Person—relationship to household reference person, code NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Relationship in household
METEOR identifier:	351307
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 27/04/2007
Definition:	The familial and non-familial relationship of each person in a given household to the reference person in that same household, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—relationship to household reference person
Value Domain:	Relationship to household reference person code NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Family, household and income unit variables (relationship in household) 2005
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NN
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	11	In a registered marriage
	12	In a de facto marriage
	21	Lone parent
	31	Natural or adopted child under 15
	32	Step-child under 15
	33	Foster child under 15
	34	Grandchild under 15
	35	Otherwise related child under 15
	36	Unrelated child under 15
	41	Natural or adopted dependent student
	42	Student step-child
	43	Student foster child
	51	Non-dependent natural or adopted child
	52	Non-dependent step-child
	53	Non-dependent foster child
	61	Brother/Sister
	62	Father/Mother
	63	Non-dependent grandchild
	64	Grandfather/grandmother
	65	Cousin

66	Uncle/Aunt
67	Nephew/Niece
69	Other related individual (not elsewhere classified)
71	Unrelated individual living in a family household
72	Group household member
73	Lone person
99	Visitor

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 21   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 non-dependent child who is usually resident in the household.

CODE 99   Not stated/inadequately described:

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

Collection methods:

A major purpose of this classification is as the basis for identification of **income units** and families, statistical units that are important for further analysis.

Data captured on relationships are allocated to the 'Relationship in household' classification in output processing.

Relationships to the selected Person 1 are coded, enabling the family units existing in the household to be identified.

The first person named is identified as Person 1.

Q1 below is asked of all usual residents of the household, except for Person 1:

Q1. What is (your/the Person's) relationship to (Person 1)?

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents:

Statistical Concepts Library - Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables - Family, Household and Income Unit Variables - Relationship in household - Classification and coding

Reference online through:

Family, Household and Income Unit Variables, Relationship in Household

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

This metadata 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 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.

Collection methods:	The second level of the ABS classification has been adopted for this metadata item. Individual agencies may wish to classify 'Relationship in household' at the 3-digit level for their own operational purposes.
	Collecting these data is quite complex, due to inter-relationships that may exist in a household. Refer to ABS Standards for details of interviewer or self enumerated collection methods.
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.
	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 attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes [Person—relationship to household reference person, code NN Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 27/04/2007
	See also [Person—reference person indicator (household), code N Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 31/08/2007