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: | 695372 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020 |
| Definition: | The method of complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception from the female in a birth event, as represented by a code. |
| Context: | Perinatal |
| Data Element Concept: | [Birth event—birth method](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695369) |
| Value Domain: | [Method of birth code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/696190) |

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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-instrumentalIncludes a vaginal breech that has been manually rotated.CODE 2   Vaginal—forcepsIncludes a vaginal breech with forceps to the after coming head.CODE 4   Caesarean sectionIncludes the use of forceps/vacuum extraction to assist the extraction of the product of conception in a caesarean section or where a hysterotomy is performed to extract the product of conception.This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695188) data element when method of birth is Code 2 (Vaginal—forceps), Code 4 (Caesarean section) or Code 5 (Vaginal—vacuum extraction).This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695545) data element when method of birth is Code 2 (Vaginal—forceps), Code 4 (Caesarean section) or Code 5 (Vaginal— vacuum extraction) and [Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695188) is Code 1 (Yes).This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695698) data element when method of birth is Code 4 (Caesarean section).This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695691) data element when method of birth is Code 4 (Caesarean section), [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695698) is completed and there is more than one reason for which a caesarean was performed. |
| 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/672856)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018Has been superseded by [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/732352)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/12/2021See also [Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695691)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020See also [Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695188)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020See also [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695698)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020See also [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695545)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020See also [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695328)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/694988)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020***DSS specific information:*** In the case of multiple births, this data element should be recorded for each baby born.[Perinatal NMDS 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/716081)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021***DSS specific information:*** In the case of multiple births, this data element should be recorded for each baby born. |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator**[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/747725)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758153)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/747727)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758157)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/747739)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758163)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/747909)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/759073)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/747911)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758178)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748047)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758198)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748051)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758206)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15–Females having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748053)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15–Females having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/759075)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023**Used as Denominator**[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/747725)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758153)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/747727)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758157)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748047)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758198)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748051)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758206)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023 |