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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Classification Scheme
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	343211
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 31/08/2007
<b>Definition:</b>	'Family composition' is the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) standard variable for identifying the composition of families within households.
<b>Context:</b>	Household and family statistics.
<b>Classification structure:</b>	The 'Family, household and income unit variables' has a four level hierarchical classification for family composition. In the classification, family composition types are grouped in to progressively broader categories on the basis of similarity in terms of family structure.

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	The ABS classification for family composition is a subset of the suite of standards called 'Family, household and income unit variables'. It is used to measure family structure and size and is an essential variable for the analysis of the social and economic well-being of both the family unit and the individuals within those families.
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Steward:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</a>
<b>Origin:</b>	Australian Bureau of Statistics. <a href="#">Family, household and income unit variables. Cat No. 1286.0</a> . Canberra: ABS. Viewed on 29/09/2006
<b>Reference documents:</b>	<a href="#">Family, household and income unit variables</a>
<b>Revision status:</b>	Revised 2005 - Standard

## Relational attributes

<b>Value Domains based on this classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Family composition code N[NNN]</a> <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 27/04/2007
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