Proficiency in spoken English code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	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
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	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.
Comments:	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

Reference documents:	Standards for Statistics on Cultural and Language Diversity 1999. Cat. no. 1289.0. Canberra: ABS.

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Has been superseded by [Proficiency in spoken English code N](#)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