Person—relationship to household reference person, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Relationship to reference person |
| METEOR identifier: | 609147 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 30/08/2017 |
| Definition: | The familial and non-familial relationship of each person in a given [**household**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/465183) to a designated person in that same household, as represented by a code. |
| Context: | The ability to determine relationships between persons residing within the same household is essential in a wide range of statistics on household composition, family type and income unit. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—relationship to household reference person](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/609149) |
| Value Domain: | [Relationship to reference person within household code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270795) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Reference person/tenant |
|  | 2 | Spouse/partner |
|  | 3 | Son/daughter aged less than 16 years |
|  | 4 | Son/daughter aged 16 years and over |
|  | 5 | Resident aged less than 16 years |
|  | 6 | Resident aged 16 years and over |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Only the usual residents of the household are included.  CODE 1   Reference person  May be referred to as *person 1, main tenant* or *tenant 1, principal tenant*, *household head* on application or tenancy forms, or where the dwelling is being purchased, referred to as the *mortgagee*. Person must be aged 16 or over.  CODE 2   Spouse/partner  Include defacto, wife, husband and partner of the reference person/tenant.  CODES 3 and 4   Son/daughter  Include the son(s) or daughter(s) (or step son(s)/daughter(s)) of the reference person and/or spouse.  CODES 5 and 6   Resident  Include relatives other than son(s)/daughter(s) (step son(s)/daughter(s)), non-related carer, other non-related and non-family member(s). |



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| Data element attributes | |
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| Collection methods: | Collecting this data is quite complex, due to inter-relationships that may exist in a household. Refer to *ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995* for standard questions and approach to collecting data on this metadata item.  This metadata item is used to derive [**tenancy composition**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327444) for public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 1999. Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables, 1999. ABS cat. no. 1200.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 6 February 2017, [http://www.abs.gov.au](http://ww.abs.gov.au/) |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—relationship to reference person (household), code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270248)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Person (housing assistance) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/605260)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017  [Person (housing assistance) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635954)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 19/12/2017  [Person (housing assistance) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/687113)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 19/12/2017  [Public Housing and State Owned and Managed Indigenous housing (PH & SOMIH) DSS 2018-](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/711016)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 10/05/2019  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 |