Employment status - acute hospital and private psychiatric hospital admissions

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000395   Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG

Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Effective date: 01-MAR-05

Definition: Self-reported employment status of a person, immediately prior to admission to an acute or private psychiatric hospital.

Context: The Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council Health Targets and Implementation Committee (1988) identified socioeconomic status as the most important factor explaining health differentials in the Australian population. The committee recommended that national health statistics routinely identify the various groups of concern. This requires routine recording in all collections of indicators of socioeconomic status. In order of priority, these would be: employment status, income, occupation and education.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: N

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain:
1	Unemployed / pensioner
2	Other

Collection Methods: In practice, this data item and current or last occupation could probably be collected with a single question, as is done in Western Australia:

Occupation?
For example:

- housewife or home duties
- pensioner miner
- tree feller
- retired electrician
- unemployed trades assistant
- child
- student
- accountant

However, for national reporting purposes it is preferable to distinguish these two data items logically.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Employment status - public psychiatric hospital admissions version 2
supersedes previous data element Employment status version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National minimum data set working parties

Comments: .

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Labour characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Admitted patient mental health   From 01-Jul-03 to
care