

Household—household composition, code N{.N}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Household composition
Synonymous names:	Household composition
METEOR identifier:	270147
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Superseded 10/02/2006
Data Element Concept:	Household—household composition
Value Domain:	Household composition 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:	1	Family
	1.1	Sole parent with child(ren) under 16 only
	1.2	Couple only
	1.3	Couple with child(ren) under 16 only
	1.4	Family (with other family member(s) present)
	1.5	Family (with other 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 must contain a member that is 15 years of age or more. If a household does not contain at least one member 15 years of age or over, it should be classified as Unknown. Unknown includes not available, not collected, not classifiable, not stated, and inadequately described.
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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 or 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.

Household composition is not used for the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement [proxy occupancy standard](#). Refer instead to [Household—household group, code N](#).

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:

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin:

ABS: Standards for statistics on families. Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Cat. No. 1286.0

ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995

AIHW: Data Standardisation Project for the development of a national unit record public housing data set, 1998

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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