

Adoptive family composition type code N[N]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

METEOR identifier: 468197

Registration status:

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013

Definition: A code set representing the sibling composition of the family into which a child is adopted.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N[N]

Maximum character length: 2

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
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1	No other children in family
2	Biological children only
3	Adopted children only
4	Both biological and adopted children
8	Other
9	Unknown

Supplementary values: 99 Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 2 Biological children only

A child is considered 'biological' if he/she is the biological child of at least one of the parents.

CODE 8 Other

'Other' includes families with foster children or other non-biological and non-adopted children.

CODE 9 Unknown

'Unknown' includes families for whom family composition can not be reported.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Adoptive family composition type code N\[N\]](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Adoptive family—sibling composition, type code N\[N\]](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013