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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	291112
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 03/12/2008
DSS type:	Data Set Specification (DSS)
Scope:	Key demographic set for use in Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) health surveys. It is intended to be used by anyone conducting population health surveys using the CATI mode, such as State/Territory government health agencies. This data set is to standardise demographic collection in all CATI surveys of health topics, such as CATI asthma and CATI diabetes surveys.
	The standardisation of the collection of health survey data is a major focus of the National Public Health Partnership (NPHP) work plan. The CATI demographic module DSS is not mandated for collection but recommended as best practice.

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	Population health surveys conducted by CATI

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Public Health Information Working Group.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module NBPDS Health, Standard 03/12/2008

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs

| | Household—gross income (annual), dollar range code N | Optional | 1 |

DSS specific information:

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

I would now like to ask you about your household's income. We are interested in how income relates to health, lifestyle and access to health services.

Before tax is taken out, which of the following ranges best describes your household's income, from all sources, over the last 12 months?

(Read options: Single response)

Less than $ 20,000

$ 20,000-$ 30,000

$ 30,001-$ 50,000

$ 50,001-$ 100,000

More than $ 100,000

Don't know/not sure

Refused

Where narrower ranges are required, household annual gross income may be collected in $ 10,000 ranges using the data element Household annual gross income range ($ 10,000 range).

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-	[Household—gross income (annual), ten thousand dollar range code N[N]](#)	Optional	1

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(Read options: Single response)

Less than $ 10,000

$ 10,000 - $ 20,000

$ 20,001 - $ 30,000

$ 30,001 - $ 40,000

$ 40,001 - $ 50,000

$ 50,001 - $ 60,000

$ 60,001 - $ 70,000

$ 70,001 - $ 80,000

$ 80,001 - $ 90,000

$ 90,001 - $ 100,000

Over $ 100,000

Don't know/not sure

Refused

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Person (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](#)	Optional	1

DSS specific information:

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

What is your postcode?

(Single response)

Enter Postcode

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name, text A[A(49)]](#)	Optional	1

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.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Person—age range, code NN](#)	Optional	1

DSS specific information:

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

Which age group are you in? Would it be.....

0-4

5-14

15-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

75 years or older

Refused

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Person—age, total years N[NN]](#)	Optional	1

DSS specific information:

In CATI surveys, age refers to completed age of respondent on day of interview.

If collecting age in single years is not possible, age may be collected as a range. Refer to the data element Person – age range, code NN.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Person—country of birth, code (SACC 1998) NNNN](#)	Conditional	1
-	[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)	Optional	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)	Optional	1

DSS specific information:

For data collection using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) the suggested questions are:

Q.1 Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

Yes - go to Q.2

No – no more questions

Q.2 Are you of Aboriginal origin, Torres Strait Islander origin, or both?

Aboriginal

Torres Strait Islander

Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Person—marital status, code N](#)	Optional	1

DSS specific information:

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

Which of the following best describes your current marital status?

(Read options. Single response. Interviewer note: 'De facto' equals 'Living with partner')

Married

Living with partner

Widowed

Divorced

Separated

Never married

Not stated/inadequately described (this category is not read out by interviewer)

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Person—sex, code N](#)	Optional	1

DSS specific information:

For data collections using the Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module DSS, only Codes 1 and 2 are collected.

For data collection using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) it is recommended that sex be ascertained by the interviewer on the basis of information already collected or other cues such as voice or name. If the interviewer is unsure of the respondent's sex the following question may be used:

As this interview is being conducted over the phone, I need to ask are you male or female?

Male

Female

(Interviewer note: If respondent provides any response that can't be categorised to male or female, terminate interview.)

| - | [Person—year of first arrival in Australia, date YYYY](#) | Optional | 1 |