

Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Preferred language
METEOR identifier:	659407
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 25/01/2018• Tasmanian Health, Standard 27/06/2017
Definition:	The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—preferred language

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2016
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNN]
Maximum character length:	4

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The ASCL has a three-level hierarchical structure. The most detailed level of the classification consists of languages which are represented by four-digit codes. The second level of the classification comprises narrow groups of languages (the Narrow group level), identified by two-digit and three-digit codes. The most general level of the classification consists of broad groups of languages (the Broad group level) and is identified by one-digit codes. The classification includes Australian Indigenous languages and sign languages.

For example, the Lithuanian language has a code of 3102. In this case 3 denotes that it is an Eastern European language, while 31 denotes that it is a Baltic language. The Pintupi Aboriginal language is coded as 8713. In this case 8 denotes that it is an Australian Indigenous language and 87 denotes that the language is a Western Desert language.

Language data may be output at the Broad group level, Narrow group level or the language level of the classification. Also, significant languages within a Narrow group can be presented separately with the remaining languages of the Narrow group aggregated. The same principle can be adopted to highlight significant Narrow groups within a Broad group.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This may be a language other than English even where the person can speak fluent English.

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Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016a. [Australian Standard Classification of Languages \(ASCL\) 2016](#). ABS cat. no.1267.0. Canberra: ABS.

Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016b. [Language Standards 2016](#). ABS cat. no.1200.0.55.005. Canberra: ABS.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code \(ASCL 2016\) N\[NNN\]](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
- [Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018
- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Supersedes [Person—preferred language, code \(ASCL 2011\) NN{NN}](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/10/2011
- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 13/10/2011
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 27/06/2017

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2018-19ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019–20Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020–21Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2021–22](#)Health, Superseded
17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2022–23](#)Health, Standard
17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2023-24](#)

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) NBPDS](#) Health, Standard 17/10/2018

[Person related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)Tasmanian Health, Standard
18/05/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate
08/08/2018
[Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2017](#)Tasmanian Health, Superseded
10/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2018](#)Tasmanian Health, Superseded
05/04/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2019 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded
17/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2020 Tasmanian Health](#), Standard
15/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021