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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Mesh block code |
| METEOR identifier: | 792913 |
| Registration status: | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/24), Recorded 16/05/2024[Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Recorded 16/05/2024 |
| Definition: | A designated region representing the smallest unit in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) used for describing the location of an address, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Address—statistical area](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/660651)  |
| Value Domain: | [Mesh block code (ASGS Edition 3) N(11)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/792910) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Classification scheme: | [Australian Statistical Geography Standard Edition 3](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/747163) |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | String |
| Format: | N(11) |
| Maximum character length: | 11 |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | Mesh block code structureThe 11-digit mesh block code comprises: state/territory identifier (1 digit), mesh block identifier (10 digits).For example:

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|  State/territory | Mesh block |
| N | NNNNNNNNNN |

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| Comments: | Mesh blocks align to ASGS Edition 3 statistical local area (SLA) boundaries.There are approximately 347,000 mesh blocks covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. They broadly identify land use such as residential, commercial, agricultural and parks etc. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2021. Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Edition 3. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 16 May 2024, [www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/australian-statistical-geography-standard-asgs-edition-3/jul2021-jun2026](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/australian-statistical-geography-standard-asgs-edition-3/jul2021-jun2026) |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [National Preschool Attendance Collection DSS 2024](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/792074)[Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Recorded 16/05/2024***DSS specific information:*** In the National Preschool Attendance Collection, this item should be reported for the address of the child only.This element will be produced by the ABS for each record on the supplied child address file, and supplied to jurisdictions. Jurisdictions will be required to merge this element onto their analytical dataset using the UNIQUE\_ID item they provided on the child address file. |