

# Person—reference person indicator (household), code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Reference person (household)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	351201
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Standard 31/08/2007</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	Whether a person is a reference person for a household.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—reference person status (household)</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code						
<b>Data type:</b>	Number						
<b>Format:</b>	N						
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1						
<b>Permissible values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Yes	2	No
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1	Yes						
2	No						

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### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described This code is not for use in primary data collections.
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The household reference person is used as the basis for the identification of income units and families and the classification of the household.

Code 1 Yes: Record if a person is a reference person for a household.

Code 2 No: Record if a person is not a reference person for a household.

**Collection methods:** Housing sector specific

Usually referred to as *Person 1*, *Main tenant* or *Tenant 1* on application or tenancy forms. Can also be referred to as the *Principal tenant*, *Household head* or where the dwelling is being purchased, referred to as the *Mortgagee*. Also includes single adults and lone parents. Person must be aged 16 or over.

All other persons should be coded to 2.

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary, Version 3. 2006. AIHW Cat. no. HOU 147.

**Reference documents:** Australian Bureau of Statistics. Census Dictionary 2006. Cat no. 2901.0.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Person—relationship to household reference person, code NN](#)

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

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