

Family composition code N[NNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	343216
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 27/04/2007
Definition:	A code set representing the composition of families within households.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNN
Maximum character length:	4

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Couple family with no children
	2	Couple family with children
	3	One parent family
	9	Other family
Supplementary values:	8	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Children refers to children of any age, dependent and non-dependent. The basis of a family is formed by identifying the presence of a couple relationship, lone parent-child relationship or other blood relationship. Some households will, therefore, contain more than one family. The classification is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standards for Statistics on Families (ABS Cat. No. 1286.0) which contains a 4-level hierarchical classification. Only level 1 of this classification has been adopted for this metadata item. If individual agencies need to classify family types at a lower level of detail than specified in this metadata item (for example, if they wish to split children into dependent and non-dependent children), they should ensure that the more detailed ABS classification is used. CODE 8 Not stated/inadequately described This code is not for use on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the metadata item has not been collected.
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Source and reference attributes

Origin:	Australian Bureau of Statistics. Family, household and income unit variables. Cat. no. 1286.0 . Canberra: ABS. Viewed on 29/09/2006
Revision status:	Revised 2005 - Standard

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Family type code N Community Services (retired) , Superseded 27/04/2007
Data elements implementing this value domain:	Household—family composition, code N[NNN] Community Services (retired) , Standard 27/04/2007

Classification scheme attributes

Classification scheme:	Family, household and income unit variables (family composition) 2005
METEOR identifier:	343211
Definition:	'Family composition' is the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) standard variable for identifying the composition of families within households.
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 31/08/2007
Context:	Household and family statistics.
Classification structure:	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

Comments:	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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Reference documents:	Family, household and income unit variables