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



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## 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: 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: Total years N[NN]

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class: Total Data type: Number Format: N[NN]

Maximum character length: 3

**Value** Meaning

Supplementary values: 999 Unknown/not stated

Unit of measure: Year

#### Data element attributes

#### Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: 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.

The onset of disability may be later than the first appearance of a health condition

that eventually results in disability.

**Collection methods:** Count age in completed years.

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]).

#### Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Disability and need for assistance cluster

**Specifications:** 

Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2013

Disability, Standard 13/08/2015