

Birth event—setting of birth (actual), code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Actual place of birth
METEOR identifier:	668814
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	The actual place where the birth occurred, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal statistics
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—setting of birth
Value Domain:	Birth setting code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Hospital, excluding birth centre
	2	Birth centre, attached to hospital
	3	Birth centre, free standing
	4	Home
	8	Other
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The birth setting should be recorded for each baby the mother delivers from the pregnancy.
	CODE 4 Home
	Reserved for births that occur at the home intended (planned home births).
	CODE 8 Other
	Used when birth occurs at a home other than that intended. May also include a community health centre or be used for babies 'born before arrival'.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Birth event—setting of birth \(actual\), code N Health](#), Superseded 02/08/2017

Has been superseded by [Birth event—actual setting of birth, code N Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Perinatal NMDS 2018-19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

DSS specific information:

Used to analyse the risk factors and outcomes by place of birth. While most deliveries occur within hospitals, an increasing number of births now occur in other settings. It is important to monitor the births occurring outside hospitals and to ascertain whether or not the actual place of delivery was planned.

This item is collected for the mother only.