Person—date of death, YYYY

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

Person—date of death, YYYY

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Date of death year
METEOR identifier:	743730
Registration status:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Recorded 30/10/2023 Tasmanian Health, Standard 06/05/2021
Definition:	The date upon which a person ceases to live, expressed as YYYY.
Context:	Required for:

- statistical survival analysis for derivation of the length of time between diagnosis with primary cancer and death
- where it is necessary to identify that a person has died (e.g. in a longitudinal health record or provider index).

Data Element Concept:	Person—date of death
Value Domain:	Date YYYY

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	YYYY
Maximum character length:	4

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Recorded for persons who have died.

Where Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY is collected, Date of death must be equal to or greater than Date of birth for the same person.

Collection methods:

It is recommended that in cases where all components of the date of death are not known or where an estimate is arrived at from age, a valid date be used together with a flag to indicate that it is an estimate.

For record identification and/or the derivation of other metadata items that require accurate date of death information, estimated dates of death should be identified by a date accuracy indicator to prevent inappropriate use of date of death data. The linking of client records from diverse sources, the sharing of patient data, and data analysis for research and planning all rely heavily on the accuracy and integrity of the collected data. In order to maintain data integrity and the greatest possible accuracy an indication of the accuracy of the date collected is critical. The collection of Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA may be essential in confirming or refuting the positive identification of a person. For this reason it is strongly recommended that the Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA data element also be recorded at the time of record creation to flag the accuracy of the data.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Dapartment of Health Tasmania

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Standards Australia 2014: AS4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Standards Australia:Sydney.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Baby discharge data elements (TDLU) cluster
Tasmanian Health, Standard 17/11/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2023
Implementation end date: 30/06/2025

Mother discharge related data elements (TDLU) cluster
Tasmanian Health, Standard 17/11/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2023
Implementation end date: 30/06/2025

National mortality database DSS 1964-1967
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Recorded 11/08/2023
Implementation start date: 01/01/1964
Implementation end date: 31/12/1967
DSS specific information:

In the National Mortality Database, if year of death is not available then year of death is calculated, if possible, from date of birth and age at death. Otherwise, year of death is coded to 9999.

Year of death can be different to the reference year and year of registration with the Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

National mortality database DSS 1968-1977
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Recorded 30/10/2023
Implementation start date: 01/01/1968
Implementation end date: 31/12/1977
DSS specific information:

In the National Mortality Database, if year of death is not available then year of death is calculated, if possible, from date of birth and age at death. Otherwise, year of death is coded to 9999.

Year of death can be different to the reference year and year of registration with the Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

National mortality database DSS 1978
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Recorded 30/10/2023
Implementation start date: 01/01/1978
Implementation end date: 31/12/1978
DSS specific information:

In the National Mortality Database, if year of death is not available then year of

death is calculated, if possible, from date of birth and age at death. Otherwise, year of death is coded to 9999.

Year of death can be different to the reference year and year of registration with the Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

[National mortality database DSS 1979](#)
    [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare,](#) Recorded 30/10/2023
Implementation start date: 01/01/1979
Implementation end date: 31/12/1979
DSS specific information:

In the National Mortality Database, if year of death is not available then year of death is calculated, if possible, from date of birth and age at death. Otherwise, year of death is coded to 9999.

Year of death can be different to the reference year and year of registration with the Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

[Person related data elements (TDLU) cluster](#)
    [Tasmanian Health,](#) Superseded 10/11/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2020
Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Person related data elements (TDLU) cluster](#)
    [Tasmanian Health,](#) Standard 10/11/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2023
Implementation end date: 30/06/2025
Conditional obligation:

Only required when the person is deceased