

Female—number of antenatal care visits, total N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Antenatal care visits
Synonymous names:	Number of antenatal care visits
METEOR identifier:	423828
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 02/08/2017 Tasmanian Health , Superseded 03/07/2020
Definition:	The total number of antenatal care visits attended by a pregnant female.
Data Element Concept:	Female—number of antenatal care visits
Value Domain:	Total number N[N]

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: [Antenatal care visits](#) are attributed to the pregnant woman.

In [rural and remote locations](#) where a midwife or doctor is not employed, registered Aboriginal health workers and [registered nurses](#) may perform this role within the scope of their training and skill licence.

Include all pregnancy-related appointments with medical doctors where the medical officer has entered documentation related to that visit on the antenatal record.

An antenatal care visit does not include a visit where the sole purpose of contact is to confirm the pregnancy only, or those contacts that occurred during the pregnancy that related to other non-pregnancy related issues.

An antenatal care visit does not include a visit where the sole purpose of contact is to perform image screening, diagnostic testing or the collection of bloods or tissue for pathology testing. Exception to this rule is made when the health professional performing the procedure or test is a doctor or midwife and the appointment directly relates to this pregnancy and the health and wellbeing of the fetus.

Collection methods: Collect the total number of antenatal care visits for which there is documentation included in the health record of pregnancy and/or birth. To be collected once, after the onset of labour. Include all medical specialist appointments or medical specialist clinic appointments where the provider of the service event has documented the visit on the health record.

Multiple visits on the same day should be recorded as one visit.

Comments: The scope and definition of antenatal care visits was developed through consultation with stakeholders from midwifery, obstetric, perinatal data managers and other interested parties in 2010.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Epidemiology and Statistics Unit

Reference documents: Clinical Practice Improvement Unit (CPIU) 2006, 3Centre consensus guidelines on antenatal care. Melbourne: 3Centres Collaboration.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Female—number of antenatal care visits, total N|N| Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Perinatal DSS 2012-13 Health!](#), Retired 07/02/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013
DSS specific information:

This item relates to the most recent pregnancy only.

This item is collected for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2013-14 Health!](#), Superseded 07/03/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Perinatal NMDS 2014-18 Health!](#), Superseded 02/08/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2014
Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Tasmanian Perinatal Data Set - 2016 Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 30/01/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Tasmanian Perinatal Data Set - 2019 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 23/06/2020
Implementation start date: 01/07/2019
Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Numerator

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2014](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2015](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 18/11/2015

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2018](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 31/07/2018

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2019](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09—Antenatal care, 2016](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 01/07/2016

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09—Antenatal care, 2017](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 06/06/2017

Used as Denominator

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2014](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2015](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 18/11/2015

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