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# Target group

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000537                      Version number: 2  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NCSIMG                      Admin status: RETIRED  
Effective date: 01-SEP-03

Definition: The target group is a group of people with a particular characteristic or set of characteristics which a particular program/service seeks to assist. Target groups may relate to population groups or communities, families/households, individuals, organisations or labour force groups. Characteristics may include age, cultural identity, geographic location, specific needs and other relevant characteristics.

Context: Target group is used in describing community services agencies, in service planning and in comparing community needs and service availability.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: NNN  
Minimum Size: 3  
Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: NOVAL                      A classification of community services target groups is contained in the National Classifications of Community Services (currently Version 1.0, but to be revised and updated in 2001). To meet program or service specific needs, the categories used in individual data collections may be more detailed than those in the target group classification but they should always be mappable to categories in this classification.

Guide For Use: .

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Target group version 1

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: AIHW: 1997. National Classifications of Community Services.  
Version 1.0. Cat. no. HWI 7. Canberra: AIHW

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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Comments: Should be supported by data items delineating the individual characteristics that define the target population, such as Sex, Country of birth, etc.  
At the present time very little community services data are classified to target groups but implementations of this classification is under active consideration by the National Community Services Data Committee.

### *Data Element Links*

#### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

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#### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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