

# Children Cluster

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Set Specification
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	650587
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018
<b>DSS type:</b>	Data Element Cluster
<b>Scope:</b>	The Children Cluster defines information about recipients of Centrelink benefits who have children for whom they are eligible to receive a Family Tax Benefit (FTB) payment, a Double Orphan Pension or a Multiple Birth Allowance.

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Statistical unit:</b>	<a href="#">Recipient</a>
<b>Comments:</b>	<p><b>Family Tax Benefit Part A or B</b></p> <p>A FTB payment is a two-part payment that helps with the cost of raising children. To be eligible for the payment a recipient must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• have a dependent child (aged 0–15 years), or secondary student younger than 20 years of age who is not receiving a pension, payment or benefit such as Youth Allowance</li><li>• provide care for the child for at least 35% of the time</li><li>• meet an income test.</li></ul> <p>A young person aged 19 can be an FTB child up to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19, as long as they are in full-time secondary study.</p> <p><b>Double Orphan Pension</b></p> <p>The Double Orphan Pension is a payment to a recipient who cares for a child where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• both parents deceased, or</li><li>• one parent is deceased and the other parent is: in prison for at least 10 years, or held on remand and charged with an offence that may be punishable by imprisonment for a term of at least 10 years, or in a psychiatric hospital or nursing home for an indefinite period of time, or uncontactable, that is, whose whereabouts are unknown, or</li><li>• both parents live outside Australia or their whereabouts are unknown, and the child has been granted refugee status by the Australian Government, or admitted into Australia under a special humanitarian program approved by the Minister with portfolio responsibility and has not at any time lived in Australia with either or both parents.</li></ul>

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Government Department of Social Services
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## Relational attributes

<b>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</b>	<a href="#">Priority investment approach research DSS</a> <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018
<b>Conditional obligation:</b>	Conditional on the recipient having dependent children.

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	<a href="#">Recipient—family tax benefit child, total number N[N]</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  Conditional on the recipient being eligible for family tax benefit.  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  Number of Family Tax Benefit children refers to the variable NUM_FTB_CHILD in the PIA research data set.  Up to 16 children may be recorded.	Conditional	1
2	<a href="#">Recipient—youngest family tax benefit child date of birth, MMYYYY</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  Conditional on the recipient being eligible for family tax benefit.  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  Youngest Family Tax Benefit child date of birth refers to the variable YGEST_FTB_CHD_DOB_SHORT in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
3	<a href="#">Recipient—regular care child, total number N[N]</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  Conditional on the recipient having care of a child between 14% and 34% of the time.  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  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.	Conditional	1
4	<a href="#">Recipient—youngest regular care child date of birth, MMYYYY</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  Conditional on the recipient having care of a child between 14% and 34% of the time.  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  Youngest regular care child date of birth refers to the variable YGEST_RCC_CHD_DOB_SHORT in the PIA research data set.	Conditional	1
5	<a href="#">Recipient—Double Orphan Pension eligibility indicator, yes/missing code A</a>  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  Double Orphan Pension eligibility indicator refers to the variable FTB_DOP_ELIG_IND in the PIA research data set.	Mandatory	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
6	<a href="#">Recipient—multiple birth indicator, yes/missing code A</a>	Mandatory	1

***DSS specific information:***

Multiple birth indicator refers to the variable MUL\_BIRTH\_ELIG\_IND in the PIA research data set.