

Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Birth plurality
Synonymous names:	Multiple birth
METEOR identifier:	732874
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 03/12/2020• Indigenous, Standard 14/07/2021• Tasmanian Health, 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: [Pregnancy—birth plurality](#)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
1	Singleton
2	Twins
3	Triplets
4	Quadruplets
5	Quintuplets
6	Sextuplets
8	Other

Supplementary values:

Value	Meaning
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 live births and stillbirths 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.

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- [Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021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[Indigenous](#), Superseded 03/07/2022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[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021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](#), Standard 09/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

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](#), Qualified 10/03/2023

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

- [Health](#), Qualified 10/03/2023

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

- [Health](#), Qualified 10/03/2023

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

- [Health](#), Qualified 10/03/2023

[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](#), Qualified 10/03/2023

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

- [Health](#), Qualified 10/03/2023

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

- [Health](#), Qualified 10/03/2023

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

- [Health](#), Qualified 10/03/2023

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