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# Target group

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000853                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT  
Admin status: SUPERSEDED                      Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: A group of people sharing a common characteristic or set of characteristics which a particular government policy or program, or agency seeks to assist.  
Context: Target group is used in describing community services agencies, in service planning and in comparing community needs and service availability.  
Target groups may relate to population groups or communities, families/households, individuals, organisations or labour force groups. Characteristics may include age, cultural identity, geographic location, specific needs and other relevant characteristics.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype:  
Related metadata:    relates to the data element Assistance - reason not provided version 1  
                          relates to the data element concept Family version 2  
                          relates to the data element concept Household version 2

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2003. National classifications of community services, Version 2.0. AIHW Cat. no. HWI 40. Canberra: AIHW.  
Reference through:  
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hwi/nccsv2/index.html>  
Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
Comments: Should be supported by data items delineating the individual characteristics that define the target population, such as Sex,

