Child—reunification type, code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Reunification type |
| METEOR identifier: | 737464 |
| Registration status: | [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 20/01/2021 |
| Definition: | The family type to which a child was returned when a funded [**out-of-home care**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/735716)placement has ended, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Child—reunification type](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/737470) |
| Value Domain: | [Type of reunification arrangement code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/706939) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 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 |
| Supplementary values: | 97 | Not applicable |
|  | 99 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| 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. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| 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]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/706941)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 20/01/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Living arrangements for children under care (LA) file cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/737458)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 03/11/2021  [Living arrangements for children under care (LA) file cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/748857)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/732713)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/732715)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 03/03/2021  [The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/749991)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/749993)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/732713)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 03/03/2021  [The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle Indicators 2019–20: Indicator 2.3 Indigenous children who were reunified](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/749991)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/732715)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/749993)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Qualified 20/10/2021 |