

Geographic indicator

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Glossary Item
METEOR identifier:	722655
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Standard 03/11/2021• Health, Standard 18/12/2019• Indigenous, Standard 14/07/2021• 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

Origin:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Geographic indicator](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 08/08/2018
- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015
- [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

Metadata items which use this glossary item:

[Admitted patient care NBEDS 2020-21](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

[Admitted patient care NBEDS 2021-22](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[Admitted patient care NBEDS 2022-23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2020-21](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2021-22](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2022-23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

[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](#), Standard 20/10/2021

[Australian state/territory identifier](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021
- [Health](#), Standard 18/12/2019
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021
- [Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

[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](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[Healthcare-associated infections NBEDS 2021-](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 10/06/2022

[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

[Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2023–24](#)

- [Health](#), Recorded 24/06/2024

[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](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2020–21](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2021–22](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[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](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021