Children Cluster

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Set Specification |
| METEOR identifier: | 650587 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018 |
| DSS type: | Data Element Cluster |
| Scope: | The Children Cluster defines information about recipients of Centrelink benefits who have children for whom they are eligible to receive a Family Tax Benefit (FTB) payment, a Double Orphan Pension or a Multiple Birth Allowance. |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Statistical unit: | [Recipient](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/645097) |
| Comments: | **Family Tax Benefit Part A or B**A FTB payment is a two-part payment that helps with the cost of raising children. To be eligible for the payment a recipient must:* have a dependent child (aged 0–15 years), or secondary student younger than 20 years of age who is not receiving a pension, payment or benefit such as Youth Allowance
* provide care for the child for at least 35% of the time
* meet an income test.

A young person aged 19 can be an FTB child up to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19, as long as they are in full-time secondary study.**Double Orphan Pension**The Double Orphan Pension is a payment to a recipient who cares for a child where:* both parents deceased, or
* one parent is deceased and the other parent is: in prison for at least 10 years, or held on remand and charged with an offence that may be punishable by imprisonment for a term of at least 10 years, or in a psychiatric hospital or nursing home for an indefinite period of time, or uncontactable, that is, whose whereabouts are unknown, or
* both parents live outside Australia or their whereabouts are unknown, and the child has been granted refugee status by the Australian Government, or admitted into Australia under a special humanitarian program approved by the Minister with portfolio responsibility and has not at any time lived in Australia with either or both parents.
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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Government Department of Social Services |
| Relational attributes |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Priority investment approach research DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/650525)[Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the recipient having dependent children. |

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| Metadata items in this Data Set Specification  |
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| Seq No. | Metadata item | Obligation | Max occurs |
| 1 | [Recipient—family tax benefit child, total number N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/646981)***Conditional obligation:***Conditional on the recipient being eligible for family tax benefit.***DSS specific information:***Number of Family Tax Benefit children refers to the variable NUM\_FTB\_CHILD in the PIA research data set.Up to 16 children may be recorded. | Conditional | 1 |
| 2 | [Recipient—youngest family tax benefit child date of birth, MMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/660527)***Conditional obligation:***Conditional on the recipient being eligible for family tax benefit.***DSS specific information:***Youngest Family Tax Benefit child date of birth refers to the variable YGEST\_FTB\_CHD\_DOB\_SHORT in the PIA research data set. | Conditional | 1 |
| 3 | [Recipient—regular care child, total number N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/646987)***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. | Conditional | 1 |
| 4 | [Recipient—youngest regular care child date of birth, MMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/660538)***Conditional obligation:***Conditional on the recipient having care of a child between 14% and 34% of the time.***DSS specific information:***Youngest regular care child date of birth refers to the variable YGEST\_RCC\_CHD\_DOB\_SHORT in the PIA research data set. | Conditional | 1 |
| 5 | [Recipient—Double Orphan Pension eligibility indicator, yes/missing code A](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/647537)***DSS specific information:***Double Orphan Pension eligibility indicator refers to the variable FTB\_DOP\_ELIG\_IND in the PIA research data set. | Mandatory | 1 |
| 6 | [Recipient—multiple birth indicator, yes/missing code A](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/633005)***DSS specific information:***Multiple birth indicator refers to the variable MUL\_BIRTH\_ELIG\_IND in the PIA research data set. | Mandatory | 1 |

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