

# Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name, text A[A(49)]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Suburb/town/locality name (person)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	287326
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Superseded 06/02/2012</li><li>• <a href="#">Early Childhood</a>, Superseded 09/03/2012</li><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 07/12/2011</li><li>• <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Standard 23/08/2010</li><li>• <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Superseded 01/05/2013</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The full name of the locality contained within the specific address of a person, as represented by text.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Text
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	A[A(49)]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	50

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>The suburb/town/locality name may be a town, city, suburb or commonly used location name such as a large agricultural property or Aboriginal community.</p> <p>This metadata item may be used to describe the location of person. It can be a component of a street or postal address.</p> <p>The Australian Bureau of Statistics has suggested that a maximum field length of 50 characters should be sufficient to record the vast majority of locality names.</p>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	Enter 'Unknown' when the locality name or geographic area for a person or event is not known. Enter 'No fixed address' when a person has no fixed address or is <a href="#">homeless</a> .

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Origin:</b>	National Health Data Committee
	National Community Services Data Committee

**Reference documents:** AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia  
AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia  
Australia Post 2005. Australia Postcode File.  
Viewed 12 April, [www.auspost.com.au/postcodes](http://www.auspost.com.au/postcodes)

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X\[X\(45\)\]](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 10/08/2018
- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 09/03/2012
- [Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011
- [Homelessness](#), Standard 01/05/2013
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016
- [WA Health](#), Incomplete 23/08/2012
- [Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Is used in the formation of [Dwelling—geographic location, remoteness structure code \(ASGC 2004\) N\[N\]](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Retired 10/02/2006

Is used in the formation of [Person \(address\)—postal delivery point identifier, {N\(8\)}](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
- [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

Supersedes [Person \(address\)—suburb/town/locality name, text A\[A\(49\)\]](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 25/08/2005
- [Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - out-of-home care NMDS \(July 2007\)](#)[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 01/05/2008

#### *DSS specific information:*

In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element is collected a minimum of three times:

- the suburb/town/locality name where the child was living at the time of the notification;
- the full name of the general locality containing the specific residential address of the child immediately prior to their entry into their first ever out-of-home care placement; and
- the full name of the general locality containing the specific address of the out-of-home care placement.

[Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - out-of-home care NMDS pilot \(2008\)](#)[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 06/02/2012

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[Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS \(July 2007\)Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 01/05/2008

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In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element is collected a minimum of three times:

- the suburb/town/locality name where the child was living at the time of the contact;
- the full name of the general locality containing the specific residential address of the child immediately prior to their entry into their first ever out-of-home care placement; and
- the full name of the general locality containing the specific address of the out-of-home care placement.

[Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot \(2008\)Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 06/02/2012

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- the full name of the general locality containing the specific address of the out-of-home care placement.

[Children's Services NMDSCommunity Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 21/05/2010

***DSS specific information:***

In the Children's Services NMDS, this data element is only relevant to children who receive in-home child care services. It refers to the child's in-home address. It is used in conjunction with the data element *Postcode—Australian (person)*.

[Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module DSSHealth](#),  
Superseded 03/12/2008

***DSS specific information:***

For data collection using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), the suggested question is:

What is your suburb, town or community?

(Single response)

Enter town/suburb/community.

[Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module NBPDSHealth](#),  
Standard 03/12/2008

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What is your suburb, town or community?

(Single response)

Enter town/suburb/community.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2010Early Childhood](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2010

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2011Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012

***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2011

***DSS specific information:***

Should be reported for the usual residence of the child's parent or guardian. Do not report the post office box, suburb/town/locality name or other non-residential address of the child's parent or guardian.

[Health care client identification DSSHealth](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

***DSS specific information:***

This data should be verified against the Australia Post Postcode File (see [www.auspost.com.au/postcodes](http://www.auspost.com.au/postcodes)). Alternatively, contact State or Territory Health Authorities for Postcode files.

[Health care client identification DSSHealth](#), Retired 20/03/2013

***DSS specific information:***

This data should be verified against the Australia Post Postcode File (see [www.auspost.com.au/postcodes](http://www.auspost.com.au/postcodes)). Alternatively, contact State or Territory Health Authorities for Postcode files.

[Health care provider identification DSSHealth](#), Superseded 04/07/2007

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[Health care provider identification DSSHealth](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

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[Health care provider identification DSSHealth](#), Retired 20/03/2013

***DSS specific information:***

This data should be verified against the Australia Post Postcode File (see [www.auspost.com.au/postcodes](http://www.auspost.com.au/postcodes)). Alternatively, contact State or Territory Health Authorities for Postcode files.

[Juvenile Justice Detention file clusterCommunity Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 14/09/2009  
[Youth Justice](#), Recorded 23/05/2022

***Implementation start date:*** 24/09/2009

***DSS specific information:***

**Guide for use - Detention file**

A Suburb/Town/Locality may be a town, city, suburb or commonly used location name such as a large agricultural property or Aboriginal community. The name should be spelt correctly and consistently and should not be a juvenile justice detention facility.

Enter 'Unknown' where the locality name or geographic area is not known.

Enter 'No fixed address' where the young person has no fixed address or is homeless.

[Juvenile Justice NMDS 2007Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 19/05/2010

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2005

**DSS specific information:**

This data element refers to the suburb/town/locality name of the client's last known home address prior to coming under the supervision or case management of the agency.

This is to be recorded for each juvenile justice client on entry to each juvenile justice episode.

A question to be asked of juvenile justice clients may be 'where do you live?' or 'what was your most recent home address?'

A juvenile justice remand/detention centre should not be recorded as the last known home address. The data item refers to last known home address of the client prior to being held in a centre or on supervision.

[Registered chiropractic labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

**DSS specific information:**

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[Registered dental and allied dental health professional labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

**DSS specific information:**

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[Registered medical professional labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

**DSS specific information:**

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[Registered midwifery labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

**DSS specific information:**

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[Registered nursing professional labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

**DSS specific information:**

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[Registered optometry labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

***DSS specific information:***

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[Registered osteopathy labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

***DSS specific information:***

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[Registered pharmacy labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

***DSS specific information:***

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[Registered physiotherapy labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

***DSS specific information:***

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[Registered podiatry labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

***DSS specific information:***

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[Registered psychology labour force DSSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

***DSS specific information:***

In this dataset the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality of the residential address of a person.

[SAAP Client Collection National Minimum Data SetCommunity Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2011

***DSS specific information:***

In the SAAP NMDS, the suburb or town location of the client's last home is recorded. This is defined as the location where the client last lived in a home in which they were safe, for which they had security of tenure, and that was adequate in terms of the amenities or resources necessary for living.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2011Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011

**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- where the person lived one week before the first service contact (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY); and
- where the person lived the last time they had a permanent place to live.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2012-13Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is reported twice, for:

- where the person lived one week before the first service contact (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY); and
- where the person lived the last time they had a permanent place to live.