

# Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Birth plurality
Synonymous names:	Multiple birth
METEOR identifier:	732874
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 03/12/2020 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 14/07/2021 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 24/03/2023
Definition:	The number of births resulting from a single pregnancy, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal.  Multiple pregnancy increases the risk of complications during pregnancy, labour and delivery and is associated with higher risk of perinatal morbidity and mortality.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Pregnancy—birth plurality</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Birth plurality code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Singleton
	2	Twins
	3	Triplets
	4	Quadruplets
	5	Quintuplets
	6	Sextuplets
	8	Other
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Plurality at birth is determined by the total number of <a href="#">live births</a> and <a href="#">stillbirths</a> that result from the pregnancy.  Stillbirths, including those where the fetus was likely to have died before 20 weeks gestation (including fetus papyraceous and fetus compressus), should be included in the count of plurality if recognisable as a fetus and expelled or extracted with other products of conception at 20 or more weeks gestation.
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## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS December 2020](#)  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 03/07/2022  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020  
**Implementation end date:** 31/12/2020  
**Conditional obligation:**

This data element is only reported against for babies born in the 12 months up to the census date.

Data are provided to the AIHW relating to [live births](#) that are at least 400 grams or the gestational age was 20 weeks or more.

[Perinatal NMDS 2021–22](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2021  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2022  
**DSS specific information:**

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2022–23](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2022  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023  
**DSS specific information:**

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2023–24](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2023  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2024  
**DSS specific information:**

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2024–25](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2024  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2025  
**DSS specific information:**

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

**Implementation in Indicators:** [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 2020](#)  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 03/07/2022  
[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months who have a birthweight result within specified categories, December 2020](#)  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 03/07/2022  
[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2023](#)

[Health](#), Standard 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2024](#)

[Health](#), Recorded 21/02/2024

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2023](#)

[Health](#), Standard 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2024](#)

[Health](#), Recorded 21/02/2024

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2023](#)

[Health](#), Standard 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2024](#)

[Health](#), Recorded 21/02/2024

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2023](#)

[Health](#), Standard 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2024](#)

[Health](#), Recorded 21/02/2024

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months who have a birthweight result within specified categories, December 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 03/07/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2023](#)

[Health](#), Standard 14/07/2023

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[Health](#), Recorded 21/02/2024

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[Health](#), Recorded 21/02/2024

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