

Person—year of first arrival in Australia

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 269447

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.

Context: Client demographic and support needs:

This metadata item is an important indicator of cultural identity, and provides further information about the person's cultural values and practices which is significant in determining service type and support required. May also be used in conjunction with other socio-demographic data to indicate the background of the person, communication skills and their possible needs.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Person](#)

Definition: A human being.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: 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 *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd

Reference documents: Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx>

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, [http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012>Main+Features12016?OpenDocument)

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | Year of first arrival in Australia |
| Definition: | The calendar year in which an individual first arrived in Australia. |
| Property group: | Demographic/social/cultural characteristics |

Source and reference attributes

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Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | Person—year of first arrival in Australia, date YYYY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 |
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