

Dependent child

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| METEOR identifier: | 346951 |
| Registration status: | Community Services (retired) , Standard 31/08/2007 |
| Definition: | A person who is either a child under 15 or a dependent student . |
| Context: | Family structure |

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: This is a standard statistical unit for analyses of economic well being, and in the community services context is an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families.

A dependent must be attached to a nominal parent with whom he/she usually resides. This parent must be over 15 years of age.

Source and reference attributes

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