**Perinatal Data Collection**

NSW Ministry of Health

# 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 forms 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.

# 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 or email: ethics@ahmrc.org.au).

# Tips for using the PDC in linkage studies

* 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.
* 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 data custodian 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.

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# Perinatal Data Collection – Variable information

| Variable | Description/Notes | Codes |
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| Year of birth[year] | Available from 1994.Year of birth, based on baby’s date of birth. |  |
| Mother’s date of birth[mdob] | Available from 1994 onwards.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 [age] | Available from 1994 onwards.Age in completed years. |  |
| Mother’s age group[agegrp] | Available from 1994 onwards.Age in five year grouping. | 3 = 10-14 years4 = 15-19 years5 = 20-24 years6 = 25-29 years7 = 30-34 years8 = 35-39 years9 = 40-44 years10 = 45-49 years11 = 50-54 years12 = 55-59 years19 = Not stated |
| Mother’s country of birth[cob] | Available from 1994 to 2015.Mother’s country of birth. | Codes are the Australian Bureau of Statistics 4 digit country of birth names  |
| Mother’s country of birth[cobsacc] | Available from 2002 onwards.Mother’s country of birth. | Codes are the Australian Bureau of Statistics 4 digit country of birth names  |
| Mother’s country of birth[cobsacc2011] | Available from 2016 onwards.Mother’s country of birth, defined using the Australian Bureau of Statistics classification of Countries 2011. | Codes are the Australian Bureau of Statistics 4 digit country of birth names .See ABS Cat. No. 1269.0 – Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), 2011 for further information on the classification schema. |
| Mother’s Aboriginality[aborigin\_mum\_recode] | Available from 1994.See notes above regarding access to this variable. Information on the quality of reporting is routinely reported via HealthStats NSW (link: <http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/dqi_era_pdc/dqi_era_pdc>). From 2016, variable has been derived from Mother’s Indigenous status. | 1 = Aboriginal or TSI2 = Non-Aboriginal9 = Not stated |
| Mother’s Indigenous status[abtsi\_mum] | Available from 1998 onwards.See notes above regarding access to this variable. From 2016, item included response category ‘Declined to respond’. | 1 = Aboriginal2 = Torres Strait Islander3 = Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander4 = None of the above8 = Declined to respond9 = Not stated |
| Mother’s marital status[maritaly] | Available from 1994 to 1997. | 1 = Married (inc. de facto)2 = Never married3 = Divorced, separated or married9 = Not stated\*\*OTHER\*\* = Invalid data |
| Hospital of birth[hoscode] | Available from 1994.Hospital of birth.  | Code lists are updated regularly. If information on specific facilities is required, these should be specified by name. |
| Health Area of hospital[ahshos\_2005\_code] | Available from 1994 to 2010.Health Area (2005) of hospital. Not available from 2011 onwards | See Attachment 1 – Area Health Services |
| Local Health District of hospital[lhdhosp\_2010\_code] | Available from 1994 onwards.Local Health District of hospital. Code XPRV refers to private hospitals. | See Attachment 2 – Local Health Districts |
| Mother’s SLA of residence[sla\_2011\_code, sla\_2001\_code, sla\_2006\_code, sla\_1996\_code] | Availability noted below.Mother’s Statistical Local Area of residenceSla\_1996\_code – 2000 to 2015Sla\_2001\_code – 2000 to 2015Sla\_2006\_code – 1994 onwardsSla\_2011\_code – 2000 onwardsNote: prior to 2016, non-NSW residents were coded to state and territory codes described in attachment 2 – Local Health Districts. | Codes are according to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) issued by the Australian Bureau of Statistics [http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1216.0](http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs%40.nsf/mf/1216.0) . |
| Mother’s Statistical area 2 of residence[sa2\_2011\_code] | Available from 2000 onwards.Note: from 2000 to 2015, non-NSW residents were coded to state and territory codes described in attachment 2 – Local Health Districts. | Codes are according to ABS Cat. No. 1270.0.55.001 – Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): volume 1 – Main structure and greater capital city statistical areas, July 2011. |
| Mother’s Statistical area 3 of residence[sa3\_2011\_code] | Available from 2000 onwards.Note: from 2000 to 2015, non-NSW residents were coded to state and territory codes described in attachment 2 – Local Health Districts. | Codes are according to ABS Cat. No. 1270.0.55.001 – Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): volume 1 – Main structure and greater capital city statistical areas, July 2011. |
| Mother’s Statistical area 4 of residence[sa4\_2011\_code] | Available from 2000 onwards.Note: from 2000 to 2015, non-NSW residents were coded to state and territory codes described in attachment 2 – Local Health Districts. | Codes are according to ABS Cat. No. 1270.0.55.001 – Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): volume 1 – Main structure and greater capital city statistical areas, July 2011. |
| Mother’s area of residence (2005 standard)[ahs\_2005\_code] | Available from 1994 to 2015. | See Attachment 1 – Area Health Services |
| Mother’s remoteness area of residence [ra\_2011\_code] | Available from 2000 onwards.Note: Remoteness area codes have only been assigned to records related to NSW residents. | Codes are according to ABS Cat. No. 1270.0.55.005 – Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 5 – Remoteness Structure.  |
| Mother’s Local Health District of residence[lhd\_2010\_code] | Available from 1994 onwards. | See Attachment 2 – Local Health Districts |
| Mother’s primary health network of residence[phn\_2015\_code] | Available from 1994 onwards. | See Attachment 4 – Primary Healthcare Networks |
| Hospital Insurance status[hospins] | Available from 1994 to 1997. | 1 = Yes (Private)2 = No (Public)9 = Not stated |
| Baby’s date of birth[bdob] | Available from 1994 onwards.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[lmpdate] | Available from 1994 to 2006.Date of last menstrual period. Full date will only be supplied if sufficient justification is supplied that gestational age is insufficient. |  |
| Expected date of confinement [edcdate] | Available from 2006 onwards.Full date will only be supplied if sufficient justification is supplied that gestational age is insufficient. |  |
| Previous pregnancy >20 weeks gestation?[prevpreg] | Available from 1994 onwards.Previous pregnancy greater than 20 weeks gestation | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Number of previous pregnancies[pregnum] | Available from 1994 onwards.Number of previous pregnancies greater than 20 weeks gestation |  |
| Was last birth by caesarean section?[csbirth] | Available from 1998 onwards. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Total number of previous caesarean section[cstotal] | Available from 1998 onwards. |  |
| Amniocentesis (<20 weeks)[oamn] | Available from 1994 to 2006. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| CVS (<20 weeks)[ocvsonly] | Available from 1994 to 2006.Chorionic villus sampling. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Cervical suture[OCS] | Available from 1994 to 1997.Cervical suture? | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
|  Antenatal care[anc] | Available from 2006 onwards.Was antenatal care received? | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Duration of pregnancy (weeks) at first antenatal visit[ancare] | Available from 1994 to 2010.Duration of pregnancy at first antenatal visit. |  |
| Duration of pregnancy (weeks) at first antenatal visit [ancare2011] | Available from 2011 onwards .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. |  |
| Number of antenatal visits[ancarenum] | Available from 2011 onwards. |  |
| Not booked[notbook] | Available from 1994 to 2006. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Smoking during pregnancy[smoke] | Available from 1994 to 2010.Did the mother smoke at all during pregnancy?  | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Smoking during first half of pregnancy[smoke1st] | Available from 2011 onwards.Did the mother smoke during the first half of pregnancy?  | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Cigarettes per day during the first half pregnancy[smoke1stgp\_recode] | Available from 2011 onwards.How many cigarettes each day on average were smoked in the first half of pregnancy. | 0 = Did not smoke1 = Less than 1 per day2 = 1-10 per day3 = More than 10 per day4 = Unknown9 = Not-stated |
| Number of cigarettes smoked on average per day during the first half of pregnancy[smokeqty1st] | Available from 2011 onwards. |  |
| Smoking during the second half of pregnancy[smoke2nd] | Available from 2011 onwards.Did the mother smoke during the second half of pregnancy?  | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Cigarettes per day 2nd half pregnancy[smokeqty] | Available from 1994 to 2010.How many cigarettes each day on average were smoked in the second half of pregnancy**.** | 1 = None2 = More than 10 per day3 = 1-10 per day4 = Unknown8 = Did not smoke during pregnancy9 = Not stated |
| Cigarettes per day during the second half pregnancy[smoke2ndgp\_recode] | Available from 2011 onwards.How many cigarettes each day on average were smoked in the second half of pregnancy. | 0 = Did not smoke1 = Less than 1 per day2 = 1-10 per day3 = More than 10 per day4 = Unknown9 = Not-stated |
| Number of cigarettes smoked on average per day during the second half of pregnancy[smokeqty2nd] | Available from 2011 onwards. |  |
| Mother’s height[mheight] | Collected from 2016 onwards.Mother’s height in centimetres (measured). |  |
| Mother’s weight[mweight] | Collected from 2016 onwards.Mother’s weight in kilograms (measured) as recorded in the first trimester of pregnancy. |  |
| Maternal diabetes mellitus[mdiab] | Maternal diabetes mellitus—pre-existing diabetes | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Gestational diabetes[odiab] | Available from 1994 to 2015.Gestational diabetes | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Type of diabetes[mdiab2016] | Available from 2016.Type of diabetes. It is noted that there was a large increase in gestational diabetes mellitus when comparing 2015 and 2016 rates. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable1 = Type 1 diabetes mellitus2 = Type 2 diabetes mellitus3 = Gestational diabetes mellitus4 = Other types of diabetes9 = Not stated |
| Eclampsia[ehyper] | Collected from 2016 onwards.Mother hypertension eclampsia flag | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Chronic hypertension[mhyper] | Available from 1994 onwards.Chronic maternal hypertension | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pregnancy-induced hypertension[ohyper] | Available from 1994 to 2006.Pregnancy-induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pregnancy-induced hypertension – proteinuric[ohyp\_p] | Available from 2006 onwards.From 2011, condition is described as pre-eclampsia. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pregnancy-induced hypertension – non-proteinuric [ohyp\_np] | Available from 2006 onwards.From 2011, condition is described as gestational hypertension. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Antepartum haemorrhage (any cause)[aph] | Available from 1994 to 1997.Antepartum haemorrhage of any cause. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Antepartum Haemorrhage (cause unknown)[oaphcu] | Available from 1994 to 1997.Antepartum haemorrhage (APH) of unknown cause. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Antepartum Haemorrhage (due to placenta abruptio)[oaphpa] | Available from 1994 to 1997.Antepartum haemorrhage due to placenta abruptio. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Antepartum Haemorrhage (due to placenta praevia)[oaphpp] | Available from 1994 to 1997.Antepartum haemorrhage due to placenta praevia. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Any obstetric complication [obsc] | Available from 1994 to 1997.Any obstetric complication. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Any obstetric complication [obsc98] | Available from 1998 to 2005.Any obstetric complication. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Blood group iso-immunisation[oiso] | Available from 1994 to 1997.Blood group iso-immunisation. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pre-labour rupture of membranes (>24 hours)[oprom] | Available from 1994 to 1997.Pre-labour rupture of membranes (>24 hours). | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Threatened premature labour[otmc] | Available from 1994 to 1997. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Maternal Hepatitis B[mhepb] | Available from 1994 to 1997.Mothers who are hepatitis B positive. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Maternal Hepatitis B[hepbsag] | Available from 2011 onwards.Mothers who are hepatitis B surface antigen positive.  | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Major puerperal infection[infectn] | Available from 1994 to 1997. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Third degree tear[tear] | Available from 1994 to 1997. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Shoulder dystocia[shodys] | Available from 1994 to 1997. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Retained placenta[retpla] | Available from 1994 to 1997. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Post-partum haemorrhage[pph] | Available from 2016.Flag indicating whether the mother experienced a post-partum haemorrhage. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Blood transfusion flag[bloodtx] | Available from 2016.Flag indicating whether the mother received a blood transfusion. Only asked of mothers who answered ‘yes’ to post-partum haemorrhage. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Estimated blood loss [bloodvol] | Available from 2016.Estimated blood loss following post-partum haemorrhage. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable1 = 500-999mls2 = 1,000-1,499mls3 = 1,500mls or more9 = Unknown |
| Post-partum haemorrhage requiring blood transfusion[pphtf] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Note: This variable was originally called ‘pph’, but was renamed in 2016 to align with changes in underlying data concepts. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Post-partum haemorrhage requiring blood transfusion[pphtf\_recode] | Available from 2006 onwards.The variable pphtf\_recode has been derived using information from the variables ‘bloodtx’ and ‘bloodvol’ to recreate this measure. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Baby length of stay[blos\_recode] | Available from 1994.Baby’s length of stay in hospital. |  |
| Labour onset[labons] | Available from 1994.Onset of labour | 1 = Spontaneous2 = Induced3 = No labour9 = Not stated |
| Induction and augmentation of labour[labind] | Available from 1994 to 2015.Induction and augmentation of labour | 1 = Spontaneous2 = Spontaneous augmented with ARM3 = Spontaneous augmented with oxytocics/PGs4 = No labour5 = Induced - oxytocics/PGs6 = Induced - ARM only7 = Induced - ARM+oxytocics/PGs8 = Induced - other9 = Not stated |
| Induction and augmentation of labour[labind\_recode] | Available from 1994 onwards.Induction and augmentation of labour | 1 = Spontaneous2 = Spontaneous augmented with ARM3 = Spontaneous augmented with oxytocics/PGs4 = No labour5 = Induced - oxytocics/PGs6 = Induced - ARM only7 = Induced - ARM+oxytocics/PGs8 = Induced - other9 = Not stated |
| Induction/augmentation by ARM[arm] | Available from 1998 to 2015. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Induction/augmentation by other method[indaugot] | Available from 1998 to 2015. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Induction/augmentation by oxytocics[oxytocic] | Available from 1998 to 2015. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Induction/augmentation by prostaglandins[prostagl] | Available from 1998 to 2015. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Labour augmented by artificial rupture of membranes[labaugarm] | Available from 2016 onwards. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Labour augmented by oxytocins[labaugoxytocic] | Available from 2016 onwards. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Labour induced by artificial rupture of membranes[labinarm] | Available from 2016 onwards. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Labour induced by other means[labindot] | Available from 2016 onwards. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Labour induced by oxytocics[labinoxytocic] | Available from 2016 onwards. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Labour induced by prostaglandins[labinprostagl] | Available from 2016 onwards. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Main indication for induction/augmentation of labour[inducwhy] | Available from 1998 onwards.In 2016, the category ‘Blood group isoimmunisation’ was removed from the pick list of indications. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable01 = Diabetes02 = Hypertensive disease03 = Fetal distress04 = Fetal death05 = Chorioamnionitis06 = Blood group isoimmunisation07 = Prelabour rupture of membranes08 = Prolonged pregnancy (41+ weeks)09 = Suspected intrauterine growth restriction10 = Other |
| Pain relief: None[anal\_nil] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes  |
| Pain relief: Nitrous oxide[anal\_n2o] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pain relief: IM narcotics[anal\_im] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pain relief: Local to perineum[anal\_loc] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pain relief: Pudendal block[anal\_pud] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pain relief: Epidural/caudal block[anal\_epi] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pain relief: Spinal anaesthetic[anal\_spi] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pain relief: General anaesthetic[anal\_ga] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Pain relief: Other[anal\_oth] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Analgesia for labour: Nil[an\_l\_nil] | Available from 2006 onwards. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Analgesia for labour: Nitrous oxide[an\_l\_no2] | Available from 2006 onwards. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Analgesia for labour: Systemic opioids[an\_l\_im] | Available from 2006 onwards. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Analgesia for labour: Spinal[an\_l\_spi] | Available from 2006 onwards. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Analgesia for labour: Epidural/caudal[an\_l\_epi] | Available from 2006 onwards. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Analgesia for labour: Combined spinal-epidural[an\_l\_com] | Available from 2006 onwards. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Analgesia for labour: Other[an\_l\_oth] | Available from 2006 onwards. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Anaesthesia for delivery: Nil[an\_d\_nil] | Available from 2006 onwards. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Anaesthesia for delivery: Local to perineum[an\_d\_loc] | Available from 2006 onwards. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Anaesthesia for delivery: Pudendal[an\_d\_pud] | Available from 2006 onwards. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Anaesthesia for delivery: Spinal[an\_d\_spi] | Available from 2006 onwards. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Anaesthesia for delivery: Epidural/caudal[an\_d\_epi] | Available from 2006 onwards. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Anaesthesia for delivery: Combined spinal-epidural[an\_d\_com] | Available from 2006 onwards. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Anaesthesia for delivery: General anaesthetic[an\_d\_ga] | Available from 2006 onwards. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Anaesthesia for delivery: Other[an\_d\_oth] | Available from 2006 onwards. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Epidural anaesthetic[epidural] | Available from 1994 to 1997. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Presentation[present] | Available from 1994 to 1997. | 1 = Vertex2 = Other3 = Breech4 = Unknown9 = Not stated |
| Presentation[presen98] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 1 = Vertex2 = Breech3 = Face4 = Brow5 = Other9 = Not stated |
| Presentation[presen06] | Available from 2006 onwards.  | 1 = Vertex2 = Breech3 = Face4 = Brow5 = Shoulder/transverse6 = Other9 = Unknown presentation of fetus at birth |
| Type of delivery[delivery] | Available from 1994 to 1997. | 1 = Normal vaginal2 = Forceps3 = Forceps rotation4 = Vacuum extraction5 = Vaginal breech6 = Elective caesarean7 = Emergency caesarean9 = Not stated |
| Type of delivery[deliv98] | Available from 1998 to 2010. | 1 = Normal vaginal2 = Forceps3 = Vacuum extraction4 = Vaginal breech5 = Caesarean section9 = Not stated |
| Type of delivery[deliv2011, deliv2011\_code] | Available from 2011 onwards. | 1 = Normal vaginal2 = Forceps3 = Vacuum extraction4 = Vaginal breech – forceps5 = Vaginal breech – no forceps6 = Caesarean section9 = Not stated |
| Type of delivery[delivery\_recode] | Available for 1994 onwardsRepresents a lowest common denominator version of the mode of delivery variable collected since 1994. | 1 = Normal vaginal2 = Forceps3 = Vacuum extraction4 = Vaginal breech5 = Caesarean section9 = Not stated |
| Main indication for caesarean section[cswhy] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = Not applicable1 = Failure to progress: cervical dilatation not stated2 = Failure to progress: cervix 3cm dilated or less3 = Failure to progress: cervix more than 3cm dilated4 = Fetal distress5 = Other9 = Not stated |
| Main indication for caesarean section[cswhy06] | Available from 2006 to 2015. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable1 = Failure to progress: cervical dilatation not stated2 = Failure to progress: cervix 3 cm dilated or less3 = Failure to progress: cervix more than 3 cm dilated4 = Fetal distress5 = Elective Repeat Caesarean Section6 = Other Clinical Indication7 = Non-clinical indication9 = Not stated |
| Main indication for caesarean section[cswhy2016] | Available from 2016 onwards. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable01 = Fetal compromise02 = Suspected fetal macrosomia03 = Malpresentation04 = Lack of progress; less than or equal to 3cm cervical dilatation05 = Lack of progress in the first stage; 4cm to less than 10cm cervical dilatation06 = Lack of progress in the second stage07 = Placenta praevia08 = Placental abruption09 = Vasa praevia10 = Antepartum/intrapartum haemorrhage11 = Multiple pregnancy12 = Unsuccessful attempt at assisted delivery13 = Unsuccessful induction14 = Cord prolapse15 = Previous caesarean section16 = Previous shoulder dystocia17 = Previous severe perineal trauma18 = Previous adverse fetal/neonatal outcome19 = Other obstetric, medical surgical, psychological indications20 = Maternal choice in the absence of any obstetric, medical, surgical, psychological indications99 = Not stated |
| Main indication for caesarean section – recode[cswhy\_recode] | Available from 1998 onwards.Derived variable that combines ‘cswhy’ and ‘cswhy06’ into a single lowest common denominator field. | 0 = Not applicable1 = Failure to progress2 = Fetal distress3 = Other9 = Not stated |
| Perineal status[perineal] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 1 = Intact2 = 1st degree tear/graze3 = 2nd degree tear4 = 3rd degree tear5 = 4th degree tear6 = Episiotomy7 = Combined tear and episiotomy8 = Other9 = Not stated |
| Perineal status[perineal06] | Available from 2006 onwards. | 1 = Intact2 = 1st degree tear/graze3 = 2nd degree tear4 = 3rd degree tear5 = 4th degree tear6 = Other9 = Not stated |
| Episiotomy[episiot] | Available from 1994 onwards.Episiotomy | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Surgical repair of vagina or perineum[repair] | Available from 1998 onwards. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Third stage[stage3] | Available from 2006 onwards.Management of the third stage of labour. | 1 = Active2 = Physiological9 = Not stated |
| Model of care-antenatal: Private obstetrician[mod\_an\_ob] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-antenatal: Private obstetrician | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-antenatal: Hospital-based medical[mod\_an\_h] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-antenatal: Hospital-based medical | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-antenatal: General practitioner[mod\_an\_gp] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-antenatal: General practitioner | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-antenatal: Hospital-based midwife/midwives[mod\_an\_m] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-antenatal: Hospital-based midwife/midwives | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-antenatal: Independent midwife[mod\_an\_im] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-antenatal: Independent midwife | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-antenatal: Not applicable[mod\_an\_na] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-antenatal: Not applicable | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-birth: Private obstetrician[mod\_b\_ob] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-birth: Private obstetrician | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-antenatal: Hospital-based medical[mod\_b\_h] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-antenatal: Hospital-based medical | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-birth: General practitioner[mod\_b\_gp] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-birth: General practitioner | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-birth: Hospital-based midwife/midwives[mod\_b\_m] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-birth: Hospital-based midwife/midwives | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-birth: Independent midwife[mod\_b\_im] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-birth: Independent midwife | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Model of care-birth: Not applicable[mod\_b\_na] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Model of care-birth: Not applicable | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Main model of care – birth[mod\_birth\_main] | Available from 2016 onwards.The main model of care used during the birth period. | 01 = Private obstetrician02 = Private midwife03 = GP obstetrician04 = Shared care05 = Combined care06 = Public hospital care07 = Public hospital high-risk08 = Team midwifery09 = Midwifery caseload10 = Remote area11 = No formal care99 = Not stated |
| Main model of care – antenatal[mod\_an\_main] | Available from 2016 onwards.The main model of care used during the antenatal period. | 01 = Private obstetrician02 = Private midwife03 = GP obstetrician04 = Shared care05 = Combined care06 = Public hospital care07 = Public hospital high-risk08 = Team midwifery09 = Midwifery caseload10 = Remote area11 = No formal care99 = Not stated |
| Midwifery continuity of carer program[contcarer] | Available from 2011 to 2015.Whether the Mother was in a midwifery continuity of carer program for antenatal, birth and postnatal care. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Mother referred[ref\_mum] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Mother referred from another hospital | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Mother referral hospital[ref\_hos] | Available from 2006 to 2015.If mother referred from another hospital, hospital code. | Code lists are updated regularly. If information on specific facilities is required, these should be specified by name. |
| Referral prior[ref\_pre] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Referral prior to the onset of labour. | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Referral post[ref\_post] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Referral post onset of labour. | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Baby’s sex[bsex] | Available from 1994 onwards.Baby’s sex | 1 = Male2 = Female3 = Indeterminate9 = Unknown |
| Baby’s Aboriginality[aborigin\_bub\_recode] | Available from 2011 onwards. See notes above regarding access to this variable. Information on the quality of reporting is routinely reported via HealthStats NSW (link: <http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/dqi_era_pdc/dqi_era_pdc_baby> ). From 2016, field was derived from Baby’s Indigenous status. | 1 = Aboriginal or TSI2 = Non-Aboriginal9 = Not stated |
| Baby’s Indigenous status[abtsi\_bub] | Available from 2011 onwards.See notes above regarding access to this variable.From 2016, item included response category ‘Declined to respond’. | 1 = Aboriginal2 = Torres Strait Islander3 = Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander4 = None of the above8 = Declined to respond9 = Not stated |
| Plurality of birth[plural] | Available from 1994 onwards.The number of fetuses or babies from the pregnancy. On this basis pregnancy may be classified as single or multiple | 1 = Singleton2 = Twins3 = Tripletsetc9 = Not stated |
| Birth order[plurnum] | Available from 1994 onwards.The order of birth, | 1 = First2 = Second3 = Third etc9 = Not stated |
| Gestational age [gestage] | Available from 1994 onwards.Gestational age measured in completed weeks, based on the best clinical estimate. |  |
| Birthweight [bweight] | Available from 1994 onwards.The newborn infant’s first weight in grams, usually taken within the first hour of life. |  |
| APGAR score (1 min)[apgar1] | Available from 1994 onwards.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)[apgar5] | Available from 1994 onwards.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[neomorb] | Available from 1994 to 2015.Was baby admitted to special care nursery or NICU for 4+ hours? | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Admitted to SCN/NICU due to birth defect[admbdef] | Available from 1998 to 2006 | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Admitted to special care nursery[admitscn] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Admitted to neonatal intensive care unit[admitnic] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Admission to Special Care Nursery or Neonatal Intensive Care [scn\_nic] | Available from 2006-to 2015. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Was a birth defect the main reason for admission to SCN/NICU?[nic\_bdef] | Available from 2006 to 2015. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated\*\*OTHER\*\* = Invalid data |
| Resuscitation of baby[bresusci] | Available for 1998-2006 | 1 = None2 = Suction3 = Oxygen therapy4 = IPPR by bag and mask5 = Intubation and IPPR6 = External cardiac massage and ventilation7 = Other9 = Not stated |
| Resuscitation of baby[bresusci] | Available from 2006 to 2010. | 1 = None2 = Suction3 = Oxygen therapy4 = IPPR by bag and mask5 = Intubation and IPPR6 = External cardiac massage and ventilation9 = Not stated |
| Resuscitation of baby[bresus2011] | Available from 2011 onwards.The category ‘CPAP ventilation’ was added in 2016. | 1 = None2 = Suction3 = Oxygen therapy4 = IPPR: mask5 = IPPR: with intubation6 = External cardiac massage and ventilation7 = Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) ventilation9 = Not stated |
| Admitted to special care nursery for observation only[scn\_obs] | Available from 1998 to 2006. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Vitamin K [vitk] | Available for 2006 to 2015.Vitamin K administered to baby.  | 1 = Oral2 = IM3 = None9 = Not stated |
| Hepatitis B birth dose[hepb] | Available from 2006 onwards.Hepatitis B birth dose administered to baby.  | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Baby’s date of discharge or transfer[bdisdate] | Available for the period 1994 onwards. Full date will only be supplied if sufficient justification is supplied that age is insufficient. |  |
| Baby’s discharge status[bdisch] | Available from 1994 to 2006.Baby’s discharge status | 1 = Discharged2 = Stillborn3 = Neonatal death4 = Transferred5 = Transferred and died9 = Not stated |
| Baby’s discharge status[bdisch06] | Available from 2006 to 2015.Baby’s discharge status | 1 = Discharged2 = Transferred3 = Stillborn4 = Died5 = Transferred and died9 = Not stated |
| Baby’s discharge status[bdisch2016] | Available from 2016 onwards.Baby’s discharge status | 01 = Discharge by hospital02 = Discharge own risk05 = Transfer to other facility06 = Death with autopsy07 = Death without autopsy88 = Discharge from independent midwife care99 = Not stated |
| Baby’s discharge status[bdisch\_recode] | Available from 1994 onwards.Derived variable that provides a lowest common denominator of the three versions of discharge status. | 1 = Discharged2 = Stillborn3 = Neonatal death4 = Transferred9 = Not stated |
| Hospital of baby transfer[btrans] | Available from 1994 onwards.Hospital that the baby is transferred to after birth | Code lists are updated regularly. If information on specific facilities is required, these should be specified by name. |
| Perinatal death type[dthtype] | Available from 1994 to 2015.Perinatal outcome | 1 = Not a perinatal death2 = Stillborn3 = Neonatal death4 = Postneonatal death5 = Death – age not stated9 = Not stated |
| Perinatal death type[dthtype\_recode] | Available from 1994 onwards.Perinatal outcome, with variable derived from other fields in 2016. | 1 = Not a perinatal death2 = Stillborn3 = Neonatal death4 = Postneonatal death5 = Death – age not stated9 = Not stated |
| Baby’s place of birth[placebth] | Available from 1994 onwards.Place of birth | 1 = Hospital2 = Birth Centre3 = Planned BC/hospital admission4 = Planned home birth5 = Planned HB/hospital admission6 = Born before arrival9 = Not stated |
| Mother’s discharge status[mdisch] | Available from 1994 to 2015.Mother’s discharge status | 1 = Discharged2 = Died3 = Transferred9 = Not stated |
| Mother’s discharge status [mdisch2016] | Available from 2016 onwards. | 01 = Discharge by hospital02 = Discharge own risk05 = Transfer to other facility06 = Death with autopsy07 = Death without autopsy88 = Discharge from independent midwife care9 = Not stated |
| Mother’s discharge status[mdisch\_recode] | Available from 1994 onwards.Variable derived from ‘mdisch’ and ‘mdisch\_recode’. | 1 = Discharged2 = Died3 = Transferred9 = Not stated |
| Hospital of mother transfer[mtrans] | Available from 2006 onwards.Hospital that mother is transferred to after birth | Code lists are updated regularly. If information on specific facilities is required, these should be specified by name. |
| Hospital maternity service level[level] | Available from 1994 onwards.Maternity service level as per the NSW Ministry of Health’s *Guide to the Role Delineation of Hospitals* | See Attachment C – Maternity Service Level |
| Confinement based on first baby[xrank] | Available from 1994 onwards.Refers to a woman having given birth. Note: with a multiple pregnancy, one confinement will result in more than one birth | 0 = No1 = Yes |
| Baby feeding on discharge – breast feeding[feed\_bf] | Available from 2006 onwards.Baby feeding on discharge from the birth hospital. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Baby feeding on discharge – expressed breast milk[feed\_ebm] | Available from 2006 onwards.Baby feeding on discharge from the birth hospital. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Baby feeding on discharge – infant formula[feed\_if] | Available from 2006 onwards.Baby feeding on discharge from the birth hospital. | 0 = No/not stated1 = Yes |
| Baby feeding on discharge – not applicable[feed\_na] | Available from 2016 onwards.Indicates type of feeding due to the baby being transferred from the birth hospital  | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Vaccination in this pregnancy against pertussis[pertussis] | Collected from 2016.Whether the mother was immunised against pertussis in this pregnancy. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Vaccination in this pregnancy against influenza[influenza] | Collected from 2016.Whether the mother was immunised against influenza in this pregnancy. | 0 = No 1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Quit smoking in this pregnancy[smokequit] | Collected from 2016.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. | ‘ ‘ = Not applicable0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |
| Quit smoking at weeks gestation[smokequit\_gestage] | Collected from 2016.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. |  |
| Mother tested for HIV[HIVtest] | Collected from 2016.Flag describing whether or not the Mother was tested for HIV at some time during the current pregnancy. | 0 = No1 = Yes9 = Not stated |

# Attachment 1 – Area Health Services (AHS)

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| 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 |
| X900 | Ambulance Service of NSW |
| X910 | NSW Not Further Defined |
| X920 | Victoria |
| X930 | Queensland |
| X940 | South Australia |
| X950 | Western Australia |
| X960 | Tasmania |
| X970 | Northern Territory |
| X980 | Australia Capital Territory |
| X990 | Other Australian Territories |
| X997 | Overseas Locality |
| X998 | No Fixed Locality |
| X999 | Not Stated/Other |

# Attachment 2 – Local Health Districts

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| 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 |
| X180 | Forensic Mental Health Network |
| X170 | Justice Health |
| X910 | NSW not further specified |
| X920 | Victoria |
| X921 | Albury (Victoria in-reach)  |
| X930 | Queensland |
| X940 | South Australia |
| X950 | Western Australia |
| X960 | Tasmania |
| X970 | Northern Territory |
| X980 | Australian Capital Territory |
| X990 | Other Australian Territories |
| X997 | Overseas Locality |
| X998 | No Fixed Address |
| 9999 |  Missing |
| ‘ ‘  | Missing |

# Attachment 3 – Primary Healthcare Networks

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| **Code** | **Description** |
| **PHN101** | Central and Eastern Sydney |
| **PHN102** | Northern Sydney |
| **PHN103** | Western Sydney |
| **PHN104** | Nepean Blue Mountains |
| **PHN105** | South Western Sydney |
| **PHN106** | South Eastern NSW |
| **PHN107** | Western NSW |
| **PHN108** | Hunter New England and Central Coast |
| **PHN109** | North Coast |
| **PHN110** | Murrumbidgee |
| **PHN199** | NSW not further specified |
| **PHN921** | Network with Vic (Albury LGA) |
| **PHN990** | Location in Australia other than NSW |
| **PHN997** | Overseas locality |
| **PHN999** | Missing |

# Attachment 4 – Maternity Service Level

Level 1: local maternity service (no births), postnatal only for women with normal outcomes.

Level 2: small maternity services, normal‑risk pregnancy and births only. Staffed by general practitioners and midwives.

Level 3: country district and smaller metropolitan services, care for mothers and infants at normal‑ selected moderate risk pregnancies and births. Full resuscitation and theatre facilities available. Rostered obstetricians, resident medical staff and midwives. Accredited general practitioners‑specialist anaesthetist on call. Has Level 2b neonatal care.

Level 4: regional‑referral‑metropolitan district services. Birth and care for mothers and/or babies with moderate risk factors. Obstetricians and paediatrician available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Rostered resident medical staff, specialist anaesthetist on call. Has Level 2b neonatal care.

Level 5: regional referral‑metropolitan services, care for mothers and infants known to be at high risk. Able to cope with complications arising from these risk factors. Has Level 2a neonatal care.

Level 6: (tertiary)‑specialist obstetric services (supra regional). All functions‑normal, moderate and high-risk births. Has Level 3 neonatal intensive care.