

# Person—relationship to the presenting unit head, code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Relationship to presenting unit head
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	692298
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 10/08/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The relationship of a person in the presenting unit to the presenting unit head, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—relationship to the presenting unit head</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Relationship to presenting unit head code N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Self
	2	Spouse/partner
	3	Parent/Guardian
	4	Child
	5	Step child
	6	Foster child
	7	Sibling
	8	Aunt or uncle
	9	Niece or nephew
	10	Grandparent
	11	Grandchild
	12	Other relative
	13	Unrelated person
	14	Unrelated flatmate or co-tenant
	15	Other relationship
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

CODE 1 Self

This code is selected if one person presents

CODE 2 Spouse/partner

This code is selected if a person has a relationship to the presenting unit head akin to a 'married' or 'partner' relationship. This includes same sex couples.

CODE 3 Parent/Guardian

This code is selected if the person is the parent or guardian of the presenting unit head.

CODE 4 Child

This code is selected if the person is a natural or adopted child of the presenting unit head.

CODE 5 Step Child

This code is selected if the person is the step child of the presenting unit head.

CODE 6 Foster child

This code is selected if the person is the foster child of the presenting unit head.

CODE 7 Sibling

This code is selected if the person is either the brother or sister of the presenting unit head.

CODE 8 Aunt or Uncle

This code is selected if the person is either the aunt or uncle of the presenting unit head.

CODE 9 Niece or nephew

This code is selected if the person is either the niece or nephew of the presenting unit head.

CODE 10 Grandparent

This code is selected if the person is a grandparent of the presenting unit head.

CODE 11 Grandchild

This code is selected if the person is the grandchild of the presenting unit head.

CODE 12 Other relative

This code is selected if the person is a more distant relative to the presenting unit head, e.g. cousin, second cousin etc.

CODE 13 Unrelated person

This code is selected if the person accompanying the presenting unit head is not related to them. This would include those people who are friends of the person.

CODE 14 Unrelated flatmate or co-tenant

This code is selected if the person is either a flatmate or co-tenant with the presenting unit head.

CODE 15 Other relationship

This code is selected if the person has another type of relationship to the presenting unit head that has not been described above.

# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

### Guide for use:

This question is asked of the presenting unit head. It captures the relationship of the unit head to others with whom he/she is presenting.

If 'Other relationship' is nominated ask what the relationship is and record it. This will enable coding of the relationship to the classification.

The standard question module for self-completed collections consists of two questions.

The presenting unit head is identified via the relationships within the presenting unit. If there is a child(ren) present (under 18 years old), the presenting unit head is the spokesperson which is:

- The parent/guardian representing any child(ren) (under 18 years old), or if there is no parent/guardian, present the most direct relationship representing any child(ren) (under 18 years old).
- If two siblings presented to an agency the presenting unit head would be the one that was regarded as the spokesperson for the two.

If there are no child(ren) present (under 18 years old), the presenting unit head is the spokesperson who is:

- The spouse/partner of another person within the presenting unit, or
- Is related in some way to another person within the presenting unit.

Obtaining this information does not require a response for the presenting unit head. For each subsequent person, the respondent is required to record a response in line with the above instruction. The set of response categories for Person 2 differs from those used for Person 3 and onwards, depending on their relationship to the presenting unit head.

This data element should be used in conjunction with the [Person—relationship to the presenting unit head, text A\[A\(49\)\]](#) if 'Other relationship' is selected.

**Collection methods:** The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:

'Which category best describes your relationship to the presenting unit head?'

What is person's 1 relationship to Person 2?

Person 1 (Presenting unit head)

**Self** once identified - see Guide for Use guidelines.

Person 2

**Spouse/partner** of Person 1

**Parent** of Person 1

**Child** of Person 1

**Step-child** of Person 1

**Foster child** of Person 1

**Sibling** of Person 1

**Aunt or uncle** of Person 1

**Niece or nephew** of Person 1

**Grandparent** of Person 1

**Grandchild** of Person 1

**Other relative** of Person 1 please specify

**Unrelated flatmate or co-tenant** of Person 1

**Other relationship** to Person 1 please specify

Questions used for person 2 are repeated for each person within the presenting unit.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—relationship to the presenting unit head, code N\[N\] Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

***DSS specific information:***

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.