

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Age in months at onset of disability
Synonymous names:	Onset of disability
METEOR identifier:	493210
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 months.
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 months N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

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 months if onset of disability occurs after birth and before the second birthday. Record 0 months if disability was present at birth. Record age in completed years if onset of disability occurs after second birthday (see the data element Person—age at onset of disability, total years N[NN]).

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Disability and need for assistance cluster Community Services (retired) , Standard 10/04/2013 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015
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