Living arrangement

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: Whether a person usually resides alone or with others.

Context: It is important to record the type of living arrangement for a person

in order to develop a sense of the level of support, both physically

and emotionally, to which a person may have access.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation N

layout:

Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 1 Lives alone

2 Lives with family3 Lives with others

9 Not stated / inadequately described

Guide For Use: Code 2 Lives with family: If the person's household includes both

family and non-family members, the person should be recorded as living with family. 'Living with family' should be considered to

include defacto and same sex relationships.

On occasion, difficulties can arise in deciding the living

arrangement of a person due to their type of accommodation (e.g.

boarding houses, hostels, group homes, retirement villages,

residential aged care facilities). In these circumstances the person should be regarded as living alone, except in those instances in which they are sharing their own private space/room within the premises with a significant other (e.g. partner, sibling, close

friend).

Collection Methods: Generally this 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.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Living arrangements version 2

relates to the data element concept Family version 2 relates to the data element concept Dwelling version 1 relates to the data element concept Household version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services 1998.

Home and Community Care Data Dictionary. Version 1.0.

Canberra: DHFS.

Source Organisation: Commonwealth and State/Territory Home and Community Care

Officials

National Health Data Committee and National Community

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Comments: .

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Accommodation/living characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element