

Person—household single/couple status, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Single/couple status
METEOR identifier:	456321
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Superseded 30/08/2017
Definition:	Whether or not a person identifies as being involved in a couple relationship with another household member, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—household single/couple status
Value Domain:	Single/couple status code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Single status OR couple relationship with non-household member
	2	Couple relationship with another household member (de facto or married)
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/Inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: A relationship status is assigned to each member of the household, including children.

CODE 1 Single status OR couple relationship with non-household member

This code includes individuals that identify as being single, and those that are involved in a couple relationship but the partner is not a member of the household (i.e. not nominated on the tenancy agreement).

CODE 2 Couple relationship with another household member

This code includes individuals that identify as being in a couple relationship, and live in the same dwelling (i.e. both nominated as a household member on the tenancy agreement).

CODE 9 Not stated/Inadequately described

This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Comments: This item is used to determine whether overcrowding exists in a dwelling, under the Canadian National Occupancy Standard (CNOS). CNOS guidelines use age, sex and relationship status of the tenants and number of bedrooms in the dwelling, to determine whether the household is overcrowded.

The standard specifies:

- no more than two people shall share a bedroom
- parents or couples may share a bedroom
- children under 5 years, either of the same sex or opposite sex may share a bedroom
- children under 18 years of the same sex may share a bedroom
- a child aged 5 to 17 years should not share a bedroom with a child under 5 of the opposite sex
- single adults 18 years and over and any unpaired children require a separate bedroom.

If the total number of bedrooms required by a household exceeds the number of bedrooms available to the household by one or more, then the household is deemed overcrowded.

Source and reference attributes

Steward: [Housing and Homelessness Information Management Group](#)

Reference documents: AIHW. Indigenous community housing collection manual, 2009-10.

AIHW. Public rental housing collection manual, 2009-10.

AIHW. SOMIH collection manual, 2009-10.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person—household single/couple status, code N Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/05/2019

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Person \(housing assistance\) cluster Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

[Person file cluster \(Mainstream community housing\) Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

DSS specific information: In the Community Housing 2009-10 collection "Unknown" is recorded as "U", and should be mapped to "9 - Not stated/inadequately described".

[Person file cluster \(Mainstream community housing\) Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

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[Relationship in household cluster \(Indigenous community housing\) Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017
[Indigenous](#), Standard 01/05/2013

DSS specific information: Unknown values (code = "U") should be mapped to Not stated/inadequately described (code= "9").