

Product of birth— birthweight, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Birth weight of baby
METEOR identifier:	742849
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous, Standard 14/07/2021
Definition:	The first weight of a live born or stillborn baby obtained after birth, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Product of birth—birthweight

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code								
Data type:	Number								
Format:	N								
Maximum character length:	1								
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams)</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Normal birth weight (2,500 grams to less than 4,500 grams)</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>High birth weight (4,500 grams and over)</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams)	2	Normal birth weight (2,500 grams to less than 4,500 grams)	3	High birth weight (4,500 grams and over)
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: For [live births](#), [birthweight](#) should preferably be measured within the first hour of life before significant postnatal weight loss has occurred.

In perinatal collections the birthweight is to be provided for live born and stillborn babies.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Product of birth—birthweight, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS December 2020 Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 31/12/2020

Conditional obligation:

Reporting against this data element is conditional on a 'CODE 1 Yes' response to '[Person—birthweight recorded indicator, yes/no code N](#)', and a 'CODE 1 Singleton' response to '[Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N](#)'.

Data are only provided to the AIHW for babies born during the preceding 12 months up to the census date.

Data are provided to the AIHW for [live births](#) that are at least 20 weeks' gestation or at least 400 grams birthweight.

Data are not provided to the AIHW for babies without a medical record of their own at the health organisation, even if their information is recorded in their mother's record.

Data are not provided to the AIHW for babies with unknown gestational age.

DSS specific information:

In the ISPHC NBEDS, babies do not need to fulfil all the requirements of being an [Indigenous regular client](#), as long as they have a file at the health organisation.

The birthweight may have been recorded during an appointment or received from sharing client data with other organisations, such as a hospital.

In the ISPHC NBEDS only aggregated data with CODE 1, CODE 2, or CODE 3 are provided to the AIHW.

Implementation start date: 01/01/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

Reporting against this data element is conditional on a 'CODE 1 Yes' response to '[Person—birthweight recorded indicator, yes/no code N](#)'.

Data are only provided to the AIHW for babies born during the preceding 12 months up to the census date who attended the organisation more than once.

Data are provided to the AIHW for [live births](#).

DSS specific information:

In the ISPHC NBEDS, babies do not need to fulfil all the requirements of being an [Indigenous regular client](#), as long as they have a file at the health organisation and attended the organisation more than once.

The birthweight is to be taken from the baby's client record where available. Where the birthweight is not recorded in the baby's client record, the mother's record may be used as a source of birth details.

The birthweight may have been recorded during an appointment or received from sharing client data with other organisations, such as a hospital.

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