

# Person—preferred language

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269744
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 10/04/2006 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Superseded 10/08/2018 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 13/10/2011 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 01/09/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication.
<b>Context:</b>	Health and welfare services:  An important indicator of ethnicity, especially for persons born in non-English-speaking countries. Its collection will assist in the planning and provision of multilingual services and facilitate program and service delivery for migrants and other non-English speakers.

## 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/1200.0.55.012">http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012</a> <a href="http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012">http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012</a> <a href="http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012">Main+Features12016?OpenDocument</a>

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Preferred language](#)  
**Definition:** The language most preferred for communication.  
**Property group:** [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](#)

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Data element concept attributes

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### Relational attributes

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

- [Person—preferred language, code \(ASCL 2005\) NN{NN}](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/10/2011  
[Health](#), Superseded 13/10/2011
- [Person—preferred language, code \(ASCL 2011\) NN{NN}](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/10/2011  
[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 13/10/2011  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 27/06/2017
- [Person—preferred language, code \(ASCL 2016\) N{NNN}](#)  
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023  
[Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017
- [Person—preferred language, code NN](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/02/2006