

# Pregnancy—birth plurality

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	695301
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 12/12/2018</li><li>• <a href="#">Indigenous</a>, Standard 02/04/2019</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The number of births resulting from a single pregnancy.
<b>Context:</b>	Perinatal

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Pregnancy</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	268966
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">ACT Health (retired)</a>, Candidate 14/08/2018</li><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 01/03/2005</li><li>• <a href="#">Indigenous</a>, Standard 02/04/2019</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Standard 20/12/2016</li><li>• <a href="#">WA Health</a>, Standard 06/03/2014</li></ul>

**Definition:** The period during which a woman carries a developing fetus, normally in the uterus. Pregnancy lasts for approximately 266 days, from conception until the baby is born, or 280 days from the first day of the last menstrual period. During pregnancy menstruation is absent, there may be a great increase in appetite, and the breasts increase in size; the woman may also experience morning sickness. These and other changes brought about by a hormone (progesterone) produced at first by the ovary and later by the placenta. Definite evidence of pregnancy is provided by various pregnancy tests, by the detection of the heartbeat of the fetus, and by ultrasound.

**Specialisation of:** [Life event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australia Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	University of Oxford 2002. Concise Colour Medical Dictionary 3rd ed. UK: Oxford University Press

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Birth plurality</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	695298
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 12/12/2018</li><li>• <a href="#">Indigenous</a>, Standard 02/04/2019</li></ul>

**Definition:** The number of births.

**Property group:** [Birth event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Birth event—birth plurality](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 14/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:**

[Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

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- [Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020
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