

Marital status code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	270666
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Superseded 09/12/2022 Housing assistance , Standard 10/02/2006 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Qualified 23/11/2015
Definition:	A code set representing the marital status of a person.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Never married
	2	Widowed
	3	Divorced
	4	Separated
	5	Married (registered and de facto)
Supplementary values:	6	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Refers to the current marital status of a person.
	CODE 2 Widowed
	This code usually refers to registered marriages but when self-reported may also refer to de facto marriages.
	CODE 4 Separated
	This code refers to registered marriages but when self-reported may also refer to de facto marriages.
	CODE 5 Married (registered and de facto)
	Includes people who have been divorced or widowed but have since re-married, and should be generally accepted as applicable to all de facto couples, including of the same sex.
	CODE 6 Not stated/inadequately described
	This code is not for use on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: The ABS standards for the collection of Social and Registered marital status appear on the ABS Website. Australian Bureau of Statistics. [Family, household and income unit variables. Cat. no. 1286.0.](#) Canberra: ABS.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Marital status code N](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Birth mother—marital status, code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013

[Person—adoptive parent marital status, code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013

[Person—marital status, code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 25/08/2005
[Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

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