

Informal carer—relationship to care recipient, CSTDA code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Relationship of carer to care recipient (CSTDA)
Synonymous names:	Carer relationship to care recipient
METEOR identifier:	315636
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 11/11/2009 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The relationship of the informal carer to the person for whom they care as represented by a code.
Context:	Ageing, carers and disability.
Data Element Concept:	Informal carer—relationship to care recipient
Value Domain:	Carer relationship code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	Spouse/partner	
	1	Wife/female partner
	2	Husband/male partner
	Parent	
	3	Mother
	4	Father
	Child	
	5	Daughter
	6	Son
	Child-in-law	
	7	Daughter-in-law
	8	Son-in-law
	Other relative	
	9	Other female relative
	10	Other male relative
Supplementary values:	Friend/neighbour	
	11	Female friend
	12	Male friend
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS) collection. Data Guide: data items and definitions 2006-07.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element should always be used to record the relationship of the carer to the person for whom they care, regardless of whether the client of the agency is the carer or the person for whom they care.

When answering this question the person is asked to complete the sentence, 'The carer is the person's ...'

The expressed views of the client and/ or their carer or significant other should be used as the basis for determining which carer should be considered to be the primary or principal carer in this regard.

CODES 1 and 2 Male/Female partner

Include defacto and same sex partnerships.

CODES 3 and 4 Mother/Father

Includes foster parents

CODE 99 Not stated inadequately described

This code should only be recorded where the carer has not been identified. This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Comments: Information about this relationship assists in the establishment of a profile of informal caring relationships and the assistance provided to maintain and support those relationships. As such it increases knowledge about the dynamics of caring and provides an insight into the gender and inter-generational patterns of informal care giving in the community.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: CSTDA NMDS Network.

Origin: Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS) collection. Data Guide: data items and definitions 2006-07.

Reference documents: National Community Services Data Dictionary V4.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Informal carer—relationship to care recipient, code N\[N\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 10/04/2013

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 14/12/2008

DSS specific information:

This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have a carer.

A service user may have more than one family member or friend providing them with care and assistance. In such circumstances, this data element relates to the carer who is identified as providing the most significant amount and type of care and assistance. It is recognised that two or more people may equally share the caring role (e.g. mother and father) however, for the purposes of the CSTDA NMDS collection, characteristics are only requested for one of these carers. The expressed views of the service user and/or their carer or significant other should be used as the basis for determining which carer should be considered to be the main carer in this regard.

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS \(July 2008\)](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 11/11/2009

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Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Disaggregation

[National Disability Agreement: h-Proportion of carers of people with disability accessing support services to assist in their caring role \(h-interim\), 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

[National Disability Agreement: h-Proportion of carers of people with disability accessing support services to assist in their caring role \(h-interim\), 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012