

# Dependent student

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

**METEOR identifier:** 346954

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

**Definition:** A person who:

- is the natural, adopted, step, or foster child of a person in the household
- is 15–24 years of age
- attends a secondary or tertiary educational institution as a full-time student
- has no partner or child of his/her own usually resident in the same household.

**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 child 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.

## Relational attributes

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