Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator |
| METEOR identifier: | 732743 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 03/12/2020 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether a female's most recent previous pregnancy that ended with a birth was by caesarean section, as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/673245) |
| METEOR identifier: | 673245 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 02/08/2017 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether a female's most recent previous pregnancy that ended with a birth was by caesarean section. |
| Object class: | [Female](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269000) |
| Property: | [Caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/495920) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/464978) |
| METEOR identifier: | 464978 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Recorded 26/10/2011  [Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Recorded 26/10/2011  [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Recorded 26/10/2011  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 06/02/2012  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 07/03/2014  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 22/11/2016 |
| Definition: | A code set representing 'yes', 'no', 'not applicable', and 'not stated/inadequately described'. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|  | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 7 | Not applicable |
|  | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This data element should be completed for all females who gave birth.  CODE 7   Not applicable  This code should be recorded if the female has not had a previous pregnancy that resulted in a birth at or after 20 weeks gestation or of a baby weighing 400 grams or more. |
| Comments: | Previous caesarean sections are associated with a higher risk of complications, and when recorded with other data elements, provides important information on the risk of obstetric care.  This data element can be used to determine a vaginal birth occurring after a caesarean section delivery (VBAC) when recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/732352) data element |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/695328)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 03/12/2020  See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/732352)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 17/12/2021  See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/749920)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 17/12/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NMDS 2021–22](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/727291)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 17/12/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022 ***DSS specific information:***  This data element is recorded for the mother only.  [Perinatal NMDS 2022–23](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/742052)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 17/12/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023 ***DSS specific information:***  This data element is recorded for the mother only. |