

# Living arrangement type for child under care code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	748866
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 03/11/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the type of living arrangement for a child under the care of a department responsible for child protection.

## Representational attributes

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

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Residential care
	2	Family group home
	3	Relative(s)/kin who are reimbursed
	4	Foster care
	5	Other home-based care (reimbursed)
	6	Relative(s)/kin who are not reimbursed
	7	Independent living
	8	Parents
	9	Detention
	88	Other living arrangements
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Residential care**

Where the placement is in a residential building whose purpose is to provide placements for children and where there are paid staff.

**CODE 2 Family group home**

Family group homes provide care to children in a departmentally or community sector agency provided home. These homes have live-in, non-salaried carers who are reimbursed and/or subsidised for the provision of care.

**CODE 3 Relative(s)/kin who are reimbursed**

Where the caregiver is a relative (other than parents), considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) who is reimbursed (or who has been offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory for the care of the child. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, a kinship carer may be another Indigenous person who is a member of their community, a compatible community or from the same language group.

**CODE 4 Foster care**

Where the caregiver is authorised and reimbursed (or was offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory for the care of the child and supported by an approved agency. There are varying degrees of reimbursement made to foster carers.

**CODE 5 Other home based care (reimbursed)**

Home-based care which does not fall into either of the categories 'Relative(s)/kin who are reimbursed' or 'Foster care'.

**CODE 6 Relative(s)/kin who are not reimbursed**

Where the caregiver is a relative (other than parents), considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) who is not reimbursed by the state/territory for the care of the child.

**CODE 7 Independent living**

Includes private board and lead tenant households.

**CODE 8 Parents**

A natural or substitute parent (spouse or natural parent, adoptive parent or spouse of an adoptive parent) who has an ongoing legal responsibility for the care and protection of a child.

**CODE 9 Detention**

Where the child was ordered by the court to reside for a specified time in a juvenile or adult correctional facility.

**CODE 88 Other living arrangement**

Includes living arrangements that do not fit into the above categories. This includes any placements made in disability services, psychiatric services, Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS), over-night child-care services, boarding schools, hospitals, hotels/motels and defence force. These living arrangements may have rostered and/or paid staff, and are generally not a home-like environment.

**CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described**

Is used when the care arrangement in which a child lives is not recorded or is unknown.

**Comments:** The following codes from previous versions of this element are no longer in use:

- CODE 11 Third-party parental responsibility care arrangement—foster carer
- CODE 12 Third-party parental responsibility care arrangement—relative/kinship carer
- CODE 13 Third-party parental responsibility care arrangement—other/unknown

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

**Origin:** AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2021. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2020-21. Canberra: AIHW.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Living arrangement type for child under care code N\[N\] Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

See also [Living arrangement type at time of abuse code N\[N\] Children and Families](#), Standard 04/04/2024

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Service event—living arrangement type, child under care code N\[N\] Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021