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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Indigenous status
Synonymous names:	Indigenous status
METEOR identifier:	270157
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Superseded 25/08/2005 Health, Superseded 04/05/2005
Data Element Concept:	Person—Indigenous status
Value Domain:	Indigenous status code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin
	2	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin
	3	Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin
	4	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

This metadata item is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) standard for Indigenous status. For detailed advice on its use and application please refer to the ABS Website as indicated in the Reference documents.

The classification for Indigenous status has a hierarchical structure comprising two levels. There are four categories at the detailed level of the classification which are grouped into two categories at the broad level. There is one supplementary category for 'not stated' responses. The classification is as follows:

Indigenous:

- Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin.
- Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin.
- Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

Non-Indigenous:

- Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin.

Not stated/ inadequately described:

This category is not to be available as a valid answer to the questions but is intended for use:

- Primarily when importing data from other data collections that do not contain mappable data.
- Where an answer was refused.
- Where the question was not able to be asked prior to completion of assistance because the client was unable to communicate or a person who knows the client was not available.

Only in the last two situations may the tick boxes on the questionnaire be left blank.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: The standard question for Indigenous Status is as follows:

[Are you] [Is the person] [Is (name)] of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

(For persons of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, mark both 'Yes' boxes.)

No.....

Yes, Aboriginal.....

Yes, Torres Strait Islander.....

This question is recommended for self-enumerated or interview-based collections. It can also be used in circumstances where a close relative, friend, or another member of the household is answering on behalf of the subject. It is strongly recommended that this question be asked directly wherever possible.

When someone is not present, the person answering for them should be in a position to do so, i.e. this person must know well the person about whom the question is being asked and feel confident to provide accurate information about them.

This question must always be asked regardless of data collectors' perceptions based on appearance or other factors.

The Indigenous status question allows for more than one response. The procedure for coding multiple responses is as follows: If the respondent marks 'No' and either 'Aboriginal' or 'Torres Strait Islander', then the response should be coded to either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as indicated (i.e. disregard the 'No' response).

If the respondent marks both the 'Aboriginal' and 'Torres Strait Islander' boxes, then their response should be coded to 'Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Origin'.

If the respondent marks all three boxes ('No', 'Aboriginal' and 'Torres Strait Islander'), then the response should be coded to 'Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Origin' (i.e. disregard the 'No' response).

This approach may be problematical in some data collections, for example when data are collected by interview or using screen based data capture systems. An additional response category

Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander...

May be included if this better suits the data collection practices of the agency or establishment concerned.

Comments: This metadata item is common to both the National Community Services Data Dictionary and the National Health Data Dictionary.

The following definition, commonly known as 'The Commonwealth Definition', was given in a High Court judgement in the case of Commonwealth v Tasmania (1983) 46 ALR 625.

'An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives'.

There are three components to the Commonwealth definition:

- descent;
- self-identification; and
- community acceptance.

In practice, it is not feasible to collect information on the community acceptance part of this definition in general purpose statistical and administrative collections and therefore standard questions on Indigenous status relate to descent and self-identification only.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Health Data Committee

National Community Services Data Committee

Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. Australian Bureau of Statistics, Canberra. Viewed 3 August 2005, http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/66f306f503e529a5ca25697e0017661f/204de801c48453e4ca25697e0018fe46!OpenDocument

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by Person—Indigenous status, code N
- Children and Families, Superseded 20/01/2021
- Community Services (retired), Standard 25/08/2005
- Disability, Superseded 29/02/2016
- Early Childhood, Superseded 24/07/2018
- Health, Superseded 19/11/2015
- Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018
- Housing assistance, Superseded 30/08/2017
- Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 01/11/2012
- Indigenous, Superseded 16/10/2017
- Tasmanian Health, Superseded 01/09/2016
- WA Health, Standard 04/03/2014
- Youth Justice, Superseded 23/03/2023

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No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Health care client identification
Health, Superseded 04/05/2005

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

Indigenous primary health care: PI23a-Number of regular clients with Type II diabetes who have had a blood pressure measurement result recorded, 2012
Health, Superseded 23/02/2012

Indigenous primary health care: PI23a-Number of regular clients with Type II diabetes who have had a blood pressure measurement result recorded, 2013
Health, Superseded 21/11/2013
Indigenous, Superseded 21/11/2013

Indigenous primary health care: PI23a-Number of regular clients with Type II diabetes who have had a blood pressure measurement result recorded, 2014
Health, Superseded 13/03/2015
Indigenous, Superseded 13/03/2015

Indigenous primary health care: PI23b-Proportion of regular clients with Type II diabetes who have had a blood pressure measurement result recorded, 2012
Health, Superseded 23/02/2012

Indigenous primary health care: PI23b-Proportion of regular clients with Type II diabetes who have had a blood pressure measurement result recorded, 2013
Health, Superseded 21/11/2013
Indigenous, Superseded 21/11/2013

Indigenous primary health care: PI23b-Proportion of regular clients with Type II diabetes who have had a blood pressure measurement result recorded, 2014
Health, Superseded 13/03/2015
Indigenous, Superseded 13/03/2015

Indigenous primary health care: PI24a-Number of regular clients with Type II diabetes whose blood pressure measurement result was less than or equal to 130/80 mmHg, 2012
Health, Superseded 23/02/2012

Indigenous primary health care: PI24a-Number of regular clients with Type II diabetes whose blood pressure measurement result was less than or equal to 130/80 mmHg, 2013
Health, Superseded 21/11/2013
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Health, Superseded 13/03/2015
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Indigenous primary health care: PI24b-Proportion of regular clients with Type II diabetes whose blood pressure measurement result was less than or equal to 130/80 mmHg, 2012
Health, Superseded 23/02/2012

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Health, Superseded 13/03/2015
Indigenous, Superseded 13/03/2015

National Disability Agreement: f(1)-Rate of non-Indigenous persons and Indigenous persons admitted to permanent residential aged care, 2013
Community Services (retired), Standard 23/05/2013
Disability, Standard 13/08/2015

National Disability Agreement: f(2)-Number of non-Indigenous persons and Indigenous persons receiving permanent residential aged care services, 2013
Community Services (retired), Standard 23/05/2013
Disability, Standard 13/08/2015

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks (acute coronary events), 2015
Health, Superseded 08/07/2016

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks, 2013
Health, Superseded 30/04/2014

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks, 2014
Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

Used as Disaggregation

National Disability Agreement: j-Proportion of people with disability receiving income support, 2011
Community Services (retired), Superseded 05/03/2012

National Disability Agreement: j-Proportion of people with disability receiving income support, 2012
Community Services (retired), Superseded 23/05/2013

National Healthcare Agreement: PB e-Better health: by 2018, reduce the national smoking rate to 10 per cent of the population and halve the Indigenous smoking rate over the 2009 baseline, 2014
Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks (acute coronary events), 2015
Health, Superseded 08/07/2016

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks, 2013
Health, Superseded 30/04/2014

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks, 2014
Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

Used as Denominator

Indigenous primary health care: PI08b-Proportion of regular clients with a chronic disease for whom a Team Care Arrangement (MBS Item 723) was claimed, 2014
Health, Superseded 13/03/2015
Indigenous, Superseded 13/03/2015

Indigenous primary health care: PI08b-Proportion of regular clients with a chronic disease for whom a Team Care Arrangement (MBS Item 723) was claimed, 2015
Health, Superseded 05/10/2016
Indigenous, Superseded 20/01/2017

Indigenous primary health care: PI08b-Proportion of regular clients with a chronic disease for whom a Team Care Arrangement (MBS Item 723) was claimed, 2015-2017
Health, Superseded 25/01/2018
Indigenous, Superseded 27/02/2018

Indigenous primary health care: PI08b-Proportion of regular clients with a chronic disease who have received a Team Care Arrangement (MBS Item 723), 2012
Health, Superseded 23/02/2012

Indigenous primary health care: PI08b-Proportion of regular clients with a chronic disease who have received a Team Care Arrangement (MBS Item 723), 2013
Health, Superseded 21/11/2013
Indigenous, Superseded 21/11/2013