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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/692166) |
| Value Domain: | [Time elapsed code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/401734) |

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| 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 |



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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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/401738)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 10/08/2018  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 23/08/2010 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689064)  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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. |