

# Female—parity, total pregnancies N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Parity
METEOR identifier:	733287
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 03/12/2020 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 11/06/2021
Definition:	The total number of previous pregnancies experienced by a female that have resulted in a <a href="#">live birth</a> or a <a href="#">stillbirth</a> .
Context:	Perinatal
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Female—parity</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Total pregnancies N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated
Unit of measure:	Pregnancy	

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	To calculate parity, count all previous pregnancies that resulted in a <a href="#">live birth</a> or a <a href="#">stillbirth</a> of at least 20 weeks gestation or at least 400 grams birthweight. Excluded from the count are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the current pregnancy</li><li>• pregnancies resulting in spontaneous or induced abortions before 20 weeks gestation</li><li>• ectopic pregnancies.</li></ul> A primipara (a female giving birth for the first time) has a parity of 0.
Collection methods:	A pregnancy with multiple fetuses is counted as one pregnancy.
Comments:	The number of previous pregnancies that resulted in a birth is an important component of the female's reproductive history. Parity may be a risk factor for adverse maternal and perinatal outcomes.

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Supersedes [Female—parity, total pregnancies N\[N\]  
Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 11/06/2021

**Implementation in Data Set  
Specifications:**

[Perinatal NMDS 2021–22](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021  
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