Child protection notification—investigation status, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Investigation status (child protection)
Synonymous names:	Investigation outcome
METEOR identifier:	455404
Registration status:	Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The status of an **investigation** into a child protection notification, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Child protection notification—investigation status
Value Domain:	Child protection notification investigation status code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Substantiated
	2	Not substantiated
	3	Investigation in process
	4	Investigation closed - no outcome possible
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Substantiated

An 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 Not substantiated

An 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.

CODE 3 Investigation in process

An investigation that is in process is a notification which was investigated, but where the investigation was not completed and an investigation outcome was not recorded by the end of the reference period.

CODE 4 Investigation closed - no outcome possible

An investigation that is closed with no outcome possible is a notification which was investigated, but where the investigation was not able to be finalised in order to reach the outcome of substantiated or not substantiated. These files would be closed for administrative purposes. This may happen, for example, in cases where the family has relocated.

CODE 97 Not applicable

No investigation was conducted.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Steward: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: The status of investigation should be recorded as at 31 August of the reference year.

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Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Steward: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Child protection notification—finalised investigation outcome indicator, code N
Community Services (retired), Standard 30/04/2008

Supersedes Child protection notification—investigation outcome, code N
Community Services (retired), Standard 30/04/2008

See also Child protection notification—course of action, code N
Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016
Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011

See also Child—primary type of abuse or neglect, code N[N]
Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016
Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) DSS Pilot 2010
Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011
DSS specific information: Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016
Community Services (retired), Recorded 09/10/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013
DSS specific information:

Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2014
DSS specific information:

Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2015
DSS specific information:

Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 20/04/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2014
Implementation end date: 30/06/2016
DSS specific information:

Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 20/01/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2015
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017
DSS specific information:

Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 03/11/2021
DSS specific information:

Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Standard 11/05/2023
DSS specific information:

Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 11/05/2023
DSS specific information:

Conditional on the outcome of the notification assessment deeming investigation necessary.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator
Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.2 children who were the subject of a substantiation and were not admitted to out-of-home care within 12 months of substantiation
Children and Families, Standard 18/04/2023