

Person—adoptive parent marital status, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Adoptive parent marital status
METEOR identifier:	471018
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 20/05/2013
Definition:	The relationship status of an adoptive parent at the time of placement of the child, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—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 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Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Adoptive family—adoptive parent marital status, code N Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021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

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

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