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| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 10/02/2006 |
| Definition: | The age of the person in years. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—age (housing assistance)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269598) |
| Value Domain: | [Housing assistance total years N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270724) |

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| 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 | |



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| 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*](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270391). However,  [*Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY*](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270391) 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: | Has been superseded by [Person—age, total years N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/303794)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 22/11/2016  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 29/04/2006  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 21/05/2010  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/02/2006  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 10/02/2006  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 13/03/2015  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 05/09/2016  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 04/03/2014  Is re-engineered from  [Age, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273743)  (15.5 KB)  *No registration status* |