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# Household type

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD  
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Definition: The household type to which the person belongs. The differentiation of households is on the basis of the number of families present, the presence or absence of non-family members in family households, and the type of non-family households. The latter category provides for the identification of lone person households and group households.

Context: Together with family, household is considered one of the basic groups of social aggregation. Information on household numbers and composition aids in identifying groups within the population such as multiple family households or the number of people living alone..

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: NNNN  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain: NOVAL      The code structure for the Household Type Classification is:-  
(1) Family household with only family members present  
(2) Family household with non-family members present  
(3) Non-family household  
(4) Not classifiable  
(9) Not stated/Inadequately described

Guide For Use: Household Type is allocated on the basis of the number of families and whether unrelated household members are present (if it is a family household), or the number of household members if it is a one-family household). It should be noted that only usual residents of a household are considered when describing and categorising households by Household Type. Since households are differentiated in terms of families, and visitors to a household are excluded from family coding, the identification of usual residence is essential to determine Household Type.

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### *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

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### *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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