

# Prison entrant—age at first detention, total years N[NN]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Age at first detention
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Age at first incarceration
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	631923
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 28/04/2016</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	A prison entrant's age (in years) at the time of their first detention within a corrective services facility.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Prison entrant—age at first detention</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total				
<b>Data type:</b>	Number				
<b>Format:</b>	N[NN]				
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	3				
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<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Year				

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	Individuals who experience detention at a younger age often experience multiple periods of detention (AIHW 2008).
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### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Reference documents:</b>	AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2008. Juvenile justice in Australia 2006-07. Juvenile justice series no. 4. Cat no. JUV 4. Canberra:AIHW

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

See also [Incarceration history cluster](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

Supersedes [Prison entrant—age at first detention, total years NN](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Prison entrants NBEDSHealth](#), Standard 28/04/2016

***Conditional obligation:***

Conditional on the prison entrant being previously detained in a prison or juvenile justice centre.