Person—reference person indicator (household), code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Reference person (household) |
| METEOR identifier: | 351201 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 31/08/2007 |
| Definition: | Whether a person is a reference person for a household. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—reference person status (household)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/406830) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/301747) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Boolean | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|  | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 9    Not stated/inadequately described  This code is not for use in primary data collections. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The household reference person is used as the basis for the identification of income units and families and the classification of the household.  Code 1 Yes: Record if a person is a reference person for a household.  Code 2 No: Record if a person is not a reference person for a household. |
| Collection methods: | Housing sector specific  Usually referred to as *Person 1, Main tenant* or *Tenant 1* on application or tenancy forms. Can also be referred to as the *Principal tenant*, *Household head* or where the dwelling is being purchased, referred to as the *Mortgagee*. Also includes single adults and lone parents. Person must be aged 16 or over.  All other persons should be coded to 2. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Origin: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary, Version 3. 2006. AIHW Cat. no. HOU 147. |
| Reference documents: | Australian Bureau of Statistics. Census Dictionary 2006. Cat no. 2901.0. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Person—relationship to household reference person, code NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/351307)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 27/04/2007 |