

Income unit—relationship to household reference person, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Relationship within income unit
METEOR identifier:	669186
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Standard 30/08/2017
Definition:	The relationship of a member of an income unit to a designated person in that same income unit, 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:	Income unit—relationship to household reference person
Value Domain:	Relationship to reference person within income unit code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Income unit reference person/tenant
	2	Spouse/partner
	3	Dependant aged less than 16 years
	4	Dependant aged between 16 and 24 years
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Income unit reference person is usually the main income recipient for the income unit. There can be more than one income unit per household, such as other family members, e.g. grandparents, aunt or uncle.

A dependant is defined as someone who lives in the primary care of parent(s), carer or guardian, is aged 24 years and under, and:

- is studying full-time (ages 5 and over); and/or
- is not in receipt of a pension, payment or benefit (e.g. Youth Allowance) or a Prescribed Education Scheme payment (e.g. ABSTUDY); and/or
- has an annual income of no more than the amount specified by Centrelink for basic eligibility for Family Tax Benefit Part A.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Centrelink 2005. A guide to Australian Government payments-20 March to 30 June 2005.

Data element attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Housing Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person \(income unit member\)—relationship to reference person \(income unit\), code N](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

See also [Income unit—income unit type, code N{.N}](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/03/2005

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[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

DSS specific information:

In the Public Housing and SOMIH collections this item is not collected according to the standard. The data file includes persons aged 25 years and over in Code 4, which is a deviation from the standard and inconsistent with the definition of income unit.

[Person \(housing assistance\) cluster](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 19/12/2017

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

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

DSS specific information:

For the purposes of this collection, code 4 (dependant aged between 16 and 24 years) also includes dependants 25 years and over.