

# Child protection notification—finalised investigation outcome indicator, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Finalised investigation outcome indicator (Child protection notification)
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Substantiated finalised investigation outcome status (Child protection notification)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	367312
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 30/04/2008 [Non Dictionary]
<b>Definition:</b>	Whether the outcome decision of a finalised <a href="#">investigation</a> is substantiated, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Child protection notification—finalised investigation outcome indicator</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Yes/no code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Boolean	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Yes
	2	No

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>This data element should only be reported in relation to child protection investigations that have been finalised (<i>Child protection notification—investigation status, code N = 1</i>). Once an investigation is finalised an outcome is recorded in the system.</p> <p>CODE 1 Yes</p> <p>A finalised <a href="#">investigation</a> is classified as '<a href="#">substantiated</a>' where there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has been, is being or is likely to be abused or neglected or otherwise harmed. Substantiation does not necessarily require sufficient evidence for a successful prosecution and does not imply that treatment or case management was, or is to be, provided.</p> <p>CODE 2 No</p> <p>A finalised <a href="#">investigation</a> is classified as 'not substantiated' where an investigation has concluded that there is no reasonable cause to suspect prior, current or future abuse or neglect or harm to the child.</p>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	<p>The outcome should be recorded once the assessment has been completed and a decision has been made as to whether a child has been, is being or is likely to be abused, neglected or otherwise harmed.</p> <p>This does not include cases where the investigation is still in progress.</p>
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>This is important to measure the proportion of investigations that are substantiated. It is also important to determine the outcomes of children who are in contact with community services departments.</p>

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National Child Protection and Support Services data group (NCPASS).
<b>Origin:</b>	Child protection and support services data dictionary. AIHW Version 1.0 Oct 2005.

## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	<p>Has been superseded by <a href="#">Child protection notification—investigation status, code N[N]</a>  <a href="#">Children and Families</a>, Standard 22/11/2016  <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Recorded 19/08/2011</p> <p>See also <a href="#">Child protection notification—investigation outcome, code N</a>  <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Standard 30/04/2008</p>
<b>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</b>	<p><a href="#">Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot (2008)</a>  <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Retired 06/02/2012</p>