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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