

# Prison entrant—labour force status 30 days prior to imprisonment, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Labour force status 30 days prior to imprisonment
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	631869
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 28/04/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	The self-reported labour force status of a prison entrant 30 days prior to imprisonment, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Prison entrant—labour force status 30 days prior to imprisonment</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Labour force status prior to imprisonment code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Full-time work
	2	Part-time work or casual work
	3	Unemployed and looking for work
	4	Unemployed and not looking for work
	5	Unable to work due to disability, age or health condition
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Unknown

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is to be used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.</p> <p>Only one option may be selected.</p> <p>CODE 1 Full-time work</p> <p>Employed persons are working full-time if they:</p> <p>(a) usually work 35 hours or more in a week (in all paid jobs) or</p> <p>(b) although usually work less than 35 hours a week, actually worked 35 hours or more a week during the 30 days prior to being imprisoned.</p> <p>CODE 2 Part-time or casual work</p> <p>Employed persons are working part-time if they usually work less than 35 hours a week (in all paid jobs) during the 30 days prior to being imprisoned.</p> <p>A person's employment is classed as casual work if they are not entitled to paid sick or holiday leave and considered their job to be casual, and who either: worked in someone else's business or reported that they worked in their own unincorporated business but did not invoice clients for own payment and paid PAYE tax.</p> <p>CODE 3 and 4 Unemployed and looking for work/not looking for work</p> <p>Unemployed persons are defined as all persons 15 years of age and over who were not employed during the 30 days prior to being imprisoned, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the 30 days prior to being imprisoned and were available for work during that period or</li> <li>• were waiting to start a new job within the 30 days prior to being in prison</li> </ul> <p>'Looking for work' encompasses a range of formal and informal job search activities and includes: writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work, answering an advertisement for a job, checking workplace noticeboards or the touchscreens at Centrelink offices, being registered as a job seeker with Centrelink, being registered with a Job Network agency or any other employment agency, advertising or tendering for work, and contacting friends or relatives. People actively looking for self-employment jobs (such as looking for a business or to purchase a lease) are also treated as looking for work. People who only looked in newspapers or read job advertisements are seen as passively, rather than actively, looking for work and so are not considered unemployed.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Reference documents:</b>	<p>ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 1996. Standards for Labour Force Statistics Variables. Cat. no. 1288.0. Canberra: ABS</p> <p>ABS 2007. Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods, Apr 2007. Cat. no. 6102.0.55.001. Canberra: ABS</p> <p>ABS 2009. Education and work. Cat. no. 6227.0. Canberra: ABS</p>

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element: <i>Prison entrant—education status 30 days prior to imprisonment, code N</i> to assist in identifying a person's pathway to prison and thereafter.
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**Comments:** Capturing the extent of employment participation of people entering prison is an important factor when following a throughcare approach to reducing recidivism and increasing protective factors for people involved in the criminal justice system.

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**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Prison entrant—labour force status 30 days prior to imprisonment, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 26/04/2016

See also [Prison entrant—education attendance status 30 days prior to imprisonment, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

See also [Prison entrant—labour force status 30 days prior to imprisonment, labour force and study status code N](#)  
[Health](#), Recorded 11/04/2024

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Prison entrants NBEDS](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

### ***DSS specific information:***

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who were unemployed in the 30 days prior to imprisonment.

[Prison entrants NBEDS 2022](#)  
[Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023

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This data element corresponds to the following questions of the Prison Entrants Form:

11. In the 30 days prior to entering prison, which of the following best described your employment situation?