

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Time since most recent address
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	692164
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Standard 10/08/2018</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The period of time since the person occupied a permanent living place, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—Period of time since last permanent living place</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1
<b>Permissible values:</b>	

Value	Meaning
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

<b>Supplementary values:</b>					
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## 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.

**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- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018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.