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| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 29/04/2006 |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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269643) |
| Value Domain: | [Communication method code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270753) |

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| 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 |

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| 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'. |

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| 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. |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| 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: | Has been superseded by [Person—communication method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/322186)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 27/04/2007  Is re-engineered from  [Communication method, version 1, DE, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273505)  (15.1 KB)  *No registration status* |