

# Recipient—regular care child, total number N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Number of Regular Care Children
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	646987
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)</a> , Standard 20/06/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The total number of children for which a recipient has regular care.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Recipient—regular care child</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total number N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	Regular care is defined as care provided by the recipient to a child between 14% and 34% of the time. This is between 52 and 127 nights a year, or 2 to 4 nights of care a fortnight.  Recipients with regular care children are eligible for Family Tax Benefit Rent Assistance.  Where a recipient who is paying child support payments also has regular care of a child, the child support payments are adjusted to acknowledge that the recipient directly contributes to the costs of raising the child through regular care.
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Government Department of Social Services
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## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set** [Children Cluster](#)

**Specifications:**

[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018

***Conditional obligation:***

Conditional on the recipient having care of a child between 14% and 34% of the time.

***DSS specific information:***

Number of regular care children refers to the variable NUM\_RCC\_CHILD in the PIA research data set.

Up to 16 children may be recorded.