

Geographic indicator

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Definition: A classification scheme that divides an area into mutually exclusive sub-areas based on geographic location. Some geographic indicators are:

- [Australian Standard Geographical Classification](#) (ASGC, ABS cat. no. 1216.0, effective up until 1 July 2011)
- [Australian Statistical Geography Standard](#) (ASGS, ABS cat. nos. 1270.0.55.001 to 1270.0.55.005, effective from 1 July 2011)
- administrative regions
- electorates
- Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA)
- Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area Classification (RRMA)
- country.

Context: To enable the analysis of data on a geographical basis. Facilitates analysis of service provision in relation to demographic and other characteristics of the population of a geographic area.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: The data element [Address—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) NNNN](#) is not included in the above listing, as it is, strictly speaking, not a geographic indicator.


Sometimes postcodes are used in the analysis of data on a geographical basis, which involves a conversion to Statistical Local Area or Statistical Area Level 2 (Australian Bureau of Statistics geographical structures). This conversion results in some inaccuracy of information. However, in some data sets [Address—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) NNNN](#) is the only geographic identifier, therefore the use of other more accurate indicators (for example, conversion from address line to Statistical Local Area or Statistical Area Level 2) is not always possible.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Geographic indicator Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021
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