

# Birth status code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	732892
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 03/12/2020 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 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:** World Health Organization 2004. International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision (ICD-10), 2nd edn. Geneva: World Health Organization.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Birth status code N](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 24/06/2020

**Data elements  
implementing this value  
domain:**

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