

Informal carer—age range, NDA code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Age group (carer)
Synonymous names:	Carer age group
METEOR identifier:	498190
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 13/03/2013 [Non Dictionary]• Disability, Standard 07/10/2014
Definition:	The age range that best accommodates the carer's completed age in years, at the time of data collection, as represented by a code.
Context:	Ageing, carers and disability.
Data Element Concept:	Informal carer—age range

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code												
Data type:	Number												
Format:	N												
Maximum character length:	1												
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element should be collected for the informal carer and is only reported in relation to service users that have an informal carer.

A service user may have more than one family member or friend providing them with care and assistance. In such circumstances, this data element relates to the carer who is identified as providing the most significant care and assistance. It is recognised that two or more people may equally share the caring role (e.g. mother and father) however, for the purposes of the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set, characteristics are only requested for one of these carers. The expressed views of the service user and/or their carer or significant other should be used as the basis for determining which carer should be considered to be the main carer in this regard.

Collection methods: When asking the person about the age of their carer it is considered more appropriate to ask about broad age groups rather than actual age.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Disability Data Network (NDDN)

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2012. Disability Services National Minimum Data Set: data guide, 2012–13. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—age group, NDA code N](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/03/2013

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Disability Services NMDS 2012-14](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

Conditional obligation:

This data element should only be reported in relation to [service users](#) that have a carer ([Person—Informal carer existence indicator](#), code N = 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2014-15](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Incomplete 23/04/2014
[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

Conditional obligation:

This data element should only be reported in relation to [service users](#) that have a carer ([Person—Informal carer existence indicator](#), code N = 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2015–16](#)
[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

Conditional obligation:

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element should only be reported in relation to **service users** that have an **informal carer** (['Person—Informal carer existence indicator'](#), code N = 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2016–17 Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

Conditional obligation:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element should only be reported in relation to **service users** that have an **informal carer** (['Person—informal carer existence indicator, code N'](#), with a value of 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18 Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Conditional obligation:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element should only be reported in relation to **service users** that have an **informal carer** (['Person—informal carer existence indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N'](#)), with a value of 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19 Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element should only be reported in relation to **service users** that have an **informal carer** (['Person—informal carer existence indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N'](#)), with a value of 1).

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