

# Person—relationship to reference person (household), code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Relationship to reference person
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270248
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Superseded 30/08/2017</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The familial and non-familial relationship of each person in a given household to the reference person in that same household, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—relationship to reference person (household)</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

Only the usual residents of the household are included.

**CODE 1 Reference person**

May be referred to as *person 1, main tenant or tenant 1, principal tenant, household head* on application or tenancy forms, or where the dwelling is being purchased, referred to as the *mortgagee*. Person must be aged 16 or over.

**CODE 2 Spouse/partner**

Include defacto, wife, husband and partner of the reference person/tenant.

**CODES 3 and 4 Son/daughter**

Include the son(s) or daughter(s) (or step son(s)/daughter(s)) of the reference person and/or spouse.

**CODES 5 and 6 Resident**

Include relatives other than son(s)/daughter(s) (step son(s)/daughter(s)), non-related carer, other non-related and non-family member(s).

## Data element attributes

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**Collection methods:**

Collecting this data is quite complex, due to inter-relationships that may exist in a household. Refer to *ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995* for standard questions and approach to collecting data on this metadata item.

This metadata item is used to derive [tenancy composition](#) for public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:**

National Housing Data Development Committee

**Reference documents:**

Australian Bureau of Statistics. Standards for statistics on the Family (Cat. No. 1286.0).

Australian Bureau of Statistics 1995. Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics.

Australian Bureau of Statistics 1996. Census Dictionary (Cat. no. 2901.0).

CSHA Public housing and state/territory owned and managed Indigenous housing NMDS User Guide 2001-02.

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes  [Relationship to reference person, version 2, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (16.8 KB) *No registration status*  
Has been superseded by [Person—relationship to household reference person, code N](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Person \(housing assistance\) cluster](#)  
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