Person—first language spoken

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 269743 |
| Registration status: | [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Standard 13/10/2011[Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 10/08/2018[Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 01/08/2005 |
| Definition: | The language the person identifies, or remembers, as being the first language that they could understand to the extent of being able to conduct a conversation. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Person](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268955) |
| 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%40.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main%2BFeatures12016?OpenDocument) |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [First language spoken](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269243) |
| Definition: | The language first used for oral communication. |
| Property group: | [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274643) |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Person—first language spoken, code (ASCL 1997) N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270306)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 29/04/2006       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 10/02/2006[Person—first language spoken, code (ASCL 2005) NN{NN}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/304131)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 13/10/2011       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/10/2011       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/05/2013[Person—first language spoken, code (ASCL 2011) NN{NN}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/460120)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 13/10/2011       [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/10/2011       [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 10/08/2018       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 13/10/2011 |