

Birth event—intended setting of birth, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Intended place of birth
METEOR identifier:	733565
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 03/12/2020
Definition:	The intended place of birth at the onset of labour, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—intended setting of birth
Value Domain:	Birth setting code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Hospital, excluding birth centre
	2	Birth centre, attached to hospital
	3	Birth centre, free standing
	4	Home
	5	Born before arrival
	6	Community, non-medical
	8	Other
	Supplementary values:	9

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>CODE 1 Hospital, excluding birth centre</p> <p>Record for births occurring in a hospital, excluding birth centres.</p> <p>CODE 2 Birth centre, attached to hospital</p> <p>Record for births occurring in a birth centre that is attached to a hospital.</p> <p>CODE 3 Birth centre, free standing</p> <p>Record for births occurring in a free-standing birth centre that is not attached to a hospital.</p> <p>CODE 4 Home</p> <p>Reserved for births that occur at the home intended (planned home births) with a midwife or other medical professional in attendance.</p> <p>CODE 5 Born before arrival</p> <p>Record for births that occur before arrival at hospital or birth centre for planned hospital or birth centre births, or before the arrival of the homebirth midwife for planned home births.</p> <p>CODE 6 Community, non-medical</p> <p>Record for births that occur in the community, that are planned outside of a medical setting and without a midwife or other medical professional in attendance, for example, free births. This may include a home or other location in the community.</p> <p>CODE 8 Other</p> <p>Record for births that occur at a home other than that intended or at a community health centre. This excludes planned hospital, birth centre or home births.</p> <p>CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described</p> <p>Record for births for which the birth setting is not stated or inadequately described.</p>
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Data element attributes

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Guide for use: The birth setting should be recorded for each baby that the mother delivers from the pregnancy.

Code 5 is not to be recorded for intended setting of birth.

Comments: Women who plan to give birth in birth centres or at home usually have different risk factors for outcome compared to those who plan to give birth in hospitals. Women who are transferred to hospital after the onset of labour have increased risks of intervention and adverse outcomes.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Birth event—intended setting of birth, code N Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—actual setting of birth, code N Health!](#), Standard 03/12/2020