Principal source of income

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDraftDD

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Definition: The source by which a person derives most (equal to or greater than

50%) of his/her income. If the person has multiple sources of income and none equal to or greater than 50%, the one which contributes the

largest percentage should be counted.

Context: The element is an indicator of the needs and circumstances of

individuals and sometimes used in assessment of income equity.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation N

layout:

Minimum Size: 1 Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 1 Earned

2 Unearned (other private)

3 Government pension/benefit/allowance

4 Other5 Nil income

6 Not stated/not known/inadequately described NOVAL Categories collected in individual community

services data collections should be mappable to the

above categories.

Guide For Use: A person with more than one source of income should be

categorised only to the data domain category which best describes their primary source of income. If there is more than

one source and they are exactly equal, list the source of

employment to which the person most identifies as a primary

occupation.

This question is not asked of persons aged under 15 years because they are generally dependants.

Collection Methods: Individual community services data collections may use more detailed categories for one or more of the above for program or service-specific purposes. For example, the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement MDS separately identifies disability support pension recipients and other pension/benefit recipients.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Bureau of Statistics: Directory of concepts and

standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995.

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Comments: Principal income source is collected in NIMS but this definition is

inconsistent with NIMS.

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Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Lifestyle characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element