Geographic indicator

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Glossary Item

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Registration status: Health!, Standard 18/12/2019
Indigenous, Standard 14/07/2021
Children and Families, Standard 03/11/2021
Youth Justice, Standard 15/02/2022

Definition: A classification scheme that divides an area into mutually exclusive sub-areas based on geographic location.

Context: To enable the analysis of data on a geographical basis. Facilitates analysis of service provision in relation to demographic and other characteristics of the population of a geographic area.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: The data element Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN is not included in the listing below, as it is, strictly speaking, not a geographic indicator.

Sometimes postcodes are used in the analysis of data on a geographical basis, which involves a conversion to Statistical Local Area or Statistical Area Level 2 (Australian Bureau of Statistics geographical structures). This conversion results in some inaccuracy of information. However, in some data sets Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN is the only geographic identifier, therefore the use of other more accurate indicators (for example, conversion from address line to Statistical Local Area or Statistical Area Level 2) is not always possible.

Some geographic indicators are:

- Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC, ABS cat. no. 1216.0, effective up until 1 July 2011)
- Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011 (ASGS, ABS cat. nos. 1270.0.55.001 to 1270.0.55.005, effective from 1 July 2011 to 11 July 2016)
- Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2016 (ASGS, ABS cat. nos. 1270.0.55.001 to 1270.0.55.005, effective from 11 July 2016)
- administrative regions
- electorates
- Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA)
- Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area Classification (RRMA)
- country.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes Geographic indicator
Children and Families, Superseded 03/11/2021
Commonwealth Department of Health , Standard 17/12/2015
Community Services (retired), Standard 01/03/2005
Disability, Standard 07/10/2014
Early Childhood, Standard 28/05/2014
Health!, Superseded 18/12/2019
Homelessness, Standard 22/10/2005
Housing assistance, Standard 22/10/2005
Indigenous, Superseded 14/07/2021
Tasmanian Health, Standard 03/07/2020

Metadata items which use this glossary item:

Admitted patient care NBEDS 2020-21
Health!, Superseded 05/02/2021

Admitted patient care NBEDS 2021-22
Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

Admitted patient care NBEDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 17/12/2021

Admitted patient care NMDS 2020–21
Health!, Superseded 05/02/2021

Admitted patient care NMDS 2021–22
Health!, Superseded 20/10/2021

Admitted patient care NMDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 20/10/2021

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2021–22
Health!, Superseded 20/10/2021

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 20/10/2021

Australian state/territory identifier
Children and Families, Standard 03/11/2021
Health!, Standard 18/12/2019
Indigenous, Standard 14/07/2021
Youth Justice, Standard 15/02/2022

Community mental health care NMDS 2020–21
Health!, Superseded 20/01/2021

Community mental health care NMDS 2021–22
Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

Community mental health care NMDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 17/12/2021

Healthcare-associated infections NBEDS 2021–
Health!, Qualified 16/03/2022

Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2020–21
Health!, Superseded 05/02/2021

Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2021–22
Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 17/12/2021

Mental Health Carer Experience of Service NBEDS
Health!, Qualified 16/03/2022

Mental health establishments NMDS 2020–21
Health!, Superseded 20/01/2021

Mental health establishments NMDS 2021–22
Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

Mental health establishments NMDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 17/12/2021

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2020–21
Health!, Superseded 05/02/2021

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2021–22
Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 17/12/2021

Residential mental health care NMDS 2020–21
Health!, Superseded 20/01/2021

Residential mental health care NMDS 2021–22
Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

Residential mental health care NMDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 17/12/2021