
Family

Important note: This is an archived metadata standard from the AIHW Knowledgebase. For current metadata standards and related information please access METeOR, the AIHW's Metadata Online Registry at <http://meteor.aihw.gov.au>

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD
Knowledgebase ID: 000889 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT
Admin status: SUPERSEDED Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: Two or more people related by blood, marriage (including step-relations), adoption or fostering and who may or may not live together. They may form the central core of support networks for individuals.
Context: The 'household family' has been traditionally viewed as a building block of society and it is the predominant unit reported statistically and historically. However, the 'household family', since it is tied to the idea of co-residence, forms only a snapshot in time of related people who live in the same household. Related persons who leave the central household may still participate in the lives of other family members in a variety of ways, including financial, material, physical, emotional, legal and spiritual. Data on families are essential elements for the study of the well being of family groups and in this way for the study of the well being of individuals. They are a tool for assessing the type of and level of support to which a person has access. By defining the extended family as the central support network for individual, support which would not have been defined as accessible to the individual using the 'Household family' definition becomes apparent.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:
Related metadata: relates to the data element Household composition version 2
 relates to the data element Marital status version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Families in Australia (1997)
Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Family Studies

Comments: This definition differs from the ABS standard. This is necessary because the ABS standard is based on household collection, which is not suitable in many community service areas. The community service definition needs to be broader to incorporate families that exist outside of households.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
