

# Person—geographic remoteness

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 697103  
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- [Health](#), Standard 06/09/2018

**Definition:** The remoteness of a location at which a person lives, based on the road distance to the nearest urban centre and its population size.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Person](#)  
**Definition:** A human being.

### Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Origin:** Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd  
**Reference documents:** Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx>  
ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, [http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012>Main+Features12016?OpenDocument)

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Geographic remoteness](#)  
**Definition:** The remoteness of a location, based on the road distance to the nearest urban centre and its population size.  
**Context:** Geographic remoteness is essentially a measure of a physical location's level of access to goods and services. Large population centres tend to have a greater range of goods and services available than small centres. Typically, a population centre is not likely to provide a full range of goods and services until its population reaches around 250,000 people.

Property group: [Location characteristics](#)

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Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—geographic remoteness](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
- [Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

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- [Health](#), Standard 06/09/2018