Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2005) NNNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Area of usual residence
METEOR identifier:	329147
Registration status:	Health!, Superseded 14/09/2006
Definition:	Geographical location of usual residence of the person, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—area of usual residence
METEOR identifier:	269542
Registration status:	Health!, Standard 01/03/2005
	Community Services (retired), Standard 21/05/2010
	Early Childhood, Standard 21/05/2010
	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 01/11/2012
	WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015
	Disability, Standard 13/08/2015
	Tasmanian Health, Standard 01/09/2016
	Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired), Standard 20/06/2018
Definition:	Geographical location of usual residence of the person.
Object class:	Person
Property:	Area of usual residence

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Geographical location code (ASGC 2005) NNNNN
METEOR identifier:	312241
Registration status:	Health!, Superseded 14/09/2006
	Community Services (retired), Superseded 30/11/2006
Definition:	The ASGC (2005) code set representing geographical location.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Standard Geographical Classification 2005
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNNN
Maximum character length:	5

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:
The geographical location is reported using a five digit numerical code. The first digit is the single-digit code to indicate State or Territory. The remaining four digits are the numerical code for the Statistical Local Area (SLA) within the State or Territory.

The single digit codes for the states and territories and the four digit codes for the SLAs are as defined in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC).

The ASGC is updated on an annual basis with a date of effect of 1 July each year. Therefore, the edition effective for the data collection reference year should be used.

The codes for SLA are unique within each State and Territory, but not within the whole country. Thus, to define a unique location, the code of the State or Territory is required in addition to the code for the SLA.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics '(ABS) National Localities Index (NLI) (ABS Catalogue number 1252.0) can be used to assign each locality or address in Australia to a SLA. The NLI is a comprehensive list of localities in Australia with their full code (including State or Territory and SLA) from the main structure of the ASGC.

For the majority of localities, the locality name (suburb or town, for example) is sufficient to assign a SLA. However, some localities have the same name. For most of these, limited additional information such as the postcode or State can be used with the locality name to assign the SLA. In addition, other localities cross one or more SLA boundaries and are referred to as split localities. For these, the more detailed information of the number and street of the person's residence is used with the Streets Sub-index of the NLI to assign the SLA.

If the information available on the person's address indicates that it is in a split locality but is insufficient to assign an SLA, the code for the SLA which includes most of the split locality should be reported. This is in accordance with the NLI assignment of SLA when a split locality is identified and further detail about the address is not available.

The NLI does not assign a SLA code if the information about the address is insufficient to identify a locality, or is not an Australian locality. In these cases, the appropriate codes for undefined SLA within Australia (State or Territory unstated), undefined SLA within a stated State or Territory, no fixed place of abode (within Australia or within a stated State or Territory) or overseas should be used.

Collection methods:
When collecting the geographical location of a person's usual place of residence, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recommends that 'usual' be defined as: 'the place where the person has or intends to live for 6 months or more, or the place that the person regards as their main residence, or where the person has no other residence, the place they currently reside.' Apart from collecting a person's usual place of residence there is also a need in some collections to collect area of residence immediately prior to or after assistance is provided, or at some other point in time.

Comments:
Geographical location is reported using Statistical Local Area (SLA) to enable accurate aggregation of information to larger areas within the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) (such as Statistical Subdivisions and Statistical Divisions) as well as detailed analysis at the SLA level. The use of SLA also allows analysis relating the data to information complied by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on the demographic and other characteristics of the population of each SLA. Analyses facilitates by the inclusion of SLA information include:

- comparison of the use of services by persons residing in different geographical areas,
- characterisation of catchment areas and populations for establishments for planning purposes, and
- documentation of the provision of services to residents of States or Territories other than the State or Territory of the provider.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2004) NNNNN](#)
                                     [Health!](#), Superseded 21/03/2006

                                     Has been superseded by [Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2006) NNNNN](#)
                                     [Health!](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Admitted patient care NMDS 2006-07](#)
                                     [Health!](#), Superseded 23/10/2006
                                     Implementation start date: 01/07/2006
                                     Implementation end date: 30/06/2007

                                     [Admitted patient mental health care NMDS](#)
                                     [Health!](#), Superseded 23/10/2006
                                     Implementation start date: 01/07/2006
                                     Implementation end date: 30/06/2007

                                     [Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2006-07](#)
                                     [Health!](#), Superseded 23/10/2006
                                     Implementation start date: 01/07/2006
                                     Implementation end date: 30/06/2007

                                     [Community mental health care NMDS 2006-07](#)
                                     [Health!](#), Superseded 23/10/2006
                                     Implementation start date: 01/07/2006
                                     Implementation end date: 30/06/2007

                                     [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS](#)
                                     [Health!](#), Superseded 23/10/2006
                                     Implementation start date: 01/07/2006
                                     Implementation end date: 30/06/2007

                                     [Residential mental health care NMDS 2006-07](#)
                                     [Health!](#), Superseded 23/10/2006
                                     Implementation start date: 01/07/2006
                                     Implementation end date: 30/06/2007