

Person—year of first arrival in Australia, date YYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Year of arrival in Australia
METEOR identifier:	269929
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 04/05/2005 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 23/08/2010
Definition:	The year a person (born outside of Australia) first arrived in Australia, from another country, with the intention of staying in Australia for one year or more.
Data Element Concept:	Person—year of first arrival in Australia
Value Domain:	Date YYYY

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	YYYY
Maximum character length:	4

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: Actual year of arrival in Australia.

Recommended question:

In what year did you/the person first arrive in Australia to live here for one year or more?

(Write in the calendar year of arrival or mark the box if here less than one year)

Calendar year of arrival

Will be here less than one year

It is anticipated that for the majority of people their response to the question will be the year of their only arrival in Australia. However, some respondents may have multiple arrivals in Australia. To deal with these cases in self-enumerated collections, an instruction such as 'Please indicate the year of first arrival only' should be included with the question.


While agencies are encouraged to use the recommended question described above, it is acknowledged that this is not always possible in practice. For example, where the data collection is a by-product of the provision of a health or community service, the information may be ascertained using different means. However, the recommended question should be used wherever practically possible.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: The Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard for [Year of Arrival in Australia](#). (last viewed 05/12/2006)

Reference documents: The ABS standard for Year of arrival in Australia appears on the ABS website <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/4AD888364A44E87DCA25697E0018FE4C?opendocument> select Other ABS Statistical Standards/Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables/Cultural Diversity Variable.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Is re-engineered from  [Year of arrival in Australia, version 2, DE, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.5 KB)
No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module DSS Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008
[Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module NBPDS Health](#), Standard 03/12/2008

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on respondent being from a country that is not Australia.

[Cultural and language diversity cluster](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Dementia NBPDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2022

Conditional obligation:

This item should only be completed if Australia was not selected for the data element [Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN](#).

DSS specific information:

This data element should be collected in conjunction with the [Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA](#) data element as an indicator of the accuracy of the components of a reported date.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2011](#)
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

DSS specific information: In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this Data Element is ascertained for all persons who have indicated that their Country of Birth is not Australia.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2012-13](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

DSS specific information: In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this Data Element is ascertained for all persons who have indicated that their Country of Birth is not Australia.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2013-14](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

Conditional obligation: In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this Data Element is ascertained for all clients who have indicated that their Country of Birth is not Australia.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

The supplementary code Don't know (Code 9999) is used to process client data if a valid year of arrival is not provided.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2014-15](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

Conditional obligation: In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this Data Element is ascertained for all clients who have indicated that their Country of Birth is not Australia.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

The supplementary code Don't know (Code 9999) is used to process client data if a valid year of arrival is not provided.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2015-17](#)

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this Data Element is ascertained for all clients who have indicated that their Country of Birth is not Australia.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

The supplementary code Don't know (Code 9999) is used to process client data if a valid year of arrival is not provided.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2017-19](#)

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is ascertained for all clients who have indicated that their Country of Birth is not Australia.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

The supplementary code Don't know (Code 9999) is used to process client data if a valid year of arrival is not provided.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-](#)

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

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is ascertained for all clients who have indicated that their Country of Birth is not Australia.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

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