
Living arrangement

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
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Definition: Whether a person usually resides alone or with others.
Context: It is important to record the type of living arrangement for a person in order to develop a sense of the level of support, both physically and emotionally, to which a person may have access.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: 1 Lives alone
 2 Lives with family
 3 Lives with others
 9 Not stated / inadequately described

Guide For Use: Code 2 Lives with family: If the person's household includes both family and non-family members, the person should be recorded as living with family. 'Living with family' should be considered to include defacto and same sex relationships.
On occasion, difficulties can arise in deciding the living arrangement of a person due to their type of accommodation (e.g. boarding houses, hostels, group homes, retirement villages, residential aged care facilities). In these circumstances the person should be regarded as living alone, except in those instances in which they are sharing their own private space/room within the premises with a significant other (e.g. partner, sibling, close friend).

