

Person—age

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	290402
Registration status:	Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired) , Standard 04/05/2005 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Health , Standard 04/05/2005 Housing assistance , Standard 17/06/2005 Indigenous , Standard 13/03/2015 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016 Tasmanian Health , Standard 05/09/2016 WA Health , Standard 06/03/2014
Definition:	The age of the person.
Context:	Age is a core data element in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Person
Definition:	A human being.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the <i>Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender</i> and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) <i>Standard for Sex and Gender Variables</i> , which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Macquarie University 2003. <i>The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.</i> Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd
Reference documents:	Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument

Property attributes

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Property:	Age
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Definition: The length of life or existence.

Property group: [Physical characteristics](#)

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Origin: Macquarie University 2003. The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed. Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty Ltd

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—age \(community services\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: [Person—age \(community services\), total years N\[NN\]](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 30/09/2005

[Person—age, total months N\[N\]](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/02/2006

[Person—age, total years N\[NN\]](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 29/04/2006
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
[Health](#), Standard 08/02/2006
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006
[Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 05/09/2016
[WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014