

Statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	659727
Registration status:	Children and Families , Superseded 11/05/2023 Early Childhood , Superseded 15/08/2023 Health , Superseded 20/10/2021 Tasmanian Health , Standard 27/06/2017
Definition:	A code set representing a medium-sized general purpose area aggregated from whole Statistical areas level 1 (SA1s).

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:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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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.
Revision status:	The 2016 ASGS is the second edition of the ASGS, which updates the first edition (introduced in 2011) for growth and change in Australia's population, economy and infrastructure. It also incorporates the Territory of Norfolk Island for the first time.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/12/2011
[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

Has been superseded by [Statistical Area Level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS Edition 3\) N\(9\)](#)

[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Recorded 09/08/2023
[Children and Families](#), Standard 11/05/2023
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 15/08/2023
[Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 11/05/2023
[Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

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

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 15/08/2023
[Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 08/03/2023