

# Person—age

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Person</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	A human being.

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	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

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	Macquarie University 2003. <i>The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.</i> Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd
<b>Reference documents:</b>	Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <a href="https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx">https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx</a>  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, <a href="http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012&gt;Main+Features12016?OpenDocument">http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument</a>

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Age</a>
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**Definition:** The length of life or existence.

**Property group:** [Physical characteristics](#)

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**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**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