

# Birthweight

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Glossary Item
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	733258
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 03/12/2020</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Standard 24/12/2021</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	<p>The first weight of a <a href="#">live born</a> or <a href="#">stillborn</a> baby obtained after birth. The World Health Organization further defines the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• extremely low birthweight: less than 1,000 grams (up to and including 999 grams),</li><li>• very low birthweight: less than 1,500 grams (up to and including 1,499 grams),</li><li>• low birthweight: less than 2,500 grams (up to and including 2,499 grams).</li></ul>
<b>Context:</b>	Perinatal

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	<p>The definitions of low, very low, and extremely low birthweight do not constitute mutually exclusive categories. Below the set limits they are all-inclusive and therefore overlap (i.e. low includes very low and extremely low, while very low includes extremely low).</p> <p>For live births, birthweight should preferably be measured within the first hour of life before significant postnatal weight loss has occurred. While statistical tabulations include 500 gram groupings for birthweight, weights should not be recorded in those groupings. The actual weight should be recorded to the degree of accuracy to which it is measured.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
<b>Reference documents:</b>	World Health Organization 2004. International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision (ICD-10), 2nd edn. Geneva: World Health Organization.

## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	<p>See also <a href="#">Birthweight</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 03/12/2020</li><li>• <a href="#">Indigenous</a>, Superseded 14/07/2021</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Standard 03/07/2020</li></ul> <p>Supersedes <a href="#">Birthweight</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 03/12/2020</li><li>• <a href="#">Indigenous</a>, Standard 02/04/2019</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Standard 24/06/2020</li></ul>
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**Metadata items which use this glossary item:**

[Birth status code N](#)

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

[Birthweight recorded indicator](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 02/04/2019

[Live birth](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 24/12/2021

[Perinatal NBEDS 2021–22](#)

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

[Perinatal NBEDS 2022–23](#)

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

[Perinatal NMDS 2021–22](#)

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

[Perinatal NMDS 2022–23](#)

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

[Person—birthweight recorded indicator](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 02/04/2019

[Person—birthweight recorded indicator, yes/no code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 02/04/2019

[Product of birth—birth order, code N](#)

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

[Product of birth—birthweight, code N](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

[Product of birth—birthweight, total grams N\[NNN\]](#)

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

[Stillbirth \(fetal death\)](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 24/12/2021