

Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Area of usual residence (SA2)
METEOR identifier:	659725
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Childhood, Standard 24/07/2018• Health, Superseded 20/10/2021• Tasmanian Health, Standard 27/06/2017
Definition:	The geographical region in which a person or group of people usually reside, as represented by a Statistical area level 2 (SA2) code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—area of usual residence

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2016
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	N(9)
Maximum character length:	9

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	SA2 coding structure: An SA2 is identifiable by a 9-digit fully hierarchical code. The SA2 identifier is a 4-digit code, assigned in alphabetical order within a Statistical area level 3 (SA3). An SA2 code is only unique within a state/territory if it is preceded by the state/territory identifier.
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For example:

State/territory	SA4	SA3	SA2
N	NN	NN	NNNN

Comments:	There are 2,310 SA2 regions covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. These include 18 non-spatial SA2 special purpose codes, comprising Migratory–Offshore–Shipping and No Usual Address codes for each State and Territory.
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The Other Territories of Jervis Bay, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Norfolk Island are each represented by a SA2 in the 2016 Australian Statistical Geography Standard.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 1 - Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas July 2016 . ABS cat. no. 1270.0.55.001. Canberra: ABS.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The geographical location is reported using an eleven digit numerical code to indicate the SA2 region within the reporting state or territory, as defined in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS).
Collection methods:	When collecting the geographical location of a person's usual place of residence, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recommends that 'usual' be defined as: 'The place where the person has or intends to live for 6 months or more, or the place that the person regards as their main residence, or where the person has no other residence, the place they currently reside.' Apart from collecting a person's usual place of residence there is also a need in some collections to collect area of residence immediately prior to or after assistance is provided, or at some other point in time.
Comments:	<p>Geographical location is reported using SA2 to enable accurate aggregation of information to larger areas within the ASGS as well as detailed analysis at the SA2 level. The use of SA2 also allows analysis relating the data to information compiled by the ABS on the demographic and other characteristics of the population of each SA2. Analyses facilitated by the inclusion of SA2 information include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• comparison of the use of services by persons residing in different geographical areas;• characterisation of catchment areas and populations for establishments for planning purposes; and• documentation of the provision of services to residents of states or territories other than the state or territory of the provider.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Supersedes Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2011) N(9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2013• Disability, Standard 13/08/2015• Early Childhood, Superseded 24/07/2018• Health, Superseded 06/12/2016• Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 01/11/2012• Tasmanian Health, Superseded 27/06/2017• WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015 <p>Has been superseded by Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS Edition 3) N(9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 20/10/2021
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	<p>Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2018-19Health, Superseded 12/12/2018</p> <p><i>Implementation start date:</i> 01/07/2018</p> <p><i>Implementation end date:</i> 30/06/2019</p> <p>Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2019-20Health, Superseded 17/01/2020</p> <p><i>Implementation start date:</i> 01/07/2019</p> <p><i>Implementation end date:</i> 30/06/2020</p>

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

DSS specific information:

As a person's area of usual residence can change over time, episodes from the ambulatory setting should include the latest/most recently reported area of usual residence.

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

DSS specific information:

As a person's area of usual residence can change over time, episodes from the ambulatory setting should include the latest/most recently reported area of usual residence.

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

The following codes should be assigned as the admitted patient's area of usual residence in the following specialised situations:

- Overseas resident: 099999299
- No fixed abode: state/territory identifier + 99999499
 - Where the state/territory of the admitted patient's usual residence is not known, assign '0' as the state/territory identifier
- Migratory - Offshore - Shipping: state/territory identifier + 97979799
- Unknown SA2: state/territory identifier + 99999999
 - Where the state/territory of the admitted patient's usual residence is not known, assign a blank space as the state/territory identifier

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

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The following codes should be assigned as the admitted patient's area of usual residence in the following specialised situations:

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

DSS specific information:

The following codes should be assigned as the admitted patient's area of usual residence in the following specialised situations:

- Overseas resident: 099999299
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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2021-22Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

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[Allied health admitted patient care NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Allied health non-admitted patient emergency department NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Allied health non-admitted patient NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 12/12/2018

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

The following SA2 codes have been agreed by the Mental Health Information Strategy Standing Committee (MHISSC) as supplementary codes for use in the Community Mental Health Care NMDS:

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

DSS specific information:

The following SA2 codes have been agreed by the Mental Health Information Strategy Standing Committee (MHSSC) as supplementary codes for use in the Community Mental Health Care NMDS:

STATE_CODE_2016	STATE_NAME_2016	Not applicable	Unknown (Not stated/inadequately described)	No usual address
1	New South Wales	199999497	199999498	199999499
2	Victoria	299999497	299999498	299999499
3	Queensland	399999497	399999498	399999499
4	South Australia	499999497	499999498	499999499
5	Western Australia	599999497	599999498	599999499
6	Tasmania	699999497	699999498	699999499
7	Northern Territory	799999497	799999498	799999499
8	Australian Capital Territory	899999497	899999498	899999499
9	Other Territories	999999497	999999498	999999499

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

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7	Northern Territory	799999497	799999498	799999499
8	Australian Capital Territory	899999497	899999498	899999499
9	Other Territories	999999497	999999498	999999499

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

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7	Northern Territory	799999497	799999498	799999499
8	Australian Capital Territory	899999497	899999498	899999499
9	Other Territories	999999497	999999498	999999499

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

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8	Australian Capital Territory	899999497	899999498	899999499
9	Other Territories	999999497	999999498	999999499

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2018-19ACT 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 2019-20Health](#), Superseded
18/12/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2019-20Health](#), 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 2020-21Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[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.

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

DSS specific information:

This item is collected for the mother only.

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

DSS specific information:

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

The following code has been agreed by the National Perinatal Data Development Committee (NPDDC) as a supplementary code for use in the Perinatal NMDS:

Value	Meaning
999999999	Not stated/inadequately described

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

DSS specific information:

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

The following code has been agreed by the National Perinatal Data Development Committee (NPDDC) as a supplementary code for use in the Perinatal NMDS:

Value	Meaning
999999999	Not stated/inadequately described

[Perinatal NMDS 2021–22Health](#), 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.

The following code has been agreed by the National Perinatal Data Development Committee (NPDDC) as a supplementary code for use in the Perinatal NMDS:

Value	Meaning
999999999	Not stated/inadequately described

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

[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 [Australian Statistical Geography Standard 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

[Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2015-2018 Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

In the Radiotherapy 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 [Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011](#) was used.

[Radiotherapy 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 2017-18Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

The following SA2 codes have been agreed by the Mental Health Information Strategy Standing Committee (MHISSC) as supplementary codes for use in the Residential Mental Health Care NMDS:

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

DSS specific information:

The following SA2 codes have been agreed by the Mental Health Information Strategy Standing Committee (MHISSC) as supplementary codes for use in the Residential Mental Health Care NMDS:

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

DSS specific information:

The following SA2 codes have been agreed by the Mental Health Information Strategy Standing Committee (MHISSC) as supplementary codes for use in the Residential Mental Health Care NMDS:

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

DSS specific information:

The following SA2 codes have been agreed by the Mental Health Information Strategy Standing Committee (MHISSC) as supplementary codes for use in the Residential Mental Health Care NMDS:

STATE_CODE_2016	STATE_NAME_2016	Not applicable	Unknown (Not stated/inadequately described)	No usual address
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7	Northern Territory	799999497	799999498	799999499
8	Australian Capital Territory	899999497	899999498	899999499
9	Other Territories	999999497	999999498	999999499

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

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[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas \(SEIFA\) \(2011 Census, ASGS 2016\) cluster Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas \(SEIFA\) \(2016 Census, ASGS 2016\) cluster Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
[Health](#), Standard 06/09/2018

[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