

Cultural and language diversity cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

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Registration status:

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

DSS type: Data Element Cluster

Scope: Standards for Statistics on Cultural and Language Diversity have been developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to provide a means of standardising the way the ABS and other agencies collect and disseminate information relating to the origins of individuals and cultural diversity in Australia. The minimum core set for the purposes of collecting information relevant to cultural diversity in respect of people who have migrated to Australia, and their descendants are;

- Country of birth
- Main language other than English spoken at home and
- Proficiency in spoken English.

Additional items may be considered to more fully describe Cultural and Language Diversity such as;

- Country of birth (Mother)
- Country of birth (Father)
- Year of arrival in Australia
- First language spoken
- Religious affiliation and
- Indigenous Status.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Steward: [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Standards for Statistics on Cultural and Language Diversity. Cat no. 1289.0. Canberra. 1999.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Disability services carer details cluster](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Disability services client details cluster](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2011) NNNN	Optional	3
-	Person—first language spoken, code (ASCL 2011) NN{NN}	Optional	1
-	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Optional	1
-	Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code (ASCL 2011) NN{NN}	Optional	1
-	Person—proficiency in spoken English, code N	Optional	1
-	Person—religious affiliation, code (ASCRG 2011) N[NNN]	Optional	1
-	Person—year of first arrival in Australia, date YYYY	Optional	1