

# National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Common name:</b>	Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time
<b>Short name:</b>	PI 06—Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	747739
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 09/09/2022
<b>Description:</b>	The proportion of selected females giving birth for the first time who gave birth by caesarean section.
<b>Rationale:</b>	This indicator is used to benchmark practice.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Core Maternity Indicators, 2021</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 09/09/2022

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Population group age from:</b>	20 years				
<b>Population group age to:</b>	34 years				
<b>Computation description:</b>	<p>The number of selected females giving birth for the first time who gave birth by caesarean section, divided by all selected females, and multiplied by 100.</p> <p>Selected females criteria: Females included are those who gave birth for the first time and met all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• aged between 20 and 34</li><li>• gestational age at birth between 37 and 41 completed weeks</li><li>• pregnancy has one baby only (singleton)</li><li>• the presentation of the baby is vertex (baby's head was at the cervix)</li></ul> <p>Excluded are those females who have given birth prior to the current birth or who did not meet the selected females criteria.</p> <p>A birth is defined as the complete expulsion or extraction from a female, of a product of conception of 20 or more completed weeks of gestation or of 400 grams or more birthweight.</p> <p>Caesarean section is an operative procedure to remove the baby through an incision through a female's abdomen and uterus.</p> <p>Gestational age is a clinical measure of the duration of the pregnancy. For the National Perinatal Data Collection gestational age is reported as completed weeks.</p>				
<b>Computation:</b>	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$				
<b>Numerator:</b>	The number of selected females giving birth for the first time who gave birth by caesarean section.				
<b>Numerator data elements:</b>	<table><tr><th>Data Element / Data Set</th></tr><tr><td><a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a></td></tr><tr><td><b>Data Source</b></td></tr><tr><td><a href="#">Perinatal National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)</a></td></tr></table>	Data Element / Data Set	<a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a>	<b>Data Source</b>	<a href="#">Perinatal National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)</a>
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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Product of conception—gestational age, total completed weeks N\[N\]](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Birth event—birth method, code N](#)

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[Birth event—birth presentation, code N](#)

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**Denominator:**  
**Denominator data**  
**elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Female—parity, total pregnancies N\[N\]](#)

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All selected females.

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[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)

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[Pregnancy—birth plurality, code N](#)

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[Product of conception—gestational age, total completed weeks N\[N\]](#)

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[Birth event—birth presentation, code N](#)

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[Female—parity, total pregnancies N\[N\]](#)

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**Disaggregation:**

- Year of birth
- State or territory of birth
- Hospital annual number of births
- Remoteness category (from mother's area of usual residence)
- Indigenous status of mother
- Disadvantage quintile (from mother's area of usual residence)
- Hospital sector
- Primary Health Network (from mother's area of usual residence)
- Statistical local area 3 (from mother's area of usual residence)

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

Data Element

Hospital annual number of births

Data Source

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**Data Element / Data Set**

Data Element

Hospital sector

Data Source

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Birth event—state/territory of birth, code N](#)

Data Source

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**Comments:** Data elements are from the Perinatal National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) or have been provided as voluntary non-standardised items by the states and territories. Records with a permissible value have been included in the denominator.

For Tasmania from 2004 to 2012, presentations via caesarean births were not reported by hospitals still using paper-based forms. Where a caesarean section occurred the presentation was recorded as 'Not stated'. Presentations via caesarean births was included in the paper-based form from 1 January 2013. As a result, Tasmania can only be reported 2013 onwards for selected females.

Data for parity were not available from Victoria in 2009. As a result 2009 data for selected females cannot be reported for Victoria

Source of definition: Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Indicator 1.4: Selected women giving birth for the first time undergoing caesarean section. This ACHS indicator is based on the definition by Women's Healthcare Australasia Core Maternity Indicators Project (WHA 2007).

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Percentage

**Data type:** Real

**Unit of measure:** Person

**Format:** N[NN.N]

## Data source attributes

**Data sources:**

### Data Source

[Perinatal National Minimum Data Set \(NMDS\)](#)

#### Frequency

Annual

#### Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

### Data Source

[AIHW National Perinatal Data Collection \(NPDC\)](#)

#### Frequency

Calendar years ending 31 December each year

#### Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** N/A

**Organisation responsible for providing data:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Accountability:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Reference documents:** ACHS (The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards) 2020. The Australasian Clinical Indicator Report: 2012-2019. 21st edn. Sydney: ACHS. Viewed 11 November 2021, <https://www.achs.org.au/our-services/pos/previous-acir-publications>.

WHA (Women's Healthcare Australasia) 2007. Supporting excellence in maternity care: the core maternity indicators project: findings from the core maternity indicators project. Canberra: WHA.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Has been superseded by [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023