
Family type

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

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Definition: The composition of the family.
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 a 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. 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: 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 independent.

