

# Person—relationship to household reference person, code NN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Relationship in household
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	351307
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Standard 27/04/2007</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The familial and non-familial relationship of each person in a given household to the reference person in that same household, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—relationship to household reference person</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Family, household and income unit variables (relationship in household) 2005</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

## Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
11	In a registered marriage
12	In a de facto marriage
21	Lone parent
31	Natural or adopted child under 15
32	Step-child under 15
33	Foster child under 15
34	Grandchild under 15
35	Otherwise related child under 15
36	Unrelated child under 15
41	Natural or adopted dependent student
42	Student step-child
43	Student foster child
51	Non-dependent natural or adopted child
52	Non-dependent step-child
53	Non-dependent foster child
61	Brother/Sister
62	Father/Mother
63	Non-dependent grandchild
64	Grandfather/grandmother
65	Cousin
66	Uncle/Aunt
67	Nephew/Niece
69	Other related individual (not elsewhere classified)
71	Unrelated individual living in a family household
72	Group household member
73	Lone person
99	Visitor

## Collection and usage attributes

### Guide for use:

CODE 21 Lone parent:

Should be used where a person has no spouse or partner present in the household but who forms a parent-child relationship with at least one [dependent](#) or non-dependent child who is usually resident in the household.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described:

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

**Collection methods:** A major purpose of this classification is as the basis for identification of [income units](#) and families, statistical units that are important for further analysis.

Data captured on relationships are allocated to the 'Relationship in household' classification in output processing.

Relationships to the selected Person 1 are coded, enabling the family units existing in the household to be identified.

The first person named is identified as Person 1.

Q1 below is asked of all usual residents of the household, except for Person 1:

Q1. What is (your/the Person's) relationship to (Person 1)?

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** Statistical Concepts Library - Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables - Family, Household and Income Unit Variables - Relationship in household - Classification and coding

Reference online through:

[Family, Household and Income Unit Variables, Relationship in Household](#)

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This metadata item is measured using relationships in respect of a household reference person. Relationships in the household are determined by establishing the relationship between this household reference person and each other member of the household in turn.

The household reference person may be determined in a variety of ways. For example, it could be the person first listed on a form ('Person 1'), or the oldest person in the household, or the client. In measuring the types of relationships that exist between persons in a household, we must recognise that there may not be any familial relationship.

**Collection methods:** The second level of the ABS classification has been adopted for this metadata item. Individual agencies may wish to classify 'Relationship in household' at the 3-digit level for their own operational purposes.

Collecting these data is quite complex, due to inter-relationships that may exist in a household. Refer to ABS Standards for details of interviewer or self enumerated collection methods.

**Comments:** For the purposes of this metadata item the term child refers to the relationship to the reference person and not a person under 15 years of age.

The ability to determine familial relationships between persons residing within the same household is essential in a wide range of statistics on household type, family type and income unit. It may also be useful in determining possible levels of need and support available for clients.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—relationship to household reference person, code NN](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 27/04/2007

See also [Person—reference person indicator \(household\), code N](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 31/08/2007

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