Person—marital status, Tasmanian code X{XX}

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Marital status |
| METEOR identifier: | 442345 |
| Registration status: | [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 01/09/2016 |
| Definition: | A person's current relationship status in terms of a couple relationship or, for those not in a couple relationship, the existence of a current or previous registered marriage, as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Person—marital status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269533) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269533 |
| Registration status: | [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 01/03/2005  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 10/02/2006  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Qualified 23/11/2015  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 01/09/2016  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | A person's current relationship status in terms of a couple relationship or, for those not in a couple relationship, the existence of a current or previous registered marriage. |
| Context: | Marital status is a core metadata item in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics. Its main purpose is analysis of the association of marital status with the need for and use of services, and for epidemiological analysis.  Marital status also acts as an indicator for the level of support adult recipients of the welfare system have at home. The item is also used in comparisons of administrative data and population censuses and surveys. |
| Object class: | [Person](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268955) |
| Property: | [Marital status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269101) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Tasmanian marital status code X{XX}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/442342) |
| METEOR identifier: | 442342 |
| Registration status: | [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 01/09/2016 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the marital status of a person. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | X{XX} | |
| Maximum character length: | 3 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | D | Divorced |
|  | F | Defacto |
|  | M | Married |
|  | S | Single |
|  | W | Widowed |
|  | X | Separated |
| Supplementary values: | U | Unknown |
|  | NSP | Not specified |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Refers to the current marital status of a person.  CODE D     Divorced  This code refers to registered marriages but when self reported may also refer to de facto marriages.  CODE F & M     De facto & Married (registered and de facto)  Includes people who have been divorced or widowed but have since re-married, and should be generally accepted as applicable to all de facto couples, including of the same sex.  CODE S     Single  This code refers to people who have never been married or been in a de facto marriages.  CODE W     Widow  This code usually refers to registered marriages but when self reported may also refer to de facto marriages.  CODE X     Separated  This code refers to registered marriages but when self reported may also refer to de facto marriages.  CODE U & NSP    Unknown & Not specified  These codes are not for use on primary collection forms. They are primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected. |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Collection methods: | This metadata item collects information on social marital status. The recommended question module is:  Do you/Does the person usually live with a partner in a registered or de facto marriage?  Yes, in a registered marriage  Yes, in a de facto marriage  No, never married  No, separated  No, divorced  No, widowed  It should be noted that information on marital status is collected differently by the ABS, using a set of questions. However, the question outlined above is suitable and mostly sufficient for use within the health and community services fields. See Source document for information on how to access the ABS standards.  While agencies are encouraged to use the recommended question described above, it is acknowledged that this is not always possible in practice. For example, where the data collection is a by-product of the provision of a health or community service, the information may be ascertained using different means. However, the recommended question should be used wherever practically possible. |
| Comments: | The ABS standards identify two concepts of marital status:   * Registered marital status - defined as whether a person has, or has had, a registered marriage; * Social marital status - based on a person's living arrangement (including de facto marriages), as reported by the person.   It is recommended that the social marital status concept be collected when information on social support/home arrangements is sought, whereas the registered marital status concept need only be collected where it is specifically required for the purposes of the collection.  While marital status is an important factor in assessing the type and extent of support needs, such as for the elderly living in the home environment, marital status does not adequately address the need for information about social support and living arrangement and other data elements need to be formulated to capture this information. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Mother data elements (TDLU) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/786613)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 17/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025  [Person related data elements (TDLU) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/743771)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 10/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021  [Person related data elements (TDLU) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/785630)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 10/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025  [Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/662705)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 05/07/2017  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017  [Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/667436)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 10/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018  [Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689859)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 05/04/2019  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019  [Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/714887)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 17/06/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020  [Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/727080)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021  [Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/740976)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022  [Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/761040)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023  [Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2023](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774315)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 22/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024 |