

Person—reference person indicator (household), code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Reference person (household)
METEOR identifier:	351201
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 31/08/2007
Definition:	Whether a person is a reference person for a household.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—reference person status (household)
METEOR identifier:	406830
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 30/08/2007 Housing assistance , Standard 30/08/2007
Definition:	An indicator of whether a person is a reference person for a household.
Context:	The ability to determine relationships between a reference person and others in the household is required to calculate the suitability of a dwelling to house all the tenants.
Object class:	Person
Property:	Reference person status

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N
METEOR identifier:	301747
Registration status:	Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Recorded 25/10/2022 Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired) , Standard 14/02/2006 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Health , Standard 21/09/2005 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 10/02/2006 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 01/11/2012 Indigenous , Standard 13/03/2015 Tasmanian Health , Standard 08/11/2023
Definition:	A code set representing 'yes', 'no' and 'not stated/inadequately described'.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Boolean
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described
This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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