Year of arrival in Australia

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000543 Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The year a person (born outside of Australia) first arrived in

Australia, from another country, with the intention of staying in

Australia for one year or more.

Context: Client demographic and support needs:

This data element is an important indicator of cultural identity, and provides further information about the person's cultural values and

practices which is significant in determining service type and

support required.

May also be used in conjunction with other socio-demographic data to indicate the background of the person, communication skills and

their possible needs.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational DATE

form:

Representation YYYY

layout:

Minimum Size: 4
Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain: NOVAL Actual year of arrival in Australia.

Collection Methods: Recommended question:

In what year did you / the person first arrive in Australia to live

here for one year or more?

(Write in the calendar year of arrival or mark the box if here less

than one year)

Calendar year of arrival

Will be here less than one year

It is anticipated that for the majority of people their response to the

question will be the year of their only arrival in Australia. However, some respondents may have multiple arrivals in Australia. To deal with these cases in self-enumerated collections, an instruction such as 'Please indicate the year of first arrival only' should be included with the question.

While agencies are encouraged to use the recommended question described above, it is acknowledged that this is not always possible in practice. For example, where the data collection is a by-product of the provision of a health or community service, the information may be ascertained using different means. However, the recommended question should be used wherever practically possible.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Year of arrival in Australia version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: The ABS standard for the collection of Year of arrival in Australia

appears on the ABS Website. From the ABS Home page

(www.abs.gov.au) select:

About Statistics/About Statistical Collections (Concepts & Classifications)/Other ABS Statistical Standards/Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables/Cultural Diversity

Variable.

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Social-cultural characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element