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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Age
Synonymous names:	Age
METEOR identifier:	270142
Registration status:	Housing assistance, Superseded 10/02/2006
Definition:	The age of the person in years.
Data Element Concept:	Person—age (housing assistance)
Value Domain:	Housing assistance total years N[NN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	String
Format:	N[NN]
Maximum character length:	3

	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	000	Less than one year
	998	Relevant data not available from the jurisdiction
	999	Unknown

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.
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) |
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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| **Related metadata references:** | Has been superseded by [Person—age, total years N[NN]](#)
[Children and Families,](#) Standard 22/11/2016
[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,](#) Standard 04/03/2014 |

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