

Record—linkage key, code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYYYN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Statistical linkage key 581
METEOR identifier:	349895
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 21/05/2010 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 23/08/2010 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Health , Superseded 25/01/2018 Homelessness , Superseded 10/08/2018
Definition:	A key that enables two or more records belonging to the same individual to be brought together. It is represented by a code consisting of the second, third and fifth characters of a person's family name, the second and third letters of the person's given name, the day, month and year when the person was born and the sex of the person, concatenated in that order.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Record—linkage key
METEOR identifier:	349891
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 21/05/2010 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 23/08/2010 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Health , Standard 07/12/2011 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014
Definition:	A key that enables the bringing together of two or more records that are believed to belong to the same individual.
Object class:	Record
Property:	Linkage key

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Linkage code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYN
METEOR identifier:	349887
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 21/05/2010 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 23/08/2010 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Health , Superseded 25/01/2018 Homelessness , Superseded 10/08/2018
Definition:	A combination of the second, third and fifth alphanumeric characters of a person's family name, the second and third alphanumeric characters of a person's given name, a date in the format DDMMYYYY and a single digit number representing the sex of a person.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code
Data type: String
Format: XXXXXDDMMYYYYN
Maximum character length: 14

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: Information about whether or not the person's date of birth is accurate should be noted. By knowing that date of birth is accurate it is possible to reduce underestimation of total service user numbers and overestimation of service users' ages.

Comments: The linkage key is designed to make it possible to count number of clients and services they received, without counting the same client more than once. It can also be used for linking to other related data collections. It is for statistical linkage purposes only, not for case management or the tracking of individual persons. This may be done using a range of identifiers and/or keys.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.
Steward: [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Record—linkage key, code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYYX Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Is formed using [Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Recorded 09/08/2023
[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/08/2023
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 25/08/2005
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
[Health](#), Standard 04/05/2005
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 20/06/2005
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
[Indigenous](#), Standard 11/08/2014
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 31/08/2016
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Is formed using [Person—letters of family name, text XXX Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/03/2007
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
[Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Is formed using [Person—letters of given name, text XX](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/03/2007
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
[Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Is formed using [Person—sex, code N](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 25/08/2005
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 11/05/2017
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 16/10/2017
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

See also [Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/09/2005
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
[Health](#), Standard 04/05/2005
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

See also [Date—estimate indicator, code N](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007

See also [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 10-The proportion of Indigenous children aged 4 and 5 years who are enrolled in, and attending, a preschool program in the year before full-time schooling, by remoteness, 2013](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/12/2013

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2013](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the worker.

This item allows those jurisdictions who have the capacity to report a statistical linkage key for workers to provide this information voluntarily to facilitate the accurate reporting of the number of teachers working, including those working across multiple service providers.

[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2014](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 01/06/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

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[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2015](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

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[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2016](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

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[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2017](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

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[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2018](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 02/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

DSS specific information:

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[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2019](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 02/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

DSS specific information:

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[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2020](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 25/10/2021

Implementation start date: 03/08/2020

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the worker.

This item allows those jurisdictions who have the capacity to report a statistical linkage key for workers to provide this information voluntarily to facilitate the accurate reporting of the number of teachers working, including those working across multiple service providers.

[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2021](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 05/07/2022

Implementation start date: 06/08/2021

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the worker.

This item allows those jurisdictions who have the capacity to report a statistical linkage key for workers to provide this information voluntarily to facilitate the accurate reporting of the number of teachers working, including those working across multiple service providers.

[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2022](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 15/08/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the worker.

This item allows those jurisdictions who have the capacity to report a statistical linkage key for workers to provide this information voluntarily to facilitate the accurate reporting of the number of teachers working, including those working across multiple service providers.

[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2023](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Standard 15/08/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the worker.

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[Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2024](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Recorded 24/05/2024

Implementation start date: 01/07/2024

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the worker.

This item allows those jurisdictions who have the capacity to report a statistical linkage key for workers to provide this information voluntarily to facilitate the accurate reporting of the number of teachers working, including those working across multiple service providers.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2011](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2012](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2013](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2014](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 01/06/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2015](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2016](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2017](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2018](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 02/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2019](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 02/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2020](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 25/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2021](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 05/07/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2022](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 15/08/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2023](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Standard 15/08/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2024](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Recorded 24/05/2024

Implementation start date: 01/07/2024

DSS specific information:

This is the statistical linkage key of the child.

[National Preschool Attendance Collection DSS 2024](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Recorded 16/05/2024

[Statistical linkage key 581 cluster](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 21/05/2010

[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014

[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010

[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Numerator

[National Affordability Housing Agreement: 4: Proportion of people experiencing repeat periods of homelessness, 2010](#)

[Homelessness](#), Standard 16/02/2011

Used as Denominator

[National Affordability Housing Agreement: 4: Proportion of people experiencing repeat periods of homelessness, 2010](#)

[Homelessness](#), Standard 16/02/2011