

Household—household type, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Household type
METEOR identifier:	351188
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 27/04/2007
Definition:	A categorisation of a household based on the presence or absence of family members, as represented by a code.
Context:	Household and family statistics.
Data Element Concept:	Household—household type
Value Domain:	Household type code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
Permissible values:	Value	Meaning
	1	Household containing family members only
	2	Household containing a mixture of family and non-family members
	3	Household containing non-family members only
	4	Not classifiable
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The classification is based on a combination of the first and second levels of the ABS 3-level hierarchy. This classification differs from the ABS classification in that it seeks to determine whether there are non-family persons co-resident with the person of concern. Care should be taken in making comparisons with the ABS data for Household composition.

If individual agencies need to classify household types at a lower level of detail, they should ensure that the more detailed ABS classification 'Household composition' is used. The lower levels in the classification cover detail on the number of families or the number of household members. Thus, household type is allocated dependent on the basis of the number of families and whether unrelated household members are present (if it is a family household), or the number of household members if it is a non-family household.

It should be noted that only usual residents of a household are considered when describing and categorising households by Household type. Since households are differentiated in terms of families, and visitors to a household are excluded from family coding, the identification of usual residence is essential to determine the household type.

CODE 4 Not Classifiable

Operationally, all households must contain at least one member 15 years of age or older. Any household consisting only of a person or persons all under 15 years of age is coded to 'Not classifiable'. This approach is consistent with that used in the family type classification, in which a family is likewise not defined unless it consists of at least one member aged 15 years or older.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

Is not for use on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Family, household and income unit variables. Cat. no. 1286.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed on 29/09/2006

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: At least one member of the household must be over 15 years of age.

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Reference documents: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Family, household and income unit variables. Cat. no. 1286.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed on 29/09/2006

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Household—household type, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 27/04/2007