

Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 3 (SA3) code (ASGS 2016) N(5)

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Area of usual residence (SA3)
METEOR identifier:	743412
Registration status:	Tasmanian Health , Standard 30/04/2021
Definition:	The geographical region in which a person or group of people usually reside, as represented by a Statistical area level 3 (SA3) code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—area of usual residence
Value Domain:	Statistical area level 3 (SA3) code (ASGS 2016) N(5)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2016
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	N(5)
Maximum character length:	5

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: SA2 coding structure:

An SA3 is identifiable by a 5-digit fully hierarchical code. The SA3 identifier is a 2-digit code, assigned in within a Statistical area level 4 (SA4). An SA3 code is only unique within a state/territory if it is preceded by the state/territory identifier.

For example:

State/territory	SA4	SA3
N	NN	NN

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There are 358 spatial SA3 regions covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. These include 18 non-spatial SA3 special purpose codes comprising Migratory–Offshore–Shipping and No Usual Address codes for each State and Territory.

The Other Territories of Jervis Bay, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Norfolk Island are each represented by a SA3 in the 2016 Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health Tasmania

Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. [Australian Statistical Geography Standard \(ASGS\): Volume 1 - Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas July 2016](#). ABS cat. no. 1270.0.55.001. Canberra: ABS.

Data element attributes

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Guide for use: The geographical location is reported using an eleven digit numerical code to indicate the SA3 region within the reporting state or territory, as defined in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS).

Collection methods: When collecting the geographical location of a person's usual place of residence, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recommends that 'usual' be defined as: 'The place where the person has or intends to live for 6 months or more, or the place that the person regards as their main residence, or where the person has no other residence, the place they currently reside.' Apart from collecting a person's usual place of residence there is also a need in some collections to collect area of residence immediately prior to or after assistance is provided, or at some other point in time.

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Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Person geographic data elements \(TDLU\) cluster Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 18/05/2021