

# Birth status code N

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to [info@aihw.gov.au](mailto:info@aihw.gov.au).

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at [meteor@aihw.gov.au](mailto:meteor@aihw.gov.au).

# Birth status code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	695434
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 24/06/2020 <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 03/12/2020 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Superseded 14/07/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing status at birth.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Live birth
	2	Stillbirth (fetal death)
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** CODE 1 Live birth

Live birth is the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy which, after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached; each product of such a birth is considered liveborn (WHO 2004).

CODE 2 Stillbirth (fetal death)

Stillbirth is a fetal death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception of 20 or more completed weeks of gestation or of 400 grams or more [birthweight](#); the death is indicated by the fact that after such separation the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles. This is the same as the WHO definition of fetal death, except that there are no limits of gestational age or birthweight in the WHO definition (WHO 2004).

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** WHO (World Health Organization) 2004. International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision. Geneva: WHO.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Birth status code N Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 24/06/2020

Has been superseded by [Birth status code N Health!](#), Standard 03/12/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

[Product of birth—birth status, code N Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 03/07/2020