

Person—living arrangement, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Person living arrangement
METEOR identifier:	775029
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023
Definition:	Whether a person usually resides alone or with others, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—living arrangement
Value Domain:	Living arrangement code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Lives alone
	2	Lives with family – partner only
	3	Lives with family – other
	4	Lives with others
	10	Other
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable
	98	Unkown/unable to be determined
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1** Lives alone

The person lives on their own. A person living alone in a private room within a retirement village, aged care facility, boarding house etc. should be coded as CODE 04 'Lives with others', except in those instances in which they are sharing their own private space/room within the premises with a family member (in which case code as CODE 02 'Lives with family – partner only' or CODE 03 'Lives with family – other').

CODE 2 Lives with family – partner only

The person lives with their partner only. Includes registered marriages and de facto relationships.

CODE 3 Lives with family – other

The person lives with family members. Family members may include the person's partner but if they live with their partner only, the person should be coded as CODE 2 'Lives with family – partner only'. If the person's household includes both family and non-family members, the person should be coded as living with family.

CODE 4 Lives with others

The person lives with non-family members.

CODE 10 Other

The person's living arrangements are not described by CODE 1–CODE 4.

CODE 97 Not applicable

This code is used where an assessment does not include this question.

CODE 98 Unknown/unable to be determined

This code is used where information is unclear, unavailable or insufficient to assign CODE 01–CODE 10.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health and Aged Care

Data element attributes

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Collection methods: Generally this metadata item is collected for the person's usual living arrangement, but may also, if required, be collected for a person's main living arrangement or living arrangement at a particular time reference point.

Comments: Date collected about the type of living arrangement for a person gives information about the level of support, both physical and emotional, to which a person may have access.

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Submitting organisation: Department of Health and Aged Care

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2002) [Aged care assessment program data dictionary version 1.0](#), AIHW, Australian Government, accessed 21 February 2023.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Person—living arrangement, dementia code NN Health](#), Standard 05/10/2022

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Aged care person cluster](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023