

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) , Standard 20/06/2018
Definition:	The total number of children for which a recipient has regular care.
Data Element Concept:	Recipient—regular care child
Value Domain:	Total number N[N]

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

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.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Government Department of Social Services
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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set [Children Cluster](#)

Specifications:

[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), 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.