

Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Country of birth
METEOR identifier:	659454
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
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 2016
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 2016 (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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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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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) ...

or

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

Australia

England

New Zealand

India

Italy

Vietnam

Philippines

South Africa

Scotland

Malaysia

Other (please specify) ...

The option list for this question includes countries according to their statistical frequency in Australia, according to data from the Census of Population and Housing. Exceptions are made for countries such as 'United Kingdom' and 'China', as they are likely to reduce the level of detail that is possible to be coded to the Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC).

Comments: This metadata item is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Country of Birth standard for collecting, processing and presenting country of birth statistics (ABS 2016a).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2016a. [Country of Birth Standard, 2016](#). ABS cat. no. 1200.0.55.004. Canberra: ABS.

ABS 2016b. [Standard Australian Classification of Countries \(SACC\) 2016](#). ABS cat. no. 1269.0. Canberra: ABS.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2011\) NNNN](#)

- [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](#), Incomplete 22/08/2012
- [WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015
- [Youth Justice](#), Qualified 29/06/2022

See also [Person—proficiency in spoken English, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Candidate 15/11/2021
- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2017-18 Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2018-19 Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2019-20 Health](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

[Activity based funding: Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2018-19 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 30/06/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2017-18 Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2018-19 ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2019-20 Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2023–24 Health](#), Recorded 11/08/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2018-19 ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019–20 Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2023-24 Health](#), Recorded 29/07/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) NBPDS Health](#), Standard 17/10/2018

[Community mental health care NMDS 2017–18 Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Community mental health care NMDS 2018–19 ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Community mental health care NMDS 2019–20 Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Community mental health care NMDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Community mental health care NMDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Community mental health care NMDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

[Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module NBPDS Health](#), Standard 03/12/2008

[Demographics Cluster Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

DSS specific information:

Country of birth refers to the variable BIRTH_CTRY_CODE in the PIA research data set.

[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18 Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

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 listed countries of birth (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 2018–19 Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Emergency service care NBEDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

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

[Juvenile Justice DSS 2016–18 Youth Justice](#), Qualified 29/06/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

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](#).

[National Outcomes and Casemix Collection NMDS 2023-24 Health](#), Recorded 05/08/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2017-18 Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2018-19 Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20 Health](#), Retired 19/11/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2017-18 Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2018-19 ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 08/08/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20 Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2017-18 Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2018-19 Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2019-20 Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2020-21 Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2021-22 Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2022-23 Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Perinatal NMDS 2018-19 ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 14/08/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Perinatal NMDS 2019-20 Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Perinatal NMDS 2020-21 Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Perinatal NMDS 2021-22 Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

DSS specific information:

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2022-23 Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

DSS specific information:

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2023–24 Health](#), Recorded 26/07/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

DSS specific information:

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Person related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 18/05/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Prison dischargee NBEDS Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

DSS specific information:

In the Prison dischargee data collection, the 4 digit SACC codes will be mapped to:

Code 1 Australia

Code 2 Other (specify)

Code 9 Unknown

[Prison dischargee NBEDS Health](#), Recorded 31/05/2018

DSS specific information:

In the Prison dischargee data collection, the 4 digit SACC codes will be mapped to:

Code 1 Australia

Code 2 Other (specify)

Code 9 Unknown

Where the country of birth is not Australia, the data element Person—country of birth, text X[X(99)] should be completed.

[Prison entrants NBEDS Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

DSS specific information:

The 4 digit SACC codes will be mapped to:

Code 1 Australia

Code 2 Other (specify)

Code 9 Unknown

[Prison entrants NBEDS Health](#), Recorded 31/05/2018

DSS specific information:

The 4 digit SACC codes will be mapped to:

Code 1 Australia

Code 2 Other (specify)

Code 9 Unknown

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2013-2018 Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

In the Public dental waiting times NMDS, the Classification scheme for this data element did not come into effect until the 2016-17 collection year. Prior to this the [Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2011](#) was used.

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-
ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 08/08/2018
[Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2017-18 Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2018-19
ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2019–20 Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

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 indicator, yes/no code N](#), must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2017 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 10/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2018](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 05/04/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2019](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 17/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2020](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 15/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Youth Justice DSS 2018–20](#)
[Youth Justice](#), Recorded 23/05/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

DSS specific information:

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

[Youth Justice DSS 2020–](#)
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

DSS specific information:

This optional item is collected within the [YJ NMDS Client file cluster](#).

