Person—period of difficulties experienced, time scale code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Period of difficulties experienced code |
| METEOR identifier: | 735367 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 09/12/2022 |
| Definition: | The length of time in which difficulties have been present for a person, as represented as a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—period of difficulties experienced](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/735363) |
| Value Domain: | [Time scale code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/735365) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | String |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 0 | Less than a month |
|   | 1 | 1-5 months |
|   | 2 | 6-12 months |
|   | 3 | Over a year |
| Supplementary values: | 7 | Unable to rate (insufficient information) |
|   | 8 | Not applicable (collection not required) |
|   | 9  | Not stated/missing  |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes  |
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| Relational attributes |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/741161)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 09/12/2022***Conditional obligation:*** Use of this data element is conditional on the version of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) ([Collection occasion—survey version, mental health code XX[XXX]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/761561)) being used. It should only be used when the version is one of:* PC1 – Parent Report Measure for children aged 4-10 years, Baseline version, Australian Version 1
* PY1 – Parent Report Measure for children aged 11-17 years, Baseline version, Australian Version 1
* YR1 – Youth Self-report Measure, 11-17 years, Baseline version, Australian Version 1

If CODE 0 "no difficulties" is entered for [Person—assessment of overall functionality, 4-point difficulty scale code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/735354), further complete this item with CODE 8 "not applicable".If CODES 1-3 are entered for [Person—assessment of overall functionality, 4-point difficulty scale code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/735354), further complete this item using permissible values provided.***DSS specific information:*** This data element is collected 1 time, and collects data for mental health assessment, evaluation or screening of persons 4-17 years old.This data element represents question 27 of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) survey, which asks:27. How long has the individual been having difficulties? |