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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 22/11/2016  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 19/08/2011 [Non Dictionary] |
| Definition: | The status of an [**investigation**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/367345) into a child protection notification, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Child protection notification—investigation status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/455388) |
| Value Domain: | [Child protection notification investigation status code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/455402) |

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| 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 |

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| 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. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Steward: | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/246013) |

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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/246013) |
| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/367312)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 30/04/2008  Supersedes [Child protection notification—investigation outcome, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/367320)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 30/04/2008  See also [Child protection notification—course of action, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/455327)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 22/11/2016  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 19/08/2011  See also [Child—primary type of abuse or neglect, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/455487)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 22/11/2016  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 19/08/2011 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) DSS Pilot 2010](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/433700)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/492995)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 22/11/2016  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/655210)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/656478)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/656498)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/688435)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/706956)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/773500)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748919)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/757336)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 18/04/2023 |