Female—number of caesarean sections, total count N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of caesarean sections |
| METEOR identifier: | 297820 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 29/11/2006 |
| Definition: | The total number of previous caesarean sections performed on the woman. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Female—number of caesarean sections](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/297832)  |
| Value Domain: | [Total caesarean sections N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/298042) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Total |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N[N] |
| Maximum character length: | 2 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 99  | Not stated/Inadequately described  |
| Unit of measure: | Caesarean sections |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | In the case of multiple births, count the number of operations the mother has had, rather than the number of babies born.Exclude the current birth if by caesarean section.Record as 0 if no previous caesarean sections. |
| Comments: | Previous caesarean sections are associated with a higher risk of obstetric complications, and when used with other indicators provides important information on the quality of obstetric care. |
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