

Child protection notification—finalised investigation outcome indicator, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Finalised investigation outcome indicator (Child protection notification) |
| Synonymous names: | Substantiated finalised investigation outcome status (Child protection notification) |
| METEOR identifier: | 367312 |
| Registration status: | Community Services (retired) , Standard 30/04/2008 [Non Dictionary] |
| Definition: | Whether the outcome decision of a finalised investigation is substantiated, as represented by a code. |

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Data element concept: | Child protection notification—finalised investigation outcome indicator |
| METEOR identifier: | 367331 |
| Registration status: | Community Services (retired) , Standard 30/04/2008 |
| Definition: | Whether the outcome decision of a finalised investigation is substantiated. |
| Object class: | Child protection notification |
| Property: | Finalised investigation outcome indicator |

Source and reference attributes

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| Origin: | Child protection and support services data dictionary. AIHW Version 1.0 Oct 2005. |
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Value domain: | Yes/no code N |
| METEOR identifier: | 270732 |
| Registration status: | Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Community Services (retired) , Standard 27/04/2007 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 23/08/2010 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 01/11/2012 Indigenous , Standard 16/09/2014 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 WA Health , Standard 19/03/2015 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016 Tasmanian Health , Standard 27/05/2020 Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare , Recorded 09/08/2023 |
| Definition: | A code set representing 'yes' and 'no'. |

Representational attributes

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| Representation class: | Code |
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Data type: Boolean

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

| | Value | Meaning |
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| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
| | 2 | No |

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element should only be reported in relation to child protection investigations that have been finalised (*Child protection notification—investigation status, code N = 1*). Once an investigation is finalised an outcome is recorded in the system.

CODE 1 Yes

A finalised [investigation](#) is classified as '[substantiated](#)' 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.

CODE 2 No

A finalised [investigation](#) 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.

Collection methods: 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.

This does not include cases where the investigation is still in progress.

Comments: 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.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Child Protection and Support Services data group (NCPASS).

Origin: Child protection and support services data dictionary. AIHW Version 1.0 Oct 2005.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Child protection notification—investigation status, code N\[N\]](#)

[Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

See also [Child protection notification—investigation outcome, code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot \(2008\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 06/02/2012