

Person—previously homeless status, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Previously homeless indicator
METEOR identifier:	690653
Registration status:	Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	A person's homelessness status prior to the latest presentation for service episode, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—Previously homeless status
Value Domain:	Homelessness status code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Sleeping rough or in non-conventional accommodation
	2	Short-term or emergency accommodation
	3	Not homeless
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Sleeping rough or in non-conventional accommodation. Living on the streets, sleeping in parks, squatting, living in cars or railway carriages, living in improvised dwellings, living in long grass. CODE 2 Short-term or emergency accommodation, due to a lack of other options. Living in situations such as refuges; crisis shelters; couch surfing; living temporarily with friends and relatives; insecure accommodation on a short term basis; emergency accommodation arranged in hotels, motels etc by a specialist homelessness agency. CODE 3 Not homeless. Not living in situations described above.
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Data element attributes

Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

Supersedes [Person—previously homeless status, code N Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

**Implementation in Data Set
Specifications:**

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected a minimum of twice (for the client):

- within the previous month
- within the previous year.

If a client has indicated that they were homeless in the last month, then by default they should be recorded as homeless in the last 12 months.

This question allows the client to check all responses that apply, and therefore the client may have up to 3 valid responses for each instance of this question.

This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.