

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01—Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2021

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 01—Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2021
METEOR identifier:	725828
Registration status:	Health , Standard 16/09/2020
Description:	The incidence of low birthweight among live born singleton babies.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2021) Health , Standard 19/11/2020
Outcome area:	Prevention Health , Standard 07/07/2010

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>Low birthweight is defined as less than 2,500 grams.</p> <p>Excludes multiple births, stillbirths and births of less than 20 weeks gestation.</p> <p>Analysis by state/territory, remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on the usual residence of the mother.</p> <p>Data excludes Australian non-residents, residents of external territories and records where state/territory of usual residence was not stated.</p> <p>Variability bands are to be calculated using the standard method (see definition under <i>Computation</i>).</p> <p>Presented as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• number, and• percentage.					
Computation:	<p>$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$</p> <p>Variability bands: to be calculated using the standard method for estimating 95% confidence intervals as follows:</p> $CI (CR)_{95\%} = CR \pm 100 \times 1.96 \times \sqrt{[(CR/100) \times (1 - (CR/100))]/n}$ <p>Where n=number of live born singleton babies.</p> <p>CI = confidence interval</p> <p>CR = crude rate (expressed as a percentage)</p>					
Numerator:	Number of low birthweight live born singleton babies.					
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Denominator:

Denominator data elements:

Number of live born singleton babies.

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Disaggregation:

2018—Nationally, by (all not reported):

- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2016 Remoteness Structure)
- 2016 Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) deciles.

2018—State and territory, by:

- Indigenous status of the mother
- Indigenous status of the baby.

2016–18—State and territory, by (all not reported):

- Indigenous status of the mother
- Indigenous status of the baby.

Disaggregation by Indigenous status of the mother and the baby are recommended to be reported using 3-year combined data for the current reporting period due to the small number of low birthweight babies born to Indigenous mothers each year, and the small number of low birthweight Indigenous babies born each year. Single year data (2018) is reported for time series (state/territory by Indigenous status).

Note that data collection methods for Indigenous status of the mother and baby may vary between states and territories.

Disaggregation data elements:**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD.

Geographic unit used is Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS).

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[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

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Comments:

Most recent data available for 2021 National Healthcare Agreement performance reporting: 2018 (calendar year data).

Indigenous: Aggregated data (2016 to 2018) is reported for the current reporting period (state and territory).

Single year data (2018) is reported for time-series (state and territory).

Information is included in the National Perinatal Data Collection (NPDC) for all live births and stillbirths of at least 400 grams birthweight or at least 20 weeks gestation. Data for this indicator may therefore include live born terminations of pregnancy of at least 20 weeks gestation.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Community and socioeconomic](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:**Data Source**

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Frequency

Calendar years ending 31 December each year

Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Final, the measure meets the intention of the indicator.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2020](#)

[Health](#), Standard 13/03/2020

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.6–Proportion of babies born with low birthweight, 2019](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 01/12/2020

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 07–Infant and young child mortality rate, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Standard 03/07/2020

See also [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 07-Proportion of babies born of low birthweight, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019