

Person—period of time since last permanent living place, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Time since most recent address
METEOR identifier:	692164
Registration status:	Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	The period of time since the person occupied a permanent living place, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—Period of time since last permanent living place
Value Domain:	Time elapsed code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Less than 1 week ago
	2	1 week to 1 month ago
	3	More than 1 month, to 6 months ago
	4	More than 6 months, to 1 year ago
	5	More than 1 year, to 5 years ago
	6	More than 5 years ago
Supplementary values:	9	Don't know/not sure

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This data element allows a calculation of the length of time a person has experienced homelessness. A permanent place to live is defined as a conventional dwelling, typically with its own residential address. It refers to a person's usual residence that lasts for at least 3 months. The characteristics of the accommodation must be such, that it is considered outside the scope of the definition of homelessness. Ascertaining that a person did at some time have a permanent place to live indicates that their experience of homelessness commenced subsequently. Thus the length of the period of homelessness is measured from that time.
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Collection methods: The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:

"How long is it since you had a permanent place to live?"

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—time elapsed since last permanent residence, code N Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018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 at the date of presentation.

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