

Survey—language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Technical name:	Survey—language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]
METEOR identifier:	740012
Registration status:	Health , Standard 15/04/2021
Definition:	The system of verbal or written communication used in a survey, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Survey—language
METEOR identifier:	740010
Registration status:	Health , Standard 15/04/2021
Definition:	The system of written or verbal communication used in a survey
Object class:	Survey
Property:	Language

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Language code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]
METEOR identifier:	659404
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023 Children and Families , Standard 20/01/2021 Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018 Health , Standard 25/01/2018 Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018 Tasmanian Health , Standard 27/06/2017
Definition:	The Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) code set representing languages.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2016
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNN]
Maximum character length:	4

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The ASCL has a three-level hierarchical structure. The most detailed level of the classification consists of languages which are represented by four-digit codes. The second level of the classification comprises narrow groups of languages (the Narrow group level), identified by two-digit and three-digit codes. The most general level of the classification consists of broad groups of languages (the Broad group level) and is identified by one-digit codes. The classification includes Australian Indigenous languages and sign languages.

For example, the Lithuanian language has a code of 3102. In this case 3 denotes that it is an Eastern European language, while 31 denotes that it is a Baltic language. The Pintupi Aboriginal language is coded as 8713. In this case 8 denotes that it is an Australian Indigenous language and 87 denotes that the language is a Western Desert language.

Language data may be output at the Broad group level, Narrow group level or the language level of the classification. Also, significant languages within a Narrow group can be presented separately with the remaining languages of the Narrow group aggregated. The same principle can be adopted to highlight significant Narrow groups within a Broad group.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Survey—survey language, code \(ASCL 2016\) N\[NNN\] Health](#), Superseded 15/04/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Mental Health Carer Experience of Service NBEDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 10/06/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

[Your Experience of Service National Best Endeavours Data Set 2019–](#)
[Health](#), Standard 15/04/2021

DSS specific information:

The Your Experience of Service questionnaire is available in the following languages:

- Arabic
- Armenian
- Assyrian
- Auslan
- Bengali
- Bosnian
- Burmese
- Chinese (Mandarin)–Simplified
- Chinese (Mandarin)–Traditional
- Croatian
- Dari
- Dinka
- English
- French
- Greek
- Hindi
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Khmer
- Korean
- Macedonian
- Nepali
- Persian (Farsi)
- Polish
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Samoan
- Serbian
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Tamil
- Thai
- Tibetan
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese