

Person—injecting drug use indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Injecting drug use |
| METEOR identifier: | 629184 |
| Registration status: | Health , Standard 28/04/2016 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether a person has injected drugs, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | Person—injecting drug use indicator |
| Value Domain: | Prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
| | Value | Meaning |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
| | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Unknown |

Collection and usage attributes

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| Guide for use: | For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8. |
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Source and reference attributes

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| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

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| Guide for use: | Injecting drugs refers to a method of introducing a drug into the body with a hollow needle and a syringe which is pierced through the skin into the body. |
| Collection methods: | Any illegal activity discovered through the data collection will be in the context of an existing health professional-client relationship and will not change usual confidentiality and disclosure principles. |

Source and reference attributes

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| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—injecting drug use indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Prison dischargee NBEDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

DSS specific information:

This item is collected twice, once prior to imprisonment and once during the most recent imprisonment.

This data element relates to illicit drugs that are injected.

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison dischargees who reported injecting drugs in prison.

[Prison dischargee NBEDS 2018](#)

[Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023

DSS specific information:

This data element is collected twice, once for prior to imprisonment and once for during the most recent imprisonment, and corresponds to the following questions of the Prison Dischargee Form:

21a. Prior to your current incarceration, did you inject drugs?

21b. While in prison this time, did you inject drugs?

[Substances used illicitly cluster \(prison dischargee\)](#)

[Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on a CODE 1 yes response to [Person—substance used illicitly indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N](#) for illicit drug use while in prison this time.

DSS specific information:

This data element corresponds to the following question of the Prison Dischargee Form:

"While in prison this time, did you inject substances (e.g., drugs) for non-medical purposes, or that were not supplied to you medically?"

[Substances used illicitly cluster \(prison entrants\)](#)

[Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023