

Person—geographic location (LGA), code (ASGC 2010) NNNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Local Government Area
METEOR identifier:	426304
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Recorded 15/12/2010 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The geographical location of a person using a five digit numerical code which indicates the Local Government Area (LGA) .
Data Element Concept:	Person—geographic location
Value Domain:	Geographical location code (ASGC 2010) NNNNN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Standard Geographical Classification 2010
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNNN
Maximum character length:	5

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:	<p>The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) is a hierarchical classification system of geographical areas and consists of a number of interrelated structures. It provides a common framework of statistical geography and enables the production of statistics which are comparable.</p> <p>The product ASGC contains four comma delimited files showing the levels and hierarchy of those ASGC structures current for the edition: the Local Government Area (LGA) Structure, the Main Structure, the Statistical District (SD) Structure and the Statistical Region (SR) Structure.</p> <p>The LGA Structure covers only incorporated areas of Australia. The major areas of Australia not administered by incorporated bodies are the northern parts of South Australia, most of the Northern Territory and all of the Australian Capital Territory and the Other Territories.</p>
Collection methods:	In Population Census years the LGA Structure has four levels of hierarchy. In ascending order these are: CDs-SLAs-LGAs-S/Ts (Incorporated areas). Codes are unique only within a state/territory. For unique Australia-wide LGA code identification, the four digit code must be preceded by the state/territory code. All LGA codes end with the digit 0.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Supported Accommodation Assistance Program Information Sub-Committee (SAAP-ISC).

Origin: Australian Standard Geographical Classification (Australian Bureau of Statistics catalogue number 1216.0)

Reference documents: SAAP National Data Collection Data Dictionary, Version 2, November 2001.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—geographic location \(LGA\), code \(ASGC 2009\) NNNNN](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 17/12/2010

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) client DSS Pilot \(2010\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011
DSS specific information: In the client file the local government area of the child refers to their local government area prior to first ever entry into care.

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) DSS Pilot \(2010\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011
DSS specific information: The local government area of the child's living arrangement.

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) DSS Pilot 2010](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011
Conditional obligation:

In the Notifications, investigations and substantiations (NIS) cluster the data element refers to the local government area (LGA) where the child was living at the time of the notification.