Pregnancy—first day of the last menstrual period, date DDMMYYYY

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | First day of the last menstrual period |
| METEOR identifier: | 270038 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/03/2005 |
| Definition: | Date of the first day of the mother's last menstrual period (LMP). |
| Data Element Concept: | [Pregnancy—first day of the last menstrual period](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269509) |
| Value Domain: | [Date DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270566) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Date | |
| Data type: | Date/Time | |
| Format: | DDMMYYYY | |
| Maximum character length: | 8 | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | If the first day is unknown, it is unnecessary to record the month and year (i.e. record 99999999). |
| Comments: | The first day of the LMP is required to estimate gestational age, which is a key outcome of pregnancy and an important risk factor for neonatal outcomes. Although the date of the LMP may not be known, or may sometimes be erroneous, estimation of gestational age based on clinical assessment may also be inaccurate. Both methods of assessing gestational age are required for analysis of outcomes. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Is used in the formation of [Female (pregnant)—estimated gestational age, total weeks NN](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269965)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 02/12/2009  Is re-engineered from  [First day of the last menstrual period, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/273175)  (13.6 KB)  *No registration status* |