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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator |
| METEOR identifier: | 762195 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 09/12/2022 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether a female's most recent previous pregnancy that ended with a birth was by caesarean section, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/673245) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/464978) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|   | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 7 | Not applicable |
|   | 9  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | This data element should be completed for all females who gave birth.CODE 7   Not applicableThis code should be recorded if the female has not had a previous pregnancy that resulted in a birth at or after 20 weeks gestation or of a baby weighing 400 grams or more. |
| Comments: | Previous caesarean sections are associated with a higher risk of complications, and when recorded with other data elements, provides important information on the risk of obstetric care.This data element can be used to determine a vaginal birth occurring after a caesarean section delivery (VBAC) when recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/762173) data element |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/732743)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/12/2022See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/762173)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 09/12/2022       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 08/11/2023 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NMDS 2023–24](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/756062)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775714)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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. |