Person—adoption type, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Adoption type
METEOR identifier:	467562
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 20/05/2013
Definition:	The **adoption** category a person is adopted under, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—adoption type
Value Domain:	Adoption type 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:	'Known' adoption	
	1	Step-parent
	2	Other relative(s)
	3	Carer
	4	Other
	Local adoption	
	5	Local
	Intercountry adoption	
	6	Hague
	7	Non-Hague

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	'KNOWN' ADOPTION

'Known' child adoptions are adoptions of children who were born or permanently reside in Australia before the adoption, who have a pre-existing relationship with the adoptive parent(s) and who are generally not able to be adopted by anyone other than the adoptive parent(s). These types of adoptions are broken down into the following categories:

CODE 1   Step-parent

A step-parent is a non-biological parent who is the spouse of the child's natural parent or previously adoptive parent. Foster parents are NOT included in this category.

CODE 2   Other relatives(s)

This category includes any relative of the child, other than step-parents. For Indigenous children, 'relative' includes those related through kinship arrangements.

CODE 3   Carer

Includes foster parents or other non-relatives who have been caring for the child and have had the responsibility for making decisions concerning the daily care and control of the child for the relevant period (as specified by the relevant state/territory department) before the adoption.

CODE 4   Other

Includes children adopted by commissioning (surrogate) parents, whether the commissioning parent is a relative or not.

LOCAL ADOPTION (EXCLUDES 'KNOWN')

A local adoption is the adoption of a child who was born or who was a permanently residing in Australia before the adoption, who is legally able to be placed for adoption, but who generally had no previous contact or relationship with the adoptive parents.

CODE 5   Local

INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION (EXCLUDES 'KNOWN')

An intercountry adoption is an adoption of a child from a country other than Australia who is legally able to be placed for adoption, but who generally has had no previous contact or relationship with the adoptive parents. Inter-country adoptions are broken down into the following categories:

CODE 6   Hague

A Hague intercountry adoption is where the adoptive child's country of origin has ratified or acceded to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption, and the applicant(s) file was sent after the Convention entered into force in this country.

CODE 7   Non-Hague

A non-Hague intercountry adoption is where the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption has not entered into force in the adoptive child's country of origin before the applicant(s) file was sent.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Data are collected on the type of adoption for all children for whom a final adoption order was made during a reporting period. This includes orders that were made in Australia, and, in the case of some intercountry adoptions, where the full adoption order was made in the country of origin.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person—adoption type, code N](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 12/11/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Adoptions DSS 2011-13](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 20/05/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Adoptions DSS 2013-14](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Recorded 20/03/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2016