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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Definition: The Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) is produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and provides guidelines for the consistent collection, aggregation and dissemination of statistics by country.

Classification structure: The SACC has a three-level hierarchical structure that consists of major groups, minor groups and countries. The major and minor groups of the classification generally represent geographically contiguous groups of countries or regions that share some social, cultural, economic or political characteristics.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The ABS recommends all data be captured and stored at the most detailed level of the classification to enable more detailed and complex analysis, and facilitate comparisons with other data sets.

Countries from different minor groups should not be added together to form an aggregation that is not included in the classification framework structure as this corrupts the application of the classification criteria and has repercussions for data comparability. Similarly, minor groups from different major groups should not be added together. In instances where some countries within a minor group are presented separately while the remaining countries within the minor group are aggregated, the group of aggregated countries should be labelled 'Other', or 'Other (minor group name)'.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 2016. ABS cat. no. 1269.0. Canberra: ABS.

Revision status: SACC was previously known as the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS).

The first edition of the SACC was published in 1998. The first edition had a number of revisions, with the final revision (R2.03) in 2007. The Second edition of SACC was first published in 2008.This edition was followed by SACC 2011 and 2016.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2011
- Children and Families, Superseded 20/01/2021
- Community Services (retired), Standard 17/11/2011
- Disability, Standard 07/10/2014
- Health, Superseded 06/12/2016
- Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018
- Housing assistance, Standard 17/11/2011
- Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 01/11/2012
- Tasmanian Health, Superseded 08/03/2017

Value Domains based on this classification scheme:

Country code (SACC 2016) NNNN
- Aged Care, Standard 30/06/2023
- Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board, Standard 30/08/2022
- Children and Families, Standard 11/11/2018
- 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