Person—preferred language

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269744
Registration status:	Aged Care, Standard 30/06/2023
	Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2006
	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
	Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018
	Housing assistance, Standard 13/10/2011
	Tasmanian Health, Standard 01/09/2016
Definition:	The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication.
Context:	Health and welfare services:
	An important indicator of ethnicity, especially for persons born in non-English-speaking countries. Its collection will assist in the planning and provision of multilingual services and facilitate program and service delivery for migrants and other non-English speakers.

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

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	[Preferred language](#)
Definition:	The language most preferred for communication.
Property group:	[Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

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Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

[Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2005) NN{NN}](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 13/10/2011
[Health](#), Superseded 13/10/2011

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[Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 13/10/2011
[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 13/10/2011
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 27/06/2017

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[Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/06/2017

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[Health](#), Superseded 08/02/2006