

Child protection notification investigation status code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	455402
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Recorded 19/08/2011 Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016
Definition:	A code set representing the status of an investigation into a child protection notification.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Substantiated
	2	Not substantiated
	3	Investigation in process
	4	Investigation closed - no outcome possible
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1 Substantiated**

An investigation is classified as 'substantiated' where there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has been, is being, or is likely to be abused or neglected or otherwise harmed. Substantiation does not necessarily require sufficient evidence for a successful prosecution and does not imply that treatment or case management was, or is to be, provided.

CODE 2 Not substantiated

An investigation is classified as 'not substantiated' where an investigation has concluded that there is no reasonable cause to suspect prior, current or future abuse or neglect or harm to the child.

CODE 3 Investigation in process

An investigation that is in process is a notification which was investigated, but where the investigation was not completed and an investigation outcome was not recorded by the end of the reference period.

CODE 4 Investigation closed - no outcome possible

An investigation that is closed with no outcome possible is a notification which was investigated, but where the investigation was not able to be finalised in order to reach the outcome of substantiated or not substantiated. These files would be closed for administrative purposes. This may happen, for example, in cases where the family has relocated.

CODE 97 Not applicable

No investigation was conducted.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Investigation outcome code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Child protection notification—investigation status, code N\[N\]](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011