

Birth event—actual setting of birth, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Actual place of birth |
| METEOR identifier: | 732336 |
| Registration status: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 03/12/2020 |
| Definition: | The actual place where the birth event occurred, as represented by a code. |
| Context: | Perinatal |
| Data Element Concept: | Birth event—actual setting of birth |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

| Representation class: | Code | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Data type: | Number | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Format: | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Hospital, excluding birth centre

Record for births occurring in a hospital, excluding birth centres.

CODE 2 Birth centre, attached to hospital

Record for births occurring in a birth centre that is attached to a hospital.

CODE 3 Birth centre, free standing

Record for births occurring in a free-standing birth centre that is not attached to a hospital.

CODE 4 Home

Reserved for births that occur at the home intended (planned home births) with a midwife or other medical professional in attendance.

CODE 5 Born before arrival

Record for births that occur before arrival at hospital or birth centre for planned hospital or birth centre births, or before the arrival of the homebirth midwife for planned home births.

CODE 6 Community, non-medical

Record for births that occur in the community, that are planned outside of a medical setting and without a midwife or other medical professional in attendance, for example, free births. This may include a home or other location in the community.

CODE 8 Other

Record for births that occur at a home other than that intended or at a community health centre. This excludes planned hospital, birth centre or home births.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

Record for births for which the birth setting is not stated or inadequately described.

Data element attributes

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Guide for use:

The birth setting should be recorded for each baby that the mother delivers from the pregnancy.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:

National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Birth event—actual setting of birth, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—intended setting of birth, code N](#)

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Perinatal NMDS 2021–22](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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DSS specific information:

Used to analyse the risk factors and outcomes by place of birth. While most births occur within hospitals, an increasing number of births now occur in other settings. It is important to monitor the births occurring outside hospitals and to ascertain whether or not the actual place of birth was planned.

If a jurisdiction is unable to record this data element for each baby in a multiple birth then the place of birth of the first-born baby should be recorded.

[Perinatal NMDS 2022–23](#)
[Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

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[Health](#), Recorded 26/07/2022

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