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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2022 |
| Definition: | The relationship of the main [**informal carer**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/353420) to the person for whom they care, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—Informal carer relationship to care recipient](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748844) |
| Value Domain: | [Interpersonal carer relationship code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/680205) |

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| 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 |

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| 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. |

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| 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. |

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| 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. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Aged care person cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/777749)  [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/320939).  ***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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/737872)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/621393).  ***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. |