

# Living arrangement code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270889
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the living arrangement of a person.

## 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>	1	Lives alone
	2	Lives with family
	3	Lives with others
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	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

## Relational attributes

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Person—living arrangement, code N](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014