

Person—principal source of cash income, code NNNN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Principal income source
METEOR identifier:	508411
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2013• Disability, Standard 13/08/2015• Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018• Housing assistance, Standard 01/05/2013
Definition:	The source from which a person derives the greatest proportion of his/her cash income, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—principal source of cash income

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Classification for Source of Income 2010
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNN
Maximum character length:	4

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Data element attributes

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Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics. [Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables](#). Viewed 3 November 2012.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person—principal source of cash income, code NNNN](#)

- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Disability services carer details clusterCommunity Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Disability services client details clusterCommunity Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2013-14Homelessness](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

This data element reflects the ABS Sources of income standard variable. Consequently, the value domain definitions explicitly exclude anyone aged under 15.

If income information on children under 15 years is sought for the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, these persons may also be asked the sources of income questions. However, if comparability with ABS collections is required, the SHS data can be filtered using the age data element to remove responses for children aged under 15.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:

- one week before the start of the support period (the Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY)
- at the date of presentation
- at the end of the reporting period (the Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY)
- at the end of the support period (the Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY).

Only one permissible value is selected in each case.

For the purposes of the SHS collection the following list is used which aggregates to the ABS Sources of Income Classification.

Government pensions and allowances

Newstart Allowance

Parenting Payment

Disability support pension (Centrelink)

Youth allowance

Age pension

Austudy/ABSTUDY

Disability Pension (DVA)

Service pension (DVA)

War Widow(er)'s Pension (Including income support supplement) (DVA)

Sickness allowance

Carer Allowance

Carer Payment

Other government pensions and allowances

Other sources of income

Employee income

Unincorporated business income

Other income nec

Nil income

Not stated/not known/inadequately described

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2014-15 Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

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Carer Payment

Other government pensions and allowances

Other sources of income

Employee income

Unincorporated business income

Other income nec

Nil income

Not stated/not known/inadequately described

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17 Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

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Carer Allowance
Carer Payment
Other government pensions and allowances

Other sources of income

Employee income
Unincorporated business income
Other income nec
Nil income
Not stated/not known/inadequately described

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19 Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

This data element reflects the Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Sources of income standard variable. Consequently, the value domain definitions explicitly exclude anyone aged under 15.

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Youth allowance

Age pension

Austudy/Abstudy

DVA pension or payment

Sickness allowance

Carer allowance

Carer payment

Other government pensions and allowances

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