

Pregnancy—estimated duration of pregnancy at the first antenatal care visit, total completed weeks N[N]

Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Pregnancy duration at the first antenatal care visit |
| Synonymous names: | Estimated gestational age in completed weeks at first antenatal care visit |
| METEOR identifier: | 695410 |
| Registration status: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 03/12/2020• Indigenous, Superseded 14/07/2021• Tasmanian Health, Standard 03/07/2020 |
| Definition: | The estimated duration of a pregnancy in total completed weeks on the day of the first antenatal care visit. |
| Data Element Concept: | Pregnancy—estimated duration of pregnancy at the first antenatal care visit |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

| Representation class: | Total | | | | |
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| Data type: | Number | | | | |
| Format: | N[N] | | | | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | | | | |
| Supplementary values: | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>99</td><td>Not stated/unknown</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 99 | Not stated/unknown |
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| Unit of measure: | Completed weeks | | | | |

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The day of the first antenatal care visit is the day of the first contact with a midwife, clinician, or other recognised health professional where antenatal care was provided. It does not include a visit where the sole purpose of contact is to confirm the pregnancy, or those contacts that occurred during the pregnancy that related solely to non-pregnancy related issues. It does not include a first contact after the onset of labour.

Antenatal care visits are attributed to the pregnant female. The duration of a pregnancy on the day of the first antenatal care visit is the same as the best estimate of gestational age of the fetus or baby.

There may be one or more revisions of pregnancy duration after the first antenatal care visit if a better estimate of gestational age of the fetus or baby becomes available. Revised estimates are not usually applied retrospectively in antenatal records. The best estimate of pregnancy duration is used to record the gestation at later antenatal care visits and to assign gestational age to the baby recorded at the time of birth.

If gestational age has been revised, a similar revision will need to be applied to earlier recorded estimates of pregnancy duration. Alternatively the pregnancy duration on a specified day can be calculated from the gestational age of the baby at birth.

Collection methods:

To be collected at any time during the pregnancy or birth episode after the best estimate of gestational age has been determined.

The method of data collection will usually be from health records of pregnancy and/or birth.

The valid range of completed weeks for pregnancy duration at the first antenatal care visit is 3 to 46 weeks.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Pregnancy—estimated duration \(at the first visit for antenatal care\), completed weeks N\[N\]](#)

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

Has been superseded by [Pregnancy—estimated duration of pregnancy at the first antenatal care visit, total completed weeks N\[N\]](#)

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

See also [Product of conception—gestational age, total completed weeks N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 03/07/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2019–20](#)
[Health](#), 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 women who gave birth during the preceding 12 months.

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a 'CODE 2 Female' response to 'Person—sex, code X'.

This item is only collected for females who gave birth during the preceding 12 months.

[Perinatal NMDS 2019–20 Health](#), 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.

The following code has been agreed by the National Perinatal Data Development Committee (NPDDC) as a supplementary code for use in the Perinatal NMDS:

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

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Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[Indigenous primary health care: PI13a-Number of regular clients who had their first antenatal care visit within specified periods, June 2020 Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI13b-Proportion of regular clients who had their first antenatal care visit within specified periods, June 2020 Health](#), Retired 13/10/2021

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2021 Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2022 Health](#), Standard 09/09/2022

Used as Denominator

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2021 Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2022 Health](#), Standard 09/09/2022

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