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GEN Data Dictionary

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GEN data sets

This data dictionary applies to the following data sets available for download on the GEN website.

Data set	Description
GEN data: Admissions into aged care	
<i>Admissions into aged care, 2007–08 to 2008–09</i> (Admissions_2007–08to2008–09_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2007–08 and 2008–09.
<i>Admissions into aged care, 2009–10 to 2010–11</i> (Admissions_2009–10to2010–11_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2009–10 and 2010–11.
<i>Admissions into aged care, 2011–12 to 2012–13</i> (Admissions_2011–12to2012–13_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2011–12 and 2012–13.
<i>Admissions into aged care, 2013–14 to 2014–15</i> (Admissions_2013–14to2014–15_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2013–14 and 2014–15.
<i>Admissions into aged care, 2015–16 to 2016–17</i> (Admissions_2015–16to2016–17_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2015–16 and 2016–17.
<i>Admissions into residential aged care, 2013–14 to 2017–18</i> (Admissionsresidential_2013–14to2017–18_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to residential aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2013–14 and 2017–18.

Data set	Description
<i>Admissions into home care, 2013–14 to 2017–18</i> (Admissionshomecare_2013–14to2017–18_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to home care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2013–14 and 2017–18.
<i>Admissions into residential aged care, 2013–14 to 2018–19</i> (Admissionsresidential_2013–14to2018–19_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to residential aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2013–14 and 2018–19.
<i>Admissions into home care, 2013–14 to 2018–19</i> (Admissionshomecare_2013–14to2018–19_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to home care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2013–14 and 2018–19.
<i>Admissions into residential aged care, 2019–20</i> (Admissionsresidential_2019–20_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to residential aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2019–20.
<i>Admissions into home care, 2019–20</i> (Admissionshomecare_2019–20_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people admitted to home care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2019–20.

GEN data: Care needs of people in residential care

<i>Care needs of people in residential care, 2007–08 to 2011–12</i> (CareNeeds_2007–08to2011–12_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people with a recorded ACFI assessment for each year 2007–08 to 2011–12. Records only the last valid ACFI assessment per person in care on 30 June.
<i>Care needs of people in residential care, 2012–13 to 2016–17</i> (CareNeeds_2012–13to2016–17_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people with a recorded ACFI assessment for each year 2012–13 to 2016–17. Records only the last valid ACFI assessment per person in care on 30 June.
<i>Care needs of people in residential care, 2017–18</i> (CareNeeds_2017–18_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people with a recorded ACFI assessment for 2017–18. Records only the last valid ACFI assessment per person in care on 30 June.

Data set	Description
<i>Care needs of people in residential care, 2018–19</i> (CareNeeds_2018–19_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people with a recorded ACFI assessment for 2018–19. Records only the last valid ACFI assessment per person in care on 30 June.
<i>Care needs of people in residential care, 2019–20</i> (Care_needs_2019–20_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people with a recorded ACFI assessment for 2019–20. Records only the last valid ACFI assessment per person in care on 30 June.

GEN data: People leaving aged care

<i>People leaving aged care, 2007–08 to 2008–09</i> (Exits_2007–08to2008–09_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2007–08 and 2008–09.
<i>People leaving aged care, 2009–10 to 2010–11</i> (Exits_2009–10to2010–11_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2009–10 and 2010–11.
<i>People leaving aged care, 2011–12 to 2012–13</i> (Exits_2011–12to2012–13_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2011–12 and 2012–13.
<i>People leaving aged care, 2013–14 to 2014–15</i> (Exits_2013–14to2014–15_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2013–14 and 2014–15.
<i>People leaving aged care, 2015–16 to 2016–17</i> (Exits_2015–16to2016–17_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2015–16 and 2016–17.
<i>People leaving residential aged care, 2017–18</i> (Exitsresidential_2017–18_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving residential aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2017–18.

Data set	Description
<i>People leaving home care, 2013–14 to 2017–18</i> (Exitshomecare_2013–14to2017–18_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving home care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2013–14 and 2017–18.
<i>People leaving residential aged care, 2018–19</i> (Exitshomecare_2018–19_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving residential aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2018–19.
<i>People leaving home care, 2018–19</i> (Exitshomecare_2018–19_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving home care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2018–19.
<i>People leaving residential aged care, 2019–20</i> (Exitshomecare_2019–20_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving residential aged care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2019–20.
<i>People leaving home care, 2019–20</i> (Exitshomecare_2019–20_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people leaving home care services from 1 July to 30 June for 2019–20.

GEN data: People using aged care

<i>People using aged care services, 30 June 2008 and 2009</i> (People_2008to2009_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people receiving aged care services at 30 June 2008 and 2009.
<i>People using aged care services, 30 June 2010 and 2011</i> (People_2010to2011_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people receiving aged care services at 30 June 2010 and 2011.
<i>People using aged care services, 30 June 2012 and 2013</i> (People_2012to2013_GEN data)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people receiving aged care services at 30 June 2012 and 2013.

Data set	Description
<i>People using aged care services, 30 June 2014 and 2015</i> (People_2014to2015_GEN data)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people receiving aged care services at 30 June 2014 and 2015.
<i>People using aged care services, 30 June 2016 and 2017</i> (People_2016to2017_GEN data)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people receiving aged care services at 30 June 2016 and 2017.
<i>People using aged care services, 30 June 2018</i> (People-using-aged-care-services,-30-June-2018)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people receiving aged care services at 30 June 2018.
<i>People using aged care services, 30 June 2019</i> (People-using-aged-care-services,-30-June-2019)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people receiving aged care services at 30 June 2019.
<i>People using aged care services, 30 June 2020</i> (People-using-aged-care-services-30-June-2020)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people receiving aged care services at 30 June 2020.
<i>People using aged care services, 30 June 2021</i> (People-using-aged-care-services-30-June-2021)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about people receiving aged care services at 30 June 2021.

GEN data: Providers, services and places in aged care

<i>Services and places in aged care, 30 June 2019</i> (ServicesPlaces_2008to2018_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about aged care services and places in Australia at 30 June 2019.
<i>Services and places in aged care, 30 June 2020</i> (ServicesPlaces_2019to2020_GENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about aged care services and places in Australia at 30 June 2020.

Data set	Description
<i>Services and places in aged care, 30 June 2021</i> (ServicesPlaces_2020to2021_G ENdata)	Confidentialised dataset which provides selected information about aged care services and places in Australia at 30 June 2021.

Alphabetical list of data items

ACPR_CODE

ACPR_NAME

ADL (relates to Care Needs tables only)

ADMISSION_TYPE

AGE_GROUP

BEH (relates to Care Needs tables only)

CARE_TYPE

CHC (relates to Care Needs tables only)

COUNTRY_OF_BIRTH

DEPARTURE_REASON (relates to Exits tables only)

DISCHARGE_REASON (relates to Exits tables only)

FIRST_ADMISSION (relates to Admissions tables only)

HOME_CARE_LEVEL

INDIGENOUS_STATUS

LOS_DAYS (relates to Exits tables only)

LOS_MONTHS (relates to Exits tables only)

MMM_CODE

OPERATIONAL_PLACES (relates to Services and Places table only)

ORGANISATION_TYPE (relates to Services and Places table only)

PREFERRED_LANGUAGE

PROGRAM_TYPE (relates to Services and Places table only)

REMOTENESS (relates to Services and Places table only)

SEX

SERVICE_SIZE (relates to Services and Places table only)

STATE

YEAR

ACPR_CODE

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Numeric

Available domains:

- 101–116
- 201–209
- 301–316
- 401–411
- 501–511
- 601–603
- 701–705
- 801
- Unknown

Full name: Aged Care Planning Region code

Definition: The code for the Aged Care Planning Region based on the location of the service delivered.
All data up to and including 2017 data use the 2015 Aged Care Planning Regions. Data from 2018 and later use the 2018 Aged Care Planning Regions.

Related data item(s): [ACPR_NAME](#)
[STATE](#)

ACPR_NAME

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains: Various
Unknown

Full name: Aged Care Planning Region name

Definition: The name of the Aged Care Planning Region based on the location of the service delivered.

All data up to and including 2017 data use the 2015 Aged Care Planning Regions. Data from 2018 and later use the 2018 Aged Care Planning Regions.

Related data item(s): [ACPR_CODE](#)
[STATE](#)

ADL

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains:

- H — High
- M — Mid
- L — Low
- N — Nil

Full name: Activities of daily living score

Definition: The assessed need a person has with assistance with daily living, either high need, mid need, low need or nil need.

Guide for use: This data item relates only to Care Needs tables.

Related data item(s):

- [BEH](#)
- [CHC](#)

ADMISSION_TYPE

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains: Perm — Permanent Care
Resp — Respite Care

Full name: Admission type code

Definition: The type of admission to a service received by a client, either permanent or respite. This is only used in residential care, and is not applied to recipients of other types of care.

Related data item(s): [CARE_TYPE](#)

AGE_GROUP

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains:

- 0–49
- 50–54
- 55–59
- 60–64
- 65–69
- 70–74
- 75–79
- 80–84
- 85–89
- 90–94
- 95–99
- 100+

- 50–59 (for Care Needs tables only)
- 60–69 (for Care Needs tables only)
- 70–79 (for Care Needs tables only)
- 80–89 (for Care Needs tables only)
- 90–99 (for Care Needs tables only)

Not stated / Inadequately described

Full name: Age group

Definition: The age group of a person derived from the date in which a person was born, taken at 30 June of the reference year.

Guide for use: To ensure that confidentiality is maintained, Care Needs tables are available with 10 year age groups rather than 5 year age groups.

Related data item(s): [YEAR](#)

BEH

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains:

- H — High
- M — Mid
- L — Low
- N — Nil

Full name: Behavioural needs score

Definition: The assessed need a person has with behaviour, either high need, mid need, low need or nil need.

Guide for use: This data item relates only to Care Needs tables.

Related data item(s):

- [ADL](#)
- [CHC](#)

CARE_TYPE

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains: Residential care
Transition care
Home care

Full name: Care type

Definition: The aged care type used by a person.
These care types include only mainstream aged care.

Programs providing community-based care prior to August 2013 have been assigned to Home care.
These programs are:

- Community Aged Care Packages (CACP)
- Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH)
- Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD)

Related data item(s): [ADMISSION_TYPE](#)
[HOME_CARE_LEVEL](#)

CHC

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains:

- H — High
- M — Mid
- L — Low
- N — Nil

Full name: Complex health care score

Definition: The assessed need a person has with complex health care, either high need, mid need, low need or nil need.

Guide for use: This data item relates only to Care Needs tables.

Related data item(s): [BEH](#)
[ADL](#)

COUNTRY_OF_BIRTH

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains:

- Australia
- Non-English-speaking country
- Other main-English-speaking country
- Not stated country of birth

Full name: Country of birth (group)

Definition: The country in which a person was born, grouped by Australia, other English- speaking, and non-English speaking countries. Other English-speaking counties are defined as: Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, the UK, and the USA.

Related data item(s): [PREFERRED_LANGUAGE](#)

DEPARTURE_REASON

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains:

- Death
- Home/community
- Other
- Residential care
- To hospital
- To other transition care

Full name: Departure reason

Definition: Reason recorded when a person leaves aged care services. Some discharge reasons are recorded only for certain types of care.

Guide for use: This data item relates only to exits tables.

Related data item(s): [LOS_DAYS](#)
[LOS_MONTHS](#)

DISCHARGE_REASON

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Data type:</i>	Character
<i>Available domains:</i>	Death Hospital Other Home or community (discharges from residential care only) Other residential care (discharges from residential care only) Residential care (discharges from home care and transition care only) Home care (discharges from transition care only) Other transition care (discharges from transition care only)
<i>Full name:</i>	Discharge reason
<i>Definition:</i>	Reason recorded for discharge when a person leaves aged care services. Some discharge reasons are recorded only for certain types of care.
<i>Guide for use:</i>	This data item relates only to Exits tables.
<i>Related data item(s):</i>	LOS DAYS LOS MONTHS

FIRST_ADMISSION

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Numeric

Available domains: Yes — First admission
No — Not first admission

Full name: First admission

Definition: Whether or not an admission is the first admission in a client's lifetime to a type of aged care service.

Guide for use: This data item relates only to admissions tables.

Related data item(s): [ADMISSION_TYPE](#)

HOME_CARE_LEVEL

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains:

- L1 — Level 1
- L2 — Level 2
- L3 — Level 3
- L4 — Level 4

Full name: Home Care Level

Definition: Code that represents a level of care provided in community-based care.

Programs in use prior to August 2013 have been assigned to the equivalent care level in the Home Care Packages program. These pre-2013 programs are:

- Community Aged Care Packages (CACP) — L2
- Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) — L4
- Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD) — L4

Guide for use: For 2018 this data item relates only to the Recipients tables.

Due to changes in coding practices, this data item is no longer available for Home Care Admissions or Home Care Exits. Historical Exits and Admissions data that contains home care level are still available on GEN.

Related data item(s): [CARE_TYPE](#)

INDIGENOUS_STATUS

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Data type:</i>	Numeric
<i>Available domains:</i>	Indigenous Non-Indigenous Not stated/inadequately described
<i>Full name:</i>	Indigenous status
<i>Definition:</i>	Whether or not a person identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
<i>Related data item(s):</i>	Nil

LOS_DAYS

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Numeric

Available domains: Various

Full name: Length of stay (days)

Definition: The time spent in the care service from which a person leaves, calculated when they leave.

Related data item(s): [LOS MONTHS](#)

LOS_MONTHS

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Numeric

Available domains: Various

Full name: Length of stay (months)

Definition: The time spent in the care service from which a person leaves, calculated when they leave. This item is derived from LOS DAYS (dividing the number of days by 30).

Related data item(s): [LOS DAYS](#)

MMM_CODE

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Numeric

Available domains:

- 1 – Metropolitan
- 2 – Regional centres
- 3 – Large rural towns
- 4 – Medium rural towns
- 5 – Small rural towns
- 6 – Remote
- 7 – Very remote
- Unknown

Full name: Modified Monash Model (MMM) code

Definition: The code for the Modified Monash Model (MMM) based on the remoteness of the location of the service delivered.

Related data item(s): [Remoteness](#)

OPERATIONAL_PLACES

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Numeric measure

Available domains: Various

Full name: Operational Places

Definition: The number of operational places provided by services. Operational places include those that are in use, and those that are available to provide care to a new recipient.

Guide for use: This data item relates only to the Providers, Services and Places table.

Related data item(s): Nil

ORGANISATION_TYPE

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains: Government
Not-for-profit
Private

Full name: Organisation type

Definition: The organisation type of an organisation providing aged care services.

Guide for use: This data item relates only to the Providers, Services and Places table.

Related data item(s): [PROGRAM_TYPE](#)

PREFERRED_LANGUAGE

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains: English
Other languages
Not stated / Inadequately described

Full name: Preferred language (group)

Definition: The language group mainly spoken, or preferred to be spoken, by a person.

Related data item(s): [COUNTRY_OF_BIRTH](#)

PROGRAM_TYPE

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Data type:</i>	Character
<i>Available domains:</i>	Home care Innovative pool Multi-purpose service National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Program Residential care Short-term restorative care Transition care
<i>Full name:</i>	Program type
<i>Definition:</i>	<p>The aged care program type within which a service operates.</p> <p>Short-term restorative care was introduced in 2016–17.</p> <p>Prior to 2011, places in transition care were available at state level rather than ACPR level. No ACPR codes or names are attached to these places.</p>
<i>Guide for use:</i>	This data item relates only to the Providers, Services and Places table.
<i>Related data item(s):</i>	ORGANISATION_TYPE

REMOTENESS

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains:

- Major cities of Australia
- Inner regional Australia
- Outer regional Australia
- Remote Australia
- Very remote Australia
- Unknown

Full name: Remoteness category

Definition: The remoteness category of a service as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Related data item(s):

- [ACPR_NAME](#)
- [ACPR_CODE](#)
- [MMM_CODE](#)

SEX

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains: Female
Male
Unknown

Full name: Sex

Definition: The biological sex of a person.

Related data item(s): Nil

SERVICE_SIZE

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Data type:</i>	Numeric
<i>Available domains:</i>	1–20 — 20 or fewer operational places 21–40 — Between 21 and 40 operational places 41–60 — Between 41 and 60 operational places 61–80 — Between 61 and 80 operational places 81–100 — Between 81 and 100 operational places 100+ — Greater than 100 operational places
<i>Full name:</i>	Service outlet size
<i>Definition:</i>	The size of a service derived from the number of operational places that outlet provides.
<i>Related data item(s):</i>	OPERATIONAL_PLACES PROGRAM_TYPE ORGANISATION_TYPE

STATE

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Character

Available domains:

- NSW — New South Wales
- Vic — Victoria
- Qld — Queensland
- WA — Western Australia
- SA — South Australia
- Tas — Tasmania
- ACT — Australian Capital Territory
- NT — Northern Territory
- OT — Other Territory

Full name: State

Definition: The state or territory in which a service was received.

Related data item(s): [ACPR_NAME](#)
[ACPR_CODE](#)

YEAR

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data type: Date/Numeric

Available domains:

2008	2019
2009	2020
2010	2021
2011	
2012	
2013	
2014	
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	

Full name: Year

Definition: The financial reference year. For instance 2009 relates to the 2008–09 financial year.
Year may relate to 30 June of the financial reference year or the entire financial year depending on table in use.

Guide for use: Year relates to 30 June only for the following tables:

- Providers, services and places in aged care
- People using aged care services

Year relates to the entire financial year for the following tables:

- Care needs of people in residential care
- Admissions
- People leaving aged care

Related data item(s): Nil