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

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# 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)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), 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. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Person—age at onset of disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/490479) |
| METEOR identifier: | 490479 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015 |
| Definition: | The age at which a person first experiences an impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction. |
| Object class: | [Person](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/268955) |
| Property: | [Age at onset of disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/490477) |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Total months N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/311669) |
| METEOR identifier: | 311669 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015  [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Standard 14/07/2021 |
| Definition: | Total number of completed months. |

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



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| 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]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/490104)). |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Disability and need for assistance cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/484548)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015 |