Adoptive family—adoptive parent marital status, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Adoptive parent marital status
METEOR identifier:	749200
Registration status:	Children and Families, Standard 03/11/2021
Definition:	The relationship status of an **adoptive parent** at the time of **placement** of the adopted child, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Adoptive family—adoptive parent marital status
Value Domain:	Adoptive parent marital status code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Single
	2	Married
	3	De facto relationship
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	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.

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 Adoptive family—adoptive parent marital status, code N
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Implementation in Data Set Specifications: Adoptions DSS 2020-21
Children and Families, Superseded 05/06/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2020
Implementation end date: 30/06/2021
Conditional obligation:

Conditional on adoption type being a **local adoption**, a carer (known child) adoption, a **Hague adoption**, or a **bilateral adoption**.

Adoptions DSS 2021-22
Children and Families, Superseded 04/04/2024
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Implementation end date: 30/06/2022
Conditional obligation:

Conditional on adoption type being a **local adoption**, a carer (known child) adoption, a **Hague adoption**, or a **bilateral adoption**.

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Conditional obligation:

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