Birth event—birth plurality, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Birth plurality
Synonymous names:	Multiple birth
METEOR identifier:	668881
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 12/12/2018 Indigenous, Superseded 02/04/2019
Definition:	The number of babies resulting from a single pregnancy, as represented by a code.
Context:	Multiple pregnancy increases the risk of complications during pregnancy, labour and delivery and is associated with higher risk of perinatal morbidity and mortality.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Birth event—birth plurality
METEOR identifier:	669969
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 12/12/2018 Indigenous, Superseded 02/04/2019
Definition:	An indicator of multiple births resulting from a single pregnancy.
Object class:	Birth event
Property:	Birth plurality

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Birth plurality code N
METEOR identifier:	270590
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 12/12/2018 Indigenous, Superseded 02/04/2019
Definition:	A code set representing the number of births from a single pregnancy.

Representational attributes

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

	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Singleton
	2	Twins
	3	Triplets
	4	Quadruplets
	5	Quintuplets

	6	Sextuplets
	8	Other
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Plurality at birth is determined by the total number of **live births** and **stillbirths** that result from the pregnancy.

Stillbirths, including those where the fetus was likely to have died before 20 weeks gestation (including fetus papyraceous and fetus compressus), should be included in the count of plurality if recognisable as a fetus and expelled or extracted with other products of conception at 20 or more weeks gestation.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Birth event—birth plurality, code N
Health, Superseded 02/08/2017
Indigenous, Superseded 22/10/2018

Has been superseded by Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N
Health, Superseded 03/12/2020
Indigenous, Superseded 14/07/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2018–19
Health, Superseded 12/12/2018
Indigenous, Superseded 02/04/2019
Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
Implementation end date: 30/06/2019
DSS specific information:

This item is only collected for infants born during the preceding 12 months.

Perinatal NMDS 2018-19
Health, Superseded 12/12/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
Implementation end date: 30/06/2019
DSS specific information:

This item is collected for the mother only.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.6–Proportion of babies born with low birthweight, 2020
Health, Standard 02/12/2020

Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, 2018-2019
Health, Superseded 16/01/2020
Indigenous, Superseded 14/07/2021

Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, 2018-2019
Health, Superseded 16/01/2020
Indigenous, Superseded 14/07/2021

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2021
Health, Standard 16/09/2020

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2022
Health, Standard 24/09/2021

Used as Denominator

Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.6–Proportion of babies born with low birthweight, 2020
Health, Standard 02/12/2020

Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, 2018-2019
Health, Superseded 16/01/2020
Indigenous, Superseded 14/07/2021

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2021
Health, Standard 16/09/2020

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2022
Health, Standard 24/09/2021