# Supported Accommodation Assistance Program client—homeless period, code N[NN]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| **Metadata item type:** | Data Element |
| **Short name:** | Homeless status-SAAP |
| **Synonymous names:** | Duration of current homelessness |
| **METEOR identifier:** | 270313 |
| **Registration status:** | Housing assistance, Retired 10/02/2006 |
| **Data Element Concept:** | Supported Accommodation Assistance Program client—homeless period |
| **Value Domain:** | Homeless period code N[NN] |

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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| **Representation class:** | Code | |
| **Data type:** | Number | |
| **Format:** | N[NN] | |
| **Maximum character length:** | 3 | |
| | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| **Permissible values:** | 1 | less than one week |
| | 2 | 1 week to 1 month |
| | 3 | 1-3 months |
| | 4 | 3-6 months |
| | 5 | 6-12 months |
| | 6 | 1-2 years |
| | 7 | 2-5 years |
| | 8 | more than 5 years |
| | 888 | at imminent risk |
| **Supplementary values:** | 0 | Don't know/no information |

## Collection and usage attributes

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| **Collection methods:** | If a client is unsure about the length of time spent in unsafe, insecure or inadequate housing, record as 0 'not stated/inadequately described'. |

## Source and reference attributes

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| **Submitting organisation:** | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

| **Guide for use:** | Current period of homelessness is only completed with the consent of the client and hence may not be representative of the entire Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) client population. |
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Prior to 1 July 2001, period of homelessness was recorded as either days, weeks, months or years and converted to a three digit integer representing the number of weeks each client had been homeless up to the start of the support period.

The duration since the last secure accommodation may under estimate the homelessness for some clients who pass in and out of homelessness (episodic homelessness) or it may record only the most recent runaway period of a young client who has runaway more than once. This is an acceptable compromise for statistical purposes.

| **Comments:** | This metadata item is called *Duration of current homelessness* in the SAAP data collection. It is question 14 on the client form. |
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## Source and reference attributes

| **Submitting organisation:** | Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection Agency |
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| | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| **Origin:** | SAAP National Data Collection Collectors Manual, July 2001 |
| | SAAP client form 2001-02 |

## Relational attributes

| **Related metadata references:** | Is re-engineered from [Homeless status SAAP, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (16.4 KB) |
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| | *No registration status* |