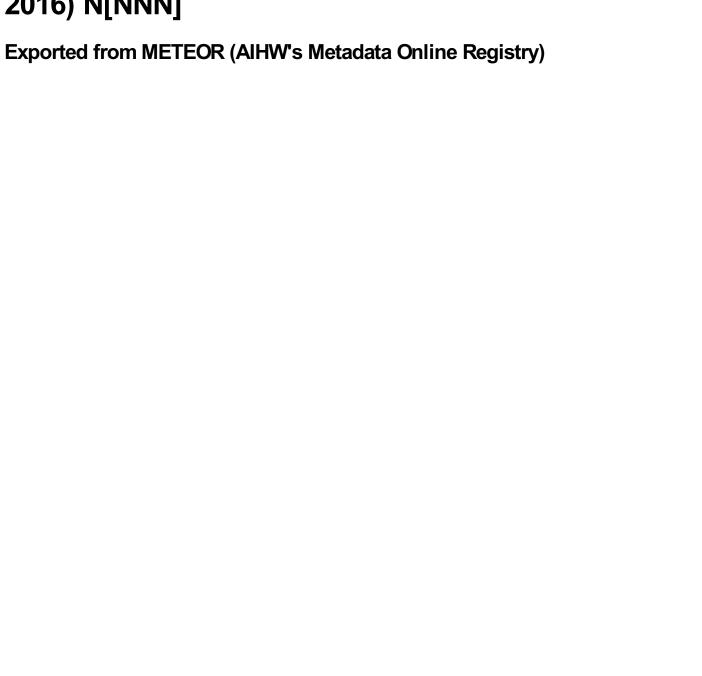
# Person—preferred spoken language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]



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

#### Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

**Short name:** Preferred spoken language

METEOR identifier: 666375

Registration status: Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018

**Definition:** The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for

communication, as represented by a code.

**Context:** Health and welfare services:

An important indicator of ethnicity, especially for persons born in non-Englishspeaking countries. Its collection will assist in the planning and provision of multilingual services and facilitate program and service delivery for migrants and

other non-English speakers.

### Data element concept attributes

#### Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept: Person—preferred spoken language

METEOR identifier: 658062

Registration status: Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/05/2018

**Definition:** The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for

communication.

Object class: Person

Property: <u>Preferred spoken language</u>

#### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Government Department of Social Services

#### Value domain attributes

#### Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain: Language code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]

METEOR identifier: 659404

**Registration status:** Aged Care, Standard 30/06/2023

Children and Families, Standard 20/01/2021

Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018

Health, Standard 25/01/2018

<u>Homelessness</u>, Standard 10/08/2018 <u>Tasmanian Health</u>, Standard 27/06/2017

**Definition:** The Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) code set

representing languages.

## Representational attributes

Classification scheme: Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2016

Representation class:CodeData type:NumberFormat: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.

#### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Government Department of Social Services

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Demographics Cluster

Specifications: Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018

DSS specific information:

Preferred spoken language refers to the variables LANG\_CODE in the PIA

research data set.