Relationship in household

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The familial and non-familial relationship of each person in a given

household to the reference person in that same household.

Context: The ability to determine familial relationships between persons

residing within the same household is essential in a wide range of statistics on household type, family type and income unit. It may also be useful in determining possible levels of need and support

available for clients.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation N(.NN)

layout:

Minimum Size: 1 Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain: 0 Household reference person

Husband, wife, or partner

1.1 In a registered marriage1.2 In a de facto marriage1.21 Opposite-sex couple

1.22 Same-sex couple

2 Lone parent

2.1 Lone parent

3 Child under 15

3.0 Child under 15 (not further defined)3.1 Natural or adopted child under 15

3.2 Step-child under 15

3.3 Foster child under 15

- 3.4 Otherwise related child under 15
- 3.5 Unrelated child under 15
- 4 Dependent student
 - 4.0 Dependent student (not further defined)
 - 4.1 Natural or adopted dependent student
 - 4.2 Student step-child
 - 4.3 Student foster child
- 5 Non-dependent child
 - 5.0 Non-dependent child (not further defined)
 - 5.1 Non-dependent natural or adopted child
 - 5.2 Non-dependent step-child
 - 5.3 Non-dependent foster child
- 6 Other related individual
 - 6.0 Other related individual (not further defined)
 - 6.1 Brother/Sister
 - 6.2 Father/Mother
 - 6.3 Grandchild
 - 6.4 Grandfather/Grandmother
 - 6.5 Cousin
 - 6.6 Uncle/Aunt
 - 6.7 Nephew/Niece
 - 6.8 Other related individual (not elsewhere classified)
- 7 Non-family member
 - 7.1 Unrelated individual living in a family

household

7.2 Group household member

7.3 Lone person

- 8 Not stated/inadequately described
- 9 Visitor
 - 9.9 Visitor

Guide For Use: This item is measured using relationships in respect of a household reference person. Relationships in the household are determined by establishing the relationship between this household reference person and each other member of the household in turn.

The household reference person may be determined in a variety of ways. For example, it could be the person first listed on a form ('Person 1'), or the oldest person in the household, or the community services client.

In measuring the types of relationships that exist between persons in a household, we must recognise that there may not be any familial relationship. Thus, there must be a category for persons who are non-related. Adopted relationships are treated as natural relationships.

Code 2 Lone parent, should be used where a person has no spouse or partner present in the household but who forms a parent-child relationship with at least one dependent or nondependent child who is usually resident in the household. Code 8 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.

All the levels of the ABS classification have been adopted for this metadata item. Individual agencies may wish to classify 'Relationship in household' at the highest 1-digit level using the 2or 3-digit level as a guide.

Collection Methods: Collecting these data is quite complex, due to inter-relationships that may exist in a household. Refer to ABS Standards for Statistics on the Family, ABS Catalogue No. 1286.0 for details of interviewer or self enumerated collection methods.

Related metadata: relates to the data element concept Income unit version 1 supersedes previous data element Relationship in household version 2

> relates to the data element concept Family version 2 relates to the data element concept Household version 2

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

Comments: For the purposes of this metadata item the term child refers to the relationship to the reference person and not a person under 15 years of age.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Other household characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element