

Person—accommodation type, usual code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Usual accommodation type
METEOR identifier:	775018
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023
Definition:	The type of accommodation setting in which a person usually lives/lived, as represented by a code.
Context:	Aged Care.
Data Element Concept:	Person—accommodation type
Value Domain:	Usual accommodation type code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Private residence
	2	Residential aged care service
	3	Independent living within a retirement village
	4	Other specialised/supported accommodation
	5	Indigenous community or settlement
	6	Boarding house, hostel or similar accommodation
	7	Crisis or transitional housing
	8	Public place
	20	Other
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable
	98	Unknown/unable to be determined
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Private residence
	This code applies to people living a house, apartment or other dwelling with private facilities.
	CODE 2 Residential aged care service
	This code applies to people living in a residential aged care facility (also known as nursing or aged care homes). This does not include people who use residential aged care on a respite basis and maintain a usual living arrangement elsewhere).
	CODE 3 Independent living within a retirement village

This code applies to people living in a self-care living unit within a retirement village (irrespective of the type of tenure held over the residence). Independent living within retirement villages is generally for people who are independent and able to care for themselves.

CODE 4 Other specialised/supported accommodation

This code applies to people living in settings where care is provided by staff on a live in or rostered basis, excluding residential aged care. It can consist of:

- supported living within a retirement village
- disability support or disability supported accommodation, such as group homes for people with disability or Specialist Disability Accommodation
- alcohol/other drug treatment units in psychiatric hospitals
- mental health units and forensic health units of corrective services systems
- specialised mental health community-based residential support services
- specialised dementia care units (SDCUs)
- other specialised rehabilitation or institutional settings

CODE 5 Indigenous community or settlement

This code applies to people who usually reside within an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander community or settlement. This can include any type of residence within those communities.

CODE 6 Boarding house, hostel or similar accommodation

This code applies to people who usually reside in buildings or rooms for lodging, generally consisting of a bedroom that is not self-contained, and usually shares a common kitchen and/or bathroom. Boarding house bedrooms are usually accessed via a common entrance such as a foyer or hallway. Some nursing homes have historically been known as hostels; these are included under residential aged care.

CODE 7 Crisis or transitional housing

This code applies to people living in short-term or temporary accommodation. It includes crisis, emergency and transitional housing such as night shelters, women's refuges and other agency-led temporary arrangements for accommodation. Accommodation may be linked to external support through another agency.

CODE 8 Public place

This code applies to people experiencing homelessness. For example, people may be sleeping rough, squatting, in improvised dwellings, using cars or railway carriages or sleeping in parks.

CODE 20 Other

This code applies to people living in an accommodation setting not specified above. For example, this can include people living in an adult correctional facility, prison or immigration detention centre.

CODE 97 Not applicable

This code applies where there was no assessment of the person's accommodation setting.

CODE 98 Unknown/unable to be determined

This code applies where the usual accommodation is unknown or unable to be determined.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

This code is not to be used on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health and Aged Care

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: 'Usual' is defined as the type of accommodation the person has lived in for the most amount of time over the past three months prior. For example, if a person stays in a particular place of accommodation for four or more days a week over the period, that place of accommodation would be the person's type of usual accommodation. In practice, receiving an answer to questioning about a person's usual accommodation setting may be difficult to achieve. The place the person perceives as their usual accommodation will often prove to be the best approximation of their type of usual accommodation.

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Origin: [My Aged Care – National Screening and Assessment Form User Guide | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#), viewed 16 February 2023. <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/my-aged-care-national-screening-and-assessment-form-user-guide?language=en>.

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Aged care person cluster](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023