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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 455810 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 06/12/2011[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 01/11/2012[WA Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/5), Standard 19/03/2015[Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 06/12/2016[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 27/06/2017[Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 24/07/2018[Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 20/01/2021 |
| Definition: | A code set representing a medium-sized area built from whole Statistical areas level 1 (SA1s). The aim of Statistical areas level 2 (SA2s) is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically. |

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| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | String |
| Format: | N(9) |
| Maximum character length: | 9 |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | SA2 coding structure:An SA2 is identifiable by a 9-digit fully hierarchical code. The SA2 identifier is a 4-digit code, assigned in alphabetical order within an SA3. An SA2 code is only unique within a state/territory if it is preceded by the state/territory identifier.For example:

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|  State/territory | SA4 | SA3 | SA2 |
| N | NN | NN | NNNN |

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| Comments: | There are 2,196 SA2 spatial units. In aggregate, they cover the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. Jervis Bay Territory, the Territory of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and the Territory of Christmas Island are each represented by an SA2. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Origin: | 1270.0.55.001 - Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 1 - Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, July 2011 [http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/1270.0.55.001July%202011?OpenDocument](http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40.nsf/DetailsPage/1270.0.55.001July%202011?OpenDocument) |

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| Relational attributes  |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/659727)[Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 20/01/2021[Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 24/07/2018[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 20/10/2021[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 27/06/2017 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2011) N(9)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/457289)[Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 21/01/2021[Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 06/12/2011[Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 06/12/2016[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2011) N(9)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/469909)[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 08/08/2022[Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 10/04/2013[Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015[Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 24/07/2018[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 06/12/2016[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 01/11/2012[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 27/06/2017[WA Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/5), Standard 19/03/2015 |

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| Classification scheme attributes |
| Classification scheme: | [Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/437772) |
| Synonymous names: | ASGS 2011 |
| METEOR identifier: | 437772 |
| Definition: | The Australian Bureau of Statistics framework for statistical geography. The main purpose of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) is the dissemination of geographically classified statistics. It provides a common framework of statistical geography which enables the publication of statistics that are comparable and spatially integrated. |
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| Context: | From July 2011, the ABS will progressively replace the current Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) with the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) as its geographical framework.  |
| Classification structure: | The ASGS classification structures are split into two broads groups, the ABS Structures and the Non-ABS Structures.The ABS Structures are hierarchies of regions defined and maintained by the ABS. The regions that comprise the ABS Structures will remain unchanged until the next Census of Population and Housing in 2016.The ABS Structures are built directly from mesh blocks. Non-ABS Structures are approximated by mesh blocks, the Statistical Areas Level 1 (SA1s), or the Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s).The ABS Structures comprise six interrelated hierarchies of regions. They are:* Main Structure
* Indigenous Structure
* Urban Centres and Localities/Section of State Structure
* Remoteness Area Structure
* Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA) Structure
* Significant Urban Area Structure.

The Non-ABS Structures comprise eight hierarchies of regions which are not defined or maintained by the ABS, but for which the ABS is committed to providing a range of statistics. They generally represent administrative regions and are approximated by mesh blocks, SA1s or SA2s. They are:* Local Government Areas (LGAs)
* Postal Areas
* State Suburbs
* Commonwealth Electoral Divisions
* State Electoral Divisions
* Australian Drainage Divisions
* Natural Resource Management Regions
* Tourism Regions.
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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Origin: | Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011. 1270.0.55.001 - Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 1 - Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, July 2011 [http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/1270.0.55.001July%202011?OpenDocument](http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40.nsf/DetailsPage/1270.0.55.001July%202011?OpenDocument)Canberra: ABS. Viewed on 15/07/2011. |