

Very well

Well

Not well

Not at all

Generally this would be a self-reported question, but in some circumstances (particularly where a person does not speak English well) assistance will be required in answering this question. It is important that the person's self-assessed proficiency in spoken English be recorded wherever possible. This data element does not purport to be a technical assessment of proficiency but is a self-assessment in the four broad categories outlined above.

This data element is not relevant and should not be collected for persons under the age of 5.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Indigenous status version 1

relates to the data element Country of birth version 1

relates to the data element Interpreter services required version 1

relates to the data element Main language spoken at home version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: ABS Cultural and Language Indicators Pilot Study 1998
ABS Standard for cultural and Language Diversity (ABS Cat. no. 1289.0)

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Comments: Note: The ABS has found that many people overstate their English proficiency on the Census question (Dept of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, 1996 Classification of Countries into English Proficiency Groups).

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
