

Person—age (housing assistance), total years N[NN]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Age
Synonymous names:	Age
METEOR identifier:	270142
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing assistance, Superseded 10/02/2006
Definition:	The age of the person in years.
Data Element Concept:	Person—age (housing assistance)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total								
Data type:	String								
Format:	N[NN]								
Maximum character length:	3								
Supplementary values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>000</td><td>Less than one year</td></tr><tr><td>998</td><td>Relevant data not available from the jurisdiction</td></tr><tr><td>999</td><td>Unknown</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	000	Less than one year	998	Relevant data not available from the jurisdiction	999	Unknown
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Unit of measure:	Year								

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Record the age in single years (if aged under one year, record as 000). If year of birth is known (but date of birth is not) use the date 01/01 of the birth year to estimate age. If age (or date of birth) is unknown or not stated, and cannot be estimated, use code 999.
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Collection methods: Although collection of the date of birth allows more precise calculation of age, this is not feasible in some data collections and alternative questions are:

- Age last birthday?
- What was [your] [the person's] age last birthday?
- What is [your] [the person's] age in complete years?

Comments: In most community services data collections, age in years is often reported rather than derived from the metadata item [Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#). However, [Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#) is the preferred method for collection of age data.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

National Community Services Data Committee

Origin: ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995

ABS: 1996 Census Dictionary. Cat. No. 2901, 1996

AIHW: Data Standardisation Project for the development of a national unit record public housing data set, 1998

Home and Community Care Data Dictionary, Version 1, 1998

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes  [Age, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.5 KB) *No registration status*

Has been superseded by [Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Candidate 16/09/2016
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 29/04/2006
- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
- [Health](#), Standard 08/02/2006
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 05/09/2016
- [WA Health](#), Incomplete 22/08/2012
- [WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014