

# Person (income unit member)—relationship to reference person (income unit)

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 301832  
**Registration status:**

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

**Definition:** The relationship of a member of an income unit to the reference person in that same income unit. Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent/[dependant](#) who usually reside in the 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.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Person](#)  
**Definition:** A human being.

### Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Origin:** Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd  
**Reference documents:** Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx>  
ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, <http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument>

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Relationship to reference person](#)  
**Definition:** The type of relationship an individual has with a designated person.  
**Property group:** [Accommodation/living characteristics](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Income unit—relationship to household reference person](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

Supersedes [Person \(income unit member\)—relationship to reference person \(income unit\)](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/02/2006

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:** [Person \(income unit member\)—relationship to reference person \(income unit\), code N](#)

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