

# Product of birth—birthweight, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Element

**Short name:** Birth weight of baby

**METEOR identifier:** 709560

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

**Definition:** The first weight of the live born or stillborn baby obtained after birth, or the weight of the neonate or infant on the date admitted if this is different from the date of birth, as represented by a code.

**Data Element Concept:** [Product of birth—birthweight](#)

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Code

**Data type:** Number

**Format:** N

**Maximum character length:** 1

**Permissible values:**

| Value | Meaning |
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| 1 | Low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams) |
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| 2 | Normal birth weight (2,500 grams to less than 4,500 grams) |
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| 3 | High birth weight (4,500 grams and over) |
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**Supplementary values:**

| Value | Meaning |
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| 8 | Unknown birth weight |
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### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** For [live births](#), [birthweight](#) should preferably be measured within the first hour of life before significant postnatal weight loss has occurred.

In perinatal collections the birthweight is to be provided for live born and stillborn babies.

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## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Birth—birth weight, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

Has been superseded by [Product of birth—birthweight, code N](#)

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[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2019–20Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021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

In the Indigenous primary health care NBEDS, birth weight is defined as the first weight of a baby obtained after birth. The birth weight is that which is recorded as birth weight by services on their Patient Information Referral Systems (PIRS). The date of admission is not relevant for this NBEDS.

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:**

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a CODE 1 response to 'Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N'.

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

**DSS specific information:**

In the Indigenous primary health care NBEDS, birth weight is defined as the first weight of a baby obtained after birth. The birth weight is that which is recorded as birth weight by services on their Patient Information Referral Systems (PIRS). The date of admission is not relevant for this NBEDS.

**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

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months who attended the organisation more than once, and who have a birthweight result within a specified category, June 2021Indigenous](#), Standard 03/07/2022

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months who have a birthweight result within specified categories, December 2020Indigenous](#), Superseded 03/07/2022

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months who attended the organisation more than once, and who have a birthweight result within a specified category, June 2021Indigenous](#), Standard 03/07/2022

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