

Geographic indicator

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Glossary Item
METEOR identifier:	722655
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2024 Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022 Children and Families , Standard 03/11/2021 Health , Standard 18/12/2019 Indigenous , Standard 14/07/2021 Tasmanian Health , Standard 28/03/2023 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	A classification scheme that divides an area into mutually exclusive sub-areas based on geographic location.
Context:	To enable the analysis of data on a geographical basis. Facilitates analysis of service provision in relation to demographic and other characteristics of the population of a geographic area.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	The data element Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN is not included in the listing below, as it is, strictly speaking, not a geographic indicator.
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Sometimes postcodes are used in the analysis of data on a geographical basis, which involves a conversion to Statistical Local Area or Statistical Area Level 2 (Australian Bureau of Statistics geographical structures). This conversion results in some inaccuracy of information. However, in some data sets [Address—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) NNNN](#) is the only geographic identifier, therefore the use of other more accurate indicators (for example, conversion from address line to Statistical Local Area or Statistical Area Level 2) is not always possible.

Some geographic indicators are:

- [Australian Standard Geographical Classification](#) (ASGC, ABS cat. no. 1216.0, effective up until 1 July 2011)
- [Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011](#) (ASGS, ABS cat. nos. 1270.0.55.001 to 1270.0.55.005, effective from 1 July 2011 to 11 July 2016)
- [Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2016](#) (ASGS, ABS cat. nos. 1270.0.55.001 to 1270.0.55.005, effective from 11 July 2016)
- administrative regions
- electorates
- Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA)
- Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area Classification (RRMA)
- country.

Source and reference attributes

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Geographic indicator](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 28/05/2014
[Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019
[Homelessness](#), Standard 22/10/2005
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 22/10/2005
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 03/07/2020
[Youth Justice](#), Qualified 22/12/2022

Metadata items which use this glossary item:

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific primary health care NBEDS December 2023](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 25/02/2024

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific primary health care NBEDS June 2024](#)
[Indigenous](#), Qualified 17/04/2024

[Admitted patient care NBEDS 2020-21](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

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[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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[Admitted patient care NBEDS 2023-24](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

[Admitted patient care NBEDS 2024-25](#)
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[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

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[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2021-22](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2022-23](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 20/12/2022

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2023-24](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2024-25](#)
[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

[Australian state/territory identifier](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022
[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 15/08/2023
[Health](#), Standard 18/12/2019
[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

[Australian Teacher Workforce Data \(ATWD\) Collection DSS 2018-](#)
[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022

[Community mental health care NMDS 2020-21](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

[Community mental health care NMDS 2021–22](#)
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

[Community mental health care NMDS 2022–23](#)
Health, Superseded 09/12/2022

[Community mental health care NMDS 2023–24](#)
Health, Superseded 06/12/2023

[Community mental health care NMDS 2024–25](#)
Health, Standard 06/12/2023

[Hand hygiene NBEDS 2012–](#)
Health, Standard 06/09/2023

[Hand hygiene NBEDS 2023–](#)
Health, Qualified 29/02/2024

[Healthcare-associated infections NBEDS 2021–](#)
Health, Standard 10/06/2022

[Healthcare-associated infections NBEDS 2025–](#)
Health, Recorded 26/04/2024

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS December 2021](#)
Indigenous, Superseded 12/06/2023

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS December 2022](#)
Indigenous, Superseded 18/12/2023

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS June 2021](#)
Indigenous, Superseded 06/11/2022

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS June 2022](#)
Indigenous, Superseded 27/08/2023

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS June 2023](#)
Indigenous, Superseded 25/02/2024

[Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2020–21](#)
Health, Superseded 05/02/2021

[Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2021–22](#)
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

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Health, Superseded 09/12/2022

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Health, Superseded 06/12/2023

[Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2024–25](#)
Health, Standard 06/12/2023

[Mental Health Carer Experience of Service NBEDS](#)
Health, Standard 10/06/2022

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2020–21](#)
Health, Superseded 20/01/2021

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2021–22](#)
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Health, Superseded 06/12/2023

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2024–25](#)
Health, Standard 06/12/2023

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2020–21](#)
Health, Superseded 05/02/2021

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Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2022–23](#)
Health, Superseded 09/12/2022

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2023–24](#)
[Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

[National Outcomes and Casemix Collection NBEDS 2023-24](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

[National Outcomes and Casemix Collection NBEDS 2024-25](#)
[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

[National Outcomes and Casemix Collection NMDS 2023-24](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

[National Outcomes and Casemix Collection NMDS 2024-25](#)
[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

[Online Services Report \(OSR\) DSS 2020–21](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 07/04/2024

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2022–](#)
[Health](#), Standard 08/02/2023

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2020–21](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2021–22](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2022–23](#)
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