

# Person—adoptive parent marital status, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Adoptive parent marital status
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	471018
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/05/2013
<b>Definition:</b>	The relationship status of an adoptive parent at the time of placement of the child, as represented by a code.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—marital status</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269533
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 10/02/2006 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Qualified 23/11/2015 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 01/09/2016 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018 <a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	A person's current relationship status in terms of a couple relationship or, for those not in a couple relationship, the existence of a current or previous registered marriage.
<b>Context:</b>	<p>Marital status is a core metadata item in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics. Its main purpose is analysis of the association of marital status with the need for and use of services, and for epidemiological analysis.</p> <p>Marital status also acts as an indicator for the level of support adult recipients of the welfare system have at home. The item is also used in comparisons of administrative data and population censuses and surveys.</p>
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Person</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Marital status</a>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Marital status code N</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270666
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 10/02/2006 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Qualified 23/11/2015 <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 09/12/2022

**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

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Never married
	2	Widowed
	3	Divorced
	4	Separated
	5	Married (registered and de facto)
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	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 should be counted at the time of the placement of the child with the adopted family.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Adoptive family—adoptive parent marital status, code N Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

**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 'intercountry' adoption.

[Adoptions DSS 2013-14](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 20/03/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

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