

# Household—household composition, code N{.N}

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Household composition
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	301755
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Superseded 04/06/2013 [Non Dictionary]
<b>Definition:</b>	The composition of the household based on the relationship between household members, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Household—household composition</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Household composition code N{.N}</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N{.N}
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Family
	1.1	Sole parent with dependant(s) only
	1.2	Couple only
	1.3	Couple with dependant(s) only
	1.4	Family (with other family member(s) present)
	1.5	Family (with non-related member(s) present)
	2	Non family
	2.1	Single (person living alone)
	2.2	Group (unrelated adults)
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** A household should at least contain a member that is 16 years of age or more. If a household does not contain at least one member 16 years of age or over, it should be classified as Unknown.

A dependant is defined as someone who lives in the primary care of parent(s), carer or guardian, is aged 24 years and under and:

- is studying full-time (ages 5 and over); and/or
- is not in receipt of a pension, payment or benefit (e.g. Youth Allowance) or a Prescribed Education Scheme payment (e.g. ABSTUDY); and/or
- has an annual income of no more than the amount specified by Centrelink for basic eligibility for Family Tax Benefit Part A.

A 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 defacto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household.

**Code 1.5. Family (with non-related member(s) present):** Can include people who are not related to the primary family, but are a family themselves.

**Code 9. Not stated/inadequately described:** Includes not available, not collected, not classifiable, not stated, and inadequately described.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** It should be noted that only usual residents of a household are considered when describing and categorising households by Household type. Visitors to a household are, by definition, excluded from the household. Usual residence of members of a household is defined as '...that address at which the person has lived or intends to live for a total of 6 months or more' (Census Dictionary 1996).

Other households, including multiple family households may be broken down further to show households with only family members present and those with non-family members present. A family household with only family members present is a household where every individual forms a familial relationship to one of the families belonging to the household. This relates to the ABS Household type definition.

**Comments:** For the ABS the household is analysed on the basis of the existence or non-existence of family structure and the presence of unrelated household members, rather than on the basis of sex or age, for example

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Housing Data Development Committee

**Origin:** CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001-02

SCRCSSP (Steering Committee for the Review of Commonwealth/ State Service Provision) 1999. Canberra: AusInfo.

Centrelink 2005. A guide to Australian Government payments—20 March to 30 June 2005.

**Reference documents:** Australian Bureau of Statistics 1996. [Census Dictionary](#) (Cat. no. 2901.0). Viewed 13 October 2005.

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Household—household composition, code N{N}](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/02/2006

Has been superseded by [Household—household composition, housing assistance code N](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

**Implementation in  
Indicators:**

**Used as Disaggregation**

[National Affordability Housing Agreement: g-Proportion of Indigenous households living in overcrowded conditions, 2010](#)

[Homelessness](#), Standard 16/02/2011

[Indigenous](#), Standard 11/09/2012