

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:	Person—reference person status (household)
Value Domain:	Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

Value domain attributes

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.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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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.
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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