Birth event—birth method, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Method of birth |
| METEOR identifier: | 672856 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Definition: | The method of complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception in a birth event, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Birth event—birth method](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/337672) |
| Value Domain: | [Method of birth code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/295362) |

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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 | Vaginal—non-instrumental |
|  | 2 | Vaginal—forceps |
|  | 4 | Caesarean section |
|  | 5 | Vaginal— vacuum extraction |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1   Vaginal—non-instrumental  This code includes a vaginal breech that has been manually rotated.  CODE 2   Vaginal—forceps  This code includes a vaginal breech with forceps to the after coming head.  CODE 4   Caesarean section  This code includes where forceps/vacuum extraction are used to assist the extraction of the baby at caesarean section or where a hysterotomy is performed to extract the baby. |
| Collection methods: | In the case of multiple births, method of birth should be recorded for each baby born. |
| Comments: | Code 3 has been omitted as it is no longer in use. For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/295349)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/08/2017  Has been superseded by [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695372)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020  See also [Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/668865)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  See also [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/668868)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  See also [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/673248)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| 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:***  In the case of multiple births, this item should be recorded for each baby born. |