

Person—relationship to reference person, relationship of carer to child code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Relationship to reference person
METEOR identifier:	456782
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Recorded 19/08/2011
Definition:	The relationship a relative or kin carer has to a child under their care, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—relationship to reference person
Value Domain:	Relationship of carer to child code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Grandparent
	2	Aunt or uncle
	3	Sibling
	4	Other relative
	5	Non-familial relationship
	6	Other Indigenous kinship relationship
Supplementary values:	88	Other
	97	Not applicable
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1 Grandparent**

The carer is the biological/step/adoptive grandparent (i.e. the parent of either of the child's parents) of the child placed in their care. This includes Indigenous kinship placements with grandparents.

CODE 2 Aunt or uncle

The carer is the biological/step/adoptive aunt or uncle (i.e. the sister or brother of either of the child's parents) of the child placed in their care. This includes Indigenous kinship placements with aunts/uncles.

Relatives beyond first aunt/uncle are excluded.

CODE 3 Sibling

The carer is the biological/step/adoptive sibling (i.e. sister or brother) of the child placed in their care. This includes Indigenous kinship placements with siblings.

CODE 4 Other relative

The carer is a biological/step/adoptive relative (excluding grandparent, aunt or uncle, or sibling) of the child placed in their care. This includes Indigenous kinship placements with other relatives.

CODE 5 Non-familial relationship

The carer has a pre-existing relationship with, but is not a biological/step/adoptive relative of, the child under their care. This includes Indigenous kinship placements with carers who have a non-familial relationship to the child under their care.

CODE 6 Other Indigenous kinship relationship

The carer is the Indigenous kin of the child under their care (i.e. is a member of an Indigenous community who is accepted by that community as being related to the child).

Code 6 excludes Indigenous kinship placements with grandparents, aunts/uncles, siblings, other relatives and carers with a non-familial relationship to the child. These are reported under the above categories.

CODE 88 Other

Includes other relative/kinship relationships that do not fit into the above categories.

CODE 97 Not applicable

Should be recorded for non-relative and non-kin carers.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

Where the specific relationship of the relative/kin carer is unknown.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element records the relationship between an authorised relative/kinship carer and a relative/kinship child placed in their care. The relationship can be full, half or step or through adoption.

For households containing more than one authorised relative/kinship carer, this should be recorded for one carer only. For the purposes of this collection, this carer may be identified by local definitions of 'primary' carer.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Children and Families Data Network (CAFDaN)

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2010. Child protection and support services National Minimum Data Set, data collection manual for the 2010 pilot collection. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) DSS Pilot \(2010\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011