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| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269527) |
| Value Domain: | [Birth setting code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/668851) |

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| 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 |



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| 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 |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Birth event—setting of birth (actual), code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269937)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/08/2017  Has been superseded by [Birth event—actual setting of birth, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695103)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NMDS 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/668811)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019 ***DSS specific information:***  Used to analyse the risk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. |