

Person—age at onset of disability, total years N[NN]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Age at onset of disability
Synonymous names:	Onset of disability
METEOR identifier:	490104
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2013• Disability, Standard 13/08/2015
Definition:	The age at which a person first experiences an impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction, represented as total years.
Context:	The onset of disability may indicate a current or future need for assistance.
Data Element Concept:	Person—age at onset of disability

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total				
Data type:	Number				
Format:	N[NN]				
Maximum character length:	3				
Supplementary values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>999</td><td>Unknown/not stated</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	999	Unknown/not stated
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Unit of measure:	Year				

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>This data element relates to the age of onset of an impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction (including present at birth), which may be different from the age that a person needs assistance because of that impairment, limitation, or restriction.</p> <p>The onset of disability may be later than the first appearance of a health condition that eventually results in disability.</p>
Collection methods:	<p>Count age in completed years.</p> <p>If onset of disability occurs before the second birthday, record age in months (see the data element Person—age at onset of disability, total months N[N]).</p>

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Disability and need for assistance clusterCommunity Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015