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# Year of arrival in Australia

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000543                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NCSIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-JUL-98  
Definition: The year a person (born outside of Australia) first arrived in Australia, from another country, with the intention of staying in Australia for one year or more.  
Context: This data element is an important indicator of cultural identity, and provides further information about the persons cultural values and practices which is significant in determining service type and support required.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE  
Representation layout: CCYY  
Minimum Size: 4  
Maximum Size: 4  
Data Domain: NOVAL      Actual year of arrival

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: ABS: Directory of concepts and standards or social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995  
Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

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Comments: This data element is currently collected in relatively few community services data collections. However, used in conjunction with other indicators of cultural identity, especially country of birth, this element has the potential to yield more informative data about client needs and access to services. ABS uses a shifting 2-digit code structure with anomalies which may create too many

collection problems in the community services sector.

Was ID. 000043 (500 added to avoid NHDD DE with same ID.).

[\*Data Element Links\*](#)

[\*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element\*](#)

[\*Data Agreements which include this Data Element\*](#)

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