Data Dictionary

NSW Perinatal Data Collection

Data dictionary

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Background

The NSW Perinatal Data Collection (formerly known as the Midwives Data Collection) is a population-based surveillance system covering all births in NSW public and private hospitals, as well as homebirths. The data collection has operated since 1987 but only continuously since 1990. The Perinatal Data Collection (PDC) is a statutory data collection under the NSW Public Health Act 2010.

The PDC encompasses all live births, and stillbirths of at least 20 weeks gestation or at least 400 grams birth weight. For every birth in NSW the attending midwife or medical practitioner completes a form (or its electronic equivalent) giving demographic, medical and obstetric information on the mother, and information on the labour, delivery, and condition of the infant. Completed birth notifications are sent to the Data Integrity and Governance Unit, Information Management and Quality, in the System Information and Analytics Branch of the NSW Ministry of Health, where they are compiled into the PDC database. Historically, around two-thirds of PDC notifications are received electronically from hospital maternity information systems. From 2016, the collection went 100% electronic. There are several electronic systems that generate the PDC data including ObstetriX (to 2016), eMaternity and Cerner.

The information sent to the NSW Ministry of Health is checked and compiled into one statewide dataset. One record is reported for each baby, even in the case of a multiple birth. The PDC was revised in 1998, 2006, 2001 and 2016. The PDC includes notifications of births which occur in NSW which includes women whose usual place of residence is outside NSW and who give birth in NSW; it does not receive notifications of interstate births where the mother is resident in NSW. The collection is based on the date of birth of the baby.

Considerations for using PDC in linkage studies

PDC Coverage

While the PDC has operated continuously since 1990, personal identifiers were only included in the data collection after 1992, when it became a statutory data collection under the NSW Public Health Act 1991. There was also a revision to the PDC form in 1993, which was implemented gradually. Consequently, personal identifiers and a number of other fields are available for approximately half of the 1993 records. For these reasons it is recommended that record linkage studies be carried out using data collected from 1994. Data from maternity services newly commissioned in 2023 are not yet available in the PDC.

Information on Mothers and Babies

The PDC record contains information on mothers and babies. As the CHeReL links records for the same person (rather than across generations), two sets of personal identifiers from the PDC records are provided to the CHeReL — one for mothers and one for babies. These are known as the PDC mother and PDC baby datasets. When using the PDC in linkage studies, please consider whether mothers or babies or both are of interest. If both mothers and babies are of interest, the CHeReL will create a PDC mother linkage key and a PDC baby linkage key. The CHeReL will add both mother and baby project person numbers (PPNs) to the PDC dataset for provision to the project investigators.

New items added in 2016

A small number of new data collection items were added in 2016 and have been included in the data dictionary. Where an item has been referenced as 'Collected from' but not 'Available from', this means that data collection commenced for this item in a particular year but is not considered high enough quality to support research uses of the data.

Comprehensive antenatal care

There are differences in how hospitals record the first antenatal visit. For some hospitals it is the date of the first comprehensive antenatal assessment and for other hospitals it is the first hospital antenatal clinic visit. In some cases, earlier antenatal care provided by the woman's general practitioner may not be reported.

Smoking and smoking cessation information

Changes to the way smoking is recorded in public sector maternity information systems were introduced in 2021, with the impact of these changes largely observable from 2022. Any changes in smoking rates or smoking cessation should be interpreted with caution.

Geographical boundaries

Geocoding is the process of converting physical addresses to a latitude and longitude pair. These pairs can then be matched to geographical boundaries, such as local government areas, health administration regions or other boundaries maintained by agencies like the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Changes to geocoding and boundaries introduced in 2023

In 2023, the Perinatal Data Collection transitioned to using a new geocoding and boundary tagging software. As part of this transition, all historical records were re-geocoded using the new software.

The following boundaries are available:

Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2011

- Local Government Area 2011 (LGA 2011)

ASGS 2016

- Statistical Area Level 2 (ASGS 2016 SA2)
- Statistical Area Level 3 (ASGS 2016 SA3)
- Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 SA4)
- Local Government Area (LGA 2016)

ASGS 2021

- Statistical Area Level 2 (ASGS 2021 SA2)
- Statistical Area Level 3 (ASGS 2021 SA3)
- Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2021 SA4)
- Local Government Area (LGA 2021)

Health Administration regions

- Local Health District (LHD 2011)

- Primary Health Network (PHN 2017)

Access to information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

An application to the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) ethics committee should be made for research projects for which one or more of the following apply:

- The experience of Aboriginal people is an explicit focus of all or part of the research
- Data collection is explicitly directed at Aboriginal peoples
- Aboriginal peoples, as a group, are to be examined in the results
- The information has an impact on one or more Aboriginal communities
- Aboriginal health funds are a source of funding

Research that is not specifically directed at Aboriginal people or communities, such as for the total population or a sub-population (e.g., rural NSW, people over 50 years old) can still potentially impact on Aboriginal people.

However, an application for such research need only be made to the Committee if any one of the following applies:

- Any of the five factors listed above are present: or
- Aboriginal people are known, or are likely, to be significantly over-represented in the group being studied (e.g., compared to the 2.1% of the total NSW population as shown in the 2006 Census); or
- The Aboriginal experience of the medical condition being studied is known, or is likely, to be different from the overall population; or
- There are Aboriginal people who use the services being studied in distinctive ways, or who have distinctive barriers that limit their access to the services; or
- It is proposed to separately identify data relating to Aboriginal people in the results.

The AH&MRC ethics committee have some specific requirements, including evidence of community engagement in the research. Relevant documents can be found on the AH&MRC website at: http://www.ahmrc.org.au. If you are unsure whether an application to the AH&MRC Ethics Committee is required, please seek the advice of the Ethics Committee secretariat (T: 02 9212 4777)

Data Custodian

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Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Year of birth, based on baby's date of birth

Mother's date of birth

Name[s] in dataset	mdob
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Full date of birth will only be supplied if sufficient justification is supplied that age is insufficient. Date of birth may otherwise be supplied as MMYYYY.

Mother's age

Name[s] in dataset	age
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Age in completed years.

Mother's age group

Name[s] in dataset	agegrp
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Age in five year grouping

Codeset

Code	Description
1	0 - 4 years
2	5 - 9 years
3	10 - 14 years
4	15 - 19 years
5	20 - 24 years
6	25 - 29 years
7	30 - 34 years
8	35 - 39 years
9	40 - 44 years
10	45 - 49 years
11	50 - 54 years
12	55 - 59 years
13	60 - 64 years
14	65 - 69 years
15	70 - 74 years
16	75 - 79 years

17	80 - 84 years
18	85+ years
19	Missing / invalid data

Mother's country of birth (1994)

Name[s] in dataset	cob
Data Available	1994-2015
Description / notes	Codes are the Australian Bureau of Statistics 4 digit country of birth names

Mother's country of birth (2002)

Name[s] in dataset	cobsacc
Data Available	2002 onwards
Description / notes	Codes are the Australian Bureau of Statistics 4 digit country of birth names.

Mother's country of birth (2016)

Name[s] in dataset	cobsacc2011
Data Available	2016
Description / notes	Defined using Australian Bureau of Statistics classification of Countries 2011 .

Mother's Aboriginality

Name[s] in dataset	aborigin_mum_recode
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	See Access to information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples regarding access to this variable. Information on the quality of reporting is routinely reported via HealthStats NSW. From 2016, variable has been derived from Mother's Indigenous status.

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
2	Non-Aboriginal
9	Not stated

Mother's Indigenous status

Name[s] in dataset	abtsi_mum
Data Available	1998 onwards
Description / notes	See Access to information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples regarding access to this variable. Information on the quality of reporting is routinely reported via HealthStats NSW. . From 2016, item included response category 'Declined to respond'

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Aboriginal
2	Torres Strait Islander

3	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin
4	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander
5	Indigenous – not further specified
8	Declined to respond
9	Unknown

Mother's marital status

Name[s] in dataset	maritaly
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Married (inc de facto)
2	Never married
3	Divorced, separated or married
9	Not Stated
OTHER	Invalid data

Mother's Statistical Area Level 2 of residence (ASGS 2016)

Name[s] in dataset	sa2_2016_code
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	ASGS 2016 SA2

Mother's Statistical Area Level 3 of residence (ASGS 2016)

Name[s] in dataset	sa3_2016_code
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	ASGS 2016 SA3

Mother's Statistical Area Level 4 of residence (ASGS 2016)

Name[s] in dataset	sa4_2016_code
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	ASGS 2016 SA4

Mother's Statistical Area Level 2 of residence (ASGS 2021)

Name[s] in dataset	sa2_2021_code
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	ASGS 2016 SA2

Mother's Statistical Area Level 3 of residence (ASGS 2021)

Name[s] in dataset	sa3_2021_code
Data Available	1994 onwards

Description / notes	ASGS 2021 SA3

Mother's Statistical Area Level 4 of residence (ASGS 2021)

Name[s] in dataset	sa4_2021_code
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	ASGS 2021 SA4

Mother's Local Government Area of residence (ASGS 2011)

Name[s] in dataset	lga_2011_code
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	ASGS 2011 Local Government Area 2011

Mother's Local Government Area of residence (ASGS 2016)

Name[s] in dataset	lga_2016_code
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	ASGS 2016 Local Government Area 2016

Mother's Local Government Area of residence (ASGS 2021)

Name[s] in dataset	lga_2021_code
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	ASGS 2021 Local Government Area 2021

Mother's Local Health District of residence

Name[s] in dataset	lhd_2011_code
Data Available	1994 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
X700	Sydney LHD
X710	South Western Sydney LHD
X720	South Eastern Sydney LHD
X730	Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD
X740	Western Sydney LHD
X750	Nepean Blue Mountains LHD
X760	Northern Sydney LHD
X770	Central Coast LHD
X800	Hunter New England LHD
X810	Northern NSW LHD
X820	Mid North Coast LHD
X830	Southern NSW LHD
X840	Murrumbidgee LHD
X850	Western NSW LHD

	X860	Far West LHD

Mother's Primary Health Network of residence

Name[s] in dataset	phn_2017_code
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	See https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/phn

Hospital of birth

Name[s] in dataset	hoscode
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Code lists are updated regularly. If information on specific facilities is required, these should be specified by name.

Health Area of Hospital

Name[s] in dataset	ahshos_2005_code
Data Available	1994-2010
Description / notes	Health Area (2005) of hospital

Codeset

Code	Description
X160	Children's Hospital at Westmead
X170	Justice Health
X500	Sydney South West AHS
X510	South Eastern Sydney & Illawarra AHS
X520	Sydney West AHS
X530	Northern Sydney & Central Coast AHS
X540	Hunter & New England AHS
X550	North Coast AHS
X560	Greater Southern AHS
X570	Greater Western AHS
X999	Not Stated/Other

Local Health District of Hospital

Name[s] in dataset	lhdhosp_2010_code
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Local Health District of hospital. Code XPRV refers to private hospitals.

Codeset

Code	Description
X700	Sydney LHD
X710	South Western Sydney LHD
X720	South Eastern Sydney LHD
X730	Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD
X740	Western Sydney LHD

X750	Nepean Blue Mountains LHD
X760	Northern Sydney LHD
X770	Central Coast LHD
X800	Hunter New England LHD
X810	Northern NSW LHD
X820	Mid North Coast LHD
X830	Southern NSW LHD
X840	Murrumbidgee LHD
X850	Western NSW LHD
X860	Far West LHD
X630	Sydney Children's Hospitals Network
X690	St Vincent's Health Network

Hospital Insurance Status

Name[s] in dataset	hospins
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Yes (Private)
2	No (Public)
9	Not stated

Baby's date of birth

Name[s] in dataset	bdob
Data Available	1994-onwards
Description / notes	Full date of birth will only be supplied if sufficient justification is supplied that age is insufficient. Date of birth may otherwise be supplied as month and year of birth.

Date of LMP

Name[s] in dataset	lmpdate
Data Available	1994-1997
Description / notes	Date of last menstrual period. Full date will only be supplied if sufficient justification is supplied that age is insufficient. Date of birth may otherwise be supplied as month and year of birth.

Expected date of confinement

Name[s] in dataset	edcdate
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	Full date will only be supplied if sufficient justification is supplied that gestational age is insufficient

Previous pregnancy

Name[s] in dataset	prevpreg
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Previous pregnancy greater than 20 weeks gestation.
Codeset	

Number of previous pregnancies

Name[s] in dataset	pregnum
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Number of previous pregnancies greater than 20 weeks gestation.
Codeset	

Was last birth by caesarean section?

Name[s] in dataset	csbirth
Data Available	1998 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Total number of previous caesarean section

Name[s] in dataset	cstotal
Data Available	1998 onwards

Amniocentesis (<20 weeks)

Name[s] in dataset	oamn
Data Available	1994-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

CVS (<20 weeks)

Name[s] in dataset	ocvsonly
Data Available	1994-2006
Description / notes	Chorionic villus sampling (<20 weeks).

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

	9	Not stated

Cervical suture

Name[s] in dataset	ocs
Data Available	1994-1997
Description / notes	Cervical suture?

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Antenatal care

Name[s] in dataset	anc
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	Was antenatal care received?

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Duration of pregnancy at first antenatal visit

Name[s] in dataset	ancare
Data Available	1994-2010
Description / notes	Duration of pregnancy (in weeks) at first antenatal visit.

Duration of pregnancy at first antenatal visit (2011)

Name[s] in dataset	ancare2011
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	Duration of pregnancy at first comprehensive booking or assessment by clinician. It should be noted that this change led to a discontinuity in the time series for this indicator. Trends in antenatal care for the period 2010 to 2014 should be interpreted with caution. There are differences in how hospitals record the first antenatal visit. For some hospitals it is the date of the first comprehensive antenatal assessment and for other hospitals it is the first hospital antenatal clinic visit. In some cases, earlier antenatal care provided by the woman's general practitioner may not be reported.

Number of antenatal visits

Name[s] in dataset	ancarenum
Data Available	2011 onwards

Not booked

Name[s] in dataset	notbook
Data Available	1994-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Smoking during pregnancy

Name[s] in dataset	smoke
Data Available	1994-2010
Description / notes	Did the mother smoke at all during pregnancy?

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Smoking during first half of pregnancy

Name[s] in dataset	smoke1st
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	Did the mother smoke during the first half of pregnancy? Changes to the way smoking is recorded in public sector maternity information systems were introduced in 2021, with the impact of these changes largely observable from 2022. Any changes in smoking rates or smoking cessation should be interpreted with caution.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Cigarettes per day during first half of pregnancy

Name[s] in dataset	smoke1stgp_recode
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	How many cigarettes each day wer smoked in first half of pregnancy (categories)

Codeset

Code	Description
1	None
2	More than 10 per day
3	1-10 per day
4	Unknown
8	Did not smoke during pregnancy
9	Not stated

Number of cigarettes smoked on average per day during the first half of pregnancy

Name[s] in dataset	smokeqty1st
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	How many cigarettes each day on average were smoked in the first half of pregnancy. Changes to the way smoking is recorded in public sector maternity information systems were introduced in 2021, with the impact of these changes largely observable from 2022. Any changes in smoking rates or smoking cessation should be interpreted with caution

Smoking during the second half of pregnancy

Name[s] in dataset	smoke2nd
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	Did the mother smoke during the second half of pregnancy? Changes to the way smoking is recorded in public sector maternity information systems were introduced in 2021, with the impact of these changes largely observable from 2022. Any changes in smoking rates or smoking cessation should be interpreted with caution.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Cigarettes per day during 2nd half of pregnancy

Name[s] in dataset	smoke2ndgp_recode
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	How many cigarettes each day wer smoked in second half of pregnancy (categories) Changes to the way smoking is recorded in public sector maternity information systems were introduced in 2021, with the impact of these changes largely observable from 2022. Any changes in smoking rates or smoking cessation should be interpreted with caution

Codeset

Code	Description
1	None
2	More than 10 per day
3	1-10 per day
4	Unknown
8	Did not smoke during pregnancy
9	Not stated

Number of cigarettes smoked on average per day during the 2nd half of pregnancy

Name[s] in dataset	smokeqty2nd
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	How many cigarettes each day on average were smoked in the second half of pregnancy. Changes to the way smoking is recorded in public sector maternity information systems were introduced in 2021, with the impact of these changes largely observable from 2022. Any changes in smoking rates or smoking cessation should be interpreted with caution

Quit smoking in this pregnancy

Name[s] in dataset	smokequit
Data Available	Collected 2016 onwards
Description / notes	Flag describing whether or not the Mother quit smoking at any time during the current pregnancy. Asked of mothers who smoked in either the first or second half of pregnancy. Changes to the way smoking is recorded in public sector maternity information systems were introduced in 2021, with the impact of these changes largely observable from 2022. Any changes in smoking rates or smoking cessation should be interpreted with caution.
Codeset	

Code	Description
.	Not applicable
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Quit smoking at weeks gestation

Name[s] in dataset	smokequit_gestage
Data Available	Collected2016 onwards
Description / notes	Gestational age measured in completed weeks. Asked of mothers who smoked in either the first or second half of pregnancy, and had quit smoking during the current pregnancy. Changes to the way smoking is recorded in public sector maternity information systems were introduced in 2021, with the impact of these changes largely observable from 2022. Any changes in smoking rates or smoking cessation should be interpreted with caution.

Mother's height

Name[s] in dataset	mheight
Data Available	Collected 2016 onwards
Description / notes	Mother's height in centimetres (measured)

Mother's weight

Name[s] in dataset	mweight
Data Available	Collected 2016 onwards
Description / notes	Mother's weight in kilograms (measured) as recorded in first trimeser of pregnancy

Maternal diabetes mellitus

Name[s] in dataset	mdiab
Data Available	1994-2015
Description / notes	Maternal diabetes mellitus: pre-existing diabetes.
Codeset	

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Gestational diabetes

Name[s] in dataset	odiab
Data Available	1994-2015
Description / notes	Gestational diabetes.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Type of diabetes

Name[s] in dataset	mdiab2016
Data Available	2016 onwards
Description / notes	Type of diabetes. A large increase in gestational diabetes mellitus was noted when comparing rates in 2015 and 2016.

Codeset

Code	Description
.	Not applicable
1	Type 1 diabetes mellitus
2	Type 2 diabetes mellitus
3	Gestational diabets mellitus
4	Other type of diabetes
9	Not stated

Eclampsia

Name[s] in dataset	ehyper
Data Available	2016 onwards
Description / notes	Mother hypertension eclampsia flag.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not Stated

Chronic hypertension

Name[s] in dataset	mhyper
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Chronic maternal hypertension.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Pregnancy-induced hypertension

Name[s] in dataset	ohyper

Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Pregnancy-induced hypertension.
Codeset	Code: 0 — No / not stated Code: 1 — Yes

Pregnancy-induced hypertension - proteinuric

Name[s] in dataset	ohyp_p
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	From 2011, condition is described as pre-eclampsia.
Codeset	Code: 0 — No / not stated Code: 1 — Yes

Pregnancy-induced hypertension – non-proteinuric

Name[s] in dataset	ohyp_np
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	From 2011, condition is described as gestational hypertension.
Codeset	Code: 0 — No / not stated Code: 1 — Yes

Antepartum haemorrhage

Name[s] in dataset	aph
Data Available	1994-1997
Description / notes	Antepartum haemorrhage of any cause.
Codeset	Code: 0 — No / not stated Code: 1 — Yes

Antepartum haemorrhage (cause unknown)

Name[s] in dataset	oaphcu
Data Available	1994-1997
Description / notes	Antepartum haemorrhage (APH) of unknown cause.
Codeset	Code: 0 — No / not stated Code: 1 — Yes

Antepartum Haemorrhage (due to placenta abruptio)

Name[s] in dataset	oaphpa
Data Available	1994-1997
Description / notes	Antepartum haemorrhage due to placenta abruptio.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Antepartum Haemorrhage (due to placenta praevia)

Name[s] in dataset	oaphpp
Data Available	1994-1997
Description / notes	Antepartum haemorrhage due to placenta praevia.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Any obstetric complication (1994)

Name[s] in dataset	obsc
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Any obstetric complication (1998)

Name[s] in dataset	obsc98
Data Available	1998-2005

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Blood group iso-immunisation

Name[s] in dataset	oiso
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Pre-labour rupture of membranes (>24 hours)

Name[s] in dataset	oprom

Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Threatened premature labour

Name[s] in dataset	otmc
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Maternal Hepatitis B

Name[s] in dataset	mhepb
Data Available	1994-1997
Description / notes	Mothers who are hepatitis B positive.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Maternal Hepatitis B (surface antigen)

Name[s] in dataset	hepbsag
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	Mothers who are hepatitis B surface antigen positive.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Vaccination in this pregnancy against pertussis

Name[s] in dataset	pertussis
Data Available	2016 onwards
Description / notes	Whether the mother was immunised against pertussis in this pregnancy.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Vaccination in this pregnancy against influenza

Name[s] in dataset	influenza
Data Available	2016 onwards
Description / notes	Whether the mother was immunised against influenza in this pregnancy.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Mother tested for HIV

Name[s] in dataset	HIVtest
Data Available	Collected from 2016 onwards
Description / notes	Flag describing whether the mother was tested for HIV at some time during the current pregnancy.

Codeset

Code	Description
.	Not applicable
0	No
1	Yes

Major puerperal infection

Name[s] in dataset	infectn
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Third degree tear

Name[s] in dataset	tear
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Shoulder dystocia

Name[s] in dataset	shodys
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Retained placenta

Name[s] in dataset	retpla
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Post-partum haemorrhage

Name[s] in dataset	pph
Data Available	2016 onwards
Description / notes	Flag indicating whether the mother experienced a post-partum haemorrhage.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not Stated

Blood transfusion flag

Name[s] in dataset	bloodtx
Data Available	2016 onwards
Description / notes	Flag indicating whether the mother received a blood transfusion. Only asked of mothers who answered 'yes' to post-partum haemorrhage.

Codeset

Code	Description
.	Not applicable
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Estimated blood loss

Name[s] in dataset	bloodvol
Data Available	2016 onwards
Description / notes	Estimated blood loss following post-partum haemorrhage.

Codeset

Code	Description
.	Not applicable
1	500-999 mls
2	1,000-1,499 mls
3	1,500mls or more
9	Unknown

Post-partum haemorrhage requiring blood transfusion

Name[s] in dataset	pphtf
Data Available	2006-2015
Description / notes	This variable was originally called pph but was renamed in 2016 to align with changes in underlying data concepts.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Post-partum haemorrhage requiring blood transfusion

Name[s] in dataset	pphtf_recode
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	Derived using information from the variables bloodtx and bloodvol to recreate this measure.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not Stated

Baby length of stay

Name[s] in dataset	blos_recode
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Baby's length of stay in hospital.

Labour onset

Name[s] in dataset	labons
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Onset of labour.

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Spontaneous
2	Induced
3	No labour
9	Not stated

Induction and augmentation of labour

Name[s] in dataset	labind
Data Available	1994-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Spontaneous
2	Spontaneous augmented with ARM

3	Spontaneous augmented with oxytocics/PGs
4	No labour
5	Induced – oxytocics/PGs
6	Induced – ARM only
7	Induced – ARM+oxytocis/PGs
8	Induced – other
9	Not stated

Induction and augmentation of labour (recode)

Name[s] in dataset	labind_recode
Data Available	1994 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Spontaneous
2	Spontaneous augmented with ARM
3	Spontaneous augmented with oxytocics/PGs
4	No labour
5	Induced – oxytocics/PGs
6	Induced – ARM only
7	Induced – ARM+oxytocis/PGs
8	Induced – other
9	Not stated

Induction/augmentation by ARM

Name[s] in dataset	arm
Data Available	1998-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Induction/augmentation by other method

Name[s] in dataset	indaugot
Data Available	1998-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Induction/augmentation by oxytocics

Name[s] in dataset	oxytocic
Data Available	1998-2015

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Induction/augmentation by prostaglandins

Name[s] in dataset	prostagl
Data Available	1998-2015

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No
	1	Yes
	9	Not Stated

Labour augmented by artificial rupture of membranes

Name[s] in dataset	labaugarm
Data Available	2016 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No
	1	Yes
	9	Not Stated

Labour augmented by oxytocins

Name[s] in dataset	labaugoxytocic
Data Available	2016 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No
	1	Yes
	9	Not Stated

Labour induced by artificial rupture of membranes

Name[s] in dataset	labinarm
Data Available	2016 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No
	1	Yes
	9	Not Stated

Labour induced by other means

Name[s] in dataset	labindot
Data Available	2016 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not Stated

Labour induced by oxytocins

Name[s] in dataset	labinoxytocic
Data Available	2016 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not Stated

Labour induced by prostaglandins

Name[s] in dataset	labinprostagl
Data Available	2016 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not Stated

Main indication for induction/augmentation of labour

Name[s] in dataset	inducwhy
Data Available	1998 onwards
Description / notes	In 2016, the category ‘Blood group isoimmunisation’ was removed from the pick list of indications.

Codeset

Code	Description
.	Not applicable
01	Diabetes
02	Hypertensive disease
03	Fetal distress
04	Fetal death
05	Chorioamnionitis
06	Blood group isoimmunisation
07	Prelabour rupture of membranes
08	Prolonged pregnancy (41+ weeks)
09	Suspected intrauterine growth restriction

	10	Other

Pain relief: None

Name[s] in dataset	anal_nil
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Pain relief: Nitrous oxide

Name[s] in dataset	anal_n2o
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Pain relief: IM narcotics

Name[s] in dataset	anal_im
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Pain relief: Local to perineum

Name[s] in dataset	anal_loc
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Pain relief: Pudendal block

Name[s] in dataset	anal_pud
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Pain relief: Epidural/caudal block

Name[s] in dataset	anal_epi
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Pain relief: Spinal anaesthetic

Name[s] in dataset	anal_spi
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Pain relief: General anaesthetic

Name[s] in dataset	anal_ga
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Pain relief: Other

Name[s] in dataset	anal_oth
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Analgesia for labour: Nil

Name[s] in dataset	an_l_nil
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
.	Not applicable
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Analgesia for labour: Nitrous oxide

Name[s] in dataset	an_l_no2
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	.	Not applicable
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Analgesia for labour: Systemic opioids

Name[s] in dataset	an_l_im
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	.	Not applicable
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Analgesia for labour: Spinal

Name[s] in dataset	an_l_spi
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	.	Not applicable
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Analgesia for labour: Epidural/caudal

Name[s] in dataset	an_l_epi
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	.	Not applicable
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Analgesia for labour: Combined spinal-epidural

Name[s] in dataset	an_l_com
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	.	Not applicable
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Analgesia for labour: Other

Name[s] in dataset	an_l_oth
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	.	Not applicable
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Anaesthesia for delivery: Nil

Name[s] in dataset	an_d_nil
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Anaesthesia for delivery: Local to perineum

Name[s] in dataset	an_d_loc
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Anaesthesia for delivery: Pudendal

Name[s] in dataset	an_d_pud
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Anaesthesia for delivery: Spinal

Name[s] in dataset	an_d_spi
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Anaesthesia for delivery: Epidural/caudal

Name[s] in dataset	an_d_epi
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No / not stated
	1	Yes

Anaesthesia for delivery: Combined spinal-epidural

Name[s] in dataset	an_d_com
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Anaesthesia for delivery: General anaesthetic

Name[s] in dataset	an_d_ga
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Anaesthesia for delivery: Other

Name[s] in dataset	an_d_oth
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Epidural anaesthetic

Name[s] in dataset	epidural
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No / not stated
1	Yes

Presentation (1994)

Name[s] in dataset	present
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Vertex
2	Other
3	Breech
4	Unknown
9	Not stated

Presentation (1998)

Name[s] in dataset	presen98
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Vertex
2	Breech
3	Face
4	Brow
5	Other
9	Not stated

Presentation (2006)

Name[s] in dataset	presen06
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Vertex
2	Breech
3	Face
4	Brow
5	Shoulder/transverse
6	Other
9	Not stated

Type of delivery (1994)

Name[s] in dataset	delivery
Data Available	1994-1997

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Vertex
2	Breech
3	Face
4	Brow
5	Shoulder/transverse
6	Other
9	Not stated

Type of delivery (1998)

Name[s] in dataset	deliv98
Data Available	1998-2010

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Normal vaginal

2	Forceps
3	Vacuum extraction
4	Vaginal breech
5	Caesarean section
9	Not stated

Type of delivery (2011)

Name[s] in dataset	deliv2011, deliv2011_code
Data Available	2011 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Normal vaginal
2	Forceps
3	Vacuum extraction
4	Vaginal breech – forceps
5	Vaginal breech – no forceps
6	Caesarean section
9	Not stated

Type of delivery (recode)

Name[s] in dataset	delivery_recode
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	A lowest common denominator version of the mode of delivery variable collected since 1994.

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Normal vaginal
2	Forceps
3	Vacuum extraction
4	Vaginal breech
5	Caesarean section
9	Not stated

Main indication for caesarean section (1998)

Name[s] in dataset	cswhy
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	Not applicable
1	Failure to progress: cervical dilatation not stated
2	Failure to progress: cervix 3cm dilated or less
3	Failure to progress: cervix more than 3cm dilated
4	Fetal distress
5	Other

	9	Not stated

Main indication for caesarean section (2006)

Name[s] in dataset	cswhy06
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
	Not applicable
1	Failure to progress: cervical dilatation not stated
2	Failure to progress: cervix 3 cm dilated or less
3	Failure to progress: cervix more than 3 cm dilated
4	Fetal distress
5	Elective Repeat Caesarean Section
6	Other Clinical Indication
7	Non-clinical indication
9	Not stated

Main indication for caesarean section (2016)

Name[s] in dataset	cswhy2016
Data Available	2016 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
	Not applicable
01	Fetal compromise
02	Suspected fetal macrosomia
03	Malpresentation
04	Lack of progress; less than or equal to 3cm cervical dilatation
05	Lack of progress in the first stage; 4cm to less than 10cm cervical dilatation
06	Lack of progress in the second stage
07	Placenta praevia
08	Placental abruption
09	Vasa praevia
10	Antepartum/intrapartum haemorrhage
11	Multiple pregnancy
12	Unsuccessful attempt at assisted delivery
13	Unsuccessful induction
14	Cord prolapse
15	Previous caesarean section
16	Previous shoulder dystocia
17	Previous severe perineal trauma
18	Previous adverse fetal/neonatal outcome
19	Other obstetric, medical surgical, psychological indications

20	Maternal choice in the absence of any obstetric, medical, surgical, psychological indications
99	Not stated

Main indication for caesarean section (recode)

Name[s] in dataset	cswhy_recode
Data Available	1998 onwards
Description / notes	Derived variable that combines 1998, 2006 and 2016 categories into a single lowest common denominator field.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	Not applicable
1	Failure to progress
2	Fetal distress
3	Other
9	Not stated

Perineal status (1998)

Name[s] in dataset	perineal
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Intact
2	1st degree tear/graze
3	2nd degree tear
4	3rd degree tear
5	4th degree tear
6	Episiotomy
7	Combined tear and episiotomy
8	Other
9	Not stated

Perineal status (2006)

Name[s] in dataset	perineal06
Data Available	2006 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Intact
2	1st degree tear/graze
3	2nd degree tear
4	3rd degree tear
5	4th degree tear
6	Other
9	Not stated

Episiotomy

Name[s] in dataset	episiot
Data Available	1994 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not Stated

Surgical repair of vagina or perineum

Name[s] in dataset	repair
Data Available	1998 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not Stated

Third stage

Name[s] in dataset	stage3
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	Management of the third stage of labour.

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Active
2	Physiological
9	Not Stated

Main model of care – antenatal

Name[s] in dataset	mod_an_main
Data Available	2016 onwards
Description / notes	The main model of care used during the antenatal period.

Codeset

Code	Description
01	Private obstetrician
02	Private midwife
03	GP obstetrician
04	Shared care
05	Combined care
06	Public hospital care
07	Public hospital high-risk
08	Team midwifery
09	Midwifery caseload
10	Remote area

11	No formal care
99	Not stated

Model of care-antenatal: Private obstetrician

Name[s] in dataset	mod_an_ob
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Model of care-antenatal: Hospital-based medical

Name[s] in dataset	mod_an_h
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Model of care-antenatal: General practitioner

Name[s] in dataset	mod_an_gp
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Model of care-antenatal: Hospital-based midwife/midwives

Name[s] in dataset	mod_an_m
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Model of care-antenatal: Independent midwife

Name[s] in dataset	mod_an_im
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Model of care-antenatal: Not applicable

Name[s] in dataset	mod_an_na
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Main model of care – birth

Name[s] in dataset	mod_birth_main
Data Available	2016 onwards
Description / notes	The main model of care used during the birth period.

Codeset

Code	Description
01	Private obstetrician
02	Private midwife
03	GP obstetrician
04	Shared care
05	Combined care
06	Public hospital care
07	Public hospital high-risk
08	Team midwifery
09	Midwifery caseload
10	Remote area
11	No formal care
99	Not stated

Model of care-birth: Private obstetrician

Name[s] in dataset	mod_b_ob
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Model of care-birth: General practitioner

Name[s] in dataset	mod_b_gp
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Model of care-birth: Hospital-based midwife/midwives

Name[s] in dataset	mod_b_m
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Model of care-birth: Hospital-based medical

Name[s] in dataset	mod_b_h
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Model of care-birth: Independent midwife

Name[s] in dataset	mod_b_im
Data Available	2006-2015
Description / notes	

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Model of care-birth: Not applicable

Name[s] in dataset	mod_b_na
Data Available	2006-2015
Description / notes	

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Midwifery continuity of carer program

Name[s] in dataset	contcarer
Data Available	2011-2015
Description / notes	Whether the Mother was in a midwifery continuity of carer program for antenatal, birth and postnatal care.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Mother referred

Name[s] in dataset	ref_mum
Data Available	2006-2015
Description / notes	Mother referred from another hospital
Codeset	

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Mother referral hospital

Name[s] in dataset	ref_hos
Data Available	2006-2015
Description / notes	If mother referred from another hospital, hospital code.
Codeset	Code lists are updated regularly. If information on specific facilities is required, these should be specified by name.

Referral prior

Name[s] in dataset	ref_pre
Data Available	2006-2015
Description / notes	Referral prior to the onset of labour.
Codeset	

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Referral post

Name[s] in dataset	ref_post
Data Available	2006-2015
Description / notes	Referral post onset of labour.
Codeset	

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Baby's sex

Name[s] in dataset	bsex
Data Available	1994 ownard
Codeset	

Code	Description
1	Male
2	Female
3	Indeterminate

	9	Unknown

Baby's Aboriginality

Name[s] in dataset	aborigin_bub_recode
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	See Access to information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples regarding access to this variable. Information on the quality of reporting is routinely reported via HealthStats NSW. From 2016, variable has been derived from Baby's Indigenous status

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
2	Non-Aboriginal
9	Not stated

Baby's Indigenous status

Name[s] in dataset	abtsi_bub
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	See Access to information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples regarding access to this variable. Information on the quality of reporting is routinely reported via HealthStats NSW.

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Aboriginal
2	Torres Strait Islander
3	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin
4	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander
5	Indigenous – not further specified
8	Declined to respond
9	Unknown

Plurality of birth

Name[s] in dataset	plural
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	The number of fetuses or babies from the pregnancy. On this basis pregnancy may be classified as single or multiple.

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Singletons
2	Twins
3	Triplets
4	Quadruplets
9	Unknown

Birth order

Name[s] in dataset	plurnum
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	The order of birth,

Gestational age

Name[s] in dataset	gestage
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Gestational age measured in completed weeks, based on the best clinical estimate. For births at most public hospitals from 2016 onwards, gestational age was rounded to the nearest week rather than recorded as completed weeks.

Birthweight

Name[s] in dataset	bweight
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	The newborn infant's first weight in grams, usually taken within the first hour of life.

APGAR score (1 min)

Name[s] in dataset	apgar1
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	A numerical scoring system routinely administered one minute after birth to evaluate the condition of the baby. The score ranges from 0 to 10.

APGAR score (5 min)

Name[s] in dataset	apgar5
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	A numerical scoring system routinely administered five minutes after birth to evaluate the condition of the baby. The score ranges from 0 to 10.

Admission to Special Care Nursery or Neonatal Intensive Care for 4 hours or more

Name[s] in dataset	neomorb
Data Available	1994-2015
Description / notes	Was baby admitted to special care nursery or NICU for 4+ hours?

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Admitted to SCN/NICU due to birth defect

Name[s] in dataset	admbdef

Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Admitted to special care nursery

Name[s] in dataset	admitscn
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Admitted to neonatal intensive care unit

Name[s] in dataset	admitnic
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Admission to Special Care Nursery or Neonatal Intensive Care

Name[s] in dataset	scn_nic
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Was a birth defect the main reason for admission to SCN/NICU?

Name[s] in dataset	nic_bdef
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated
OTHER	Invalid data

Admitted to special care nursery for observation only

Name[s] in dataset	scn_obs
Data Available	1998-2006

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes
9	Not stated

Resuscitation of baby (1998)

Name[s] in dataset	bresusci
Data Available	1998-2010

Codeset

Code	Description
1	None
2	Suction
3	Oxygen therapy
4	IPPR by bag and mask
5	Intubation and IPPR
6	External cardiac massage and ventilation
7	Other
9	Not stated

Resuscitation of baby (2011)

Name[s] in dataset	bresus2011
Data Available	2011 onwards
Description / notes	The category ‘CPAP ventilation’ was added in 2016.

Codeset

Code	Description
1	None
2	Suction
3	Oxygen therapy
4	IPPR by bag and mask
5	Intubation and IPPR
6	External cardiac massage and ventilation
7	Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) ventilation
9	Not stated

Vitamin K

Name[s] in dataset	vitk
Data Available	2006-2015
Description / notes	Was Vitamin K administered to baby?

Codeset	Code	Description
	1	Oral
	2	IM
	3	None
	9	Not stated

Hepatitis B birth dose

Name[s] in dataset	hepb
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	Hepatitis B birth dose administered to baby.

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No
	1	Yes
	9	Not stated

Baby's date of discharge or transfer

Name[s] in dataset	bdisdate
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Full date will only be supplied if sufficient justification is supplied.

Baby's discharge status (2006)

Name[s] in dataset	bdisch06
Data Available	2006-2015

Codeset	Code	Description
	1	Discharged
	2	Transferred
	3	Stillborn
	4	Died
	5	Transferred and died
	9	Not stated

Baby's discharge status (2016)

Name[s] in dataset	bdisch2016
Data Available	2016 onwards

Codeset	Code	Description
	01	Discharge by hospital
	02	Discharge own risk
	05	Transfer to other facility
	06	Death with autopsy
	07	Death without autopsy

88	Discharge from independent midwife care
99	Not stated

Baby's discharge status (recode)

Name[s] in dataset	bdisch_recode
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Derived variable providing lowest common denominator of the three versions of discharge status.

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Discharged
2	Stillborn
3	Neonatal death
4	Transferred
9	Not stated

Hospital of baby transfer

Name[s] in dataset	btrans
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Hospital that the baby is transferred to after birth

Perinatal death type

Name[s] in dataset	dthtype
Data Available	1994-2015
Description / notes	Perinatal outcome

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Not a perinatal death
2	Stillborn
3	Neonatal death
4	Postneonatal death
5	Death – age not stated
9	Not stated

Perinatal death type (recode)

Name[s] in dataset	dthtype_recode
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Perinatal outcome, with variable derived from other fields in 2016.

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Not a perinatal death
2	Stillborn
3	Neonatal death

4	Postneonatal death
5	Death – age not stated
9	Not stated

Baby's place of birth

Name[s] in dataset	placebth
Data Available	1994 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Hospital
2	Birth Centre
3	Planned BC/hospital admission
4	Planned home birth
5	Planned HB/hospital admission
6	Born before arrival
9	Not stated

Mother's discharge status (1994)

Name[s] in dataset	mdisch
Data Available	1994-2015

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Discharge
2	Died
3	Transferred
9	Not stated

Mother's discharge status (2016)

Name[s] in dataset	mdisch2016
Data Available	2016 onwards

Codeset

Code	Description
01	Discharge by hospital
02	Discharge own risk
05	Transfer to other facility
06	Death with autopsy
07	Death without autopsy
88	Discharge from independent midwife care
99	Not stated

Mother's discharge status (recode)

Name[s] in dataset	mdisch_recode
Data Available	1994 onwards

Description / notes	Derived as lowest common denominator from mdisch and mdisch2016.

Codeset

Code	Description
1	Discharge
2	Died
3	Transferred
9	Not stated

Hospital of mother transfer

Name[s] in dataset	mtrans
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	Hospital that mother is transferred to after birth.

Hospital maternity service level

Name[s] in dataset	level
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Maternity service level as per the NSW Ministry of Health Guide to the Role Delineation of Clinical services: https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/services/Publications/role-delineation-of-clinical-services.PDF .

Confinement based on first baby

Name[s] in dataset	xrank
Data Available	1994 onwards
Description / notes	Refers to a woman having given birth. Note: with a multiple pregnancy, one confinement will result in more than one birth

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No
1	Yes

Baby feeding on discharge – breast feeding

Name[s] in dataset	feed_bf
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	Indicates type of feeding on discharge from the birth hospital.

Codeset

Code	Description
0	No/not stated
1	Yes

Baby feeding on discharge – expressed breast milk

Name[s] in dataset	feed_ebm
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	Indicates type of feeding on discharge from the birth hospital.

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No/not stated
	1	Yes

Baby feeding on discharge – infant formula.

Name[s] in dataset	feed_if
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	Indicates type of feeding on discharge from the birth hospital.

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No/not stated
	1	Yes

Baby feeding on discharge – not applicable

Name[s] in dataset	feed_na
Data Available	2006 onwards
Description / notes	Indicates type of feeding on discharge from the birth hospital.

Codeset	Code	Description
	0	No/not stated
	1	Yes

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