Household family type

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NCSDD		
Knowledgebase ID:	000518	Version number:	3
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NCSIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
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Definition: The composition of the family within the household.
The household family is defined as two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de-facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household.

Context: The family is a fundamental building block of society. As a social entity, it is universal and a topic of interest and investigation by social researchers. In a multicultural society such as 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.

Relational and Representational Attributes

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

Data Domain:

1	Couple family with children
2	Couple family without children
3	One parent family
4	Other family
9	Not stated / inadequately described

Guide For Use: Children refers to children of any age, dependent and non-dependent.
The basis of a family is formed by identifying the presence of a

couple relationship, lone parent-child relationship or other blood relationship. Some households will, therefore, contain more than one family.
The classification is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standards for Statistics on Families (ABS Cat. No. 1286.0) which contains a 4-level hierarchical classification. Only level 1 of this classification has been adopted for this metadata item. If individual agencies need to classify family types at a lower level of detail than specified in this metadata item (for example, if they wish to split children into dependent and non-dependent children), they should ensure that the more detailed ABS classification is used.
Code 9, Not stated / inadequately described, is not for use on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Family type version 2
relates to the data element concept Family version 2
relates to the data element concept Household version 2
relates to the data element concept Household family version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Bureau of Statistics 1995. Standards for Statistics on the Family 1995. Cat. no. 1286.0. Canberra: ABS.

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Other family characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element