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# Relationship to reference person

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHADD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000696 Version number: 2  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHDAMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The familial and non-familial relationship of each person in a given household to the reference person in that same household.  
Context: The ability to determine relationships between persons residing within the same household is essential in a wide range of statistics on household composition, family type and income unit. It is essential for calculating many of the performance indicators, such as 'Low income status', and 'Affordability'. It may also be useful in determining possible levels of need and support available for clients.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 1  
Data Domain: 1 Reference person / tenant  
2 Spouse / partner  
3 Son / daughter aged less than 16 years  
4 Son / daughter aged 16 years and over  
5 Resident aged less than 16 years  
6 Resident aged 16 years and over  
9 Not stated/inadequately described

Guide For Use: Reference person: Referred to as 'person 1', 'main tenant' or 'tenant 1' on application or tenancy forms. Can also be referred to as the principal tenant, household head or where the dwelling is being purchased, referred to as the mortgagee. Also includes single adults and lone parents. Person must be aged 16 or over.

Spouse/partner: includes defacto, wife, husband and partner of the reference person/tenant.

Son/daughter: includes the son(s) or daughter(s) (or step son/daughter) of the reference person and/or spouse.

Resident: includes relatives other than son/daughter (step son/daughter), non-related carer, other non-related, not related and non-family member.

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 item.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Household ID version 2  
relates to the data element Income unit ID version 2  
relates to the data element Person ID version 2  
relates to the data element Reference person version 2  
relates to the data element Relationship within income unit version 1  
relates to the data element concept Income unit version 1  
relates to the data element Marital status version 1  
relates to the data element concept Family version 1

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: Standards for statistics on the Family. ABS Cat. No. 1286.0  
ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995  
Based on ABS Relationship within household classification - Census 96.  
Public housing and state/territory owned and managed  
Indigenous housing NMDS User Guide 2001-02.

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics  
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
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### *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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