

Record—linkage key, code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYYX

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Statistical linkage key 581
METEOR identifier:	686241
Registration status:	Health , Standard 25/01/2018 Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	A key that enables two or more records belonging to the same individual to be brought together. It is represented by a code consisting of the second, third and fifth characters of a person's family name, the second and third letters of the person's given name, the day, month and year when the person was born and the sex of the person, concatenated in that order.
Data Element Concept:	Record—linkage key
Value Domain:	Linkage code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYYX

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	XXXXXDDMMYYYYX
Maximum character length:	14

Source and reference attributes

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

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	Information about whether or not the person's date of birth is accurate should be noted. By knowing that date of birth is accurate it is possible to reduce underestimation of total service user numbers and overestimation of service users' ages.
Comments:	The linkage key is designed to make it possible to count number of clients and services they received, without counting the same client more than once. It can also be used for linking to other related data collections. It is for statistical linkage purposes only, not for case management or the tracking of individual persons. This may be done using a range of identifiers and/or keys.

Source and reference attributes

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

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[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/09/2005
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