

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 , Superseded 02/08/2017 Tasmanian Health , Superseded 03/07/2020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 attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Female—number of antenatal care visits
Synonymous names:	Antenatal visits
METEOR identifier:	426463
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 02/08/2017 Tasmanian Health , Superseded 03/07/2020
Definition:	A count of antenatal care visits attended by a pregnant female.
Object class:	Female
Property:	Number of antenatal care visits

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Epidemiology and Statistics Unit

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Total number N[N]
METEOR identifier:	347205
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 01/10/2008 Community Services (retired) , Standard 10/04/2013 Housing assistance , Standard 01/05/2013 Indigenous , Standard 08/10/2014 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Commonwealth Department of Health , Qualified 23/09/2015 Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Tasmanian Health , Standard 20/12/2016 Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018
Definition:	The total number.

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[Indigenous](#), Superseded 06/06/2017

