

Person—relationship to reference person (household) (community services), code N{.N[N]}

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Relationship in household
METEOR identifier:	270405
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Superseded 29/04/2006
Definition:	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.
Data Element Concept:	Person—relationship to household reference person

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N{.N[N]}
Maximum character length:	3

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
0	Household reference person
1	Husband, wife, or partner
1.1	In a registered marriage
1.2	In a de facto marriage
1.21	Opposite-sex couple
1.22	Same-sex couple
2	Lone parent
2.1	Lone parent
3	Child under 15
3.0	Child under 15 (not further defined)
3.1	Natural or adopted child under 15
3.2	Step-child under 15
3.3	Foster child under 15
3.4	Otherwise related child under 15
3.5	Unrelated child under 15
4	Dependent student
4.0	Dependent student (not further defined)
4.1	Natural or adopted dependent student
4.2	Student step-child
4.3	Student foster child
5	Non-dependent child
5.0	Non-dependent child (not further defined)
5.1	Non-dependent natural or adopted child
5.2	Non-dependent step-child
5.3	Non-dependent foster child
6	Other related individual
6.0	Other related individual (not further defined)
6.1	Brother/Sister
6.2	Father/Mother
6.3	Grandchild
6.4	Grandfather/Grandmother
6.5	Cousin
6.6	Uncle/Aunt
6.7	Nephew/Niece
6.8	Other related individual (not elsewhere classified)
7	Non-family member
7.1	Unrelated individual living in a family household
7.2	Group household member
7.3	Lone person
9	Visitor
9.9	Visitor

Supplementary values:

Value	Meaning
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8	Not stated/inadequately described
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Source and reference attributes

Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics 1995. Standards for Statistics on the Family 1995. Cat. no. 1286.0. Canberra: ABS.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

This metadata item is measured using relationships in respect of a household reference person. Relationships in the household are determined by establishing the relationship between this household reference person and each other member of the household in turn.

The household reference person may be determined in a variety of ways. For example, it could be the person first listed on a form ('Person 1'), or the oldest person in the household, or the community services client. In measuring the types of relationships that exist between persons in a household, we must recognise that there may not be any familial relationship.

Thus, there must be a category for persons who are non-related. Adopted relationships are treated as natural relationships.

CODE 2 Lone parent:

should be used where a person has no spouse or partner present in the household but who forms a parent-child relationship with at least one [dependent](#) or non-dependent child who is usually resident in the household.

CODE 8 Not stated/inadequately described:

is not for use on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

All the levels of the ABS classification have been adopted for this metadata item. Individual agencies may wish to classify 'Relationship in household' at the highest 1-digit level using the 2- or 3-digit level as a guide.

Collection methods:


Collecting these data is quite complex, due to inter-relationships that may exist in a household. Refer to ABS Standards for Statistics on the Family, ABS Catalogue No. 1286.0 for details of interviewer or self enumerated collection methods.

Comments:

For the purposes of this metadata item the term child refers to the relationship to the reference person and not a person under 15 years of age.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes  [Relationship in household, version 3, DE, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (20.0 KB) *No registration status*
Has been superseded by [Person—relationship to household reference person, code NN](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 27/04/2007

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