Person—marital status, code AAA

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Patient marital status code |
| Synonymous names: | PER\_MARITAL\_STATUS\_CODE |
| METEOR identifier: | 562141 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | A person's current relationship status in terms of a couple relationship or, for those not in a couple relationship, the existence of a current or previous registered marriage, as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Person—marital status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269533) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269533 |
| Registration status: | [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 01/03/2005  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 10/02/2006  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Qualified 23/11/2015  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 01/09/2016  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | A person's current relationship status in terms of a couple relationship or, for those not in a couple relationship, the existence of a current or previous registered marriage. |
| Context: | Marital status is a core metadata item in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics. Its main purpose is analysis of the association of marital status with the need for and use of services, and for epidemiological analysis.  Marital status also acts as an indicator for the level of support adult recipients of the welfare system have at home. The item is also used in comparisons of administrative data and population censuses and surveys. |
| Object class: | [Person](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268955) |
| Property: | [Marital status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269101) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Marital status code AAA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/562127) |
| METEOR identifier: | 562127 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | A set of alphabetic characters that represents the marital status of a person. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | AAA | |
| Maximum character length: | 3 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | DEF | De facto |
|  | DIV | Divorced |
|  | MAR | Married |
|  | NMA | Never married |
|  | SEP | Separated |
|  | WID | Widowed |
| Supplementary values: | NSP | Not specified |
|  | UNK | Unknown |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Code DEF (De facto)  This code should generally be accepted as applicable to all de facto couples, including those of the same sex.  Code MAR (Married)  This code also includes people who have been divorced or widowed but have since re-married.  Code SEP (Separated)  This code refers to registered marriages but when self-reported may also refer to de facto relationships.  Code WID (Widowed)  This code usually refers to registered marriages but when self-reported may also refer to de facto relationships. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/490816)  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015  [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/605977)  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 24/04/2015  [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/648949)  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 30/05/2017 |