

# Person—age (community services), total years N[NN]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Technical name:</b>	Person—age (community services), total years N[NN]
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Age
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270370
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Superseded 30/09/2005</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The age of the person in (completed) years
<b>Context:</b>	Socio-demographic indicator.  The metadata item age is used in analyses of service utilisation by age group and comparisons with demographic statistics.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—age</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total				
<b>Data type:</b>	Number				
<b>Format:</b>	N[NN]				
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	3				
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>999</td><td>Unknown/not stated</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	999	Unknown/not stated
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<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Year				

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Age in single years (if aged under one year, record as zero).  If year of birth is known (but date of birth is not) use the date, 0101YYYY of the birth year to estimate age (where YYYY is the year of birth).  If age (or date of birth) is unknown or not stated, and cannot be estimated, use Code 9[99].
<b>Collection methods:</b>	Although collection of date of birth allows more precise calculation of age, this may not be feasible in some data collections, and alternative questions are: Age last birthday?  What was ..... age last birthday?  What is ..... age in complete years?

**Comments:**

In community services data collections, age in years is often reported rather than derived from the metadata item Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY.

Different rules for reporting data may apply when estimating the Date of birth of children aged under 2 years since the rapid growth and development of children within this age group means that a child's development can vary considerably over the course of a year. Thus, more specific reporting of estimated age is recommended.

Those who need to conduct data collections for children where age is collected in months, weeks, or days should do so in a manner that allows for aggregation of those results to this standard.

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:**

ABS, Statistical Concepts Library, Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables. Age. Reference through:  
<http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/StatsLibrary> and choose, Other ABS Statistical Standards, Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables, Demographic Variables, Age.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes  [Age, version 1, DE, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.1 KB) *No registration status*

Has been superseded by [Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/09/2016
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 29/04/2006
- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
- [Health](#), Standard 08/02/2006
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 05/09/2016
- [WA Health](#), Incomplete 22/08/2012
- [WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014

**Implementation in Indicators:****Used as Numerator**

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 17-The proportion of Indigenous children \(by geographic location as identified by the ASGC\), who are enrolled in \(and attending, where possible to measure\) a preschool program, 2012Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/06/2013