Recipient—regular care child, total number N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of Regular Care Children |
| METEOR identifier: | 646987 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018 |
| Definition: | The total number of children for which a recipient has regular care. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Recipient—regular care child](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/649243) |
| Value Domain: | [Total number N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/347205) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 99 | Not stated/inadequately described |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | Regular care is defined as care provided by the recipient to a child between 14% and 34% of the time. This is between 52 and 127 nights a year, or 2 to 4 nights of care a fortnight.  Recipients with regular care children are eligible for Family Tax Benefit Rent Assistance.  Where a recipient who is paying child support payments also has regular care of a child, the child support payments are adjusted to acknowledge that the recipient directly contributes to the costs of raising the child through regular care. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Government Department of Social Services |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Children Cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/650587)  [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018  ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the recipient having care of a child between 14% and 34% of the time.  ***DSS specific information:***  Number of regular care children refers to the variable NUM\_RCC\_CHILD in the PIA research data set.  Up to 16 children may be recorded. |