Person—living arrangement, homelessness code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Living arrangement (homelessness) |
| METEOR identifier: | 401292 |
| Registration status: | [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 23/08/2010  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 23/08/2010 |
| Definition: | Whether a person from a presenting unit resides alone or lives with others, as represented by a code. |
| Context: | Client support needs. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—living arrangement](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269813) |
| Value Domain: | [Living arrangement homelessness code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400323) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Lone person |
|  | 2 | One parent with child(ren) |
|  | 3 | Couple with child(ren) |
|  | 4 | Couple without child(ren) |
|  | 5 | Other family |
|  | 6 | Group |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1   Lone person  This category is used to record single individuals.  CODE 2   One parent with child(ren)  This category includes step and adopted parent/child relationships.  CODE 3   Couple with child(ren)  This category includes step and adopted parent/child relationships.  CODE 4   Couple without child(ren)  This category includes couples without children.  CODE 5   Other family  This category includes all other groups with related individuals, including siblings and multi-generational families of more than two generations.  CODE 6 Group  This category includes two or more unrelated persons who live together. Boarders and lodgers are included in this category. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Reference documents: | Australian Bureau of Statistics, Family, Household and Income Unit Variables, Cat. No. 1286.0, 2005 |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This item is collected for each person from a presenting unit. |
| Collection methods: | The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:  "Which category below best describes your living arrangements?" |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/398238)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 01/05/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 01/05/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2011 ***DSS specific information:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:   * one week before the start of the support period (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY); * at the date of presentation; * at the end of the reporting period (the Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY); and * at the end of the support period (the Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY).   Only one permissible value is selected in each case.  [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2012-13](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/508954)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 01/05/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 01/05/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2012 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2013 ***DSS specific information:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:   * one week before the start of the support period (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY); * at the date of presentation; * at the end of the reporting period (the Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY); and * at the end of the support period (the Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY).   Only one permissible value is selected in each case.  [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/505626)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 26/08/2014  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), 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:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:   * one week before the start of the support period (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY) * at the date of presentation * at the end of the reporting period (the Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY) * at the end of the support period (the Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY).   Only one permissible value is selected in each case.  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 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/581255)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 24/11/2016  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 24/11/2016  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2014 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015 ***Conditional obligation:*** In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients. ***DSS specific information:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:   * one week before the start of the support period (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY) * at the date of presentation * at the end of the reporting period (the Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY) * at the end of the support period (the Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY).   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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/658005)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 24/11/2016  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017 ***Conditional obligation:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.  ***DSS specific information:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:   * one week before the start of the support period (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY) * at the date of presentation * at the end of the reporting period (the Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY) * at the end of the support period (the Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY).   Only one permissible value is selected in each case.  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 2017-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/650006)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 10/08/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019 ***Conditional obligation:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.  ***DSS specific information:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:   * one week before the start of the support period (the [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/338558)) * at the date of presentation * at the end of the reporting period (the [Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/323253)) * at the end of the support period (the [Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270160)).   Only one permissible value is selected in each case.  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 2019-](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689064)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018  ***Conditional obligation:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.  ***DSS specific information:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:   * one week before the start of the support period (the [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/651687)) * at the date of presentation * at the end of the reporting period (the [Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/692130)) * at the end of the support period (the [Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/692003))   Only one permissible value is selected in each case.  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. |