

Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Statistical area level 2 (SA2)
Synonymous names:	SA2
METEOR identifier:	659774
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 20/10/2021 Children and Families , Superseded 11/05/2023
Definition:	A designated region with a pre-determined population describing location which represents medium-sized general purpose area aggregated from whole Statistical areas level 1, as represented by a code.
Context:	The purpose of a Statistical area level 2 (SA2) is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Address—statistical area
METEOR identifier:	660651
Registration status:	Health , Standard 06/12/2016 Early Childhood , Standard 24/07/2018 Children and Families , Standard 20/01/2021 Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Recorded 19/09/2022 Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023
Definition:	A designated region with a pre-determined population used for describing location.
Context:	Based on the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) structure of six hierarchical statistical area levels comprised in ascending order: Mesh Block, Statistical Area Level 1, Statistical Area Level 2, Statistical Area Level 3, Statistical Area Level 4, and State and Territory. Each level directly aggregates to the level above.
Object class:	Address
Property:	Statistical area

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)
METEOR identifier:	659727
Registration status:	Tasmanian Health , Standard 27/06/2017 Health , Superseded 20/10/2021 Children and Families , Superseded 11/05/2023 Early Childhood , Superseded 15/08/2023

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: 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

Comments: Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) 2016 Census of Population and Housing will be available at SA2 level. The SA2 is the smallest area for the release of ABS non-Census and Intercensal statistics, including the Estimated Resident Population and Health & Vitals data. Whole SA2s aggregate to form Statistical areas level 3 (SA3). SA2s are also used to approximate Significant Urban Areas and Tourism Regions in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Non-ABS Structures.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: 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.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\) Children and Families](#), Superseded 21/01/2021
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/12/2011
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2016

Has been superseded by [Address—statistical area, level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS Edition 3\) N\(9\)](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Children and Families](#), Standard 11/05/2023
[Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

See also [Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile - Tasmanian variation\) {NNNN}](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016

See also [Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

See also [Address—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) NNNN](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022
[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018
[Disability](#), Standard 15/12/2017
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 13/06/2024
[Indigenous](#), Standard 27/02/2018
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

See also [Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X\[X\(45\)\]](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 09/03/2012
[Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011
[Homelessness](#), Standard 01/05/2013
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013
[Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

See also [Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X\[X\(49\)\]](#)
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2018-19](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

DSS specific information:

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the site from which a drug treatment service is delivered. For agencies with more than one location, the data element relates to the service delivery outlet.

[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

DSS specific information:

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the site from which a drug treatment service is delivered. For agencies with more than one location, the data element relates to the service delivery outlet.

[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

DSS specific information:

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the site from which a drug treatment service is delivered. For agencies with more than one location, the data element relates to the service delivery outlet.

[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

DSS specific information:

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the site from which a drug treatment service is delivered. For agencies with more than one location, the data element relates to the service delivery outlet.

[Care coordination mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Counselling—face-to-face mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Education, employment and training mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Family and carer support mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Group support activities mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Individual advocacy mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

Children and Families, Superseded 20/01/2021

DSS specific information:

The Statistical area level 2 (SA2) of the child's living arrangement. Record 99 for 'not stated/inadequately described'.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

Children and Families, Superseded 03/11/2021

DSS specific information:

The Statistical area level 2 (SA2) of the child's living arrangement. Record 99 for 'not stated/inadequately described'.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)

Children and Families, Superseded 11/05/2023

DSS specific information:

The Statistical area level 2 (SA2) of the child's living arrangement. Record 99 for 'not stated/inadequately described'.

[Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDs 2020–21](#)

Health, Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item is only required for the **Public Hospital Establishments (PHE)** reporting level. It is collected once for each PHE.

[Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDs 2021–22](#)

Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item is only required for the **Public Hospital Establishments (PHE)** reporting level. It is collected once for each PHE.

[Mental health establishments NMDs 2017–18](#)

Health, Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Mental health establishments NMDs 2018–19](#)

Health, Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Mental health establishments NMDs 2019–20](#)

Health, Superseded 16/01/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Mental health establishments NMDs 2020–21](#)

Health, Superseded 20/01/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Mental health establishments NMDs 2021–22](#)

Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Mental health organisation details cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

The SA2 code reported in the Mental health organisation details cluster should represent the primary address for the organisation.

[Mental health promotion mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Mental health seclusion and restraint NBEDS 2015-](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

[Mental illness prevention mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)

Children and Families, Superseded 03/11/2021

DSS specific information:

The Statistical Area level 2 (SA2) of the child's usual place of residence at the time of the notification. Record 99 for 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)

Children and Families, Superseded 11/05/2023

DSS specific information:

The Statistical Area level 2 (SA2) of the child's usual place of residence at the time of the notification. Record 99 for 'Not stated/inadequately described'.

[Personalised support—linked to housing mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

This refers to the geographical location of the service delivery outlet rather than where the service is provided.

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type. The location of each service delivery outlet should be reported.

[Personalised support—other mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Public hospital establishments data element cluster](#)

Health, Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of each hospital establishment.

[Public hospital establishments data element cluster](#)

Health, Superseded 17/10/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of each hospital establishment.

[Public hospital establishments data element cluster](#)

Health, Retired 09/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

DSS specific information:

To be reported for the address of each hospital establishment.

[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, this data element describes the geographic code that indicates the service provider organisation's geographic location.

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-](#)

Health, Standard 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

DSS specific information:

In the Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS, this data element describes the geographic code that indicates the service provider organisation's geographic location.

[Sector development and representation mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Service integration infrastructure mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

[Staffed residential services mental health service type cluster](#)

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

DSS specific information:

Multiple SA2 codes are available to enable the recording of more than one geographical site of operation of the mental health service type.

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Disaggregation

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.4.1–Infant and young child mortality rate, 2019](#)

Health, Superseded 13/10/2021

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.4.1–Infant and young child mortality rate, 2020](#)

Health, Superseded 11/07/2023

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.4.1–Infant and young child mortality rate, 2021](#)

Health, Superseded 02/02/2024

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 15J – Seclusion rate, 2018](#)

Health, Superseded 13/01/2021

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 15J – Seclusion rate, 2019](#)

Health, Superseded 13/01/2021

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 15J – Seclusion rate, 2020](#)

Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 15J – Seclusion rate, 2021](#)

Health, Superseded 16/09/2022

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 15J – Seclusion rate, 2022](#)

Health, Superseded 06/09/2023

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 15J – Seclusion rate, 2023](#)

Health, Superseded 29/05/2024

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 15J – Seclusion rate, 2024](#)

Health, Standard 29/05/2024

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 16J – Restraint rate, 2018](#)

Health, Superseded 13/01/2021

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 16J – Restraint rate, 2019](#)

Health, Superseded 13/01/2021

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 16J – Restraint rate, 2020](#)

Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 16J – Restraint rate, 2021](#)

Health, Superseded 16/09/2022

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 16J – Restraint rate, 2022](#)

Health, Superseded 06/09/2023

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 16J – Restraint rate, 2023](#)

Health, Superseded 29/05/2024

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 16J – Restraint rate, 2024](#)

Health, Standard 29/05/2024