Person—single name only indicator, yes/no code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Single name only indicator |
| METEOR identifier: | 573052 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Recorded 01/08/2015 |
| Definition: | An indicator that a person has only one component to their name, as represent as a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—single name only indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/573030) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270732) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Boolean | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|  | 2 | No |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1   Single name  This indicates that a person has only one name. If a data set has a field for family name and given name a person’s single name will represent the family name.  CODE 2   Multiple names (the default)  This indicates that the person has more than one name component; for example, a family name and a given name.  **Alternative code:**  CODE S   Single name  CODE M   Multiple names |
| Collection methods: | When a person has only one name, that name should be recorded using the family name data element and this data element should be recorded as 'CODE 1 - Single name'.  This data element allows computer systems to accurately determine whether given name is missing or is never intended to be entered.  If given name is not provided when registration occurs, this data element should be asked. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Sydney: Standards Australia. |