

# Household—family composition

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	351192
Registration status:	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 27/04/2007
Definition:	The composition of the family within the household.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	<a href="#">Household</a>
Definition:	One or more persons, at least one of whom is at least 15 years of age, usually resident in the same private dwelling.
Specialisation of:	<a href="#">Person/group of persons</a>

### Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>Together with family, household is considered one of the basic groups of social aggregation. Information on household numbers and composition aids in identifying groups within the population such as Indigenous households or the number of people living alone.</p> <p>For the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement (CSHA) data collections, the number of tenancy agreements is a practical proxy for calculating the number of households receiving housing assistance.</p> <p>The persons in the group may pool their incomes and have a common budget to a greater or lesser extent: they may be related or unrelated persons, or a combination of both.</p> <p>Only usual residents of the household are included as members of the household. Visitors to a household are, by definition, excluded from the household.</p>
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### Source and reference attributes

Origin:	CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001-02
Reference documents:	Australian Bureau of Statistics. Family, household and income unit variables. Cat. no. 1286.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed on 29/09/2006.

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	<a href="#">Family composition</a>
Definition:	A descriptor of the class of family in terms of members present.
Property group:	<a href="#">Demographic/social/cultural characteristics</a>

### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Supersedes [Household family—family type](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 27/04/2007

**Data Elements  
implementing this Data  
Element Concept:**

[Household—family composition, code N\[NNN\]](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007