

Person—relationship to household reference person, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Relationship to reference person
METEOR identifier:	609147
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Standard 30/08/2017
Definition:	The familial and non-familial relationship of each person in a given household to a designated person in that same household, as represented by a code.
Context:	The ability to determine relationships between persons residing within the same household is essential in a wide range of statistics on household composition, family type and income unit.
Data Element Concept:	Person—relationship to household reference person
Value Domain:	Relationship to reference person within household code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Reference person/tenant
	2	Spouse/partner
	3	Son/daughter aged less than 16 years
	4	Son/daughter aged 16 years and over
	5	Resident aged less than 16 years
	6	Resident aged 16 years and over
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Only the usual residents of the household are included.

CODE 1 Reference person

May be referred to as *person 1, main tenant or tenant 1, principal tenant, household head* on application or tenancy forms, or where the dwelling is being purchased, referred to as the *mortgagee*. Person must be aged 16 or over.

CODE 2 Spouse/partner

Include defacto, wife, husband and partner of the reference person/tenant.

CODES 3 and 4 Son/daughter

Include the son(s) or daughter(s) (or step son(s)/daughter(s)) of the reference person and/or spouse.

CODES 5 and 6 Resident

Include relatives other than son(s)/daughter(s) (step son(s)/daughter(s)), non-related carer, other non-related and non-family member(s).

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:

Collecting this data is quite complex, due to inter-relationships that may exist in a household. Refer to *ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995* for standard questions and approach to collecting data on this metadata item.

This metadata item is used to derive [tenancy composition](#) for public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents:

ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 1999. Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables, 1999. ABS cat. no. 1200.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 6 February 2017, <http://www.abs.gov.au>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—relationship to reference person \(household\), code N Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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

[Person \(housing assistance\) cluster Housing assistance](#), Superseded 19/12/2017

[Person \(housing assistance\) cluster Housing assistance](#), Standard 19/12/2017

[Public Housing and State Owned and Managed Indigenous housing \(PH & SOMIH\) DSS 2018-](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/05/2019

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