Product of birth—birthweight, total grams N[NNN]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Birthweight of baby |
| METEOR identifier: | 733280 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 03/12/2020 |
| Definition: | The first weight of a [**live born**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/733187)or [**stillborn**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/733271) baby obtained after birth, measured in grams. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Product of birth—birthweight](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/733408) |
| Value Domain: | [Total grams N[NNN]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/696029) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[NNN] | |
| Maximum character length: | 4 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 9999 | Not stated/inadequately described |
| Unit of measure: | Gram (g) | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | For [**live births**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/733187), [**birthweight**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/733258) should preferably be measured within the first hour of life before significant postnatal weight loss has occurred. While statistical tabulations include 500 gram groupings for birthweight, weights should not be recorded in those groupings. The actual weight should be recorded to the degree of accuracy to which it is measured.  In perinatal collections, the birthweight is to be provided for [**live born**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/733187) and [**stillborn**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/733271) babies. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Origin: | National Health Data Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Product of birth—birthweight, total grams N[NNN]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/716139)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 03/12/2020  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/07/2020 |
| 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:***  Weight is an important indicator of pregnancy outcome, is a major risk factor for neonatal morbidity and mortality and is required to analyse perinatal services for high-risk infants.  In the case of multiple births, this data element should be recorded for each baby born.  [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:***  Weight is an important indicator of pregnancy outcome, is a major risk factor for neonatal morbidity and mortality and is required to analyse perinatal services for high-risk infants.  In the case of multiple births, this data element should be recorded for each baby born. |