

# Child—reunification type, code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <b>Metadata item type:</b>   | Data Element  |
| <b>Short name:</b>           | Reunification type  |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>    | 737464  |
| <b>Registration status:</b>  | <a href="#">Children and Families, Standard 20/01/2021</a>  |
| <b>Definition:</b>           | The family type to which a child was returned when a funded <a href="#">out-of-home care</a> placement has ended, as represented by a code. |
| <b>Data Element Concept:</b> | <a href="#">Child—reunification type</a>  |
| <b>Value Domain:</b>         | <a href="#">Type of reunification arrangement code N[N]</a>   |

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Representation class:</b>     | Code   |
| <b>Data type:</b>                | Number |
| <b>Format:</b>                   | N[N]   |
| <b>Maximum character length:</b> | 2      |

|                              | <b>Value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>   |
|------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Permissible values:</b>   | 1            | Reunification with birth parent/s                                      |
|                              | 2            | Reunification with Indigenous relatives/kin (other than birth parents) |
|                              | 3            | Reunification with other relatives/kin (other than birth parents)      |
|                              | 4            | Reunification – Other/Not further specified                            |
| <b>Supplementary values:</b> | 97           | Not applicable   |
|                              | 99           | Not stated/inadequately described                                      |

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Reunification with birth parent/s**

Where the child will be reunified with one or both birth parents.

The Department/agency will have transferred full parental guardianship/custody of the child back to the birth parent within the reporting period. Only Department/agency-approved reunifications are included. This includes children who self-reunified, with subsequent endorsement by the Department/agency.

**CODE 2 Reunification with Indigenous relatives/kin (other than birth parents)**

Where the child will be reunified with Indigenous relatives/kin other than birth parents. Includes members of Indigenous communities who are a relative of the child (other than parents) or who are accepted by that community as being related to the child. The Department/agency will have transferred full parental guardianship/custody of the child back to Indigenous relatives/kin within the reporting period.

**CODE 3 Reunification with other relatives/kin (other than birth parents)**

Where the child will be reunified with relatives/kin other than birth parents. Includes non-Indigenous relatives or relatives of unknown Indigenous status (other than parents), or caregivers who are considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture). The Department/agency will have transferred full parental guardianship/custody of the child back to relatives/kin within the reporting period.

**CODE 4 Reunification – Other/Not further specified**

Where the child was reunified with a person or persons other than their birth parents, or other relatives/kin. This category may include reunification to a former guardian (other than those specified above). This category may be used when it is known that a reunification attempt has been made, but where it is not possible to classify who a child was reunified with.

**CODE 97 Not applicable**

The client has not exited funded out-of-home care; or the client has exited funded out-of-home care but not for a reunification attempt; or the living arrangement is not a funded out-of-home care placement provided by a funded agency (e.g. living with parents, independent living, other living arrangements).

**CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described**

Where it is unknown whether the child was provided with a permanent care arrangement during the reporting period.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The family type to which a child was returned when a funded out-of-home care placement has ended.

This excludes trial reunifications where the out-of-home care placement remains open.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2018. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2017–18. Canberra: AIHW.

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Child—reunification type, code N\[N\]](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

[Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

### Implementation in Indicators:

#### Used as Numerator

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2018–19: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/03/2021

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2018–19: Indicator 2.4 Indigenous children who were reunified and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/03/2021

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Qualified 20/10/2021

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.4 Indigenous children who were reunified and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Qualified 20/10/2021

#### Used as Disaggregation

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2018–19: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/03/2021

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Qualified 20/10/2021

#### Used as Denominator

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2018–19: Indicator 2.4 Indigenous children who were reunified and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/03/2021

[The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.4 Indigenous children who were reunified and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Qualified 20/10/2021