

Birth mother—marital status, code N

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to info@aihw.gov.au.

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at meteor@aihw.gov.au.

Birth mother—marital status, code N

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:	Birth mother—marital status
Value Domain:	Marital status code N

Value domain attributes

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.

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.