

Birth event—birth plurality, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Birth plurality
Synonymous names:	Multiple birth
METEOR identifier:	482409
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 02/08/2017 Indigenous , Superseded 22/10/2018
Definition:	The number of babies resulting from a single pregnancy, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—birth plurality
Value Domain:	Birth plurality code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Singleton
	2	Twins
	3	Triplets
	4	Quadruplets
	5	Quintuplets
	6	Sextuplets
	8	Other
	Supplementary values:	9

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Plurality at birth is determined by the total number of live births and stillbirths that result from the pregnancy. Stillbirths, including those where the fetus was likely to have died before 20 weeks gestation, should be included in the count of plurality. To be included, they should be recognisable as a fetus and have been expelled or extracted with other products of conception when pregnancy ended at 20 or more weeks gestation.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Birth event—birth plurality, code N Health!](#), Superseded 07/03/2014

Has been superseded by [Birth event—birth plurality, code N Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Indigenous primary health care DSS 2015-17](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

DSS specific information:

This item is only collected for infants born during the preceding 12 months.

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2017–18](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 22/10/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

This item is only collected for infants born during the preceding 12 months.

[Individual demographic identifiers cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 05/10/2016

[Perinatal NMDS 2014-18](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/08/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

This item is collected for the mother only.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation: Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time, 2012-2014](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 07/06/2017

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.6—Proportion of babies born with low birthweight, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 09/04/2020

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2015](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 20/01/2017

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02a-Number of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, 2015-2017](#)

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

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2015](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 20/01/2017

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birthweight results were low, normal or high, 2015-2017](#)

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

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)](#)

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

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)](#)

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

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Normal \(non-instrumental\) vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)](#)

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

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08—Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08—Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019](#)

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[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08—Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08—Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)](#)

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

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01—Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01—Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2022](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 24/09/2021

Used as Denominator

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.6–Proportion of babies born with low birthweight, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 09/04/2020

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2015](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 20/01/2017

[Indigenous primary health care: PI02b-Proportion of Indigenous babies born within the previous 12 months whose birth weight results were low, normal or high, 2015-2017](#)

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