Household—household composition, code N{.N}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Household composition
METEOR identifier:	301755
Registration status:	Housing assistance, Superseded 04/06/2013 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The composition of the household based on the relationship between household members, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Household—household composition
METEOR identifier:	303379
Registration status:	Housing assistance, Superseded 30/08/2017
Definition:	The composition of the household based on the relationship between household members. Households can contain dependent and non-dependent family members as well as non-family members. The differentiation of households is based on the presence or absence of couple relationships, parent-dependant relationships or other blood relationships.
Context:	Together with 'family', household is considered one of the basic groups of social aggregation. Information on household numbers and composition aids in identifying groups within the population such as Indigenous households or the number of people living alone.
Object class:	Household
Property:	Household composition

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Household composition code N{.N}
METEOR identifier:	301751
Registration status:	Housing assistance, Standard 10/02/2006
Definition:	A code set representing a composition of a household.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N{.N}
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Family
	1.1	Sole parent with dependant(s) only

1.2	Couple only
1.3	Couple with dependant(s) only
1.4	Family (with other family member(s) present)
1.5	Family (with non-related member(s) present)
2	Non family
2.1	Single (person living alone)
2.2	Group (unrelated adults)

Supplementary values: 9   Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: A household should at least contain a member that is 16 years of age or more. If a household does not contain at least one member 16 years of age or over, it should be classified as Unknown.

A dependant is defined as someone who lives in the primary care of parent(s), carer or guardian, is aged 24 years and under and:
• is studying full-time (ages 5 and over); and/or
• is not in receipt of a pension, payment or benefit (e.g. Youth Allowance) or a Prescribed Education Scheme payment (e.g. ABSTUDY); and/or
• has an annual income of no more than the amount specified by Centrelink for basic eligibility for Family Tax Benefit Part A.

A family is defined as two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or defacto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household.

Code 1.5. Family (with non-related member(s) present): Can include people who are not related to the primary family, but are a family themselves.

Code 9. Not stated/inadequately described: Includes not available, not collected, not classifiable, not stated, and inadequately described.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: It should be noted that only usual residents of a household are considered when describing and categorising households by Household type. Visitors to a household are, by definition, excluded from the household. Usual residence of members of a household is defined as '...that address at which the person has lived or intends to live for a total of 6 months of more' (Census Dictionary 1996).

Other households, including multiple family households may be broken down further to show households with only family members present and those with non-family members present. A family household with only family members present is a household where every individual forms a familial relationship to one of the families belonging to the household. This relates to the ABS Household type definition.

Comments: For the ABS the household is analysed on the basis of the existence or non-existence of family structure and the presence of unrelated household members, rather than on the basis of sex or age, for example

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Housing Data Development Committee

Origin:	CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001-02
	SCRCSSP (Steering Committee for the Review of Commonwealth/ State Service Provision) 1999. Canberra: AusInfo.
	Centrelink 2005. A guide to Australian Government payments—20 March to 30 June 2005.
Reference documents:	Australian Bureau of Statistics 1996. Census Dictionary (Cat. no. 2901.0). Viewed 13 October 2005.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Household—household composition, code N{.N} Housing assistance, Superseded 10/02/2006
	Has been superseded by Household—household composition, housing assistance code N Housing assistance, Superseded 30/08/2017
Implementation in Indicators:	**Used as Disaggregation** National Affordability Housing Agreement: g-Proportion of Indigenous households living in overcrowded conditions, 2010 Homelessness, Standard 16/02/2011 Indigenous, Standard 11/09/2012