

# Female—number of previous pregnancies (spontaneous abortion), total NN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Previous pregnancies—spontaneous abortion
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269934
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
<b>Definition:</b>	The total number of previous pregnancies of a female resulting in spontaneous abortion (less than 20 weeks' gestational age, or less than 400 g <a href="#">birthweight</a> if gestational age is unknown).
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Female—number of previous pregnancies</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total pregnancies N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total				
<b>Data type:</b>	Number				
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]				
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2				
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>99</td><td>Not stated</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	99	Not stated
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<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Pregnancy				

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** A pregnancy resulting in multiple births should be counted as once pregnancy.

In multiple pregnancies with more than one type of outcome, the pregnancies should be recorded in the following order:

- all live births
- stillbirth
- spontaneous abortion
- induced abortion
- ectopic pregnancy

Where the outcome was one stillbirth and one live birth, count as stillbirth.

If a previous pregnancy was a hydatidiform mole, code as spontaneous or induced abortion (or rarely, ectopic pregnancy), depending on the outcome.

**Comments:** The number of previous pregnancies is an important component of the woman's reproductive history. Parity may be a risk factor for adverse maternal and perinatal outcomes.


A previous history of spontaneous abortion identifies the mother as high risk for subsequent pregnancies.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

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