Birth event—birth method, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Method of birth |
| METEOR identifier: | 672856 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Definition: | The method of complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception in a birth event, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Birth event—birth method](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/337672) |
| Value Domain: | [Method of birth code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/295362) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Vaginal—non-instrumental |
|   | 2 | Vaginal—forceps |
|   | 4 | Caesarean section |
|   | 5 | Vaginal— vacuum extraction |
| Supplementary values: | 9  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1   Vaginal—non-instrumentalThis code includes a vaginal breech that has been manually rotated.CODE 2   Vaginal—forcepsThis code includes a vaginal breech with forceps to the after coming head.CODE 4   Caesarean sectionThis code includes where forceps/vacuum extraction are used to assist the extraction of the baby at caesarean section or where a hysterotomy is performed to extract the baby. |
| Collection methods: | In the case of multiple births, method of birth should be recorded for each baby born. |
| Comments: | Code 3 has been omitted as it is no longer in use. For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/295349)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 02/08/2017Has been superseded by [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/695372)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 03/12/2020See also [Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/668865)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018See also [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/668868)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018See also [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/673248)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NMDS 2018-19](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/668811)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019***DSS specific information:*** In the case of multiple births, this item should be recorded for each baby born. |