

# Proficiency in spoken English code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270771
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 10/02/2006 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the level of ability to speak English.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	0	Not applicable (persons under 5 years of age or who speak only English)
	1	Very well
	2	Well
	3	Not well
	4	Not at all
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 0 Not applicable (persons under 5 years of age or who speak only English)  Not applicable, is to be used for people under 5 year of age and people who speak only English.  CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described  Not stated/inadequately described, is not to be used 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.
<b>Comments:</b>	The ABS advises that the most useful information provided by this metadata item is in the distinction between the two category groups of Very well/Well and Not well/Not at all.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Reference documents:</b>	Standards for Statistics on Cultural and Language Diversity 1999. Cat. no. 1289.0. Canberra: ABS.
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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Has been superseded by [Proficiency in spoken English code N](#)  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018  
[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 19/06/2024

**Data elements  
implementing this value  
domain:**

[Person—proficiency in spoken English, code N](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006