Family type

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000518 Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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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 CODE

form:

Representation N

layout:

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.

The classification is based on the ABS 4 level hierarchy. Only level 1 of this classification has been adopted for this data dictionary. If individual agencies need to classify family types at a lower level of detail than specified in this dictionary (for example is they wish to split children into independent and dependent children), they should ensure that the more detailed ABS classification is used.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Marital status version 1

relates to the data element Household type version 2 has been superseded by Household family type version 3

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

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Other family characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element