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

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| 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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/490479) |
| Value Domain: | [Total years N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/290412) |

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| 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 | |



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| 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, recordage in months (see the data element [Person—age at onset of disability, total months N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/493210)). |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Disability and need for assistance cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/484548)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015 |