

# Labour force status code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270700
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Superseded 29/02/2016 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Superseded 10/08/2018 <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 17/10/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the labour force status of a person.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Employed
	2	Unemployed
	3	Not in the labour force
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Employed:**

Persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week:

(a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising 'Employees', 'Employers' and 'Own Account Workers'); or

(b) worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. 'Contributing Family Worker'); or

(c) were 'Employees' who had a job but were not at work and were:

- on paid leave
- on leave without pay, for less than four weeks, up to the end of the reference week
- stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment, for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week
- on strike or locked out
- on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job, or
- receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or

(d) were 'Employers', 'Own Account Workers' or 'Contributing Family Workers' who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

**CODE 2 Unemployed:**

Unemployed persons are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and:

(a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week. Were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week). Or were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or

(b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown. Note: Actively looking for work includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work. It also includes answering a newspaper advertisement for a job, checking factory or job placement agency notice boards, being registered with a job placement agency, checking or registering with any other employment agency, advertising or tendering for work or contacting friends or relatives.

**CODE 3 Not in the Labour Force:**

Persons not in the labour force are those persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week, were not in the categories employed or unemployed, as defined. They include persons who were keeping house (unpaid), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, persons in institutions (hospitals, gaols, sanatoriums, etc.), trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the reference week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation.

**Collection Methods:**

For information about collection, refer to the ABS website:

<http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/0/AEB5AA310D68DF8FCA25697E0018FED8?Open>

**Source and reference attributes**

**Origin:** Australian Bureau of Statistics 1995. Directory of Concepts and Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables. Australia 1995. Cat. no. 1361.0.30.001. Canberra: AGPS.

<http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/0/AEB5AA310D68DF8FCA25697E0018FED8?Open> (last viewed 21 December 2005)

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Labour force status code N](#)  
[Disability](#), Standard 29/02/2016  
[Health!](#), Standard 17/10/2018  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Person—labour force status, code N](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016  
[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018  
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018  
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