Dependent child

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| METEOR identifier: | 346951 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 31/08/2007 |
| Definition: | A person who is either a [**child under 15**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/346949) or a [**dependent student**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/346954). |
| Context: | Family structure |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Comments: | This is a standard statistical unit for analyses of economic well being, and in the community services context is an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families.A dependent must be attached to a nominal parent with whom he/she usually resides. This parent must be over 15 years of age. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Origin: | Australian Bureau of Statistics 2001. *Census Dictionary*. Cat. no. 2901.0. Canberra: ABS. |