

Person—communication method, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Communication method
METEOR identifier:	270176
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 29/04/2006
Definition:	The method of communication, including sign language, most effectively used by the person, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—communication method
Value Domain:	Communication method code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0	Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)
	1	Little, or no effective communication
	2	Sign language
	3	Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. e-mail)
	4	Spoken language (effective)
	8	Other method of communication
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 0 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

This metadata item is considered 'not applicable' to children under 5 because of the difficulty in assessing communication at early developmental stages. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers only asks questions about difficulty and assistance with communication for people aged 5 years and older. Hence, children aged 0-4 years should be coded as '0'.

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999, Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary of Findings, Australia, 1998, Cat. no. 4430.0, ABS, Canberra.

Data element attributes

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Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2002. Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set collection: Data guide-data items and definitions 2002-03.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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