Source of cash income code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	368023
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Recorded 01/07/2009
Definition:	A code set representing a person's source of cash income.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	4

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Employee cash income
	3	Government cash pensions and allowances
	4	Other income
Supplementary values:	8	Nil income
	9	Not stated/not known/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

A person with more than one source of income should be categorised only to the value domain category, which best describes their primary source of income.

The value domain categories shown above can be linked to broad sources of cash income specified in the Statistical Concepts Library of the Australian Bureau of Statistics. 'Sources of cash income' and 'Principal source of cash income' are classified to the Standard classification of sources of cash income. This is a three level hierarchical classification and is described in detail at the broad (one-digit), narrow (two-digit) and detailed (four-digit) levels.

Code 1   Primary cash income:

Payments from an employer or own limited liability company, including wages or salary, tips, piece rates, penalty rates, loadings, regular bonuses, payment for time not worked (sick leave, recreation leave, public holidays etc.) and director's fees. An employee is classed as receiving cash from an employer or his/her own incorporated enterprise.

Code 3   Government cash pensions and allowances

All government cash pensions, benefits and allowances.

Code 4   Other income:

Includes cash income deriving from the ownership of assets (comprising returns from financial assets, physical assets and from intellectual assets), superannuation/annuities, transfers from private organisations (e.g. workers compensation), transfers from other households (e.g. child support payments) and scholarships.This code also includes **unincorporated business cash income**.

Collection Methods:

Please note that the ABS classification on which this is based has a separate code for **unincorporated business cash income**.

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: Statistical concepts library, Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables, Cash Income Variables, Framework for Standard Cash Income Variables, Classification and Coding, Canberra: Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Reference online through:

[Ausstats Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables, Cash Income Variables](#)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Source of cash income code N](#) [Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 29/04/2006

See also [Person—source of cash income (all) code NN](#) [Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 29/04/2006

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Person—source of cash income (principal), code N](#) [Community Services (retired)](#), Recorded 01/07/2009