

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2023

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Common name:	Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time
Short name:	PI 06—Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2023
METEOR identifier:	772613
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 29/05/2024
Description:	The proportion of selected females giving birth for the first time who gave birth by caesarean section.
Rationale:	This indicator is used to benchmark practice.
Indicator set:	National Core Maternity Indicators, 2023 Health , Superseded 29/05/2024

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	20 years				
Population group age to:	34 years				
Computation description:	<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">• aged between 20 and 34• gestational age at birth between 37 and 40 completed weeks• pregnancy had one baby only (singleton)• the presentation of the baby was vertex (baby's head was at the cervix) <p>Excluded are those females who had 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>				
Computation:	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$				
Numerator:	The number of selected females giving birth for the first time who gave birth by caesarean section.				
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[Product of conception—gestational age, total completed weeks N\[N\]](#)

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[Birth event—birth method, code N](#)

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Denominator:

Denominator data elements:

All selected females.

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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
- Socioeconomic area (Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage 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:

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Hospital annual number of births

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Hospital sector

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[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)

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[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

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[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**[Perinatal National Minimum Data Set \(NMDS\)](#)**NMDS / DSS**[Perinatal NMDS 2021–22](#)**Guide for use**

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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.

In 2022, the selected females criteria were updated to revise the gestational age at birth range to between 37 and 40 completed weeks gestation (previously between 37 and 41 completed weeks gestation).

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**

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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: No formal reporting requirements

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) 2021. The Australasian Clinical Indicator Report: 2013-2020. 22nd edn. Sydney: ACHS. Viewed 08 April 2022, <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, 2022](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

Has been superseded by [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2024](#)
[Health](#), Standard 29/05/2024