

# Adoptive family—adoptive parent marital status, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Adoptive parent marital status
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	651147
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Superseded 03/11/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	The relationship status of an adoptive parent at the time of placement of the adopted child, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Adoptive family—adoptive parent marital status</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Adoptive parent marital status code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Single
	2	Married
	3	De facto relationship
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Refers to the marital status of a person at the time of placement of a child for adoption.  CODE 1 Single  Includes situations where there is one adoptive parent who is not legally married or living in a de facto relationship. This category may include widowed parents.  CODE 2 Married  Includes situations where there are two adoptive parents who are legally married to each other and living together at the time of placement of the child. This may include people who have been divorced or widowed but have since re-married.  CODE 3 De facto relationship  Includes situations where there are two adoptive parents who are not legally married, but are living together in a de facto relationship as defined by the state or territory in which they live, and should be generally accepted as applicable to de facto couples of the same sex.
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## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)  
**Reference documents:** Australian Bureau of Statistics 2015. Family, household and income unit variables, 2014. Cat. no. 1286.0. Canberra: ABS.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Marital status should be counted at the time of the placement of the child with the adopted family.

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—adoptive parent marital status, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013  
Has been superseded by [Adoptive family—adoptive parent marital status, code N Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Adoptions DSS 2013-16](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/03/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2016

**Conditional obligation:**

Conditional on adoption type being a 'local' or 'intercountry' adoption.

[Adoptions DSS 2016-17](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 12/11/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**Conditional obligation:**

Conditional on adoption type being a 'local' or 'intercountry' adoption.

[Adoptions DSS 2017-18](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 02/12/2019

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

**Conditional obligation:**

Conditional on adoption type being a 'local' or 'intercountry' adoption.

[Adoptions DSS 2018-19](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**Conditional obligation:**

Conditional on adoption type being a 'local', 'carer (known child)' or 'intercountry - program' adoption.

[Adoptions DSS 2019-20](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020

**Conditional obligation:**

Conditional on adoption type being a 'local', 'carer (known child)' or 'intercountry - program' adoption.