Proficiency in spoken English code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 695979 |
| Registration status: | [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the level of ability to speak English. |

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| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Very well |
|   | 2 | Well |
|   | 3 | Not well |
|   | 4 | Not at all |
| Supplementary values: | 7 | Not applicable |
|   | 9  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | CODE 7     Not applicableThis code is used for respondents who do not speak a language other than English for their first language spoken and/or do not speak a language other than English at home.CODE 9     Not stated/inadequately describedThis code is not to be used on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected. |
| Collection Methods: | A question on proficiency in spoken English is asked of respondents whose first language spoken is a language other than English, or those who speak a language other than English at home. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) Standards for statistics on cultural and language diversity 1999. ABS cat. no. 1289.0. Canberra: ABS.Viewed 27 October 2017, [http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1289.0](http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs%40.nsf/mf/1289.0). |
| Reference documents: | ABS 2016. Language standards, 2016. ABS cat. no. 1200.0.55.005. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 27 October 2017, [http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1200.0.55.005](http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs%40.nsf/mf/1200.0.55.005). |

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| Relational attributes  |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Proficiency in spoken English code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270771)[Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 01/03/2005[Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005[Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 10/02/2006 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Person—proficiency in spoken English, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695981)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2022[Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018 |