

Person—principal source of cash income, code NNNN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Principal income source
METEOR identifier:	692276
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homelessness, Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	The source from which a person derives the greatest proportion of his/her cash income, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—principal source of cash income

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Classification for Sources of Income 2015
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNN
Maximum character length:	4

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics. [Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables](#). Viewed 3 November 2012.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Person—principal source of cash income, code NNNN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2013• Disability, Standard 13/08/2015• Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018• Housing assistance, Standard 01/05/2013
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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.

This data element reflects the Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Sources of income standard variable. Consequently, the value domain definitions explicitly exclude anyone aged under 15.

If income information on children under 15 years is sought for the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) NMDS, these persons may also be asked the sources of income questions. However, if comparability with ABS collections is required, the SHS data can be filtered using the age data element to remove responses for children aged under 15.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:

- one week before the start of the support period (the [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- at the date of presentation
- at the end of the reporting period (the [Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- at the end of the support period (the [Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY](#))

Only one permissible value is selected in each case.

For the purposes of the SHS collection the following list is used which aggregates to the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Sources of Income Classification.

Government pensions and allowances

Newstart allowance

Parenting payment

Disability support pension (Centrelink)

Youth allowance

Age pension

Austudy/Abstudy

DVA pension or payment

Sickness allowance

Carer allowance

Carer payment

Other government pensions and allowances

Other sources of income

Employee income

Unincorporated business income

Other income nec

Nil income

Not stated/not known/inadequately described

