

Birth mother—marital status, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Birth mother marital status
METEOR identifier:	468508
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 20/05/2013
Definition:	The marital status of the birth (biological) mother of a child at the time of the child's birth, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Birth mother—marital status
METEOR identifier:	468502
Registration status:	Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired) , Standard 20/05/2013
Definition:	The marital status of the birth (biological) mother of a child at the time of the child's birth.
Object class:	Birth mother
Property:	Marital status

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Marital status code N
METEOR identifier:	270666
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Superseded 09/12/2022 Housing assistance , Standard 10/02/2006 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Qualified 23/11/2015
Definition:	A code set representing the marital status of a person.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Never married

	2	Widowed
	3	Divorced
	4	Separated
	5	Married (registered and de facto)
Supplementary values:	6	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Refers to the current marital status of a person.
	CODE 2 Widowed
	This code usually refers to registered marriages but when self-reported may also refer to de facto marriages.
	CODE 4 Separated
	This code refers to registered marriages but when self-reported may also refer to de facto marriages.
	CODE 5 Married (registered and de facto)
	Includes people who have been divorced or widowed but have since re-married, and should be generally accepted as applicable to all de facto couples, including of the same sex.
	CODE 6 Not stated/inadequately described
	This code is not for use on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	The ABS standards for the collection of Social and Registered marital status appear on the ABS Website. Australian Bureau of Statistics. Family, household and income unit variables. Cat. no. 1286.0. Canberra: ABS.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Marital status of the birth mother is at the time the child was born.
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Relational attributes

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' adoption.

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

Conditional on adoption type being a 'local' adoption.