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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Suburb/town/locality name (person)
METEOR identifier:	287326
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Superseded 06/02/2012 Early Childhood, Superseded 09/03/2012 Health, Superseded 07/12/2011 Homelessness, Standard 23/08/2010 Housing assistance, Superseded 01/05/2013
Definition:	The full name of the locality contained within the specific address of a person, as represented by text.
Data Element Concept:	Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name
Value Domain:	Text A[A(49)]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	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. This metadata item may be used to describe the location of person. It can be a component of a street or postal address. 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.
Collection methods:	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 **homeless**.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:	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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name, text A[A(49)]](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 25/08/2005
[Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

Has been superseded by [Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X[X(45)]](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[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
[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

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
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) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations 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 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
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 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) client DSS Pilot (2010)](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011
DSS specific information: In the client file the suburb/town/locality of the child refers to their suburb/town/locality prior to first ever entry into care.

[Children's Services NMDS](#)
    [Community 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 DSS](#)
    [Health](#), 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 NBPDS](#)
    [Health](#), Standard 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.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2010](#)
    [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 07/06/2011
Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2011](#)
    [Early 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 DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008
DSS specific information: This data should be verified against the Australia Post Postcode File (see
[www.auspost.com.au/postcodes](#)). Alternatively, contact State or Territory Health Authorities for Postcode files.

[Health care client identification DSS](#)
[Health](#), Retired 20/03/2013
DSS specific information: This data should be verified against the Australia Post Postcode File (see
[www.auspost.com.au/postcodes](#)). Alternatively, contact State or Territory Health Authorities for Postcode files.

[Health care provider identification DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007
DSS specific information: This data should be verified against the Australia Post Postcode File (see
[www.auspost.com.au/postcodes](#)). Alternatively, contact State or Territory Health Authorities for Postcode files.

[Health care provider identification DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008
DSS specific information: This data should be verified against the Australia Post Postcode File (see
[www.auspost.com.au/postcodes](#)). Alternatively, contact State or Territory Health Authorities for Postcode files.

[Health care provider identification DSS](#)
[Health](#), Retired 20/03/2013
DSS specific information: This data should be verified against the Australia Post Postcode File (see
[www.auspost.com.au/postcodes](#)). Alternatively, contact State or Territory Health Authorities for Postcode files.

[Home and Community Care MDS 2009](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Recorded 16/11/2009
Implementation start date: 11/05/2006
DSS specific information:

In the Home and Community Care MDS, this data element refers to the full name of the suburb/town/locality in which the Care Recipient lives whilst receiving HACC services.

In conjunction with the data element Postcode, the data element *Suburb/town/locality* name is included in the HACC MDS as an alternative means of reporting information about the geographic location of the residence of a HACC client. The preferred standard for reporting this information is by using a statistical local area (SLA) in conjunction with a state/territory code (see *Australian state/territory identifier*). However, as some HACC agencies may have difficulty allocating SLA codes to the residential locations of their clients without more computerised assistance than is currently available to them, agencies are given the option of reporting this information by using the alternative standard of *Postcode* plus *Suburb/town/locality name.*

Reporting requirements:

The agency should report the most recent Suburb/town/locality name recorded for the client.

Information provided by the agency about the client's Suburb/town/locality name will be considered to be at least as recent as the Date of last update reported for the person. This is in line with the request that agencies assess and update the information they have about a person's Suburb/town/locality name at the beginning of each HACC service episode as well as at subsequent assessments/re-assessments within each HACC service episode.

The HACC MDS Version 2.0 does not include all data elements for full Address

information. A complete implementation of Address, including the related data elements, is currently under development in co-ordination with Standards Australia, ABS, the National Health Data Committee and the National Community Services Data Committee. Once national standards are developed, the HACC MDS will take these standards into account for future versions of the HACC MDS.

[Juvenile Justice Detention file cluster](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 14/09/2009
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 2007](#)
[Community 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.

[Living arrangements for children under care (LA) DSS Pilot (2010)](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011
DSS specific information: The suburb/town/locality name of the child's living arrangement.

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) DSS Pilot 2010](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011
DSS specific information:

In the Notifications, investigations and substantiations (NIS) cluster the data element refers to the suburb/town/locality name where the child was living at the time of the notification.

[Registered chiropractic labour force DSS](#)
[Health](#), 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 DSS](#)
[Health](#), 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 DSS](#)
[Health](#), 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 DSS](#)
[Health](#), 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 DSS](#)
        [Health,](#) 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 DSS](#)
        [Health,](#) 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 DSS](#)
        [Health,](#) 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 DSS](#)
        [Health,](#) 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 DSS](#)
        [Health,](#) 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 DSS](#)
        [Health,](#) 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 DSS](#)
        [Health,](#) 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 Set](#)
        [Community 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 2011](#)
        [Homelessness,](#) 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 2012-13](#)
        [Homelessness,](#) 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.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Disaggregation

[National Disability Agreement: b(2)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2010](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

[National Disability Agreement: c-Proportion of the potential population accessing disability services, 2010](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011