

Person—living arrangement, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Living arrangement
METEOR identifier:	270385
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014
Definition:	Whether a person usually resides alone or with others, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—living arrangement
Value Domain:	Living arrangement code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Lives alone
	2	Lives with family
	3	Lives with others
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 2 Lives with [family](#):

If the person's household includes both family and non-family members, the person should be recorded as living with family. 'Living with family' should be considered to include de facto and same sex relationships.

On occasion, difficulties can arise in deciding the living arrangement of a person due to their type of accommodation (e.g. boarding houses, hostels, group homes, retirement villages, residential aged care facilities).

In these circumstances the person should be regarded as living alone, except in those instances in which they are sharing their own private space/room within the premises with a significant other (e.g. partner, sibling, close friend).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: Generally this metadata item is collected for the person's usual living arrangement, but may also, if required, be collected for a person's main living arrangement or living arrangement at a particular time reference point.

Comments: It is important to record the type of living arrangement for a person in order to develop a sense of the level of support, both physically and emotionally, to which a person may have access.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Commonwealth and State/Territory Home and Community Care Officials

Origin: National Health Data Committee

National Community Services Data Committee

Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services 1998. Home and Community Care Data Dictionary. Version 1.0. Canberra: DHFS.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Is re-engineered from  [Living arrangement, version 3, DE, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.6 KB)

No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 14/12/2008

DSS specific information:

The CSTDA NMDS defines 'usual' as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average. If it is difficult to determine the person's 'usual' residential setting for the reporting period, the setting the person resided in during the reference week, and their living arrangements in that setting, should be reported.

In most instances, homeless people should be coded as living alone.

People living in residential settings such as group homes and hostels may consider that they live alone or live with others. The expressed views of the service user should be used to determine whether they live alone or with others.

Code 3 Lives with others includes sharing with friends or a carer (where the carer is not a family member).

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS \(July 2008\) Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 11/11/2009

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[Disability services carer details cluster Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Disability services client details cluster Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013

[Disability, Standard 13/08/2015](#)

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

DSS specific information:

The DS NMDS defines 'usual' as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average. If it is difficult to determine the person's 'usual' residential setting for the reporting period, the setting the person resided in during the reference week, and their living arrangements in that setting, should be reported.

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[Disability Services NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

DSS specific information:

The DS NMDS defines 'usual' as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average. If it is difficult to determine the person's 'usual' residential setting for the reporting period, the setting the person resided in during the reference week, and their living arrangements in that setting, should be reported.

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[Disability Services NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

DSS specific information:

The DS NMDS defines 'usual' as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average. If it is difficult to determine the person's 'usual' residential setting for the reporting period, the setting the person resided in during the reference week, and their living arrangements in that setting, should be reported.

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[Disability Services NMDS 2012-14](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

The DS NMDS defines 'usual' as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average. If it is difficult to determine the person's 'usual'

residential setting for the reporting period, the setting the person resided in during the reference week, and their living arrangements in that setting, should be reported.

The service user's living arrangements must relate to the same place described in the '[service user postcode](#)' and '[residential setting](#)'.

People living in residential settings such as group homes and hostels may consider that they live alone or live with others. The expressed views of the service user should be used to determine whether they live alone or with others.

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[Disability Services NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

DSS specific information:

The Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS) defines 'usual' as where the person usually resides for four or more days per week on average. If it is difficult to determine the person's 'usual' residential setting for the reporting period, the setting the person resided in during the reference week, and their living arrangements in that setting, should be reported.

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[Disability Services NMDS 2015–16](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

DSS specific information:

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The [service user's](#) living arrangements must relate to the same place described in the '[service user postcode \(Address—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}\)](#)' and '[Person—residential setting, NDA code N\[N\]](#)'.

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[Disability Services NMDS 2016–17](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

DSS specific information:

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[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

The Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS) defines 'usual' as where the person resides for four or more days per week on average. If it is difficult to determine the person's 'usual' residential setting for the reporting period, the setting the person resided in during the reference week, and their living arrangements in that setting, should be reported.

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People living in residential settings such as group homes and hostels may consider that they live alone or live with others. The expressed views of the service user should be used to determine whether they live alone or with others.

Code 2 'Lives with family' includes living with parents, a partner (married, de facto and same sex relationships), male relatives (sons, brothers, uncles, nephews, male cousins, grandfathers, male grandchildren, step sons and so on), female relatives (daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces, female cousins, grandmothers, female grandchildren, step daughters and so on) and foster family.

Code 3 'Lives with others' includes sharing with friends or a carer (where the carer is not a family member).

[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](#)

[Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

DSS specific information:

The Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS) defines 'usual' as where the person resides for four or more days per week on average. If it is difficult to determine the person's 'usual' residential setting for the reporting period, the setting the person resided in during the reference week, and their living arrangements in that setting, should be reported.

The **service user's** living arrangements must relate to the same place described in the service user postcode ('[Address—Australian postcode, code \(Postcode datafile\) NNNN](#)') and '[Person—residential setting, accommodation type \(NDA\) code N\[N\]](#)'.

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grandchildren, step daughters and so on) and foster family.

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[Home and Community Care MDS 2009](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 16/11/2009

Implementation start date: 11/05/2006