

Person—age at onset of disability, total months N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Age in months at onset of disability
Synonymous names:	Onset of disability
METEOR identifier:	493210
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 10/04/2013 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015
Definition:	The age at which a person first experiences an impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction, represented as total months.
Context:	The onset of disability may indicate a current or future need for assistance.
Data Element Concept:	Person—age at onset of disability
Value Domain:	Total months N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element relates to the age of onset of an impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction (including present at birth), which may be different from the age that a person needs assistance because of that impairment, limitation, or restriction.

The onset of disability may be later than the first appearance of a health condition that eventually results in disability.

Collection methods: Count age in completed months if onset of disability occurs after birth and before the second birthday. Record 0 months if disability was present at birth. Record age in completed years if onset of disability occurs after second birthday (see the data element [Person—age at onset of disability, total years N\[NN\]](#)).

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Disability and need for assistance cluster](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015