Person—pre-adoption relationship to adoptive parent(s), code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Relationship to adoptive parents |
| METEOR identifier: | 749270 |
| Registration status: | [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021 |
| Definition: | The pre-adoption relationship a person has to their [**adoptive parent**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749050)(s), as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—pre-adoption relationship to adoptive parent(s)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/650273) |
| Value Domain: | [Relationship to adoptive parent(s) code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749274) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Step-parent |
|  | 2 | Other relative(s) |
|  | 3 | Carer(s) |
|  | 4 | Other |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1 Step-parent  A [**step-parent**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749068) is the non-biological parent who is the spouse of the child's natural parent or previously adoptive parent. Foster parents are not included in this category.  CODE 2 Relative(s)  This category includes any relative of the child, other than step-parents, as defined by the *Family Law Act 1975*. For Indigenous children, 'relative' includes those related through kinship arrangements.  CODE 3 Carer  This category includes foster parents or other non-relatives who have been caring for the child and have had the responsibility for making decisions concerning the daily care and control of the child for the relevant period (as specified by the relevant state/territory department) before the adoption.  CODE 4 Other  'Other' includes children adopted by commissioning parent(s) (surrogate parents), whether the commissioning parent is a relative or not. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Steward: | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/246013) |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—pre-adoption relationship to adoptive parent(s), code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/650275)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 03/11/2021  See also [Person—adoption type, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749257)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Adoptions DSS 2020-21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749045)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 05/06/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021 ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on adoption type being a [**known child adoption**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749082).  [Adoptions DSS 2021-22](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/766551)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 04/04/2024  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022 ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on adoption type being a [**known child adoption**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749082).  [Adoptions DSS 2022-23](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/784744)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 04/04/2024  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023 ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on adoption type being a [**known child adoption**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749082). |