Age

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The age of the person in (completed) years

Context: Socio-demographic indicator.

The data element Age is used in analyses of service utilisation by age

group and comparisons with demographic statistics.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation N(NN)

layout:

Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: NOVAL Age in single years (if aged under one year, record

as zero).

Guide For Use: If year of birth is known (but date of birth is not) use the date,

0101YYYY of the birth year to estimate age (where YYYY is the year of birth). If age (or date of birth) is unknown or not stated,

and cannot be estimated, use Code 9(99).

Collection Methods: Although collection of Date of birth allows more precise calculation

of age, this may not be feasible in some data collections, and

alternative questions are:

Age last birthday?

What was ... age last birthday? What is ... age in complete years?

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Statistical Concepts Library,

Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables. Age.

Reference through:

http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/StatsLibrary and choose, Other ABS Statistical Standards, Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables, Demographic Variables,

Age.

Source Organisation:

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Comments: In community services data collections, age in years is often reported rather than derived from the data element Date of birth. Different rules for reporting data may apply when estimating the Date of birth of children aged under 2 years since the rapid growth and development of children within this age group means that a child's development can vary considerably over the course of a year. Thus, more specific reporting of estimated age is recommended.

> Those who need to conduct data collections for children where age is collected in months, weeks, or days should do so in a manner that allows for aggregation of those results to this standard.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Demographic characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element