

# Living arrangement type for child under care code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	474167
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Superseded 22/11/2016 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Recorded 14/02/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the type of living arrangement for a child under the care of a department responsible for child protection.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Residential care
	2	Family group home
	3	Relatives/kin who are reimbursed
	4	Foster care
	5	Other home-based care (reimbursed)
	6	Relatives/kin who are not reimbursed
	7	Independent living
	8	Parents
	9	Detention
	88	Other living arrangement
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Residential care**

Where the placement is in a residential building whose purpose is to provide placements for children and where there are paid staff.

**CODE 2 Family group home**

Family group homes provide care to children in departmentally or community sector agency provided homes. These homes have live-in, non-salaried carers who are reimbursed and/or subsidised for the provision of care.

**CODE 3 Relatives/kin who are reimbursed**

Where the caregiver is a relative (other than parents), considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) who is reimbursed (or who has been offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory for the care of the child. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, a kinship carer may be another Indigenous person who is a member of their community, a compatible community or from the same language group.

**CODE 4 Foster care**

Where the caregiver is authorised and reimbursed (or was offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory for the care of the child and supported by an approved agency. There are varying degrees of reimbursement made to foster carers.

**CODE 5 Other home based care (reimbursed)**

Home-based care which does not fall into either of the categories 'Relative(s)/kin who are reimbursed' or 'Foster care'.

**CODE 6 Relatives/kin who are not reimbursed**

Where the caregiver is a relative (other than parents), considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) who is not reimbursed by the state/territory for the care of the child.

**CODE 7 Independent living**

This includes private board and lead-tenant households.

**CODE 8 Parents**

A natural or substitute parent (spouse or natural parent, adoptive parent or spouse of an adoptive parent) who has an ongoing legal responsibility for the care and protection of a child.

**CODE 9 Detention**

Where the child was ordered by the court to reside for a specified time in a juvenile or adult correctional facility.

**CODE 88 Other living arrangement**

Includes living arrangements that do not fit into the above categories. This includes any placements made in disability services, psychiatric services, Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS), overnight child-care services, boarding schools, hospitals, hotels/motels and defence force. These living arrangements may have rostered and/or paid staff, and are generally not a home-like environment.

**CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described**

Is used when the care arrangement in which a child lives is not recorded or is unknown.

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)  
**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection and support services National Minimum Data Set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Care arrangement \(care and protection order\) code N\[N\]](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010  
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[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/04/2018

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Living arrangement—living arrangement type, child under care code N\[N\]](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 10/02/2014  
[Service event—living arrangement type, child under care code N\[N\]](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016