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 28/02/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Activity based funding: Non-admitted patient care DSS 2013-2014Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 01/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSSHealth](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) NBPDS 2013-Health](#), Standard 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2015-16Health](#), Superseded 10/11/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2016-17Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2013-14Health](#), Superseded 15/10/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 04/02/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2015-16Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2013-14Health](#), Superseded 15/10/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 04/02/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2015-16Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2013-15Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2015-18Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) NBPDHealth](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Community mental health care NMDS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Community mental health care NMDS 2013-14Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Community mental health care NMDS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Community mental health care NMDS 2015-16Health](#), Superseded 04/09/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Community mental health care NMDS 2016-17Health](#), Superseded 17/08/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Cultural and language diversity clusterCommunity Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

DSS specific information:

This data element should be reported for the individual and may also extend to the country of birth of their mother and father.

[Disability Services NMDS 2012-14Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

For the DS NMDS, the 10 most frequently reported countries of birth are listed on data collection forms to simplify data collection and minimise coding load on [service type outlets](#) and funding departments. Where the country of birth is known but is not specified in the classification below, (i.e., is 'other country'), funded agencies should specify it on primary data collection forms. These will then be coded by funding departments to the appropriate SACC code.

[Disability Services NMDS 2014-15Community Services \(retired\)](#), Incomplete
23/04/2014

[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

DSS specific information:

For the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), the 10 most frequently reported countries of birth are listed on data collection forms to simplify data collection and minimise coding load on [service type outlets](#) and funding departments. Where the country of birth is known but is not specified in the classification below, (i.e., is 'other country'), funded agencies should specify it on primary data collection forms. These will then be coded by funding departments to the appropriate Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) code.

[Disability Services NMDS 2015-16Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), the 10 most frequently reported countries of birth are listed on data collection forms to simplify data collection and minimise coding load on [service type outlets](#) and funding departments. Where the country of birth is known but is not specified in the classification below, (i.e., is 'other country'), [funded agencies](#) should specify it on primary data collection forms. These will then be coded by funding departments to the appropriate Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) code.

[Disability Services NMDS 2016-17Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), the 10 most frequently reported countries of birth are listed on data collection forms to simplify data collection and minimise coding load on [service type outlets](#) and funding departments. Where the country of birth is known but is not specified in the classification below, (i.e., is 'other country'), [funded agencies](#) should specify it on primary data collection forms. These will then be coded by funding departments to the appropriate Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) code.

[Emergency department care activity based funding DSS 2012-2013Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 31/10/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Juvenile Justice DSS 2012–15Community Services \(retired\)](#), Not progressed 14/06/2013

[Youth Justice](#), Recorded 23/05/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

DSS specific information:

This item is collected as part of the JJ NMDS Client file cluster.

[Juvenile Justice DSS 2015–16Youth Justice](#), Recorded 23/05/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

DSS specific information:

This data element is optional within the JJ DSS. If collected, the data is to be associated with the data in the [Juvenile Justice Client file cluster](#).

[Non-admitted patient activity based funding DSS 2012-2013Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 30/10/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Non-admitted patient DSS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Non-admitted patient DSS 2013-14Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Non-admitted patient DSS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Non-admitted patient DSS 2015-16Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care DSS 2014-15Health](#),
Superseded 04/02/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care DSS 2015-16Health](#),
Superseded 02/12/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2016-17Health](#),
Superseded 05/10/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2012-13Health](#),
Superseded 07/02/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14Health](#),
Superseded 11/04/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2014-15Health](#),
Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2015-16Health](#),
Superseded 19/11/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2016-17Health](#),
Superseded 05/10/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2016-17Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Perinatal NMDS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Perinatal NMDS 2013-14Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Person details data dictionaryCommunity Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Prison dischargée DSSHealth](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

[Public dental waiting times DSS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 09/11/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2013-14Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2015-16Health](#), Superseded 04/09/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2016-17Health](#), Superseded 17/08/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2012-13Homelessness](#), Superseded
01/05/2013
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2013-14Homelessness](#), Superseded
26/08/2014
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

This data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element *Client—consent obtained indicator, yes/no code N*, must receive a response of Yes (CODE 1).

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2014-15Homelessness](#), Superseded
24/11/2016
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

This data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element *Client—consent obtained indicator, yes/no code N*, must receive a response of Yes (CODE 1).

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17Homelessness](#), Superseded
24/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

This data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element *Client—consent obtained indicator, yes/no code N*, must receive a response of Yes (CODE 1).

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19Homelessness](#), Superseded
10/08/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

This data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element [Client—consent obtained indicator, yes/no code N](#), must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2016Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded
05/07/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

DSS specific information:

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER_COUNTRY_OF_BIRTH_CODE
- Short name: Patient country of birth code.

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15WA Health](#), Standard 24/04/2015

DSS specific information:

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER_COUNTRY_OF_BIRTH_CODE
- Short name: Patient country of birth code.

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017

DSS specific information:

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER_COUNTRY_OF_BIRTH_CODE
- Short name: Patient country of birth code.

The synonymous name COUNTRY_OF_BIRTH is used for national reporting.