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Family type code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

METEOR identifier: 270894

Registration status: Community Services (retired), Superseded 27/04/2007

Definition: A code set representing the family types.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Couple family with children
	2	Couple family without children
	3	One parent family
	4	Other family
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Children refers to children of any age, dependent and non-dependent.

The basis of a family is formed by identifying the presence of a couple relationship, lone parent-child relationship or other blood relationship. Some households will, therefore, contain more than one family.

The classification is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standards for Statistics on Families (ABS Cat. No. 1286.0) which contains a 4-level hierarchical classification. Only level 1 of this classification has been adopted for this metadata item. If individual agencies need to classify family types at a lower level of detail than specified in this metadata item (for example, if they wish to split children into dependent and non-dependent children), they should ensure that the more detailed ABS classification is used.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by <u>Family composition code N[NNN]</u>
<u>Community Services (retired)</u>, Standard 27/04/2007

Data elements implementing this value

Household—family type, code N

domain:

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