
Level of highest educational attainment

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000579 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NCSIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: The highest qualification reported by a person in any field of study, or the highest year of school completed, whichever is the higher.
Context: This item provides an indication of diversity in educational attainment.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N(NN)
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 3
Data Domain: 1 Degree or higher
 2 Diploma or Advanced Diploma
 3 Certificate
 4 Senior Secondary Education (eg. Year 12, Senior Secondary Certificate of Education)
 5 Junior Secondary Education (eg. Year 10)
 6 Primary School Education
 7 Did not attend primary or secondary school
 9 Not stated/ inadequately described

Guide For Use: The data domain can be linked to categories specified in the Level of Education classification of the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED). This classification allows for data to be collected at a greater level of detail if desired. In this case valid codes from the ASCED should be used as the data domain.

Collection Methods: The recommended question wording for this data element is as

follows:

'What is the highest level of education you / the person / (name) has completed?' (Mark one box only).

The levels should be listed as set out in the data domain above (Codes 1-7 only).

The focus of the item is completed education so if the client is in Year 11, then the category Junior Secondary Education (Year 10) should be marked as the highest level of education completed.

Primary School Education includes school up to Years 6 in New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory; and up to Year 7 in Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Code 9, Not stated/inadequately described, is not for use 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.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Education level version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2001. Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) 2001. Cat. no. 1272.0. Canberra: ABS. Reference through:
<<http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/StatsLibrary>>.

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics.
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Educational characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
