Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2011) NN{NN}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Preferred language
METEOR identifier:	460123
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 13/10/2011 Housing assistance, Standard 13/10/2011 Tasmanian Health, Superseded 27/06/2017 Health!, Superseded 25/01/2018 Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018
Definition:	The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—preferred language
Value Domain:	Language code (ASCL 2011) NN{NN}

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Standard Classification of Languages 2011
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NN{NN}
Maximum character length:	4

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) has a three-level hierarchical structure. The most detailed level of the classification consists of base units (languages) which are represented by four-digit codes. The second level of the classification comprises narrow groups of languages (the Narrow group level), identified by the first two digits. The most general level of the classification consists of broad groups of languages (the Broad group level) and is identified by the first digit. The classification includes Australian Indigenous languages and sign languages.

For example, the Lithuanian language has a code of 3102. In this case 3 denotes that it is an Eastern European language, while 31 denotes that it is a Baltic language. The Pintupi Aboriginal language is coded as 8713. In this case 8 denotes that it is an Australian Indigenous language and 87 denotes that the language is a Western Desert language.

Language data may be output at the Broad group level, Narrow group level or base level of the classification. If necessary, significant languages within a Narrow group can be presented separately while the remaining languages in the Narrow group are aggregated. The same principle can be adopted to highlight significant Narrow groups within a Broad group.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This may be a language other than English even where the person can speak fluent English.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: ABS cat. no. 1267.0. Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL), 2011. Canberra: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2005) NN{NN}
Community Services (retired), Superseded 13/10/2011
Health!, Superseded 13/10/2011

Has been superseded by Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]
Health!, Standard 25/01/2018
Tasmanian Health, Standard 27/06/2017

See also Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code (ASCL 2011) NN{NN}
Children and Families, Superseded 20/01/2021
Community Services (retired), Standard 13/10/2011
Disability, Standard 13/08/2015
Health!, Superseded 25/01/2018
Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018
Housing assistance, Standard 13/10/2011

See also Person—main language spoken at home, code (ASCL 2011) NN{NN}
Health!, Recorded 24/04/2014

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2012-13
Health!, Superseded 07/02/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2013-15
Health!, Superseded 13/11/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2015-18
Health!, Superseded 06/09/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2015
Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Cardiovascular disease (clinical) NBPDS
Health!, Superseded 17/10/2018

Hospital patient experience DSS 2014-
Health!, Recorded 11/10/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Public dental waiting times DSS 2012-13
Health!, Superseded 09/11/2012
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

Public dental waiting times NMDS 2013-2018
Health!, Superseded 25/01/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2016
Tasmanian Health, Superseded 05/07/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017