

Person—relationship to reference person (household), code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Relationship to reference person
METEOR identifier:	270248
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Superseded 30/08/2017
Definition:	The familial and non-familial relationship of each person in a given household to the reference person in that same household, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—relationship to reference person (household)
Value Domain:	Relationship to reference person within household code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Reference person/tenant
	2	Spouse/partner
	3	Son/daughter aged less than 16 years
	4	Son/daughter aged 16 years and over
	5	Resident aged less than 16 years
	6	Resident aged 16 years and over
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Only the usual residents of the household are included.

CODE 1 Reference person

May be referred to as *person 1, main tenant or tenant 1, principal tenant, household head* on application or tenancy forms, or where the dwelling is being purchased, referred to as the *mortgagee*. Person must be aged 16 or over.

CODE 2 Spouse/partner

Include defacto, wife, husband and partner of the reference person/tenant.

CODES 3 and 4 Son/daughter

Include the son(s) or daughter(s) (or step son(s)/daughter(s)) of the reference person and/or spouse.

CODES 5 and 6 Resident

Include relatives other than son(s)/daughter(s) (step son(s)/daughter(s)), non-related carer, other non-related and non-family member(s).

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:

Collecting this data is quite complex, due to inter-relationships that may exist in a household. Refer to *ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995* for standard questions and approach to collecting data on this metadata item.

This metadata item is used to derive [tenancy composition](#) for public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:

National Housing Data Development Committee

Reference documents:

Australian Bureau of Statistics. Standards for statistics on the Family (Cat. No. 1286.0).

Australian Bureau of Statistics 1995. Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics.

Australian Bureau of Statistics 1996. Census Dictionary (Cat. no. 2901.0).


CSHA Public housing and state/territory owned and managed Indigenous housing NMDS User Guide 2001-02.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Person—relationship to household reference person, code N](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

Is re-engineered from  [Relationship to reference person, version 2, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (16.8 KB)

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Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Person \(housing assistance\) cluster](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Disaggregation

[National Affordability Housing Agreement: g-Proportion of Indigenous households living in overcrowded conditions, 2010](#)

[Homelessness](#), Standard 16/02/2011

[Indigenous](#), Standard 11/09/2012