

# Birth event—birth plurality, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <b>Metadata item type:</b>   | Data Element  |
| <b>Short name:</b>           | Birth plurality   |
| <b>Synonymous names:</b>     | Multiple birth  |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>    | 482409  |
| <b>Registration status:</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 02/08/2017</li><li>• <a href="#">Indigenous</a>, Superseded 22/10/2018</li></ul> |
| <b>Definition:</b>           | The number of babies resulting from a single pregnancy, as represented by a code.   |
| <b>Data Element Concept:</b> | <a href="#">Birth event—birth plurality</a>   |

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

| <b>Representation class:</b>     | Code  |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
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| <b>Data type:</b>                | Number  |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| <b>Format:</b>                   | N   |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| <b>Maximum character length:</b> | 1   |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| <b>Permissible values:</b>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Singleton</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Twins</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Triplets</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Quadruplets</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Quintuplets</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Sextuplets</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Other</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Singleton | 2 | Twins | 3 | Triplets | 4 | Quadruplets | 5 | Quintuplets | 6 | Sextuplets | 8 | Other |
| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 1                                | Singleton   |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 2                                | Twins   |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 3                                | Triplets  |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 4                                | Quadruplets   |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 5                                | Quintuplets   |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 6                                | Sextuplets  |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 8                                | Other   |       |         |   |           |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |

| <b>Supplementary values:</b> | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>9</td><td>Not stated</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 9 | Not stated |
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| 9                            | Not stated   |       |         |   |            |

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

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| <b>Guide for use:</b> | Plurality at birth is determined by the total number of live births and stillbirths that result from the pregnancy. Stillbirths, including those where the fetus was likely to have died before 20 weeks gestation, should be included in the count of plurality. To be included, they should be recognisable as a fetus and have been expelled or extracted with other products of conception when pregnancy ended at 20 or more weeks gestation. |
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## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Birth event—birth plurality, code N](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 14/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

Supersedes [Birth event—birth plurality, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2014

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[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:*

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

[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:*

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

[Individual demographic identifiers clusterHealth](#), Standard 05/10/2016

[Perinatal NMDS 2014-18Health](#), Superseded 02/08/2017

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2014

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2018

#### *DSS specific information:*

This item is collected for the mother only.

**Indicators:****Used as Numerator**

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation: Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time, 2012-2014](#)[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 07/06/2017

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.6—Proportion of babies born with low birthweight, 2019](#)[Health](#), Standard 09/04/2020

[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](#)[Health](#), 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, 2015-2017](#)[Health](#), 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, 2015-2017](#)[Health](#), Superseded 17/10/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[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](#)[Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016  
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[Indigenous](#), 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](#)[Health](#), Superseded 17/10/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)[Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019](#)[Health](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)](#)[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)[Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019](#)[Health](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019Health](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Normal \(non-instrumental\) vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08—Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08—Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019Health](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

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[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08—Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01—Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2018Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01—Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2019Health](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01—Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2020Health](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01—Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2021Health](#), Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01—Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2022Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

#### **Used as Denominator**

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.6—Proportion of babies born with low birthweight, 2019Health](#), Standard 09/04/2020

[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

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