

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Value Domain

**METEOR identifier:** 659727

**Registration status:**

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021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.

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.

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:** <p>Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. <a href="http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/allprimarymainfeatures/871A7FF33DF471FBCA257801000DCD5F?opendocument">Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 1 - Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas July 2016</a>. ABS cat. no. 1270.0.55.001. Canberra: ABS.</p>

**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- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021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\(9\)](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

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

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 08/08/2018
- [Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

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

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 08/08/2018
- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017