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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 659727 |
| Registration status: | [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 27/06/2017[Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 24/07/2018[Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 20/01/2021[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 20/10/2021 |
| Definition: | A code set representing a medium-sized general purpose area aggregated from whole Statistical areas level 1 (SA1s). |

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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 a Statistical area level 3 (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 2,310 SA2 regions covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. These include 18 non-spatial SA2 special purpose codes, comprising Migratory–Offshore–Shipping and No Usual Address codes for each State and Territory.The Other Territories of Jervis Bay, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Norfolk Island are each represented by a SA2 in the 2016 Australian Statistical Geography Standard. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. [Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 1 - Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas July 2016](http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40.nsf/allprimarymainfeatures/871A7FF33DF471FBCA257801000DCD5F?opendocument). ABS cat. no. 1270.0.55.001. Canberra: ABS. |
| Revision status: | The 2016 ASGS is the second edition of the ASGS, which updates the first edition (introduced in 2011) for growth and change in Australia's population, economy and infrastructure. It also incorporates the Territory of Norfolk Island for the first time. |

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| Relational attributes  |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2011) N(9)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/455810)[Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 20/01/2021[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[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 19/03/2015Has been superseded by [Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS Edition 3) N(9)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/747275)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 20/10/2021 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/659774)[Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 20/01/2021[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 20/10/2021[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/659725)[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 |

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| Classification scheme attributes |
| Classification scheme: | [Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2016](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/659352) |
| Synonymous names: | ASGS 2016 |
| METEOR identifier: | 659352 |
| Definition: | The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) is the geographical framework defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) for disseminating geographically classified statistics. |
| Registration status: | [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 27/06/2017[Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018[Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 24/07/2018[Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 10/05/2019[Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 20/01/2021[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 20/10/2021 |
| Context: | The ASGS provides a common framework of statistical geography that enables the publication of statistics that are comparable and geospatially integrated. It provides users with a coherent set of standard regions so that they can access, visualise, analyse and understand statistics. |
| Classification structure: | The ASGS is a hierarchical framework of regions. Its classification structures are split into two broad 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 anticipated edition of the ASGS in 2021, which is timed for use in the next anticipated Census of Population and Housing in 2021.The ABS Structures are built directly from mesh blocks. Non-ABS Structures are approximated by either Mesh Blocks, the Statistical Areas Level 1 (SA1), or the Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2).The ABS Structures comprise six interrelated hierarchies of regions. They are:* Main Structure
* Indigenous Structure
* Urban Centres and Localities/Section of State Structure
* Remoteness 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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