Primary carer

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| Synonymous names: | Principle carer |
| METEOR identifier: | 348626 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 10/01/2007 |
| Definition: | A person who provides the most informal assistance, in terms of help of supervision, to a person with one or more disabilities. |
| Context: | Disability, ageing and carers. |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Collection methods: | Assistance provided by a primary carer has to be ongoing, or likely to be ongoing, for at least six months and be provided for one or more of the core activities (communication, mobility and self care). |
| Comments: | In the ABS Disability, Ageing and Carers survey (2003), primary carers only include persons aged 15 years and over for whom a personal interview was conducted. Person aged 15 to 17 were only interviewed personally if parental persmission was granted. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. |
| Origin: | Australian Bureau of Statistics. Disability, Ageing and Carers: summary of findings. 2003. |