Family type

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000518   Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The composition of the family household. The differentiation of families is based on the presence or absence of couple relationships, parent-child relationships, child dependency relationships or other blood relationships, in that order of precedence.

Context: The family is fundamentally required as a building block of society. As a social phenomenon, it is arguably universal and has been a topic of interest and investigation for many years by social researchers. In the multicultural society that is contemporary Australia, this interest is stronger and more widespread than ever. Data on families are essential elements for the study of the well being of family groups and in this way for the study of the well being of individuals. They are a tool for assessing the type of and level of support to which a person has access.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: NNNN

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain:
1	Couple family with children
2	Couple family without children
3	One parent family
4	Other family
9	Not stated/Inadequately described

Related metadata: has been superseded by Family type version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Standards for statistics on families. ABS Cat. No. 1286.0 ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics:

Comments: Was ID. 000018 (500 added to avoid NHDD DE with same ID.).

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element