

Proficiency in spoken English code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	695979
Registration status:	Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	A code set representing the level of ability to speak English.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Very well
	2	Well
	3	Not well
	4	Not at all
Supplementary values:	7	Not applicable
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 7 Not applicable

This code is used for respondents who do not speak a language other than English for their first language spoken and/or do not speak a language other than English at home.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

This code is not to be used on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

Collection Methods: A question on proficiency in spoken English is asked of respondents whose first language spoken is a language other than English, or those who speak a language other than English at home.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) Standards for statistics on cultural and language diversity 1999. ABS cat. no. 1289.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 27 October 2017, <http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1289.0>.

Reference documents: ABS 2016. Language standards, 2016. ABS cat. no. 1200.0.55.005. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 27 October 2017, <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1200.0.55.005>.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Proficiency in spoken English code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Health!](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Person—proficiency in spoken English, code N Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018