

Adoptive family—sibling composition, type code N[N]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Adoptive family sibling composition
METEOR identifier:	468209
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 20/05/2013
Definition:	The sibling composition of the family into which a child is adopted, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Adoptive family—sibling composition

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code														
Data type:	Number														
Format:	N[N]														
Maximum character length:	2														
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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
Steward: [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Family composition is at the time of the placement of the adopted child in to the adoptive family.

If a family adopted more than one child during the reporting period, the family should be counted separately for each adoption. This includes multiple and serial adoptions.

The composition of an adoptive family includes both resident and non-resident children. Jurisdictions that do not collect data on non-resident children, should include a note to this effect.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Adoptive family—sibling composition, type code N\[N\]](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

See also [Adoptive family—other sibling composition, text X\[X\(199\)\]](#)

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

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

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on adoption type being a 'local' or an 'intercountry' adoption.

[Adoptions DSS 2013-14](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 20/03/2014

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