

Person—informal carer relationship to care recipient, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Interpersonal relationship of carer to care recipient
Synonymous names:	Carer relationship to care recipient
METEOR identifier:	748846
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023 Health , Standard 05/10/2022
Definition:	The relationship of the main informal carer to the person for whom they care, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—Informal carer relationship to care recipient
Value Domain:	Interpersonal carer relationship code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Wife/female partner
	2	Husband/male partner
	3	Mother
	4	Father
	5	Daughter
	6	Son
	7	Daughter-in-law
	8	Son-in-law
	9	Other female relative
	10	Other male relative
	11	Female friend/neighbour
	12	Male friend/neighbour
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable
	98	Unknown/unable to be determined
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

This code set should always be used to record the relationship of the carer to the person for whom they care.

CODE 1 Wife/female partner

Includes married and de facto partners who are carers.

CODE 2 Husband/male partner

Includes married and de facto partners who are carers.

CODE 3 Mother

Includes step- and foster parents.

CODE 4 Father

Includes step- and foster parents.

CODE 5 Daughter

Includes stepchildren.

CODE 6 Son

Includes stepchildren.

CODE 7 Daughter-in-law

CODE 8 Son-in-law

CODE 9 Other female relative

CODE 10 Other male relative

CODE 11 Female friend/neighbour

CODE 12 Male friend/neighbour

CODE 97 Not applicable

This code is used where the person's informal carer is a paid worker or a volunteer organised by formal services.

CODE 98 Unknown/unable to be determined

This code is used where the assessor or person collecting the information could not determine whether the person had a carer or what their relationship was.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

This code should only be recorded where the carer has not been identified. This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2016. Disability Services National Minimum Data Set: data guide, July 2016. Cat. no. DAT 4. Canberra: AIHW.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: Information about this relationship assists in the establishment of a profile of informal caring relationships and the assistance provided to maintain and support those relationships. As such, it increases knowledge about the dynamics of caring and provides an insight into the gender and inter-generational patterns of informal care giving in the community.

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Aged care person cluster](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

This item should only be completed if CODE 1 Yes was selected for [Person—informal carer existence indicator, code N](#).

DSS specific information:

For the purposes of the Aged Care NMDS:

CODE 3 Mother should also include step mothers and mothers-in-law.

CODE 4 Father should also include step-fathers and fathers-in-law.

CODE 99 should also include non-binary, a different term, or prefer not to answer with respect to the person's sex or gender.

[Dementia NBPDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2022

Conditional obligation:

This item should only be completed if CODE 1 Yes was selected for [Person—informal carer existence indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#).

DSS specific information:

For this collection CODE 3 Mother should also include step mothers and mothers-in-law.

For this collection CODE 4 Father should also include step-fathers and fathers-in-law.