

# Dependent child

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>A dependent must be attached to a nominal parent with whom he/she usually resides. This parent must be over 15 years of age.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Origin:</b>	Australian Bureau of Statistics 2001. <i>Census Dictionary</i> . Cat. no. 2901.0. Canberra: ABS.
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