

# Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <b>Metadata item type:</b>   | Data Element  |
| <b>Short name:</b>           | Birth plurality   |
| <b>Synonymous names:</b>     | Multiple birth  |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>    | 695308  |
| <b>Registration status:</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 03/12/2020</li><li>• <a href="#">Indigenous</a>, Superseded 14/07/2021</li></ul>                             |
| <b>Definition:</b>           | The number of births resulting from a single pregnancy, as represented by a code.   |
| <b>Context:</b>              | Perinatal.<br><br>Multiple pregnancy increases the risk of complications during pregnancy, labour and delivery and is associated with higher risk of perinatal morbidity and mortality. |
| <b>Data Element Concept:</b> | <a href="#">Pregnancy—birth plurality</a>   |

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

| <b>Representation class:</b>     | Code  |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
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| <b>Data type:</b>                | Number  |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| <b>Format:</b>                   | N   |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| <b>Maximum character length:</b> | 1   |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| <b>Permissible values:</b>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Singleton</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Twins</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Triplets</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Quadruplets</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Quintuplets</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Sextuplets</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Other</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Singleton                         | 2 | Twins | 3 | Triplets | 4 | Quadruplets | 5 | Quintuplets | 6 | Sextuplets | 8 | Other |
| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 1                                | Singleton   |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 2                                | Twins   |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 3                                | Triplets  |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 4                                | Quadruplets   |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 5                                | Quintuplets   |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 6                                | Sextuplets  |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| 8                                | Other   |       |         |   |                                   |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
| <b>Supplementary values:</b>     | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>9</td><td>Not stated/inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table>   | Value | Meaning | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |   |       |   |          |   |             |   |             |   |            |   |       |
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## 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](#)

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

Has been superseded by [Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N](#)

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

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2019–20Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2019

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2020

***DSS specific information:***

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

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2020–21Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2020

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2021

***Conditional obligation:***

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

[Perinatal NMDS 2019–20Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2019

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2020

***DSS specific information:***

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2020–21Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2020

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2021

***DSS specific information:***

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

## Implementation in Indicators:

### Used as Numerator

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, June 2020Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021  
[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, June 2020Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

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

### Used as Denominator

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, June 2020Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

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