Person—labour force status, children's services code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Labour force status (children's services) |
| METEOR identifier: | 314998 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 02/08/2007 |
| Definition: | The self reported status the child’s parent(s)/guardian(s) currently has in being either in the labour force (employed/unemployed) or not in the labour force or studying/training, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—labour force status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269466) |
| Value Domain: | [Children's services labour force status code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/314995) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Working |
|  | 2 | Not working - looking for work |
|  | 3 | Neither working nor looking for work - Studying/training |
|  | 4 | Neither working nor looking for work - other |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/ inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Respondents can choose only one of the following categories:  CODE 1  Working includes all people in paid employment and those who are both studying and working.  CODE 2  Not working - looking for work includes all people who are not in paid employment, but are actively looking for work; and those who are studying as well as looking for work.  CODE 3  Neither working nor looking for work - studying/training includes all people who are studying or training, but not working or looking for work  CODE 4  Neither working nor looking for work – other includes those who are not actively looking for work and those who are not in the labour force, for example, those who are raising children and those who are retired. |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Only the working arrangements of the parent(s)/guardian(s) that usually live in the household where the child spent most of their time during the collection week should be recorded. |
| Collection methods: | *Question What are the current working arrangements of the child’s parent(s)/guardian(s)?*  Fields as per those found in ‘data domain’.  Where the child has more than one parent/guardian usually living in the household where they spent most of their time during the collection week, this item is to be recorded for both parents or guardians.  This item should be reported in conjunction with the data item ‘parent(s)/guardian(s) sex’.  CODE 9  Not stated/inadequately described, is not to be used on primary collection forms.  It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected |
| Comments: | A parent’s working arrangements determine whether the child is eligible for Childcare Benefit. Information about the characteristics of families that enrol their children into child care or preschool services assists in the analysis of patterns of utilisation. This information may also contribute to an analysis of which types of child care and preschool services are used by particular families. |