

Record—linkage key, code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYYYX

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Statistical linkage key 581
METEOR identifier:	686241
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 25/01/2018 Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	A key that enables two or more records belonging to the same individual to be brought together. It is represented by a code consisting of the second, third and fifth characters of a person's family name, the second and third letters of the person's given name, the day, month and year when the person was born and the sex of the person, concatenated in that order.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Record—linkage key
METEOR identifier:	349891
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 21/05/2010 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 23/08/2010 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Health! , Standard 07/12/2011 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014
Definition:	A key that enables the bringing together of two or more records that are believed to belong to the same individual.
Object class:	Record
Property:	Linkage key

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Linkage code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYYX
METEOR identifier:	686265
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 25/01/2018 Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	A combination of the second, third and fifth alphanumeric characters of a person's family name, the second and third alphanumeric characters of a person's given name, a date in the format DDMMYYYY and a single alphanumeric character representing the sex of a person.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	XXXXXXDDMMYYYYX
Maximum character length:	14

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: Information about whether or not the person's date of birth is accurate should be noted. By knowing that date of birth is accurate it is possible to reduce underestimation of total service user numbers and overestimation of service users' ages.

Comments: The linkage key is designed to make it possible to count number of clients and services they received, without counting the same client more than once. It can also be used for linking to other related data collections. It is for statistical linkage purposes only, not for case management or the tracking of individual persons. This may be done using a range of identifiers and/or keys.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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Relational attributes

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[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 21/05/2010
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[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

Is formed using [Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 25/08/2005
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[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
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[Indigenous](#), Standard 11/08/2014
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2024
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

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[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
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[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
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[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 27/03/2023

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[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/03/2007
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[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
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[Indigenous](#), Standard 16/10/2017

See also [Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/09/2005
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
[Health!](#), Standard 04/05/2005
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

See also [Date—estimate indicator, code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007

See also [National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 10-The proportion of Indigenous children aged 4 and 5 years who are enrolled in, and attending, a preschool program in the year before full-time schooling, by remoteness, 2013](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/12/2013

Implementation in Data Set [Statistical linkage key 581 cluster](#)
Specifications: [Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021
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