

Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 269880

Registration status: [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

Definition: The full name of the locality contained within the specific address of a person.

Context: In conjunction with the postcode, the data element Suburb/town/locality name is included as an alternative means of reporting information about the geographic location of the residence of a client, or an agency/establishment or where an event occurred. The preferred standard for reporting this information is by using a statistical local area (SLA) in conjunction with a State/Territory code. However, as some agencies may have difficulty allocating SLA codes to the residential locations of their clients without more computerised assistance than is currently available to them, agencies may be given the option of reporting this information by using Australian postcode plus Suburb/town/locality name.

Suburb/town/locality name may also be a component of a postal address.

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/1200.0.55.012>
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Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	Suburb/town/locality name
Definition:	The full name of the general locality containing the specific address.
Property group:	Location characteristics

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by Address—suburb/town/locality name Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023 Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022 Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired) , Standard 06/02/2012 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Early Childhood , Standard 09/03/2012 Health , Standard 07/12/2011 Homelessness , Standard 02/05/2013 Housing assistance , Standard 02/05/2013 Indigenous , Standard 13/03/2015 Tasmanian Health , Standard 01/09/2016 WA Health , Standard 19/03/2015 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022
Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:	Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name, text A[A(49)] Community Services (retired) , Superseded 25/08/2005 Health , Superseded 04/05/2005 Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name, text A[A(49)] Community Services (retired) , Superseded 06/02/2012 Early Childhood , Superseded 09/03/2012 Health , Superseded 07/12/2011 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Housing assistance , Superseded 01/05/2013