

Parental care type code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

METEOR identifier: 455796

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

Definition: A code set representing the type of parental or family care for a child.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N[N]

Maximum character length: 2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Two parent— natural
	2	Two parent—step or blended
	3	One parent— female
	4	One parent— male
	5	Other relatives/kin
	6	Foster care
	88	Other
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Two parent—natural

This category includes all two parent families where both parents are either the biological or adoptive parents of the child.

CODE 2 Two parent—step or blended

This category includes blended and reconstituted families (one biological parent and one step parent).

CODE 3 One parent—female

This category includes all families with a female single parent. The parent may be the biological, step or adoptive parent.

CODE 4 One parent—male

This category includes all families with a male single parent. The parent may be the biological, step or adoptive parent.

CODE 5 Other relatives/kin

Includes relatives other than those referred to above. Also includes Indigenous kinship arrangements.

CODE 6 Foster care

This category includes situations in which a child is living with foster parent(s) who are reimbursed (or who have been offered but declined reimbursement) by the state or territory for the care of a child and supported by an approved agency.

CODE 88 Other

This category includes all those not mentioned above. It includes non-family situations, such as hostels and institutional accommodation.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

This category is used when the family in which a child lives is not recorded or is unknown.

Source and reference attributes

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. AIHW: Canberra.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Parental care \(child protection\) code N\[N\]](#) [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Child—household parental care type, code N\[N\]](#) [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016 [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011