Date of birth

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000514   Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NCSIMG   Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Effective date: 01-SEP-03

Definition: The date of birth of the person.

Context: If the data element Age is not collected, this data element can be used to derive age for use both in comparisons with population data and in analysis of service use by age group. Date of birth can also be used as an aid to uniquely identify a client if other identifying information is missing or in question.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: DATE

Representation layout: DDMMYYYY

Minimum Size: 8

Maximum Size: 8

Data Domain: NOVAL   Valid date

Guide For Use: If date of birth is not known or cannot be obtained, provision should be made to collect or estimate age (in years) and a date of bith derived from this age using 0101 as DDMM if only year is known.

Collection Methods: It is recommended that in cases where all components of the date of bith are not known or where an estimate is arrived at from age, a valid date be used together with a flag to indicate that it is an estimate.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Age version 1
has been superseded by Int. NCSDD & NHDD Date of birth version 5

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: AIHW: 1999. National Health Data Dictionary, version 9.
Catalogue No. HWI 24. Canberra; AIHW.

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: Privacy issues need to be taken account in asking persons their date of birth.
Wherever possible and wherever appropriate in a community services context, date of birth should be used rather than age because the actual date of birth usually allows more precise calculation of Age.
Was ID. 000014 (500 added to avoid NHDD DE with same ID.).

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM   Demographic characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element