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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Statistical area level 3 (SA3) |
| Synonymous names: | SA3 |
| METEOR identifier: | 457293 |
| Registration status: | [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| Definition: | A designated region representing a standardised regional breakup of Australia, as represented by a code. The aim of SA3s is to create a standard framework for the analysis of ABS data at the regional level through clustering groups of SA2s that have similar regional characteristics. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Address—statistical area](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/457285) |
| Value Domain: | [Statistical area level 3 (SA3) code (ASGS 2011) NNNNN](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/455824) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/437772) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | NNNNN | |
| Maximum character length: | 5 | |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | SA3 coding structure:  An SA3 is identified by a 5-digit hierarchical code. This comprises a 1-digit state/territory identifier followed by a 2-digit SA4 identifier, unique within each state/territory, and a 2-digit SA3 identifier, unique within each SA4.  For example:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | State/territory | SA4 | SA3 | | N | NN | NN | |
| Comments: | SA3s are built from whole SA2s. Whole SA3s aggregate directly to SA4s in the Main Structure. SA3s do not cross state/territory borders. There are 333 SA3 spatial units. In aggregate, they cover the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. |

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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@.nsf/DetailsPage/1270.0.55.001July 2011?OpenDocument) |