

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Technical name:	Person—age (community services), total years N[NN]
Synonymous names:	Age
METEOR identifier:	270370
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 30/09/2005
Definition:	The age of the person in (completed) years
Context:	Socio-demographic indicator. The metadata item age is used in analyses of service utilisation by age group and comparisons with demographic statistics.
Data Element Concept:	Person—age
Value Domain:	Total years N[NN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[NN]	
Maximum character length:	3	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	999	Unknown/not stated
Unit of measure:	Year	

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	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].
Collection methods:	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: Has been superseded by [Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[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](#), Standard 04/03/2014

Is re-engineered from  [Age, version 1, DE, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.1 KB)
No registration status

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, 2012](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/06/2013