

# Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2011) NNNN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Country of birth
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	459973
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 13/10/2011 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 13/10/2011 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 01/11/2012 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015 <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 06/12/2016 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Superseded 08/03/2017 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Superseded 10/08/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The country in which the person was born, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—country of birth</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Country code (SACC 2011) NNNN</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2011</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	NNNN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	4

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>The Standard Australian Classification of Countries 2011 (SACC) is a four-digit, three-level hierarchical structure specifying major group, minor group and country.</p> <p>A country, even if it comprises other discrete political entities such as states, is treated as a single unit for all data domain purposes. Parts of a political entity are not included in different groups. Thus, Hawaii is included in Northern America (as part of the identified country United States of America), despite being geographically close to and having similar social and cultural characteristics as the units classified to Polynesia.</p>
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:** Some data collections ask respondents to specify their country of birth. In others, a pre-determined set of countries is specified as part of the question, usually accompanied by an 'other (please specify)' category.

Recommended questions are:

In which country were you/was the person/was (name) born?

Australia

Other (please specify)

Alternatively, a list of countries may be used based on, for example common Census responses.

In which country were you/was the person/was (name) born?

Australia

England

New Zealand

Italy

Vietnam

India

Scotland

Philippines

Greece

Germany

Other (please specify)

In either case coding of data should conform to the SACC.

Sometimes respondents are simply asked to specify whether they were born in either 'English speaking' or 'non-English speaking' countries but this question is of limited use and this method of collection is not recommended.

**Comments:** This metadata item is consistent with that used in the [ABS collection methods](#) and is recommended for use whenever there is a requirement for comparison with ABS data (last viewed 2/6/2008).

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2008\) NNNN Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/10/2011  
[Health!](#), Superseded 22/11/2011  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 13/10/2011  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 13/10/2011

Has been superseded by [Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018  
[Disability](#), Standard 15/12/2017  
[Health!](#), Standard 06/12/2016  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017  
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Emergency department care DSS 2013-2014](#)  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 01/03/2013  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014  
[Activity based funding: Mental health care DSS 2016-17](#)  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 28/02/2017

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Activity based funding: Non-admitted patient care DSS 2013-2014](#)  
Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Superseded 01/03/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
Health!, Superseded 02/05/2013

[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) NBPDS 2013-](#)  
Health!, Standard 02/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

[Acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
Health!, Recorded 27/03/2012

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](#)  
Health!, Superseded 02/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14](#)  
Health!, Superseded 11/04/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15](#)  
Health!, Superseded 13/11/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2015-16](#)  
Health!, Superseded 10/11/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2016-17](#)  
Health!, Superseded 05/10/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2012-13](#)  
Health!, Superseded 02/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2013-14](#)  
Health!, Superseded 15/10/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2014-15](#)  
Health!, Superseded 04/02/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2015-16](#)  
Health!, Superseded 19/11/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2012-13](#)  
Health!, Superseded 02/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2013-14](#)  
Health!, Superseded 15/10/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2014-15](#)  
Health!, Superseded 04/02/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2015-16](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2013-15](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2015-18](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Community mental health care NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Community mental health care NMDS 2013-14](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 07/03/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

[Community mental health care NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Community mental health care NMDS 2015-16](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 04/09/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Community mental health care NMDS 2016-17](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/08/2017

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Community-based palliative care client DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 13/05/2008

[Cultural and language diversity cluster](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

**DSS specific information:** This data element should be reported for the individual and may also extend to the country of birth of their mother and father.

[Disability Services NMDS 2012-14](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**DSS specific information:**

For the DS NMDS, the 10 most frequently reported countries of birth are listed on data collection forms to simplify data collection and minimise coding load on [service type outlets](#) and funding departments. Where the country of birth is known but is not specified in the classification below, (i.e., is 'other country'), funded agencies should specify it on primary data collection forms. These will then be coded by funding departments to the appropriate SACC code.

[Disability Services NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015  
**DSS specific information:**

For the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), the 10 most frequently reported countries of birth are listed on data collection forms to simplify data collection and minimise coding load on [service type outlets](#) and funding departments. Where the country of birth is known but is not specified in the classification below, (i.e., is 'other country'), funded agencies should specify it on primary data collection forms. These will then be coded by funding departments to the appropriate Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) code.

#### [Disability Services NMDS 2015–16](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016  
**DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), the 10 most frequently reported countries of birth are listed on data collection forms to simplify data collection and minimise coding load on [service type outlets](#) and funding departments. Where the country of birth is known but is not specified in the classification below, (i.e., is 'other country'), [funded agencies](#) should specify it on primary data collection forms. These will then be coded by funding departments to the appropriate Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) code.

#### [Disability Services NMDS 2016–17](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017  
**DSS specific information:**

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), the 10 most frequently reported countries of birth are listed on data collection forms to simplify data collection and minimise coding load on [service type outlets](#) and funding departments. Where the country of birth is known but is not specified in the classification below, (i.e., is 'other country'), [funded agencies](#) should specify it on primary data collection forms. These will then be coded by funding departments to the appropriate Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) code.

#### [Emergency department care activity based funding DSS 2012-2013](#)

[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 31/10/2012  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

#### [First Surgical Service Event NBEDS](#)

[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2018

#### [Non-admitted patient activity based funding DSS 2012-2013](#)

[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 30/10/2012  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

#### [Non-admitted patient DSS 2012-13](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/05/2013  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

#### [Non-admitted patient DSS 2013-14](#)

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

#### [Non-admitted patient DSS 2014-15](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2014  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

#### [Non-admitted patient DSS 2015-16](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/11/2015  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care DSS 2014-15](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 04/02/2015  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care DSS 2015-16](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/12/2015  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2016-17](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 07/02/2013  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 11/04/2014  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2014  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2015-16](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/11/2015  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2016-17](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2016-17](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Perinatal NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 07/02/2013  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Perinatal NMDS 2013-14](#)

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

[Person details data dictionary](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Prison dischargée DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

[Public dental waiting times DSS 2012-13](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 09/11/2012  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2013  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013



[Residential mental health care NMDS 2013-14](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 07/03/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2015-16](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 04/09/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2016-17](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/08/2017

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2013-14](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**Conditional obligation:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

This data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element *Client—consent obtained indicator, yes/no code N*, must receive a response of Yes (CODE 1).

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

**Conditional obligation:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

This data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element *Client—consent obtained indicator, yes/no code N*, must receive a response of Yes (CODE 1).

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**Conditional obligation:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

This data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element *Client—consent obtained indicator, yes/no code N*, must receive a response of Yes (CODE 1).

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017



**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**Conditional obligation:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

This data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element [Client—consent obtained indicator, yes/no code N](#), must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2016](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 05/07/2017

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

**DSS specific information:**

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER\_COUNTRY\_OF\_BIRTH\_CODE
- Short name: Patient country of birth code.

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 24/04/2015

**DSS specific information:**

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER\_COUNTRY\_OF\_BIRTH\_CODE
- Short name: Patient country of birth code.

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017

**DSS specific information:**

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER\_COUNTRY\_OF\_BIRTH\_CODE
- Short name: Patient country of birth code.

The synonymous name COUNTRY\_OF\_BIRTH is used for national reporting.

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Disaggregation**

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13—Third and fourth degree tears for \(a\) all vaginal first births and \(b\) all vaginal births \(2016\)](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Disability Agreement: d\(1\)-Proportion of the potential population who used State/Territory delivered disability support services, 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: d\(2\)-Proportion of people with a disability with an employment restriction who used Disability Employment Services \(Open Employment\), 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[National Disability Agreement: d\(3\)-Proportion of the potential population who used Australian Disability Enterprises \(Supported Employment\), 2013](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 23/05/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

