
Geographic indicator

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000573 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT
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Definition: A classification scheme that divides an area into mutually exclusive sub-areas based on geographic location.
Some geographic indicators are:
- Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC, ABS Cat. no. 1216.0)
- Administrative regions
- Electorates
- Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA)
- Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area Classification (RRMA)
- Country.
Context: To enable the analysis of data on a geographical basis. Facilitates analysis of service provision in relation to demographic and other characteristics of the population of a geographic area.
'Postcode-Australian' is not included in the above listing, as it is, strictly speaking, not a geographic indicator. Sometimes postcodes are used in the analysis of data on a geographical basis, which involves a conversion to Statistical Local Area (an Australian Bureau of Statistics geographical structure). This conversion results in some inaccuracy of information. However, in some data sets 'Postcode-Australian' is the only geographic identifier, therefore the use of other more accurate indicators (for example, conversion from 'Address line' to Statistical Local Area) is not always possible.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:
Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Geographic identifier version 1
relates to the data element Geographic location - SLA version 3
relates to the data element Postcode - Australian version 3
relates to the data element Australian State/Territory identifier version 4

relates to the data element concept Address version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Comments: .

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM

Address

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
