

# Child—reunification type, code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Reunification type
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	706941
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Superseded 20/01/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	The family type to which a child was returned when a funded <a href="#">out-of-home care</a> placement has ended, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Child—reunification type</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Type of reunification arrangement code N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Reunification with birth parent/s
	2	Reunification with Indigenous relatives/kin (other than birth parents)
	3	Reunification with other relatives/kin (other than birth parents)
	4	Reunification – Other/Not further specified
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	97	Not applicable
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Reunification with birth parent/s**

Where the child will be reunified with one or both birth parents.

The Department/agency will have transferred full parental guardianship/custody of the child back to the birth parent within the reporting period. Only Department/agency-approved reunifications are included. This includes children who self-reunified, with subsequent endorsement by the Department/agency.

**CODE 2 Reunification with Indigenous relatives/kin (other than birth parents)**

Where the child will be reunified with Indigenous relatives/kin other than birth parents. Includes members of Indigenous communities who are a relative of the child (other than parents) or who are accepted by that community as being related to the child. The Department/agency will have transferred full parental guardianship/custody of the child back to Indigenous relatives/kin within the reporting period.

**CODE 3 Reunification with other relatives/kin (other than birth parents)**

Where the child will be reunified with relatives/kin other than birth parents. Includes non-Indigenous relatives or relatives of unknown Indigenous status (other than parents), or caregivers who are considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture). The Department/agency will have transferred full parental guardianship/custody of the child back to relatives/kin within the reporting period.

**CODE 4 Reunification – Other/Not further specified**

Where the child was reunified with a person or persons other than their birth parents, or other relatives/kin. This category may include reunification to a former guardian (other than those specified above). This category may be used when it is known that a reunification attempt has been made, but where it is not possible to classify who a child was reunified with.

**CODE 97 Not applicable**

The client has not exited funded out-of-home care; or the client has exited funded out-of-home care but not for a reunification attempt; or the living arrangement is not a funded out-of-home care placement provided by a funded agency (e.g. living with parents, independent living, other living arrangements).

**CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described**

Where it is unknown whether the child was provided with a permanent care arrangement during the reporting period.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The family type to which a child was returned when a funded out-of-home care placement has ended.

This excludes trial reunifications where the out-of-home care placement remains open.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2018. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2017–18. Canberra: AIHW.

## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	Has been superseded by <a href="#">Child—reunification type, code N[N] Children and Families</a> , Standard 20/01/2021
<b>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</b>	<a href="#">Living arrangements for children under care (LA) file cluster</a> <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Superseded 20/01/2021