Child

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| METEOR identifier: | 346949 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), 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.
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| Context: | Family structure |

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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/346951)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 31/08/2007[Non-dependent child](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/351506)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 31/08/2007 |