Person—length of time being a client, elapsed time code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Length of time being a client |
| METEOR identifier: | 745377 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 10/06/2022 |
| Definition: | The length of time a person reports their family member, partner or friend has been a client at a service as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—length of time being a client](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745373) |
| Value Domain: | [Elapsed time code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745375) |

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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: | 1 | < 1 month |
|  | 2 | 1 to 6 months |
|  | 3 | 6 months to 1 year |
|  | 4 | 1 to 5 years |
|  | 5 | > 5 years |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Code 9 includes those answers deemed to be illegible and where the respondent has selected multiple responses for the question. |

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

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| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Mental Health Carer Experience of Service NBEDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745391)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 10/06/2022  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022 ***DSS specific information:***  This relates to question 36 of the Mental Health Carer Experience Survey. The full question is:  36. How long has your family member, partner or friend been a client of this mental health service? |