

# Person—previously homeless status, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Previously homeless indicator
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	400338
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Superseded 10/08/2018</li><li>• <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Standard 23/08/2010</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	Whether a person has been homeless prior to the current service episode, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—previously homeless status</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>Sleeping rough or in non-conventional accommodation</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Short-term or emergency accommodation</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Not homeless</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Sleeping rough or in non-conventional accommodation	2	Short-term or emergency accommodation	3	Not homeless
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### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>CODE 1 Sleeping rough or in non-conventional accommodation.</p> <p>CODE 2 Short-term or emergency accommodation, due to a lack of other options. This may include refuges; crisis shelters; couch surfing; living temporarily with friends and relatives; insecure accommodation on a short term basis; emergency accommodation arranged in hotels, motels etc by a specialist homelessness agency.</p> <p>CODE 3 Not homeless.</p>
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## Data element attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Person—previously homeless status, code N](#)

- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2011Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2011

***DSS specific information:***

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected a minimum of twice (for the client):

- within the previous month
- within the previous year.

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element may be used to capture multiple responses.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2012-13Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2012

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2013

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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2013-14Homelessness](#), Superseded 26/08/2014  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**Conditional obligation:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

**DSS specific information:**

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If a client has indicated that they were homeless in the last month, then by default they should be recorded as homeless in the last 12 months.

This question allows the client to check all responses that apply, and therefore the client may have up to 3 valid responses for each instance of this question.

This collection records a response of Don't Know (CODE 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (CODE 9) in the Standard.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2014-15Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

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