

Child

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Glossary Item

METEOR identifier: 346949

Registration status: [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 31/08/2007

Definition: A person:

- of any age who is a natural, adopted, step, or foster son or daughter of a couple or lone parent, usually resident in the same household
- or
- under 15 years of age, usually resident in the household, who forms a parent-child relationship with another member in the household. This includes otherwise related children under 15 and unrelated children under 15.

Context: Family structure

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: In order to be classified as a child, the person can have no partner or child of his/her own usually resident in the household. A separate family in the household is formed in this instance. If a person is aged under 15 and has a partner and/or a spouse these relationships are not recorded.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2001. Census Dictionary. Cat. no. 2901.0. Canberra: ABS.

Relational attributes

Metadata items which use this glossary item: [Dependent child](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 31/08/2007
[Non-dependent child](#)
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