

# Person—country of birth

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269686
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 27/07/2005 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 23/08/2010 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 01/11/2012 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 31/08/2016 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018 <a href="#">Youth Justice</a> , Standard 15/02/2022 <a href="#">Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board</a> , Standard 30/08/2022 <a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	The country in which the person was born.
<b>Context:</b>	Country of birth is important in the study of access to services by different population sub-groups. Country of birth is the most easily collected and consistently reported of a range of possible data items that may indicate cultural or language diversity. Country of birth may be used in conjunction with other data such as period of residence in Australia, etc., to derive more sophisticated measures of access to (or need for) services by different population sub-groups.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Person</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	A human being.

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the <i>Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender</i> and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) <i>Standard for Sex and Gender Variables</i> , which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.
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### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	Macquarie University 2003. <i>The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.</i> Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd
<b>Reference documents:</b>	Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <a href="https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx">https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx</a>  ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, <a href="http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument">http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument</a>

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Country of birth](#)  
**Definition:** The country in which an individual was born.  
**Property group:** [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

### Relational attributes

**Data Elements  
implementing this Data  
Element Concept:**

[Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 1998\) NNNN](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/06/2008

[Health](#), Superseded 01/10/2008

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2008

[Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2008\) NNNN](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/10/2011

[Health](#), Superseded 22/11/2011

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 13/10/2011

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 13/10/2011

[Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2011\) NNNN](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/10/2011

[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014

[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2016

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 13/10/2011

[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 08/03/2017

[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

[Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN](#)

[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023

[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022

[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

[Disability](#), Standard 15/12/2017

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2016

[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017

[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

[Person—country of birth, code NN\[N\]](#)

[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Recorded 11/08/2023

[Person—country of birth, text X\[X\(99\)\]](#)

[Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023