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# Abbreviations

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| ABS     | Australian Bureau of Statistics                              |
| AIHW    | Australian Institute Health and Welfare                      |
| CSHA    | Commonwealth State Housing Agreement                         |
| ID      | Identifier   |
| n.a.    | Not available  |
| METeOR  | Metadata Online Registry                                     |
| NHADDv2 | <i>National housing assistance data dictionary</i> version 2 |
| NHADDv3 | <i>National housing assistance data dictionary</i> version 3 |
| NMDS    | National Minimum Data Set                                    |
| SAS     | Statistical Analysis System                                  |
| ..      | Not applicable   |
| ✓       | Available  |





# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Overview

This document outlines the data available in the 2005–06 public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) developed by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and commonly referred to as the ‘housing NMDS’. It sets out the technical specifications and major conventions for handling data (for example codes, business rules, data relationships and formats). It attempts to ensure that users of the housing NMDS will interpret and analyse data items in accordance with the *National housing assistance data dictionary* version 3 (NHADDv3; AIHW 2006a), which sets out the agreed data definitions, classifications and standards for information collected under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA).

An NMDS is a minimum set of data elements agreed for mandatory collection and reporting at a national level. The housing NMDS provided is a subset of data obtained from the CSHA public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing annual data collections. The collections are driven by the National Housing Data Agreement framework that sets out data standards for housing data and a core set of nationally consistent performance indicators.

## 1.2 Construction of the housing National Minimum Data Set

Generally, each jurisdiction supplied the AIHW with six files containing information on dwellings (Dwelling), vacancy episodes (Dwelling History), households (Household), persons (Person), person incomes (Person Income), and waitlists (Waitlist).

These files are stored as part of the National Housing Assistance Data Repository at the AIHW.

This document specifically excludes details about the raw files received from each jurisdiction and the data cleansing and standardisation process. Figure 1 illustrates the steps carried out in constructing the housing NMDS.

### Step 1

Examine the availability of data items in data sets supplied to the AIHW by state/and territory departments for national reporting.

### Step 2

Standardise any variation in the data supplied to conform to specifications in the *National housing assistance data dictionary* (data item naming, format, type, length, coding values, etc.).

### Step 3

Perform data validation to check for errors. The data are cleaned where necessary, in consultation with state/territory departments.

### Step 4

Determine which data items are to be included in the housing NMDS. Only items that are available consistently across jurisdictions are included. Items are also assessed on the basis of robustness and relevance to key performance indicators.

### Step 5

Produce a guide for users of the housing NMDS.

**Figure 1: Construction of the housing National Minimum Data Set**

## 1.3 Scope of the housing National Minimum data set

Information supplied by jurisdictions relating to the 2005–06 public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections was used to create the four files that form the 2005–06 housing NMDS. The four files are:

- Dwelling – containing information relevant to dwellings
- Household – containing information relevant to households within dwellings. Each occupied dwelling should have at least one household record
- Person – containing information relevant to persons within households and income units. Each occupied dwelling and each household should have at least one person record
- Person Income – containing information relevant to income of persons within households and income units. Each person may have multiple income sources and thus records.

For each file, jurisdictional data have been standardised, validated then amalgamated.

Available administrative housing data vary widely across jurisdictions, and the housing NMDS has been limited to a set of core data items. These data items are considered essential to produce comparable national information on key housing issues reflected in performance indicator reporting. The housing NMDS contains some AIHW-derived data items based on jurisdiction-provided data, such as number of occupants or gross household income. Derived elements are data that are not collected directly or at the aggregated level required, but can be calculated or derived from other information specified for collection.

## 1.4 Reporting period

As the reporting period for all jurisdictions is on a financial year basis, most data items are collected as a snapshot as at 30 June. However, there are also some data items that are only applicable to the reported financial year, such as new allocation status.

## 1.5 Privacy issues and conditions of use

The *Privacy Act 1998* governs the conduct of Commonwealth agencies in their collection, management and use of data containing personal information. Researchers granted access to identifiable information must sign an undertaking that binds them to the confidentiality provisions of the *Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987*.

The housing NMDS contains files of unidentifiable unit record data. Data contributors (state/and territory housing authorities), government departments, the AIHW, research organisations and individuals can access the housing NMDS. Data providers must agree to release the data for each specified request. Any users of the housing NMDS must abide by the nationally agreed protocols on the conditions of use.

Enquiries regarding identifiable information or other items that may be available and not included in the housing NMDS should be forwarded to the housing Data Custodian on (02) 6244 1073 or by emailing <housing@aihw.gov.au>

## 1.6 Changes to the 2005–06 housing National Minimum Data Set

### 1.6.1 New variables

An additional data item has been included on the Dwelling file for 2005–06. It is:

- Dwelling major redevelopment status (DEVSTAT): the status of whether or not the dwelling is undergoing major redevelopment work at 30 June 2006.

An additional data item has been included on the Household file for 2005–06. It is:

- Tenancy composition (TENCOMP): the composition of the tenant household, based on the relationships between household members.

These data items are documented in Section 2.4 and, where appropriate, in Appendix B. Enquiries regarding the new variables on the housing NMDS should be forwarded to the housing Data Custodian on (02) 6244 1073 or by emailing <housing@aihw.gov.au>.

### 1.6.2 Other changes

The categories of the data item Principal source of income have changed in NHADDv 3 of the *National housing assistance data dictionary*. This change affects a number of data items in the Household and Person income files of the 2005–06 housing NMDS.

The affected data items on the Household file are:

- Principal income source of main tenant (INCS\_MT\_DD3)
- Principal source of household income (INCS\_H\_DD3)

The affected data item on the Person Income file is:

- Income source (INCS\_DD3).

These data items are documented in Section 2.4 and, where appropriate, in Appendix B. Enquiries regarding the changed variables on the housing NMDS should be forwarded to the housing Data Custodian on (02) 6244 1073 or by emailing <housing@aihw.gov.au>.

## 1.7 Future developments of the housing National Minimum Data Set

This is the sixth release of the housing NMDS under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.

Further refinements and developments after consultation with stakeholders are envisaged for future versions. For example, the AIHW is currently developing a way of constructing nationally consistent income unit-based record files (currently six jurisdictions are able to provide the necessary data). Development of potential data elements will be conducted with the aim of improving the quality and scope of the data collected for the national reporting of public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing.

### **Box 1: More information**

*If you require more information, refer to the Housing and Homelessness portal on the AIHW website <[www.aihw.gov.au](http://www.aihw.gov.au)>:*

#### ***Housing assistance programs and statistics***

- *Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA)*
- *Information on housing assistance programs, including public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing*

#### ***National Housing Data agreements***

- *National Housing Data Agreement*

#### ***Housing unit publications***

- *National housing assistance data dictionary versions 1, 2 and 3*
- *CSHA national data reports: public rental housing for 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04 and 2004–05*
- *CSHA national data reports 2001–02: Aboriginal rental housing program. (This program was subsequently renamed.)*
- *CSHA national data reports 2002–03: state and territory owned and managed Indigenous housing. (This program was subsequently renamed.)*
- *CSHA national data reports: state owned and managed Indigenous housing for 2003–04 and 2004–05*
- *CSHA user guide for 2001–02 data: public housing and the Aboriginal Rental Housing Program. (This program was subsequently renamed.)*
- *CSHA user guide for data: public housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing for 2002–03, 2003–04 and 2004–05*
- *Measuring housing assistance: national data standards developed under the 1999 Commonwealth State Housing Agreement*
- *Measuring the distributional impact of direct and indirect housing assistance*
- *Public rental housing 2005–06: CSHA national data reports (AIHW 2006b)*
- *State owned and managed Indigenous housing 2005–06: CSHA national data reports (AIHW 2006c)*

#### ***Protocols for the release of housing assistance data***

- *Information on the protocols and the application forms are available on the AIHW website at <<http://www.aihw.gov.au/housing/agreements/repository/>>.*

## 2 Data specifications

This section describes in detail the data items included in the 2005–06 housing NMDS. It firstly gives a general overview of housing concepts followed by data set contents and then detailed data specifications.

### 2.1 Housing data concepts

A *dwelling* is a structure or a discrete space within a structure intended for people to live in or where a person or group of people lives.

Occupying this dwelling is a *household* comprising one or more persons. A separate household identification number(ID) is assigned to each tenancy agreement, which is a formal agreement between

a household (a person or a group of persons) and a housing provider.

Another grouping within the household concept is the *income unit*. An income unit consists of a single person or a group of related persons within a household whose command over income is shared.

A *household receiving assistance* is any household that is housed within the public rental housing or state owned and managed Indigenous housing programs. The household may or may not be in receipt of a rebate. A rebated household is one whose rent is less than the market rent value of the dwelling. This implies that tenants under these programs would face additional rental costs if they rented an equivalent dwelling in the private rental market.

Appendix A consists of diagrams that represent these concepts.

Appendix B contains a comprehensive list of data elements and their definitions.

Table 1 contains a list of the items selected for inclusion in the 2005–06 housing NMDS from the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections.

**Table 1: Data set record content**

| <b>Dwelling</b>                     | <b>Household</b>                            | <b>Person</b>                   | <b>Person Income</b>            |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>State/territory</i>              | <i>State/territory</i>                      | <i>State/territory</i>          | <i>State/territory</i>          |
| <i>Program type</i>                 | <i>Program type</i>                         | <i>Program type</i>             | <i>Program type</i>             |
| <i>Dwelling ID</i>                  | <i>Dwelling ID</i>                          |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | <i>Household ID</i>                         | <i>Household ID</i>             | <i>Household ID</i>             |
|                                     |   | <i>Income unit ID</i>           | <i>Income unit ID</i>           |
|                                     |   | <i>Person ID</i>                | <i>Person ID</i>                |
| Tenantable status                   | Date assistance commenced                   | Sex                             | Weekly gross person income      |
| Occupancy status                    | Date assistance completed                   | Age                             | Weekly assessable person income |
| Dwelling major redevelopment status | New allocation status within financial year | Indigenous status               | Income source                   |
| Number of bedrooms                  | Transfer status within financial year       | Disability status               |                                 |
| Dwelling type                       | Indigenous status                           | Relationship within household   |                                 |
| Market rent                         | Disability status                           | Relationship within income unit |                                 |
|                                     | Market rent                                 |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Rent charged                                |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Rebate status                               |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Rebate amount                               |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Weekly gross household income               |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Weekly assessable household income          |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Occupants in household                      |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Age of main tenant                          |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Principal income source of main tenant      |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Principal source of household income        |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Household type                              |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Tenancy composition                         |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Greatest need status of household           |                                 |                                 |
|                                     | Special needs status of household           |                                 |                                 |

Note: Items in italic are linkage keys between the four data files that form the housing NMDS.

## 2.2 Code mapping

The codes used in the 2005–06 housing NMDS are consistent with the NHADDv3.

Jurisdiction data items and values have been renamed and recoded to follow the data dictionary as closely as possible. Housing NMDS coding practices have attempted to take into account variations in jurisdictional information-management systems and definitions. Some data items could not be obtained directly from the data provided and have been derived from other available items.

There are incidences where complete information may not be available for all records and is thus recorded as missing. Missing data may arise where:

- jurisdictions are able to collect the data but the information is unknown or not available at unit record level
- jurisdictions do not collect any information on an item.

If the data item is numeric, a missing value is displayed as '.', whilst a data item that is a character is left blank. The exceptions are age and age of main tenant, where a missing value is coded to '999' in accordance with the NHADDv3.

## 2.3 File overview and linkages

There are four data files contained in the 2005–06 housing NMDS. All files are available as SAS (version 9) files and as text files with comma or tab delimiters.

The variables used to link records between the housing NMDS data files are as follows:

1. Dwelling data and household data are linked by *state/territory*, *program type* and *dwelling ID*.
2. Household data, person and person income data are linked by *state/territory*, *program type* and *household ID*.
3. Person data and person income data are linked by *state/territory*, *program type* and *person ID* or normally *state/territory*, *program type* and *income unit ID*.

All unique identifiers, including *dwelling ID*, *household ID*, *person ID* and *income unit ID*, have been modified from those supplied by jurisdictions in order to preserve confidentiality of the data. The modification of IDs is consistent from year to year; therefore it is possible to link data items from different years.

### The Dwelling file

The Dwelling file contains current housing stock that, as at the end of the financial year, each jurisdiction manages, excluding those that have been sold, demolished or transferred for another purpose. Public housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing rental properties leased to other program areas such as community housing are excluded.

Some profile information on the dwelling stock available in this file include the number of bedrooms within the dwelling, the structure type of the dwelling, whether or not the dwelling is undergoing major redevelopment work, and whether or not the dwelling is occupied and/or tenantable for habitation.

Each dwelling ID for a given state and program type has a unique record in the data set.



## **The Household file**

The Household file contains information on tenancies that:

- are currently receiving assistance, or
- received assistance within the financial year and have since ceased occupation of their dwelling.

Each household ID for a given state and program type has one record in the data set.

In most jurisdictions a transfer or mutual exchange would result in the creation of a new household identifier, making tracking of a household difficult. However, in South Australia the household identifier remains the same when tenancy circumstances change due to transfer or mutual exchange. In the case where household members separate, the household identifier would stay with the principal tenant.

Some variables such as household disability flag may be derived from the Person file. For instance, if any person within the household has a disability, the disability flag at the household level is positive. Similarly, if any person's disability status is unknown and there is no person identified as disabled, the disability flag at the household level is unknown.

Public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing tenants usually pay a percentage of their income in rent, which is determined by the state/territory housing authority. The rent charged to the household is generally lower than the actual market rent of the dwelling being occupied. This rebate assistance amount can generally be calculated by deducting rent charged from market rent and is applicable where the rebate status flag is positive.

## **The Person file**

The Person file contains details of persons within households as at 30 June. Demographic characteristics that can be obtained from this file include age, sex, Indigenous status and disability status. Information on people of non-rebated households or tenants of households with a period of assistance completed before 30 June may not always be available, up to date or complete.

Each person has a person ID attached to a household ID. Each person's relationship within the household is represented by the relationship within the household data item. The main tenant is identified as the reference person/principal tenant and is generally the first person listed on the housing assistance tenancy agreement.

Generally each person ID for a given state and program type has one record in the data set. However, in some circumstances more than one person ID may exist, for instance shared custody arrangements where children may reside in two households.

Indigenous status is available only at the broadest level of the classification as many jurisdictions are unable to distinguish Indigenous people of Aboriginal origin from those of Torres Strait Islander origin. The value domain of this data item is consistent with the Indigenous status definition and classification in the NHADDv 3.

## **The Person Income file**

The Person Income file contains details of weekly income sources and amounts received by persons within households as recorded at 30 June. The Person Income file contains a separate record for each income source received by each person, and therefore may contain multiple

records per person ID. Each record details an income amount (gross and/or assessable) and income source code.

The main income sources for people being assisted in the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing programs are government pensions and benefits. Each jurisdiction's income codes have been grouped into major categories of income source. As mentioned above, income records for persons of non-rebated households or tenants of households with end dates before 30 June may not always be available, up to date or complete.

## 2.4 Data formats

Formats and values for the 2005–06 housing NMDS data items, including some derived data items, are described in tables 2 to 5.

**Table 2: Dwelling data set: formats and values**

| Variable | NHADDv3 item                        | Data type     | Field size in SAS | Data values and comments   |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| STATE    | Dwelling state/territory identifier | Numeric       | 3                 | 1. NSW<br>2. Vic<br>3. Qld<br>4. SA<br>5. WA<br>6. Tas<br>7. NT<br>8. ACT  |
| PROGRAM  | n.a.                                | Numeric       | 3                 | 1. Public rental housing<br>3. State owned and managed Indigenous housing  |
| DWELID   | Dwelling identifier                 | Alpha-numeric | 15                | De-identified  |
| TENSTAT  | Dwelling tenantability status       | Numeric       | 3                 | Whether or not a dwelling is tenantable at 30 June:<br>1. Yes<br>2. No<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described                     |
| OCCSTAT  | Dwelling occupancy status           | Numeric       | 3                 | Whether or not a dwelling is occupied at 30 June:<br>1. Yes<br>2. No<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described                       |
| DEVSTAT  | Dwelling major redevelopment status | Numeric       | 3                 | Whether or not a dwelling is undergoing major redevelopment at 30 June:<br>1. Yes<br>2. No<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described |
| NBEDROOM | Number of bedrooms                  | Numeric       | 3                 | Bedsits should be counted as a 1-bedroom dwelling.   |

*(continued)*

**Table 2 (continued): Dwelling data set: formats and values**

| <b>Variable</b> | <b>NHADDv3 item</b>           | <b>Data type</b> | <b>Field size in SAS</b> | <b>Data values and comments</b>   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---|
| DWELTYPE        | Dwelling structure            | Numeric          | 3                        | 1. Separate house<br>2. Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc.<br>3. Flat, unit or apartment<br>4. Caravan, tent, cabin etc. in caravan park, houseboat in marina, etc.<br>5. Caravan not in caravan park, houseboat not in marina, etc.<br>6. Improvised home, tent, camping out<br>7. House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.<br>8. Boarding/rooming house unit<br>9. Other<br>99. Not stated/inadequately described |
| RNT_MRKT        | Market rent value of dwelling | Numeric          | \$\$\$\$\$.cc            |   |

n.a. Not available

**Table 3: Household data set: formats and values**

| Variable | NHADDv3 item                  | Data type     | Field size in SAS | Data values and comments   |
|----------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| STATE    | n.a.                          | Numeric       | 3                 | 1. NSW<br>2. Vic<br>3. Qld<br>4. SA<br>5. WA<br>6. Tas<br>7. NT<br>8. ACT  |
| PROGRAM  | n.a.                          | Numeric       | 3                 | 1. Public rental housing<br>3. State owned and managed Indigenous housing  |
| DWELID   | Dwelling identifier           | Alpha-numeric | 15                | De-identified  |
| HOUSEID  | Household identifier          | Alpha-numeric | 15                | De-identified  |
| DT_START | Date assistance commenced     | Numeric       | DDMMYYYY          |  |
| DT_END   | Date assistance completed     | Numeric       | DDMMYYYY          | '.' = ongoing household  |
| NEWALLOC | New allocation status         | Numeric       | 3                 | Whether newly allocated within the financial year:<br>1. Yes<br>2. No<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described  |
| TRANSFER | Transfer status               | Numeric       | 3                 | Whether transferred within the financial year:<br>1. Yes<br>2. No<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described  |
| RNT_MRKT | Market rent value of dwelling | Numeric       | \$\$\$,\$\$\$cc   |  |
| RNT_CHRG | Rent charged                  | Numeric       | \$\$\$,\$\$\$cc   |  |
| REBATE   | Rebated household status      | Numeric       | 3                 | 1. Yes<br>2. No<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described  |
| REBATAMT | n.a.                          | Numeric       | \$\$\$,\$\$\$cc   | Rebate amount of household at 30 June (generally the positive difference between market rent of dwelling and rent charged)                               |
| INC_GH   | n.a.                          | Numeric       | \$\$\$,\$\$\$cc   | Weekly gross income at 30 June for all persons in the household, aggregated to the household level.<br>See NHADDv3 item Income—gross (person).           |
| INC_AH   | n.a.                          | Numeric       | \$\$\$,\$\$\$cc   | Weekly assessable income at 30 June for all persons in the household, aggregated to the household level.<br>See NHADDv3 item Income—assessable (person). |

*(continued)*

**Table 3 (continued): Household data set: formats and values**

| <b>Variable</b> | <b>NHADDv3 item</b>  | <b>Data type</b> | <b>Field size in SAS</b> | <b>Data values and comments</b>  |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|
| INDIG_H         | Indigenous household | Numeric          | 3                        | <p>Indigenous status as at 30 June:</p> <p>1. Yes</p> <p>2. No</p> <p>9. Not stated/inadequately described</p> <p>Derived from Person file if not supplied by jurisdiction. If any member within a household satisfies the jurisdiction's Indigenous status definition, then the Indigenous household field is set to 1. If no Indigenous member but one or more member's Indigenous status is unknown, the Indigenous household status is set to 9.</p>     |
| DIS_H           | Disability status    | Numeric          | 3                        | <p>Disability status as at 30 June:</p> <p>1. Yes</p> <p>2. No</p> <p>9. Not stated/inadequately described</p> <p>Derived from Person file if not supplied by jurisdiction. If any member within a household satisfies the jurisdiction's disability status definition, then the household disability status flag is set to 1. If no disabled member but one or more member's disability status is unknown, the household disability status is set to 9.</p> |
| OCCS            | n.a.                 | Numeric          | 8                        | Number of persons in household at 30 June  |
| AGE_MT          | Age                  | Numeric          | 3                        | <p>The age of the main tenant at 30 June in completed years</p> <p>The main tenant is usually the household reference person. If there is no identified reference person, then this item is set to missing. If there is more than one reference person in the household, then the age of the oldest is used.</p>   |

*(continued)*

**Table 3 (continued): Household data set: formats and values**

| Variable    | NHADDv3 item            | Data type     | Field size in SAS | Data values and comments   |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| INCS_MT_DD3 | Principal income source | Alpha-numeric | 5                 | <p>The principal income source of the main tenant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Employee cash income</li> <li>2. Unincorporated business income</li> <li>3. Government cash pension/allowance               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1. Allowances for students and the unemployed                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1.1. Youth allowance</li> <li>3.1.2. Newstart allowance</li> <li>3.1.3. Other allowances for students and the unemployed</li> </ol> </li> <li>3.2. Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.2.1. Age pension</li> <li>3.2.2. Disability support pension</li> <li>3.2.3. Other Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability</li> </ol> </li> <li>3.3. Other Government cash pensions/allowances (e.g. Service pensions, Family Tax Benefit)</li> <li>4. Other cash income (e.g. superannuation, compensation)</li> <li>5. Nil Income</li> <li>9. Not stated/inadequately described.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><i>Note:</i> Value 5 Nil income is in addition to the value domain specified in the NHADDv3. Values 3, 3.1 and 3.2 are category markers only, and should contain no data.</p> <p>The main tenant is usually the household reference person. If there is no identified reference person, then this item is set to missing. If there is more than one reference person in the household, then the principal income source of the oldest reference person is reported.</p> |

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**Table 3 (continued): Household data set: formats and values**

| Variable   | NHADDv3 item            | Data type     | Field size in SAS | Data values and comments   |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| INCS_H_DD3 | Principal income source | Alpha-numeric | 5                 | <p>The principal source of household income:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Employee cash income</li> <li>2. Unincorporated business income</li> <li>3. Government cash pension/allowance               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1. Allowances for students and the unemployed                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1.1. Youth allowance</li> <li>3.1.2. Newstart allowance</li> <li>3.1.3. Other allowances for students and the unemployed</li> </ol> </li> <li>3.2. Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.2.1. Age pension</li> <li>3.2.2. Disability support pension</li> <li>3.2.3. Other Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability</li> </ol> </li> <li>3.3. Other Government cash pensions/allowances (e.g. Service pensions, Family Tax Benefit)</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Other cash income (e.g. superannuation, compensation)</li> <li>5. Nil Income</li> <li>9. Not stated/inadequately described.</li> </ol> <p><i>Note:</i> Value 5 Nil income is in addition to the value domain specified in the NHADDv3. Values 3, 3.1 and 3.2 are category markers only, and should contain no data.</p> |
| HTYPE      | n.a.                    | Numeric       | 3                 | <p>The Household type:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Single family</li> <li>2. Group (unrelated adults)</li> <li>3. Mixed composition household</li> <li>9. Not stated/inadequately described</li> </ol>   |
| TENCOMP    | Tenancy composition     | Numeric       | 8                 | <p>The composition of the tenant household:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Single (person living alone)</li> <li>1.2. Couple only</li> <li>1.3. Sole parent with child/ren (any age)</li> <li>1.4. Couple with child/ren (any age)</li> <li>1.5. Other single income unit</li> <li>2. Group (unrelated adults)</li> <li>3. Mixed composition household</li> <li>9. Not stated/inadequately described</li> </ol>   |

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**Table 3 (continued): Household data set: formats and values**

| <b>Variable</b> | <b>NHADDv3 item</b>  | <b>Data type</b> | <b>Field size in SAS</b> | <b>Data values and comments</b>  |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|
| GRT_NEED        | Greatest need reason | Numeric          | 3                        | <p>Whether a household is considered to be in greatest need of housing assistance:</p> <p>1. Yes</p> <p>2. No</p> <p>9. Not stated/inadequately described</p> <p>The greatest need status of a household is determined by the presence or otherwise of conditions defined in the NHADDv3 item Greatest need reason. Other jurisdiction-specific criteria may also be used.</p> |
| SPECNEED        | n.a.                 | Numeric          | 3                        | <p>The special needs status of the household, derived from the disability status and indigenous household flags and the age of the main tenant:</p> <p>1. Yes</p> <p>2. No</p> <p>9. Not stated/inadequately described</p> <p>For New South Wales other locally available information may also be taken into account.</p>  |

n.a. Not available  
 .. Not applicable

**Table 4: Person data set: formats and values**

| Variable | NHADDv3 item                      | Data type     | Field size in SAS | Data values and comments   |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| STATE    | Person state/territory identifier | Numeric       | 3                 | 1. NSW<br>2. Vic<br>3. Qld<br>4. SA<br>5. WA<br>6. Tas<br>7. NT<br>8. ACT  |
| PROGRAM  | n.a.                              | Numeric       | 3                 | 1. Public rental housing<br>3. State owned and managed Indigenous housing  |
| HOUSEID  | Household identifier              | Alpha-numeric | 15                | De-identified  |
| PERSONID | Person identifier                 | Alpha-numeric | 15                | De-identified  |
| INCOMEID | Income unit identifier            | Alpha-numeric | 15                | De-identified  |
| SEX      | Sex                               | Numeric       | 3                 | 1. Male<br>2. Female<br>3. Intersex or indeterminate<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described<br><i>Note: Value 3 Intersex or indeterminate is not currently collected by most jurisdictions.</i>   |
| AGE      | Age                               | Numeric       | 3                 | Occupant's age at 30 June in completed years.<br>If age is missing or unknown then it is set to 999.   |
| DIS_P    | Disability status                 | Numeric       | 3                 | Disability status as at 30 June:<br>1. Yes<br>2. No<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described  |
| INDIG_P  | Indigenous status                 | Numeric       | 3                 | Indigenous status as at 30 June:<br>1. Indigenous (not further defined)<br>2. Neither Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described<br><i>Note: Value 1 Indigenous (not further defined) is the broadest level of positive Indigenous status in the NHADDv3. Refer to Section 2.3 for further information.</i> |

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**Table 4 (continued): Person data set: formats and values**

| <b>Variable</b> | <b>NHADDv3 item</b>              | <b>Data type</b> | <b>Field size in SAS</b> | <b>Data values and comments</b>   |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---|
| REL_H           | Relationship to reference person | Numeric          | 3                        | 1. Reference person/tenant<br>2. Spouse/partner<br>3. Son/daughter aged less than 16 years<br>4. Son/daughter aged 16 years and over<br>5. Resident aged less than 16 years<br>6. Resident aged 16 years and over<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described<br><br>Resident includes relatives other than son/daughter, non-related carer, and other non-related members. |
| REL_I           | Relationship within income unit  | Numeric          | 3                        | 1. Income unit reference person/tenant<br>2. Spouse/partner<br>3. Dependant aged less than 16 years<br>4. Dependant aged 16 years and over<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described  |

n.a. Not available

**Table 5: Person Income data set: formats and values**

| Variable | NHADDv3 item                      | Data type     | Field size in SAS | Data values and comments   |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| STATE    | Person state/territory identifier | Numeric       | 3                 | 1. NSW<br>2. Vic<br>3. Qld<br>4. SA<br>5. WA<br>6. Tas<br>7. NT<br>8. ACT  |
| PROGRAM  | n.a.                              | Numeric       | 3                 | 1. Public rental housing<br>3. State owned and managed Indigenous housing  |
| HOUSEID  | Household identifier              | Alpha-numeric | 15                | De-identified  |
| PERSONID | Person identifier                 | Alpha-numeric | 15                | De-identified  |
| INCOMEID | Income unit identifier            | Alpha-numeric | 15                | De-identified (jurisdiction specified)   |
| INC_GP   | Income—gross (person)             | Numeric       | \$\$\$\$\$.cc     | Weekly gross income at 30 June for tenant for given income code  |
| INC_AP   | Income—assessable (person)        | Numeric       | \$\$\$\$\$.cc     | Weekly assessable income at 30 June for tenant for given income code   |
| INCS_DD3 | Income source                     | Alpha-numeric | 5                 | The sources of income:<br>1. Employee cash income<br>2. Unincorporated business income<br>3. Government cash pension/allowance<br>3.1. Allowances for students and the unemployed<br>3.1.1. Youth allowance<br>3.1.2. Newstart allowance<br>3.1.3. Other allowances for students and the unemployed<br>3.2. Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability<br>3.2.1. Age pension<br>3.2.2. Disability support pension<br>3.2.3. Other Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability<br>3.3. Other Government cash pensions/allowances (e.g. Service pensions, Family Tax Benefit)<br>4. Other cash income (e.g. superannuation, compensation)<br>5. Nil Income<br>9. Not stated/inadequately described<br><br><i>Note:</i> Value 5 Nil income is in addition to the value domain specified in the NHADDv3. Values 3, 3.1 and 3.2 are category markers only, and should contain no data. |

## 2.5 Variation in jurisdictional data availability

The availability of data items in the housing NMDS for each jurisdiction is listed in tables 6 to 9.

**Table 6: Jurisdictional data availability: Dwelling file**

| Data item description      | NSW | Vic | Qld | SA | WA | Tas | NT | ACT |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| State/territory            | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |
| Program type               | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |
| Dwelling identifier        | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |
| Tenantable status          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |
| Occupancy status           | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |
| Major redevelopment status | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |
| Number of bedrooms         | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |
| Dwelling type              | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |
| Weekly market rent         | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |

✓ Available

**Table 7: Jurisdictional data availability: Household file**

| Data item description                  | NSW | Vic | Qld  | SA   | WA   | Tas | NT   | ACT |
|--|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|
| State/territory                        | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Program type                           | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Dwelling identifier                    | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Household identifier                   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Date assistance commenced              | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Date assistance completed              | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| New allocation status                  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Transfers status                       | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Market rent                            | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Weekly rent charged                    | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Rebate status                          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Rebate amount                          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Gross household income                 | ✓   | ✓   | n.a. | n.a. | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Assessable household income            | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | n.a. | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Indigenous status                      | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Disability status                      | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | n.a. | ✓   |
| Number of persons in household         | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Age of main tenant                     | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Principal income source of main tenant | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |
| Principal income source of household   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   | ✓    | ✓   |

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**Table 7 (continued): Jurisdictional data availability: Household file**

| Data item description | NSW | Vic | Qld | SA | WA | Tas | NT | ACT |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| Household type        | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |
| Tenancy composition   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |
| Greatest need status  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | (a) | ✓  | ✓   |
| Special needs status  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |

✓ Available

n.a. Not available

(a) Greatest need not identified for state owned and managed Indigenous housing.

**Table 8: Jurisdictional data availability: Person file**

| Data item description           | NSW | Vic | Qld | SA | WA | Tas  | NT   | ACT |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|------|------|-----|
| State/territory                 | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Program type                    | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Household identifier            | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Person identifier               | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Income unit identifier          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | n.a. | n.a. | ✓   |
| Sex                             | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Age                             | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Disability status               | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓    | n.a. | ✓   |
| Indigenous status               | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Relationship within household   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Relationship within income unit | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | n.a. | n.a. | ✓   |

✓ Available

n.a. Not available

**Table 9: Jurisdictional data availability: Person Income file**

| Data item description    | NSW | Vic | Qld  | SA   | WA   | Tas  | NT   | ACT |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| State/territory          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Program type             | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Household identifier     | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Person identifier        | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Income unit identifier   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | n.a. | n.a. | ✓   |
| Gross person income      | ✓   | ✓   | n.a. | n.a. | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Assessable person income | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | n.a. | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |
| Income source            | ✓   | ✓   | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓   |

✓ Available.

n.a. Not available.

## 2.6 Data limitations/problems

Variations in policies, administration of programs and reporting capabilities of information-management systems between jurisdictions have influenced the data quality and results. This document recognises that there are data limitations and/or integrity issues associated with data provided, and highlights the importance of data quality and consistency between jurisdictions. Any interpretation of results should take account of the data qualifications noted in the following sections.

The areas of concern identified are both general and technical in nature.

### 2.6.1 General areas of concern

Some data items may not have been updated in systems since first being recorded by jurisdictions and therefore are no longer current. For example, Indigenous status is often recorded at the time of the initial allocation to public rental housing, and is not updated as people subsequently join the household. Further, most jurisdictions have limited capacity to update information about households that are not rebated, as they may not participate in income review processes.

#### Dwelling

- Because of the complexity of funding arrangements in the Indigenous housing sector, some community-managed dwellings (whether government-owned or community-owned) may be included in state owned and managed Indigenous housing reporting in some jurisdictions.
- Some jurisdictions may place a household funded under one program type into a dwelling managed under another program type.
- A dwelling may be leased to another program for only part of the financial year.
- There may be differences in what jurisdictions classify as non-routine major work on a dwelling to either improve its condition or to restore it to its former condition.

#### Household

- Some variables supplied by jurisdictions at the household level (for example gross household income, and disability or Indigenous status) may not correspond to the details for that household in the Person or Person Income file.
- A rebated household should receive a subsidy equal to the difference between market rent and the rent charged to it. However, this may not always be the case. For example, some jurisdictions calculate rental subsidies on a concept of full rent rather than market rent. Full rent is determined by the state housing authority and is used as a proxy to market rent but may be above or below the market value. Cases of a calculated rebate amount of zero or less are actually correct according to jurisdictional systems.
- Households that were both newly allocated and transferred in the same financial year are excluded from the transfer count reported for some jurisdictions.
- Some jurisdictions were not able to supply information on households that ceased receiving assistance during the financial year, unless they had also been newly allocated during this time period.

## Person

- There is generally one main tenant per household but some jurisdictions may record more than one or no main tenant.
- Indigenous status of households is generally determined by the applicant's self-identification at the time of application. There is also some variation in how Indigenous status is recorded in jurisdictions' information-management systems, especially if the Indigenous status of the household is unknown.
- In New South Wales, for tenancies commencing before November 1999, information on sex, age, disability status and Indigenous status is less complete than for those commencing after this date.

## 2.6.2 Technical data problems

Some jurisdictions may record only a 'yes' or blank in a field, for example Indigenous status. A blank is deemed 'unknown'.

## Dwelling

- Some occupied dwellings may have one or more of the following characteristics: zero market rent, dwelling indicated as untenable, or no corresponding household in the Household file.
- Many unoccupied dwellings have missing or zero market rent.

## Household

- Some ongoing households may have one or more of the following characteristics: missing rebate status, missing rent or zero market rent, zero or unrealistic rent charge amounts, resident in a dwelling indicated as vacant in the Dwelling file, or no corresponding dwelling in the Dwelling file.
- Some ongoing rebated households may have missing, zero or unrealistic amounts for gross income, market rent and rent charged.
- Some households flagged as rebated have rent charged greater than or equal to market rent (where market rent and rent charged are not missing or zero), and vice versa with non-rebated households.
- Some households in New South Wales with a couple and one or more other adults are characterised as a group tenancy.

## Person

- There may be person records with unrealistic age values that do not correspond to their relationship code within the household.

## Person Income

- There are some missing values for income source and/or income amount.
- Income amounts are as originally supplied by jurisdictions, and include some incidences of extreme income values.



Enquiries regarding the housing NMDS should be forwarded to the housing Data Custodian on (02) 6244 1073 or by emailing <housing@aihw.gov.au>.

### 3 Summary statistics

Tables 10 to 12 provide a summary of public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing records by jurisdiction, and selected public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing statistics.

**Table 10: Summary of public rental housing records and statistics by jurisdiction, 2005-06**

| <b>Program type 1</b>  | <b>NSW</b> | <b>Vic</b> | <b>Qld</b> | <b>SA</b> | <b>WA</b> | <b>Tas</b> | <b>NT</b> | <b>ACT</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Number of records in Dwelling file (dwellings at 30 June 2006)   | 123,289    | 64,776     | 49,570     | 44,817    | 31,006    | 11,676     | 5,392     | 10,852     | 341,378      |
| Number of records in Household file  | 136,535    | 63,707     | 54,735     | 48,699    | 34,276    | 13,232     | 5,915     | 11,738     | 368,837      |
| Number of records in Person file   | 269,513    | 129,298    | 119,400    | 86,258    | 71,969    | 27,468     | 12,748    | 22,308     | 738,962      |
| Number of records in Person Income file  | 354,572    | 176,504    | 126,069    | 143,737   | 78,654    | 63,886     | 17,838    | 27,152     | 988,412      |
| Number of all households at 30 June 2006   | 121,529    | 63,159     | 49,011     | 43,096    | 29,931    | 11,487     | 5,155     | 10,712     | 334,080      |
| Number of rebate-assisted households at 30 June 2006   | 109,630    | 54,923     | 43,065     | 37,207    | 25,779    | 9,691      | 4,394     | 9,124      | 293,813      |
| Number of Indigenous households at 30 June 2006  | 4,797      | 1,233      | 3,122      | 1,210     | 4,399     | 639        | 1,647     | 191        | 17,238       |
| Number of new households assisted for year ending 30 June 2006   | 8,733      | 5,465      | 4,623      | 2,933     | 3,148     | 1,073      | 729       | 840        | 27,544       |
| Number of households in greatest need at time of housing allocation for year ended 30 June 2006  | 1,924      | 3,786      | 810        | 1,185     | 849       | 1,003      | 203       | 726        | 10,486       |
| Number of new households with special needs for year ended 30 June 2006  | 4,867      | 3,220      | 2,860      | 1,793     | 2,130     | 709        | 460       | 443        | 16,482       |
| Number of households who relocated from one public rental dwelling to another public rental dwelling for year ended 30 June 2006 (transfers) | 3,692      | 2,182      | 1,141      | 1,535     | 1,389     | 354        | 243       | 250        | 10,786       |
| Average age of main tenant (years)   | 54.3       | 52.9       | 52.4       | 54.8      | 53.5      | 49.3       | 50        | 50.4       | 53.4         |
| Average rebate amount (for households) (\$)  | 106.6      | 70.6       | 73.0       | 60.8      | 54.6      | 66.1       | 93.8      | 122.8      | 83.0         |
| Average rent charged (for rebated households) (\$)   | 81.1       | 80.2       | 85.4       | 76.6      | 74.9      | 61.6       | 74.7      | 89.4       | 79.9         |
| Average market rent (for households) (\$)  | 195.8      | 159.1      | 166.5      | 146.8     | 135.2     | 149.2      | 187.3     | 233        | 172.5        |

**Table 11: Summary of state owned and managed Indigenous housing records and statistics by jurisdiction, 2005–06**

| <b>Program type 3</b>  | <b>NSW</b> | <b>Vic</b> | <b>Qld</b> | <b>SA</b> | <b>WA</b> | <b>Tas</b> | <b>NT</b> | <b>ACT</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Number of records in Dwelling file (dwellings at 30 June 2006)   | 4,147      | 1,291      | 2,916      | 1,915     | 2,272     | 352        | ..        | ..         | 12,893       |
| Number of records in Household file  | 4,683      | 1,270      | 3,266      | 2,102     | 2,607     | 417        | ..        | ..         | 14,345       |
| Number of records in Person file   | 13,534     | 3,442      | 11,141     | 5,547     | 9,532     | 1,013      | ..        | ..         | 44,209       |
| Number of records in Person Income file  | 18,984     | 4,558      | 7,702      | 8,740     | 8,306     | 2,113      | ..        | ..         | 50,403       |
| Number of all households at 30 June 2006   | 4,041      | 1,248      | 2,822      | 1,791     | 2,156     | 346        | ..        | ..         | 12,404       |
| Number of rebate-assisted households at 30 June 2006   | 3,359      | 1,093      | 2,382      | 1,530     | 1,801     | 270        | ..        | ..         | 10,435       |
| Number of new households assisted for year ending 30 June 2006   | 383        | 138        | 269        | 223       | 310       | 53         | ..        | ..         | 1,376        |
| Number of households in greatest need at time of housing allocation for year ended 30 June 2006  | 32         | 33         | 32         | 177       | 88        | ..         | ..        | ..         | 362          |
| Number of new households with special needs for year ended 30 June 2006  | 187        | 59         | 126        | 101       | 165       | 33         | ..        | ..         | 671          |
| Number of households who relocated from one public rental dwelling to another public rental dwelling for year ended 30 June 2006 (transfers) | 184        | 78         | 92         | 121       | 131       | 11         | ..        | ..         | 617          |
| Average age of main tenant (years)   | 42.2       | 41.3       | 46.8       | 43.8      | 43.3      | 41.2       | ..        | ..         | 43.6         |
| Average rebate amount (for households) (\$)  | 89.7       | 87.9       | 84.3       | 72.2      | 69.3      | 74.0       | ..        | ..         | 81.6         |
| Average rent charged (for rebated households) (\$)   | 93.8       | 89.7       | 87.3       | 72.2      | 84.5      | 61.7       | ..        | ..         | 88.4         |
| Average market rent (for households) (\$)  | 192.5      | 185.4      | 179.5      | 168.3     | 162.2     | 168.3      | ..        | ..         | 179.2        |

.. Not applicable

**Table 12: Selected public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing statistics<sup>(a)</sup>, 2005–06**

|   | Public rental housing |              | State owned and managed Indigenous housing |              | Total          |              |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | No.                   | Per cent     | No.  | Per cent     | No.            | Per cent     |
| <b>Age of main tenant</b>   |                       |              |  |              |                |              |
| 0–14 years  | 0                     | 0.0          | 0  | 0.0          | 0              | 0.0          |
| 15–24 years   | 12,598                | 3.4          | 928  | 6.5          | 13,526         | 3.5          |
| 25–34 years   | 42,062                | 11.4         | 3,280                                      | 22.9         | 45,342         | 11.8         |
| 35–44 years   | 69,345                | 18.8         | 3,963                                      | 27.6         | 73,308         | 19.1         |
| 45–54 years   | 71,439                | 19.4         | 2,798                                      | 19.5         | 74,237         | 19.4         |
| 55–64 years   | 61,811                | 16.8         | 1,791                                      | 12.5         | 63,602         | 16.6         |
| 65–74 years   | 53,028                | 14.4         | 973  | 6.8          | 54,001         | 14.1         |
| 75 years and over   | 51,106                | 13.9         | 379  | 2.6          | 51,485         | 13.4         |
| Not available   | 7,448                 | 2.0          | 233  | 1.6          | 7,681          | 2.0          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>368,837</b>        | <b>100.0</b> | <b>14,345</b>                              | <b>100.0</b> | <b>383,182</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Principal income source of main tenant</b>   |                       |              |  |              |                |              |
| 1. Employee cash income   | 34,011                | 9.2          | 1,704                                      | 11.9         | 35,715         | 9.3          |
| 2. Unincorporated business income   | 465                   | 0.1          | 3  | 0            | 468            | 0.1          |
| 3.1.1 Youth allowance   | 1,671                 | 0.5          | 54   | 0.4          | 1,725          | 0.5          |
| 3.1.2 Newstart allowance  | 30,428                | 8.2          | 1,274                                      | 8.9          | 31,702         | 8.3          |
| 3.1.3 Other allowances for students and the unemployed                                    | 2,108                 | 0.6          | 245  | 1.7          | 2,353          | 0.6          |
| 3.2.1 Age pension   | 87,468                | 23.7         | 1,258                                      | 8.8          | 88,726         | 23.2         |
| 3.2.2 Disability support pension  | 93,055                | 25.2         | 2,163                                      | 15.1         | 95,218         | 24.8         |
| 3.2.3 Other Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability      | 277                   | 0.1          | 1  | 0            | 278            | 0.1          |
| 3.3 Other Government cash pensions/allowances (e.g. Service pensions, Family Tax Benefit) | 93,485                | 25.3         | 6,568                                      | 45.8         | 100,053        | 26.1         |
| 4. Other cash income (e.g. superannuation, compensation)                                  | 3,451                 | 0.9          | 58   | 0.4          | 3,509          | 0.9          |
| 5. Nil income   | 6,348                 | 1.7          | 239  | 1.7          | 6,587          | 1.7          |
| 9. Not stated/inadequately described  | 60                    | 0            | 0  | 0            | 60             | 0            |
| Not available   | 16,010                | 4.3          | 778  | 5.4          | 16,788         | 4.4          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>368,837</b>        | <b>100.0</b> | <b>14,345</b>                              | <b>100.0</b> | <b>383,182</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(continued)

**Table 12 (continued): Selected public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing statistics<sup>(a)</sup>, 2005–06**

|   | Public rental housing |              | State owned and managed Indigenous housing |              | Total          |              |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | No.                   | Per cent     | No.  | Per cent     | No.            | Per cent     |
| <b>Principal income source of household</b>   |                       |              |  |              |                |              |
| 1. Employee cash income   | 45,735                | 12.4         | 2,170                                      | 15.1         | 47,905         | 12.5         |
| 2. Unincorporated business income   | 444                   | 0.1          | 1  | 0.0          | 445            | 0.1          |
| 3.1.1 Youth allowance   | 1,968                 | 0.5          | 52   | 0.4          | 2,020          | 0.5          |
| 3.1.2 Newstart allowance  | 26,125                | 7.1          | 986  | 6.9          | 27,111         | 7.1          |
| 3.1.3 Other allowances for students and the unemployed                                    | 1,667                 | 0.5          | 202  | 1.4          | 1,869          | 0.5          |
| 3.2.1 Age pension   | 86,468                | 23.4         | 1,158                                      | 8.1          | 87,626         | 22.9         |
| 3.2.2 Disability support pension  | 88,552                | 24           | 1,972                                      | 13.7         | 90,524         | 23.6         |
| 3.2.3 Other Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability      | 243                   | 0.1          | 1  | 0.0          | 244            | 0.1          |
| 3.3 Other Government cash pensions/allowances (e.g. Service pensions, Family Tax Benefit) | 94,322                | 25.6         | 6,837                                      | 47.7         | 101,159        | 26.4         |
| 4. Other cash income (e.g. superannuation, compensation)                                  | 3,456                 | 0.9          | 64   | 0.4          | 3,520          | 0.9          |
| 5. Nil income   | 5,445                 | 1.5          | 2,170                                      | 1.5          | 5,662          | 1.5          |
| 9. Not stated/inadequately described  | 65                    | 0.0          | 0  | 0.0          | 65             | 0            |
| Not available   | 14,347                | 3.9          | 685  | 4.8          | 15,032         | 3.9          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>368,837</b>        | <b>100.0</b> | <b>14,345</b>                              | <b>100.0</b> | <b>383,182</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

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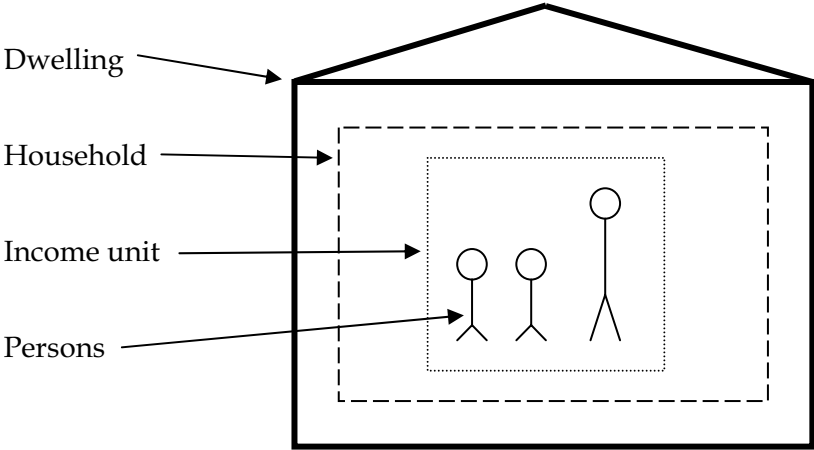
**Table 12 (continued): Selected public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing statistics<sup>(a)</sup>, 2005–06**

|   | Public rental housing |              | State owned and managed Indigenous housing |              | Total          |              |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | No.                   | Per cent     | No.  | Per cent     | No.            | Per cent     |
| <b>Household type/Tenancy composition</b> |                       |              |  |              |                |              |
| 1. Single family                          | 314,908               | 85.4         | 11,427                                     | 79.7         | 326,335        | 85.2         |
| 1.1 Single only                           | 179,062               | 48.5         | 2,976                                      | 20.7         | 182,038        | 47.5         |
| 1.2 Couple only                           | 32,876                | 8.9          | 711  | 5.0          | 33,587         | 8.8          |
| 1.3 Single parent with child/ren          | 74,553                | 20.2         | 5,552                                      | 38.7         | 80,105         | 20.9         |
| 1.4 Couple with child/ren                 | 27,059                | 7.3          | 1,963                                      | 13.7         | 29,022         | 7.6          |
| 1.5 Other single income unit              | 1,358                 | 0.4          | 225  | 1.6          | 1,583          | 0.4          |
| 2. Group (unrelated adults)               | 25,731                | 7.0          | 1,064                                      | 7.4          | 26,795         | 7.0          |
| 3. Mixed composition household            | 22,614                | 6.1          | 1,682                                      | 11.7         | 24,296         | 6.3          |
| 9. Not stated/inadequately described      | 5,584                 | 1.5          | 172  | 1.2          | 5,756          | 1.5          |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>368,837</b>        | <b>100.0</b> | <b>14,345</b>                              | <b>100.0</b> | <b>383,182</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Number of occupants in dwelling</b>    |                       |              |  |              |                |              |
| 1   | 177,255               | 48.1         | 2,901                                      | 20.2         | 180,156        | 47.0         |
| 2   | 86,922                | 23.6         | 3,342                                      | 23.3         | 90,264         | 23.6         |
| 3   | 43,729                | 11.9         | 2,640                                      | 18.4         | 46,369         | 12.1         |
| 4   | 26,603                | 7.2          | 2,029                                      | 14.1         | 28,632         | 7.5          |
| 5   | 13,811                | 3.7          | 1,370                                      | 9.6          | 15,181         | 4.0          |
| 6 or more                                 | 10,484                | 2.8          | 1,470                                      | 10.2         | 11,954         | 3.1          |
| Not available                             | 10,033                | 2.7          | 593  | 4.1          | 10,626         | 2.8          |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>368,837</b>        | <b>100.0</b> | <b>14,345</b>                              | <b>100.0</b> | <b>383,182</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

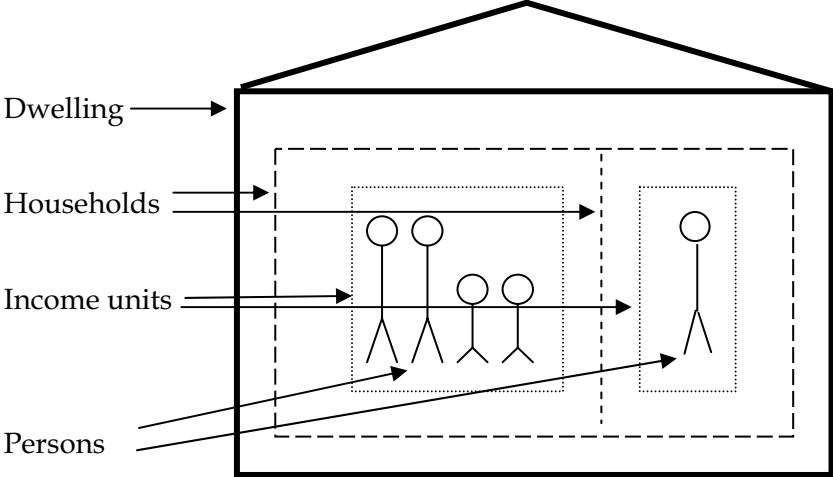
(a) Data in this table are based on all records in the Household file. This file contains both ongoing households and new households who ceased receiving housing assistance in the year ending 30 June 2006.

# Appendix A Housing concept diagram

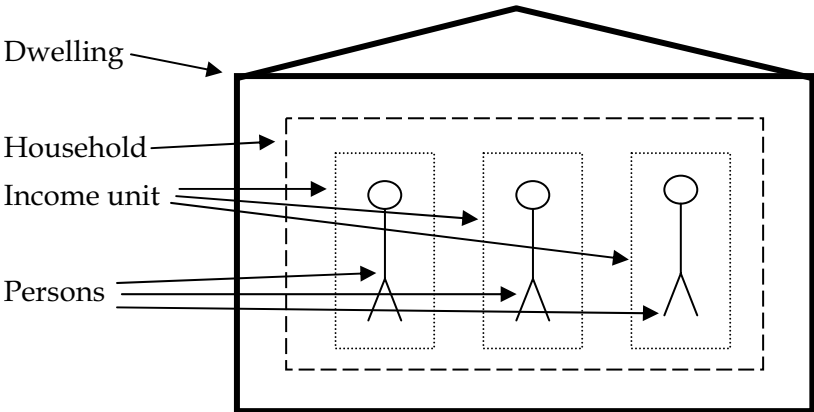
**Dwelling A: Single household, single-income unit**



**Dwelling B: Multiple household, multiple-income units**



**Dwelling C: Group household, multiple-income units**



# Appendix B Data definitions

Detailed data definitions for the data elements of the housing NMDS are published in the *National housing assistance data dictionary* version 3 (AIHW 2006a) and on METeOR at <meteor.aihw.gov.au>. Extracts for the following concepts and variables have been included in the following pages:

| NHADDv3 item                        | Housing NMDS variable                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Age                                 | AGE                                  |
| Date assistance commenced           | DT_START                             |
| Date assistance completed           | DT_END                               |
| Disability status                   | DIS_P                                |
| Dwelling                            |                                      |
| Dwelling identifier                 | DWELID                               |
| Dwelling occupancy status           | OCCSTAT                              |
| Dwelling state/territory identifier | STATE                                |
| Dwelling structure                  | DWELTYPE                             |
| Dwelling tenantability status       | TENSTAT                              |
| Household                           |                                      |
| Household identifier                | HOUSEID                              |
| Income—assessable (person)          | INC_AP                               |
| Income—gross (person)               | INC_GP                               |
| Income unit                         |                                      |
| Income unit identifier              | INCOMEID                             |
| Indigenous household                | INDIG_H                              |
| Indigenous status                   | INDIG_P                              |
| Market rent value of dwelling       | RNT_MRKT                             |
| New allocation status               | NEWALLOC                             |
| Number of bedrooms                  | NBEDROOM                             |
| Person                              |                                      |
| Person identifier                   | PERSONID                             |
| Principal income source             | INCS_DD3V, INCS_MT_DD3V, INCS_H_DD3V |
| Rebated household status            | REBATE                               |
| Reference person                    |                                      |
| Relationship to reference person    | REL_H                                |
| Relationship within income unit     | REL_I                                |
| Rent charged                        | RNT_CHRG                             |
| Sex                                 | SEX                                  |
| Transfer status                     | TRANSFER                             |



The following data elements are applicable only to the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections and are either not included in the *National housing assistance data dictionary* version 2(NHADDv2) and/or in this appendix. Some are derived from data dictionary definitions, as noted:

| <b>Housing NMDS Variable</b> | <b>Description</b>                     | <b>Related NHADDv3 item</b> | <b>NHADDv2 item</b>      |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| DIS_H                        | Disability household                   | Disability status           | Disability household     |
| GRT_NEED                     | Greatest need status                   | Greatest need reason        | Greatest need status     |
| HTYPE                        | Household type                         | ..                          | ..                       |
| INC_AH                       | Income—assessable (household)          | Income—assessable (person)  | Income—assessable        |
| INC_GH                       | Income—gross (household)               | Income—gross (person)       | Income—gross (household) |
| OCCS                         | Number of occupants in household       | ..                          | ..                       |
| PROGRAM                      | Program type                           | ..                          | Program type             |
| REBATAMT                     | Rebate amount                          | ..                          | ..                       |
| TENCOMP                      | Tenancy composition                    | ..                          | ..                       |
| AGE_MT                       | Age of main tenant                     | Age                         | Age                      |
| INCS_DD3                     | Income source                          | Principal income source     | Income source            |
| INCS_MT_DD3                  | Principal income source of main tenant | Principal income source     | Income source            |
| INCS_H_DD3                   | Principal income source of household   | Principal income source     | Income source            |

.. Not applicable.

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## Age

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|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element  |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person – age, total years N[NN]   |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 303794  |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHIG, Standardisation pending 16/11/2005<br>NCSIMG, Standardisation pending 16/11/2005<br>NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006   |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | The age of the person in (completed) years at a specific point in time.   |
| <i>Context:</i>             | Age is a core data element in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics. It is used in the analyses of service utilisation by age group and can be used as an assistance eligibility criterion. |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <i>Definition:</i>   | The age of the person.   |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Age is a core data element in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Age  |

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### Value domain attributes

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|                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Total                  |
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number                 |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N[NN]                  |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 3                      |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 999 Unknown/not stated |
| <i>Unit of measure:</i>          | Year                   |

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### Data Element attributes

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#### Collection and usage attributes

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <i>Guide for use:</i>      | Age in single years (if aged under one year, record as zero).<br>If age (or date of birth) is unknown or not stated, and cannot be estimated, use Code 999.<br>If year of birth is known (but date of birth is not) use the date, 0101YYYY of the birth year to estimate age (where YYYY is the year of birth).<br>In the housing assistance data collections age is calculated at 30 June for the corresponding year. |
| <i>Collection methods:</i> | Although collection of date of birth allows more precise calculation of age, this may not be feasible in some data collections, and alternative questions are: Age last birthday?<br>What was ..... age last birthday?<br>What is ..... age in complete years?   |

## Source and reference attributes

*Submitting organisation:* National Public Health Information Working Group  
*Origin:* Australian Bureau of Statistics. Standards for social, labour and demographic variables. Reference through: <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

## Relational attributes

*Related metadata references:* See also Person – date of birth, DDMMYYYY NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  
Supersedes Person – age (housing assistance), total years N[NN] NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Date assistance commenced

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|-----------------------------|--|
| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Housing service episode – assistance commencement date, DDMMYYYY |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 270233   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005                                      |

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## Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <i>Definition:</i>   | The date on which the provision of housing assistance to a household by an agency commenced, as distinct from the date the household applies and is entered on the waiting list or assessed for eligibility. |
| <i>Context:</i>      | This metadata item is used in calculation of measures of periods of support and duration of assistance and for measuring various point in time data.   |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Housing service episode  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Assistance commencement date   |

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## Value domain attributes

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|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Date      |
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Date/Time |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | DDMMYYYY  |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 8         |

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## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p>The date recorded should be the date on which the client has begun to receive some form of assistance. This could be the provision of housing, a home loan, grants, advice or referral.</p> <p>This metadata item should always be recorded as an 8-digit valid date comprising day, month and year. Year should always be recorded in its full 4-digit format. For days and months with a numeric value of less than 10, zeros should be used to ensure that the date contains the required 8 digits. For example, if a housing assistance episode starts on July 1 2000 the <i>Date assistance commenced</i> should be recorded as 01072000.</p> |
|-----------------------|---|

**Collection methods:**

*Date assistance commenced* must be related to a particular housing assistance episode. For each separate housing assistance episode, a separate *Date assistance commenced* should be recorded. Same address transfers, mutual exchanges and succession of tenancy of dwellings are not considered separate episodes of assistance.

It should also be related to a particular program type (e.g. public rental housing, home purchase assistance).

For the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections the *Date assistance commenced* should be taken from the date specified on the tenancy agreement. Tenants may actually move in at a later date than this date.

**Comments:**

This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:

- CSHA mainstream community housing
- CSHA public rental housing
- CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

**Source and reference attributes**

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

**Relational attributes**

*Related metadata references:* Supersedes Date assistance commenced, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005

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## Date assistance completed

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|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Housing service episode – assistance completion date, DDMMYYYY |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 270234   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005                                    |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <i>Definition:</i>   | The date on which provision of housing assistance by an agency was completed, ceased or terminated.  |
| <i>Context:</i>      | This metadata item is used in calculation of measures of periods of support and duration of assistance and for measuring various point in time data. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Housing service episode  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Assistance completion date   |

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### Value domain attributes

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|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Date      |
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Date/Time |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | DDMMYYYY  |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 8         |

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### Data Element attributes

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#### Collection and usage attributes

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <i>Guide for use:</i>      | This metadata item should always be recorded as an 8-digit valid date comprising day, month and year. Year should always be recorded in its full 4-digit format. For days and months with a numeric value of less than 10, zeros should be used to ensure that the date contains the required 8 digits. For example, if a housing assistance episode is completed on July 1 2002 the <i>Date assistance completed</i> should be recorded as 01072002.  |
| <i>Collection methods:</i> | <p><i>Date assistance completed</i> must be related to a particular housing assistance episode. For each separate housing assistance episode a separate <i>Date assistance completed</i> should be recorded.</p> <p>It should also be related to a particular program type (e.g. public rental housing, home purchase assistance).</p> <p>For the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections the <i>Date assistance completed</i> should be taken from the date specified on the tenancy agreement. Tenants may actually move out prior to this date.</p> |
| <i>Comments:</i>           | <p>This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CSHA mainstream community housing</li><li>CSHA public rental housing</li><li>CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing</li></ul>   |

## **Source and reference attributes**

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

## **Relational attributes**

*Related metadata references:* Supersedes Date assistance completed, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005

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## Disability status

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|-----------------------------|---|
| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element  |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person – disability status, code N                        |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 312934  |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006                               |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | A code that represents whether a person has a disability. |

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## Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <i>Definition:</i>   | Whether a person has a <i>disability</i> (see Glossary).  |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Identification of people/households who access housing assistance who may have special needs or difficulty accessing the private rental market. People with a <i>disability</i> (see Glossary) are included in the special needs category for performance reporting under the National Housing Data Agreement.<br><br>This information assists with establishing a profile of the client's need which can be compared with members of the general population identified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers as needing support. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Disability status   |

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## Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|---------|---|-----|---|----|
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Permissible values:</i>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Yes | 2 | No |
| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 1                                | Yes   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 2                                | No  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9 Not stated/inadequately described   |       |         |   |     |   |    |

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## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

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|-----------------------|---|
| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <b>Code 1. Yes:</b> Record if the person has a disability.<br><b>Code 2. No:</b> Record if the person does not have a disability.<br>Generally this metadata item will be self-enumerated and as such the person or their carer's view should be recorded.<br>In some cases proof of <i>disability</i> (see Glossary) may be required to receive some form of assistance. |
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**Comments:**

In some jurisdictions, disability status is only recorded if the disability impacts on the clients housing need.

This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:

CSHA mainstream community housing

CSHA public rental housing

CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:**

National Housing Data Development Committee

**Relational attributes**

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes Person – disability status, code N NHDAMG,  
Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Dwelling

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|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Object Class   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Dwelling   |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 268982   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NCSIMG, Standard 01/03/2005<br>NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005   |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | A structure or a discrete space within a structure intended for people to live in or where a person or group of people live. Thus a structure that people actually live in is a dwelling regardless of its intended purpose, but a vacant structure is only a dwelling if intended for human residence. A dwelling may include one or more rooms used as an office or workshop provided the dwelling is in residential use.  |
| <i>Context:</i>             | Dwellings are the main counting unit in the housing sector. Dwellings are reported for a variety of purposes including number of untenable or tenable, and occupied or vacant dwellings. Dwellings may be owned and/or managed and/or available for a use by a specific program, including <i>head-leased</i> (see Glossary) stock from private and government sources. A dwelling includes a <i>boarding house building</i> and <i>boarding house units</i> (see Glossary). |
| <i>Specialisation of:</i>   | Building (Purpose)   |

### Collection and usage attributes

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p><i>Boarding house rooms</i> (see Glossary) or beds are not identified as separate dwellings unless they are self-contained. Self-contained rooms are therefore defined as units and are counted as a separate dwelling.</p> <p>For the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections, the number of tenancy (rental) units is used as a proxy for counting the number of dwellings.</p> |
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### Source and reference attributes

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <i>Submitting organisation:</i> | National Housing Data Development Committee   |
| <i>Origin:</i>                  | Australian Bureau of Statistics 1996. Census dictionary cat. no. 2901.0. Reference through: <a href="http://www.abs.gov.au">http://www.abs.gov.au</a> . |

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## Dwelling identifier

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|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element                             |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Dwelling – dwelling identifier, X[X(14)] |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302656                                   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006              |

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## Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <i>Definition:</i>   | A unique identifier for a dwelling within a housing assistance agency.  |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Dwellings are one of the main counting units in housing assistance data and as such it is essential to be able to uniquely identify them. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Dwelling  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Dwelling identifier   |

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## Value domain attributes

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|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Identifier |
| <i>Data type:</i>                | String     |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | X[X(14)]   |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 15         |

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## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Comments:</i> | This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:<br>CSHA mainstream community housing<br>CSHA public rental housing<br>CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing |
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### Source and reference attributes

|                                 |   |
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| <i>Submitting organisation:</i> | National Housing Data Development Committee |
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### Relational attributes

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| <i>Related metadata references:</i> | Supersedes Dwelling – dwelling identifier, XXXXXX[X(9)]<br>NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006 |
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## Dwelling occupancy status

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Dwelling – occupancy status, code N  |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302863   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | A code that represents whether or not a dwelling is occupied by a household. |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | Whether or not a dwelling is occupied by a household.                          |
| <i>Context:</i>      | An essential piece of information for planning purposes for housing providers. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Dwelling   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Occupancy status   |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|---------|---|-----|---|----|
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
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| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 1                                | Yes   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 2                                | No  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9 Not stated/inadequately described   |       |         |   |     |   |    |

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### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p><b>Code 1. Yes:</b> A household has a formal tenancy agreement for a particular dwelling.</p> <p>Occupied dwellings include any structures that people actually live in regardless of its intended purpose. The structure may or may not be tenatable.</p> <p><b>Code 2. No:</b> No formal tenancy agreement exists between a household and a housing provider for a particular dwelling.</p> <p>A structure that is not occupied is only a dwelling if it is intended for human residence. The structure may or may not be tenatable.</p> <p>Thus a shed, garage, office, etc. is counted as an occupied dwelling if people are living there, but is not counted as vacant if there are no residents as the purpose of the structure is not for human habitation.</p> |
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## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

*Comments:* This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:  
CSHA mainstream community housing  
CSHA public rental housing  
CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

### Source and reference attributes

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee  
*Origin:* Australian Bureau of Statistics 1996. Census dictionary cat. no. 2901.0. Reference through: <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

### Relational attributes

*Related metadata references:* See also Dwelling – number of tenancy agreements, total N[N] NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005  
Supersedes Dwelling – occupancy status, code N NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Dwelling state/territory identifier

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Dwelling – Australian state/territory code (ASGC 2004) N |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302044   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006                              |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | The Australian state or territory where a dwelling can be located. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Dwelling   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Australian state/territory identifier                              |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|---------|---|-----------------|---|----------|---|------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------------|---|----------|---|--------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N   |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1   |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
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| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| 1                                | New South Wales   |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| 2                                | Victoria  |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| 3                                | Queensland  |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| 4                                | South Australia   |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| 5                                | Western Australia   |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| 6                                | Tasmania  |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| 7                                | Northern Territory  |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| 8                                | Australian Capital Territory  |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |
| 9                                | Other territories (Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory)  |       |         |   |                 |   |          |   |            |   |                 |   |                   |   |          |   |                    |   |                              |   |  |

### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p>The order presented here is the standard for the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Other organisations (including the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) publish data in state order based on population (that is, Western Australia before South Australia and Australian Capital Territory before Northern Territory).</p> <p>Irrespective of how the information is coded, conversion of the codes to the ABS standard must be possible.</p> |
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### Source and reference attributes

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <i>Reference documents:</i> | Australian Bureau of Statistics 2005. Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). Cat. no. 1216.0. Canberra: ABS. Reference through: <a href="http://www.abs.gov.au">http://www.abs.gov.au</a> . |
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## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

*Comments:* This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:

- CSHA mainstream community housing
- CSHA public rental housing
- CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

### Source and reference attributes

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

### Relational attributes

*Related metadata references:* See also Dwelling – Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN} NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

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## Dwelling structure

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element                         |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Dwelling – structure type, code N[N] |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 270125                               |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005          |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | Describes the physical structure of the individual dwelling that a tenant occupies.   |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Data on dwelling structure are used to monitor changes in housing characteristics, to help formulate housing policies and to review existing housing stock. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Dwelling  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Structure type  |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code   |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
|----------------------------------|--|-------|---------|---|----------------|---|--|---|-------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------|---|-------|
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number   |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N[N]   |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 2  |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| <i>Permissible values:</i>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Separate house</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc.</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Flat, unit or apartment</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Caravan, tent, cabin etc. in caravan park, houseboat in marina, etc.</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Caravan not in caravan park, houseboat not in marina, etc.</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Improvised home, tent, campers out</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Boarding/rooming house unit</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Other</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Separate house | 2 | Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc. | 3 | Flat, unit or apartment | 4 | Caravan, tent, cabin etc. in caravan park, houseboat in marina, etc. | 5 | Caravan not in caravan park, houseboat not in marina, etc. | 6 | Improvised home, tent, campers out | 7 | House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc | 8 | Boarding/rooming house unit | 9 | Other |
| Value                            | Meaning  |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| 1                                | Separate house   |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| 2                                | Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc.   |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| 3                                | Flat, unit or apartment  |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| 4                                | Caravan, tent, cabin etc. in caravan park, houseboat in marina, etc.   |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| 5                                | Caravan not in caravan park, houseboat not in marina, etc.   |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| 6                                | Improvised home, tent, campers out   |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| 7                                | House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc  |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| 8                                | Boarding/rooming house unit  |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| 9                                | Other  |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 99 Not stated/inadequately described   |       |         |   |                |   |  |   |                         |   |  |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |   |                             |   |       |

### Collection and usage attributes

|                       |  |
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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p><b>Code 1. Separate house:</b> A house separated from other houses (or other buildings or structures) by space to allow access on all sides (at least ½ a metre). This category also includes houses which have an attached flat (e.g. a granny flat). The attached flat will be included in the 'Flat, unit or apartment' category.</p> <p><b>Code 2. Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc.:</b> Includes dwellings with their own private grounds and no dwelling above or below. A key feature of these dwellings is that they are either attached in some structural way to one or more dwellings or are separated from neighbouring dwellings by less</p> |
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than ½ a metre. Examples include semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, and villa units. Multi-storey townhouses or units are separately identified from those which are single storey.

**Code 3. Flat, unit or apartment: Includes dwellings in blocks of flats, units or apartments that are self-contained:** These dwellings do not have their own private grounds and usually share a common entrance foyer or stairwell. This category includes houses converted

**Code 4. Caravan, tent, cabin etc. in caravan park, houseboat in marina, etc.:** Includes all types of accommodation within a caravan park. It also includes all occupied water craft in marinas.

**Code 5. Caravan not in caravan park, houseboat not in marina, etc.:** Includes all mobile units, on water or land, occupied on a permanent or semi-permanent basis by people (e.g. caravans, campervans, mobile houses, small boats, houseboats) that are not in caravan parks or marinas.

**Code 6. Improvised home, tent, campers out:** Includes all structures not elsewhere classified that are occupied by people on a permanent or semi-permanent basis. This category typically includes garages, sheds, tents, shacks, etc. These structures are only included in this category if they are not in a caravan park.

**Code 7. House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.:** Includes all houses or flats that are attached to a non-residential building. Examples of these dwellings are manses attached to a church, a flat or apartment over a shop, and a caretaker's house or flat attached to a school, factory or storage facility.

**Code 8. Boarding/rooming house unit:** A *boarding/rooming house unit* (see Glossary) is a self-contained unit (or room) within a boarding house with separate cooking, bathroom, and toilet facilities. *Boarding house units* (see Glossary) are usually accessed via a common entrance such as a foyer or hallway.

**Comments:**

Based on a modified combination of the 1996 and 2001 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census.

## Data Element attributes

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### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:**

National Housing Data Development Committee

**Origin:**

Australian Bureau of Statistics: 1996 Census data dictionary. cat. no. 2901.0. Reference through: <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

Australian Bureau of Statistics: 2001 Census data dictionary. cat. no. 2901.0. Reference through: <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

Queensland Housing Boarding House Program Guidelines

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

See also Dwelling – number of tenancy/rental units, total N[N] NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005

See also Dwelling – number of bedrooms, total N[NN] NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

Supersedes Dwelling structure, version 2, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005

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## Dwelling tenantability status

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Dwelling – tenantability status, code N                  |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302930   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006                              |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | A code that represents whether a dwelling is tenantable. |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |   |
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| <i>Definition:</i>   | A dwelling for which maintenance has been completed and can be either occupied or not occupied.   |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Dwelling tenantability is related to the concept of tenant, with its associated rights and responsibilities. A tenantable dwelling usually provides a certain level of basic amenity and maintenance is completed to the required minimum level. A dwelling that is occupied, but is not tenantable, indicates an unmet housing need. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Dwelling  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Tenantability status  |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|---------|---|-----|---|----|
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
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| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 1                                | Yes   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 2                                | No  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9 Not stated/inadequately described   |       |         |   |     |   |    |

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### Data Element attributes

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#### Collection and usage attributes

|                       |  |
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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <b>Code 1. Yes:</b> Record if the dwelling is tenantable.<br><b>Code 2. No:</b> Record if the dwelling is not tenantable.  |
| <i>Comments:</i>      | This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:<br>CSHA mainstream community housing<br>CSHA public rental housing<br>CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing |

#### Source and reference attributes

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <i>Submitting organisation:</i> | National Housing Data Development Committee   |
| <i>Origin:</i>                  | CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001 – 2002<br>CSHA Community housing data collection manual 2001 – 2002<br>CSHA Aboriginal Rental Housing Program data manual 2001 – 2002 |

## **Relational attributes**

*Related metadata references:* See also Dwelling – occupancy status, code N NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  
Supersedes Dwelling – tenantability status, code N NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Household

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|                             |  |
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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Object Class   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Household  |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 268977   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NCSIMG, Standard 01/03/2005<br>NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005 |

*Definition:* A group of two or more related or unrelated people who usually reside in the same dwelling, and who make common provision for food or other essentials for living. Or a single person living in a dwelling who makes provision for his or her own food and other essentials for living, without combining with any other person.

*Context:* Together with family, household is considered one of the basic groups of social aggregation. Information on household numbers and composition aids in identifying groups within the population such as Indigenous households or the number of people living alone.

*Specialisation of:* Group of persons (Household status)

### Collection and usage attributes

*Guide for use:* For the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) data collections, the number of tenancy agreements is a practical proxy for calculating the number of households receiving housing assistance.

The persons in the group may pool their incomes and have a common budget to a greater or lesser extent: they may be related or unrelated persons, or a combination of both.

Only usual residents of the household are included as members of the household. Visitors to a household are, by definition, excluded from the household.

### Source and reference attributes

*Origin:* CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001–02

### Relational attributes

*Related metadata references:* Supersedes Household, version 2, DEC, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005

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## Household identifier

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element                               |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Household – household identifier, X[X(14)] |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302662                                     |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006                |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |  |
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| <i>Definition:</i>   | A unique identifier for a household within a housing assistance agency.  |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Households are one of the main counting units in housing assistance data and as such it is essential to be able to uniquely identify them. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Household  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Household identifier   |

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### Value domain attributes

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|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Identifier |
| <i>Data type:</i>                | String     |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | X[X(14)]   |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 15         |

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### Data Element attributes

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#### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Collection methods:</i> | A household for the purposes of the metadata item is the same as the members under a single tenancy agreement.   |
| <i>Comments:</i>           | This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:<br>CSHA mainstream community housing<br>CSHA public rental housing<br>CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing |

#### Source and reference attributes

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <i>Submitting organisation:</i> | National Housing Data Development Committee |
|---------------------------------|---|

#### Relational attributes

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| <i>Related metadata references:</i> | Supersedes Household – household identifier (state/territory), N[N(9)] NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006 |
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## Income—assessable (person)

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person – assessable income (weekly), total Australian currency<br>N[NNNNN].NN  |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302218   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | The value of income from all sources as specified and used by the agency to establish eligibility of a person for receipt of housing assistance expressed as dollars and cents per week. |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |  |
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| <i>Definition:</i>   | The value of income from all sources as specified and used by the agency to establish eligibility of a person for receipt of housing assistance. |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Assessable income is used to determine eligibility for housing assistance.   |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Assessable income  |

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### Value domain attributes

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|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Representation class:</i>      | Total                      |
| <i>Data type:</i>                 | Currency                   |
| <i>Format:</i>                    | N[NNNNN].NN                |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i>  | 8                          |
| <i>Unit of measure:</i>           | Australian currency (AU\$) |
| <i>Unit of measure precision:</i> | 2                          |

### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | Always include the cent value, using .00 where there are only dollar values. |
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### Data Element attributes

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#### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p>The main components of assessable income are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• wages and salary</li><li>• income derived from self-employment</li><li>• government pensions, benefits and allowances</li><li>• other income comprising investments (including interest, dividends, royalties and rent) and other regular income (including superannuation, private scholarships received in cash, workers' compensation, accident compensation, maintenance or alimony, and any other allowances regularly received).</li></ul> <p>Assessable income is also used to calculate the rental housing rebate,</p> |
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that allows a household to pay a rent lower than the market rent.

Each state and territory uses its own definition of 'assessable income'.

Where household or income unit assessable income is required, then assessable income of each person is summed.

**Comments:**

This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:

CSHA mainstream community housing

CSHA public rental housing

CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

**Source and reference attributes**

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

*Origin:* CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001 – 02

**Relational attributes**

*Related metadata references:* See also Person – income source, code N{.N} NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

See also Person – gross income (weekly), total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

Supersedes Household – assessable income, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Income—gross (person)

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person – gross income (weekly), total Australian currency<br>N[NNNNNN].NN  |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302481   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | The value of income from all sources before any deductions such as income tax and superannuation for a person expressed as dollars and cents per week. |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | The value of income from all sources before any deductions such as income tax and superannuation for a person. |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Gross income is used to determine the low income status of recipients of assistance.                           |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Gross income   |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>      | Total                      |
| <i>Data type:</i>                 | Currency                   |
| <i>Format:</i>                    | N[NNNNNN].NN               |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i>  | 8                          |
| <i>Unit of measure:</i>           | Australian currency (AU\$) |
| <i>Unit of measure precision:</i> | 2                          |

### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | Always include the cent value, using .00 where there are only dollar values. |
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### Data Element attributes

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#### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p>The main components of gross income are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• wages and salary</li><li>• income derived from self-employment</li><li>• government pensions, benefits and allowances</li><li>• other income comprising investments (including interest, dividends, royalties and rent) and other regular income (including superannuation, private scholarships received in cash, workers' compensation, accident compensation, maintenance or alimony, and any other allowances regularly received).</li></ul> <p>Gross income is regarded as all receipts which are received regularly and are of a recurring nature. Certain receipts such as lump sum</p> |
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receipts, windfall gains and withdrawals from savings are not considered to conform to these criteria and are not included as income.

Where household or income unit gross income is required, the gross income of each person is summed.

**Comments:**

This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:

CSHA mainstream community housing

CSHA public rental housing

CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

**Source and reference attributes**

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

*Origin:* CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001 – 02

**Relational attributes**

*Related metadata references:* See also Person – income source, code N{.N} NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

See also Person – assessable income (weekly), total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

Supersedes Person – gross income (weekly), total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Income unit

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Object Class   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Income unit  |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 268986   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005  |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | One person or a group of related persons within a household, whose command over income is shared, or any person living in a non private dwelling who is in receipt of personal income.   |
| <i>Context:</i>             | <p>Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent/<i>dependant</i> (see Glossary) who usually reside in the same household. This means that an income unit can be defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a married couple or sole parent, and dependant(s) only; or</li><li>• a married couple only with no dependant(s) present; or</li><li>• a person who is not related to any other household member either by marriage or by the parent/<i>dependant</i> relationship.</li></ul> <p>This is the standard statistical unit for analyses of economic wellbeing, and can be an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families.</p> |
| <i>Specialisation of:</i>   | Group of persons (Income unit status)  |

### Source and reference attributes

|                                 |  |
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| <i>Submitting organisation:</i> | National Housing Data Development Committee      |
| <i>Origin:</i>                  | CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001 – 02 |

### Relational attributes

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| <i>Related metadata references:</i> | See also Centrelink income unit NHDAMG, Standard 11/04/2005<br>Supersedes Income unit, version 1, DEC, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005<br><i>Indigenous income unit</i> (see Glossary) |
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## Income unit identifier

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element                                   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Income unit – income unit identifier, X[X(14)] |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302669   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006                    |

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## Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |  |
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| <i>Definition:</i>   | A unique identifier (within a household) assigned to an income unit within a housing assistance agency.                                      |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Income units are one of the main counting units in housing assistance data and as such it is essential to be able to uniquely identify them. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Income unit  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Income unit identifier   |

### Source and reference attributes

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## Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Identifier |
| <i>Data type:</i>                | String     |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | X[X(14)]   |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 15         |

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## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Comments:</i> | This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:<br>CSHA mainstream community housing<br>CSHA public rental housing<br>CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing |
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### Source and reference attributes

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| <i>Submitting organisation:</i> | National Housing Data Development Committee |
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### Relational attributes

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| <i>Related metadata references:</i> | Supersedes Income unit – income unit identifier, N[N(9)]<br>NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006<br><i>Indigenous income unit</i> (see Glossary) |
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## Indigenous household

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Household – Indigenous status, code N                                  |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302953   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | A code that represents whether a household is an Indigenous household. |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | Whether a household is an Indigenous household.   |
| <i>Context:</i>      | <p>Together with family, household is considered one of the basic groups of social aggregation. Information on household numbers and composition aids in identifying groups within the population such as Indigenous households or the number of people living alone.</p> <p>Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples occupy a unique place in Australian society and culture. In the current climate of reconciliation, accurate and consistent statistics about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are needed in order to plan, promote and deliver essential services, to monitor changes in wellbeing and to account for government expenditure in this area.</p> |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Household   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Indigenous status   |

### Collection and usage attributes

|                       |  |
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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p>An Indigenous household is one which contains one or more Indigenous people.</p> <p>This definition may not be consistent with eligibility requirements for assistance targeted to Indigenous people under a specific program. For example, some programs specify that there must be an Indigenous person aged 15 or over to be classified as an Indigenous household.</p> <p>A household excludes visitors to a household.</p> |
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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|---------|---|-----|---|----|
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Permissible values:</i>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Yes | 2 | No |
| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 1                                | Yes   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 2                                | No  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9 Not stated/inadequately described   |       |         |   |     |   |    |

## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

*Guide for use:* **Code 1 Yes:** Record if any Indigenous person(s) present in the household.  
**Code 2 No:** Record if no Indigenous person(s) present in the household.

### Source and reference attributes

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee  
*Origin:* CSHA Public Rental Housing Data Collection Manual 1999-2000

### Relational attributes

*Related metadata references:* See also Person – Indigenous status, Housing assistance Indigenous status code N{.N} NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005  
See also Household NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005  
Supersedes Household – Indigenous status, code N NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Indigenous status

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element  |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person – Indigenous status, Housing assistance Indigenous status code N{.N} |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 270380  |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005   |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | Indigenous status is a measure of whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is in accord with the first two of three components of the Commonwealth definition.  |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples occupy a unique place in Australian society and culture. In the current climate of reconciliation, accurate and consistent statistics about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are needed in order to plan, promote and deliver essential services, to monitor changes in wellbeing and to account for government expenditure in this area. The purpose of this metadata item is to provide information about people who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. Agencies or establishments wishing to determine the eligibility of individuals for particular benefits, services or rights will need to make their own judgments about the suitability of the standard measure for these purposes, having regard to the specific eligibility criteria for the program concerned. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Indigenous status  |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code   |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|--|-------|---------|---|----------------------------------|-----|--|-----|--|-----|---|---|---|
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number   |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N{.N}  |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 2  |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |
| <i>Permissible values:</i>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Indigenous (not further defined)</td></tr><tr><td>1.1</td><td>Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin</td></tr><tr><td>1.2</td><td>Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin</td></tr><tr><td>1.3</td><td>Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Neither Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Indigenous (not further defined) | 1.1 | Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin | 1.2 | Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin | 1.3 | Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin | 2 | Neither Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin |
| Value                            | Meaning  |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |
| 1                                | Indigenous (not further defined)   |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |
| 1.1                              | Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin   |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |
| 1.2                              | Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin   |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |
| 1.3                              | Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin  |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |
| 2                                | Neither Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin  |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9 Not stated/inadequately described  |       |         |   |                                  |     |  |     |  |     |   |   |   |

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### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | This metadata item is based on the ABS Standard for Indigenous Status. For detailed advice on its use and application please refer to the ABS website as indicated in the Origin section.<br>The classification for 'Indigenous status' has a hierarchical |
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structure comprising two levels. There are four categories at the detailed level of the classification which are grouped into two categories at the broad level. There is one supplementary category for 'not stated' responses. The classification is as follows:

Indigenous:

- Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin
- Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin
- Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin

Non-indigenous:

- Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin

Not stated/inadequately described

The not stated/inadequately described category is not to be available as a valid answer to the questions but is intended for use:

- primarily when importing data from other data collections that do not contain mappable data
- where an answer was refused
- where the question was not able to be asked prior to completion of assistance because the client was unable to communicate or a person who knows the client was not available.

Only in the last two situations may the tick boxes on the questionnaire be left blank.

**Collection methods:**

The standard question for Indigenous status is as follows:

[Are you] [Is the person] [Is (name)] of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

(For persons of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, mark both 'Yes' boxes.)

No.....

Yes, Aboriginal.....

Yes, Torres Strait Islander....

This question is recommended for self-enumerated or interview-based collections. It can also be used in circumstances where a close relative, friend or another member of the household is answering on behalf of the subject.

When someone is not present, the person answering for them should be in a position to do so, i.e. this person must know the person about whom the question is being asked well and feel confident to provide accurate information about them. However, it is strongly recommended that this question be asked directly wherever possible.

This question must always be asked regardless of data collectors' perceptions based on appearance or other factors.

The Indigenous status question allows for more than one response. The procedure for coding multiple responses is as follows:

If the respondent marks 'No' and either 'Aboriginal' or 'Torres Strait Islander', then the response should be coded to either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as indicated (i.e. disregard the 'No' response).

If the respondent marks both the 'Aboriginal' and 'Torres Strait Islander' boxes, then their response should be coded to 'Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin'.

If the respondent marks all three boxes ('No', 'Aboriginal' and 'Torres Strait Islander'), then the response should be coded to 'Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin' (i.e. disregard the 'No' response).

This approach may be problematical in some data collections, for example when data are collected by interview or using screen-based data capture systems. An additional response category Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander may be included if this better suits the data collection practices of the agency or establishment concerned.

There has been some controversy over the issue of whether South Sea Islanders need to be included in the definition of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The ABS clearly states that South Sea Islanders are not Indigenous and should therefore be coded accordingly. Subsequently, South Sea Islanders are to be coded under category 2 'Neither Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin'.

## Source and reference attributes

*Origin:* Australian Bureau of Statistics. Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables. Reference through: <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

*Comments:* Some service providers may find it difficult to ask a question about a person's Indigenous status. Furthermore, some Indigenous persons may be reluctant to answer a question about their Indigenous status because previous experience has led them to believe that identifying as an Indigenous person may disadvantage them. Without assistance with implementing this data element the data provided are likely to be of low validity and reliability.

Presently, the CSHA data collections do not differentiate between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin. Commonly, the question asked is 'Does the person (client) identify themselves as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?' and the possible responses are Yes/No/Not known.

This does not conform with the ABS national standard, which incorporates the more detailed data domains of:

1. Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin
2. Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin
3. Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin
4. Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
9. Not stated/inadequately described

It is also not possible to map the CSHA response of 'Indigenous –



not further defined' to the ABS standard.

The following definition, commonly known as 'The Commonwealth Definition' was given in a High Court judgment in the case of *Commonwealth v The State of Tasmania* (1983) 46 ALR 625.

'An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives'.

There are three components to the Commonwealth definition:

- descent
- self-identification
- community acceptance.

This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:

CSHA mainstream community housing

CSHA public rental housing

CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

National Reporting Framework for Indigenous housing

## **Source and reference attributes**

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

*Origin:* Australian Bureau of Statistics. Standards for social, labour and demographic variables.

## **Relational attributes**

*Related metadata references:* Supersedes Indigenous status, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005

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## Market rent value of dwelling

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Dwelling – market rent value, total Australian currency<br>N[NNNNN].NN |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 270196   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005  |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |   |
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| <i>Definition:</i>   | The rent that would be charged for a dwelling in the private rental market. |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Necessary for measuring affordability of housing.                           |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Dwelling  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Market rent value   |

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### Value domain attributes

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|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Representation class:</i>      | Total                      |
| <i>Data type:</i>                 | Currency                   |
| <i>Format:</i>                    | N[NNNNN].NN                |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i>  | 8                          |
| <i>Unit of measure:</i>           | Australian currency (AU\$) |
| <i>Unit of measure precision:</i> | 2                          |

### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | Always include the cent value, using .00 where there are only dollar values. |
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### Data Element attributes

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#### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Collection methods:</i> | <p>The optimum method of assigning a market rent value to a dwelling is to have it assessed by the Australian Valuation Office (or another independent valuer). Preferably each dwelling should be re-assessed every 2 years as market rent values can change substantially over time. In some larger jurisdictions a sample of houses are periodically assessed for their market rent value as it is not practical to assess every dwelling.</p> <p>Market rent is typically recorded on a weekly basis, and for the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections, is recorded as market rent value for which a rent was charged for the week of 30 June.</p> |
| <i>Comments:</i>           | <p>Guidelines should be developed for assessing the market rent of modified dwellings (as for disabled and frail aged people) and dwellings in remote areas where there is not usually a private rental market. One option could be to calculate the cost of replacing the dwelling, then using a percentage of that as the market rent.</p>  |

However, in remote areas where building costs can be high, this method could lead to inappropriately high market rents.

This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:

CSHA public rental housing

CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

## **Source and reference attributes**

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

## **Relational attributes**

*Related metadata references:* See also Household – rent charged (weekly), total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

See also Household – rebated rent status, code N NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

Supersedes Market rent value of dwelling, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005

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## New allocation status

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element  |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Household – new allocation status (financial year), code N  |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 301783  |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006   |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | A code that represents whether the household was a new allocation for housing assistance in the financial year. |

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## Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |   |
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| <i>Definition:</i>   | Whether the household was a new allocation for housing assistance.  |
| <i>Context:</i>      | This metadata item is used to determine the number of new households that received Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) funded housing assistance in the financial year. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Household   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | New allocation status   |

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## Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|---------|---|-----|---|----|
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Permissible values:</i>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Yes | 2 | No |
| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 1                                | Yes   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 2                                | No  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9 Not stated/inadequately described   |       |         |   |     |   |    |

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## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i>      | <p><b>Code 1. Yes:</b> Record if the household was a new allocation for housing assistance in the financial year.</p> <p><b>Code 2. No:</b> Record if the household was not a new allocation for housing assistance in the financial year.</p>                           |
| <i>Collection methods:</i> | New allocation status should be related to a particular program type (e.g. public rental housing, home purchase assistance).   |
| <i>Comments:</i>           | <p>This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CSHA mainstream community housing</li><li>CSHA public rental housing</li><li>CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing</li></ul> |

### Source and reference attributes

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <i>Submitting organisation:</i> | National Housing Data Development Committee      |
| <i>Origin:</i>                  | CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001 – 02 |

## **Relational attributes**

### *Related metadata references:*

See also Waitlist applicant – applicant type, code N NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005

See also Housing assistance episode – assistance commencement date, DDMMYYYY NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005

Supersedes Household – new allocation status (financial year), code N NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Number of bedrooms

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element                               |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Dwelling – number of bedrooms, total N[NN] |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302513                                     |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006                |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |  |
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| <i>Definition:</i>   | The number of bedrooms in each dwelling.         |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Total bedrooms used in measures of housing need. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Dwelling   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Number of bedrooms                               |

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### Value domain attributes

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|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Total   |
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N[NN]   |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 3       |
| <i>Unit of measure:</i>          | Bedroom |

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### Data Element attributes

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#### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Collection methods:</i> | Count bedrooms designed for use as bedrooms and other rooms permanently modified and intended for use as bedrooms (such as a sleep out or built-in veranda). Bedsits should be counted as a 1-bedroom dwelling. In the case of <i>boarding house buildings</i> (see Glossary), the unit of counting is the <i>boarding house room</i> (see Glossary) which usually has only one bedroom. |
| <i>Comments:</i>           | This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:<br><br>CSHA mainstream community housing<br>CSHA public rental housing<br>CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing   |

#### Source and reference attributes

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <i>Submitting organisation:</i> | National Housing Data Development Committee |
|---------------------------------|---|

#### Relational attributes

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| <i>Related metadata references:</i> | See also Dwelling – structure type, code N[N] NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005<br><br>Supersedes Dwelling – number of bedrooms, total N[NN] NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006<br><br>Supersedes Number of bedrooms, version 2, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005 |
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## Person

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Object Class  |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 268955  |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHIG, Standard 01/03/2005<br>NCSIMG, Standard 01/03/2005<br>NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005 |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | A human being, whether man, woman or child.   |
| <i>Specialisation of:</i>   | Person/group of persons (Group status)  |

### Source and reference attributes

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| <i>Submitting organisation:</i> | Australia Institute of Health and Welfare   |
| <i>Origin:</i>                  | Macquarie University 2003. <i>The Macquarie dictionary</i> . 3rd edn. Sydney:<br>The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd |

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## Person identifier

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element                                     |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person – person identifier (household), X[X(14)] |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302678   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006                      |

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## Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | A unique identifier (within a household) assigned to a person within a housing assistance agency.   |
| <i>Context:</i>      | If there are several people within a household this metadata item is used to relate people to income units and to households. It is also used to relate individuals to dwellings. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Person identifier   |

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## Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Identifier |
| <i>Data type:</i>                | String     |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | X[X(14)]   |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 15         |

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## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Comments:</i> | This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:<br>CSHA public rental housing<br>CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing |
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### Source and reference attributes

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| <i>Submitting organisation:</i> | National Housing Data Development Committee |
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### Relational attributes

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| <i>Related metadata references:</i> | See also Household – household identifier, X[X(14)] NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006<br>Supersedes Person – person identifier (household), [X(9)] NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006 |
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## Principal income source

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### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person – source of cash income(principal( (housing assistance), code N{.N} |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302487   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | The source from which a person derives the greatest proportion of his/her income.  |
| <i>Context:</i>      | The metadata item is an indicator of the needs and circumstances of individuals and sometimes used in assessment of income equity. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Source of cash income  |

### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p>A person with more than one source of income should be categorised only to the value domain category, which best describes their primary source of income.</p> <p>If the person has multiple sources of income and none equal to or greater than 50%, the one that contributes the largest percentage should be counted.</p> <p>If there is more than one source and they are exactly equal, list the source of employment to which the person most identifies as a primary occupation.</p> |
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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|---------|---|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----|--|-------|-----------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--|-----|--|-------|-------------|
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N{.N}   |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 2   |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| <i>Permissible values:</i>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Employee cash income</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Unincorporated business income</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Government cash pension/allowance</td></tr><tr><td>3.1</td><td>Allowances for students and the unemployed</td></tr><tr><td>3.1.1</td><td>Youth allowance</td></tr><tr><td>3.1.2</td><td>Newstart allowance</td></tr><tr><td>3.1.3</td><td>Other allowances for students and the unemployed</td></tr><tr><td>3.2</td><td>Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability</td></tr><tr><td>3.2.1</td><td>Age pension</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Employee cash income | 2 | Unincorporated business income | 3 | Government cash pension/allowance | 3.1 | Allowances for students and the unemployed | 3.1.1 | Youth allowance | 3.1.2 | Newstart allowance | 3.1.3 | Other allowances for students and the unemployed | 3.2 | Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability | 3.2.1 | Age pension |
| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| 1                                | Employee cash income  |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| 2                                | Unincorporated business income  |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| 3                                | Government cash pension/allowance   |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| 3.1                              | Allowances for students and the unemployed  |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| 3.1.1                            | Youth allowance   |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| 3.1.2                            | Newstart allowance  |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| 3.1.3                            | Other allowances for students and the unemployed  |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| 3.2                              | Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability  |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |
| 3.2.1                            | Age pension   |       |         |   |                      |   |                                |   |                                   |     |  |       |                 |       |                    |       |  |     |  |       |             |

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|                             | 3.2.2 | Disability Support pension   |
|                             | 3.2.3 | Other Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability |
|                             | 3.3   | Other Government cash pensions/allowances (e.g. Service pensions)              |
|                             | 4     | Other cash income (e.g. superannuation, compensation)                          |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i> | 9     | Not stated/inadequately described  |

## Source and reference attributes

*Origin:* Australian Bureau of Statistics. Standards for social, labour and demographic variables. Reference through: <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

*Guide for use:* Income source is used to derive low income status of households and whether they may be eligible to receive Commonwealth rent assistance if the same household was living in the private rental market.

**Code 1. Employee cash income:** Includes wages and salaries.

**Code 2. Unincorporated business income:** The profit or loss that accrues to owners of, or partners in, unincorporated enterprises.

**Code 3. Government cash pension/allowance:** Comprise payments made under specific income support programs by the Department of Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and a range of other government departments through Centrelink, as well as such payments from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). They also include pensions paid to residents by overseas governments.

**Code 3.1. Allowances for students and the unemployed:** Gross, usual cash receipts paid through Centrelink income support programs to persons entitled to such support by virtue of their unemployed or student status, e.g. Newstart allowance and Youth allowance and Austudy and ABSTUDY payments.

**Code 3.2. Centrelink pensions/allowances for the aged and people with a disability:** Gross, current, usual cash receipts paid through Centrelink as retirement pensions to persons entitled to such pensions by virtue of their age or disability, i.e. Age pension and Disability Support pension.

**Code 3.3. Other Government cash pensions/allowances:** Government cash pensions and allowances other than those included in the categories 3.1 and 3.2, including pensions and allowances from the DVA and from overseas governments. For example, Family tax benefit (Parts A and B), Parenting payment, DVA Service pension and DVA Disability pension.

**Code 4. Other cash income:** Cash income derived from sources other than employment, own unincorporated business and Government cash pensions and allowances. Includes property cash income, superannuation/annuities and scholarships.

## Source and reference attributes

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

*Origin:* Australian Bureau of Statistics. Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables. Reference through:  
<http://www.abs.gov.au>.

## Relational attributes

*Related metadata references:* See also Person – gross income (weekly), total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

See also Person – assessable income (weekly), total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

Supersedes Person – income source, code N{.N} NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Rebated household status

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element  |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Household – rebated rent status, code N   |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302581  |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006   |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | A code that represents whether the household receiving housing assistance who as part of the assistance, pay less than the market rent value of the dwelling. |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | Whether the household receiving housing assistance, (usually via a state or territory or community housing provider), who as part of the assistance, pay less than the market rent value of the dwelling. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Household   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Rebated rent status   |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code   |       |         |   |     |   |    |   |                                   |
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| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number   |       |         |   |     |   |    |   |                                   |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N  |       |         |   |     |   |    |   |                                   |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1  |       |         |   |     |   |    |   |                                   |
| <i>Permissible values:</i>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Not stated/inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Yes | 2 | No | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |
| Value                            | Meaning  |       |         |   |     |   |    |   |                                   |
| 1                                | Yes  |       |         |   |     |   |    |   |                                   |
| 2                                | No   |       |         |   |     |   |    |   |                                   |
| 9                                | Not stated/inadequately described  |       |         |   |     |   |    |   |                                   |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9  |       |         |   |     |   |    |   |                                   |

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### Data Element attributes

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#### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i>      | <p><b>Code 1. Yes:</b> Record if the household receiving housing assistance who as part of the assistance, pay less than the market rent value of the dwelling.</p> <p><b>Code 2. No:</b> Record if the household receiving housing assistance who as part of the assistance, do not pay less than the market rent value of the dwelling.</p> <p>For example, a public housing dwelling may be assessed as having a market rent value of \$200 per week. On assessing the applicant household, the state housing authority calculates that this household should pay no more than \$100 per week on rent. If this household is then allocated to this dwelling with a rent of \$100, (while the market rent value is \$200), then the household is considered to be rebated.</p> |
| <i>Collection methods:</i> | For those jurisdictions that use a 'full rent' concept, a rebated household is one which pays less than full rent.   |

**Comments:**

This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:

CSHA mainstream community housing

CSHA public rental housing

CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:**

National Housing Data Development Committee

**Relational attributes**

**Related metadata references:**

See also Household – rent charged (weekly), total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006

See also Dwelling – market rent value, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005

Supersedes Household – rebated rent status, code N NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Reference person

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person – reference person status (household), code N                           |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302965   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | A code that represents whether a person is a reference person for a household. |

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## Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | Whether a person is a reference person for a household.  |
| <i>Context:</i>      | The ability to determine relationships between a reference person and others in the household is required to calculate the suitability of a dwelling to house all the tenants. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Reference person status  |

## Collection methods and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | Reference person is the first person listed on the housing assistance application/tenancy form or the mortgage papers. |
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## Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
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| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
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| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 1                                | Yes   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 2                                | No  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9      Not stated/inadequately described  |       |         |   |     |   |    |

## Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i>      | <p><b>Code 1. Yes:</b> Record if a person is a reference person for a household.</p> <p><b>Code 2. No:</b> Record if a person is not a reference person for a household.</p>  |
| <i>Collection methods:</i> | Usually referred to as <i>Person 1, Main tenant</i> or <i>Tenant 1</i> on application or tenancy forms. Can also be referred to as the <i>Principal tenant, Household head</i> or where the dwelling is being purchased, referred to as the <i>Mortgagee</i> . Also includes single adults and lone parents. Person must be aged 16 or over.<br>All other persons should be coded to 2. |

## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

*Comments:* This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:

- CSHA mainstream community housing
- CSHA public rental housing
- CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

### Source and reference attributes

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

### Relational attributes

*Related metadata references:* Supersedes Person – reference person status (household), code N NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Relationship to reference person

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person – relationship to reference person (household) (housing assistance), code N |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 270248   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005  |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |   |
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| <i>Definition:</i>   | The familial and non-familial relationship of each person in a given household to the reference person in that same household.  |
| <i>Context:</i>      | 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. It is essential for calculating many of the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) performance indicators, such as low income and affordability. It may also be useful in determining possible levels of need and support available for clients. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Relationship to reference person  |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code   |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
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| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number   |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N  |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1  |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
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| Value                            | Meaning  |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
| 1                                | Reference person/tenant  |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
| 2                                | Spouse/partner   |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
| 3                                | Son/daughter aged less than 16 years   |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
| 4                                | Son/daughter aged 16 years and over  |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
| 5                                | Resident aged less than 16 years   |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
| 6                                | Resident aged 16 years and over  |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
| 9                                | Not stated/inadequately described  |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9  |       |         |   |                         |   |                |   |                                      |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                 |   |                                   |

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### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p>Only the usual residents of the household are included.</p> <p><b>Code 1. Reference person:</b> May be referred to as <i>person 1, main tenant or tenant 1, principal tenant, household head</i> on application or tenancy forms, or, where the dwelling is being purchased, referred to as the <i>mortgagee</i>. Person must be aged 16 or over.</p> <p><b>Code 2. Spouse/partner:</b> Include de facto, wife, husband and partner of the reference person/tenant.</p> <p><b>Codes 3 and 4. Son/daughter:</b> Include the son(s) or daughter(s) (or step son(s)/daughter(s)) of the reference person and/or spouse.</p> |
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**Codes 5 and 6. Resident:** Include relatives other than son(s)/daughter(s) (step son(s)/daughter(s)), non-related carer, other non-related and non-family member(s).

## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:** Collecting this data is quite complex, due to inter-relationships that may exist in a household. Refer to *ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995* for standard questions and approach to collecting data on this metadata item. This metadata item is used to derive *tenancy composition* (see Glossary) for public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing.

**Comments:** This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:  
CSHA public rental housing  
CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Housing Data Development Committee

**Origin:** Australian Bureau of Statistics. Standards for statistics on the family. Cat. no. 1286.0.  
Australian Bureau of Statistics 1995. Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics.  
Australian Bureau of Statistics 1996. Census dictionary. Cat. no. 2901.0.  
CSHA Public housing and state/territory owned and managed Indigenous housing NMDS user guide 2001 – 02

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also Person – reference person status (household), code N NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  
Supersedes Relationship to reference person, version 2, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005

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## Relationship within income unit

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person (income unit member) – relationship to reference person (income unit), code N |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 301840   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | The relationship of a member of an income unit to the reference person in that same income unit. Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent/ <i>dependant</i> (see Glossary) who usually reside in the same household.   |
| <i>Context:</i>      | 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. It is essential for calculating many of the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) performance indicators, such as low income and affordability. It may also be useful in determining possible levels of need and support available for clients. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person  |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Relationship to reference person  |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |
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| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N   |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1   |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |
| <i>Permissible values:</i>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Income unit reference person/tenant</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Spouse/partner</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Dependant aged less than 16 years</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Dependant aged 16 years and over</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Not stated/inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Income unit reference person/tenant | 2 | Spouse/partner | 3 | Dependant aged less than 16 years | 4 | Dependant aged 16 years and over | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |
| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |
| 1                                | Income unit reference person/tenant   |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |
| 2                                | Spouse/partner  |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |
| 3                                | Dependant aged less than 16 years   |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |
| 4                                | Dependant aged 16 years and over  |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |
| 9                                | Not stated/inadequately described   |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      |   |       |         |   |                                     |   |                |   |                                   |   |                                  |   |                                   |

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### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p>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.</p> <p>A dependant is defined as someone who lives in the primary care of parent(s), carer or guardian and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is studying full-time (ages 5 and over); and/or</li><li>• 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</li></ul> |
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- 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:* Department of Families and Community Services (2005). A guide to Australian Government payments – March to June 2005.

### **Data Element attributes**

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#### **Collection and usage attributes**

*Comments:* This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:

CSHA public rental housing  
CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

#### **Source and reference attributes**

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

#### **Relational attributes**

*Related metadata references:* See also Income unit – income unit type, code N{.N} NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005  
Supersedes Person (income unit member) – relationship to reference person (income unit), code N NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006

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## Rent charged

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element  |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Household – rent charged (weekly), total Australian currency<br>N[NNNNN].NN |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 302600  |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006   |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | The amount of rent charged to a household.                                |
| <i>Context:</i>      | This metadata item is necessary in calculating measures of affordability. |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Household   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Rent charged  |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>      | Total                      |
| <i>Data type:</i>                 | Currency                   |
| <i>Format:</i>                    | N[NNNNN].NN                |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i>  | 8                          |
| <i>Unit of measure:</i>           | Australian currency (AU\$) |
| <i>Unit of measure precision:</i> | 2                          |

### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | Always include the cent value, using .00 where there are only dollar values. |
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### Data Element attributes

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#### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i>      | The rent charged is the amount of money the household is required to pay. It may differ from market rent and may not have been received.   |
| <i>Collection methods:</i> | As the rent charged to a household may change over time, this metadata item should be linked to the date rent is due.<br><br>Rent charged to a household is typically recorded on a weekly basis. For the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) national data collections, it is recorded as rent charged for the week of 30 June. |
| <i>Comments:</i>           | This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:<br><br>CSHA mainstream community housing<br>CSHA public rental housing<br>CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing   |

## Source and reference attributes

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

*Related metadata references:* Is formed using Household – rebated rent status, code N NHDAMG, Standard 01/03/2005  
See also Household – rent charged date, DDMMYYYY NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006  
Supersedes Household (tenant) – rent charged (weekly), total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006  
Supersedes Rent charged to tenant, version 2, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005

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## Sex

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element   |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Person – sex, code N   |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 287316   |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHIG, Standard 04/05/2005<br>NCSIMG, Standardisation pending 24/02/2005<br>NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006 |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | The biological distinction between male and female, as represented by a code.                          |

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### Data Element Concept attributes

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| <i>Definition:</i>   | Sex is the biological distinction between male and female. Where there is an inconsistency between anatomical and chromosomal characteristics, sex is based on anatomical characteristics. |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Sex is a core metadata item in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics.  |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Person   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Sex  |

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### Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |      |   |        |   |                           |
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| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |      |   |        |   |                           |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N   |       |         |   |      |   |        |   |                           |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1   |       |         |   |      |   |        |   |                           |
| <i>Permissible values:</i>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Male</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Female</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Intersex or indeterminate</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Male | 2 | Female | 3 | Intersex or indeterminate |
| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |      |   |        |   |                           |
| 1                                | Male  |       |         |   |      |   |        |   |                           |
| 2                                | Female  |       |         |   |      |   |        |   |                           |
| 3                                | Intersex or indeterminate   |       |         |   |      |   |        |   |                           |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9 Not stated/inadequately described   |       |         |   |      |   |        |   |                           |

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### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i> | <p>Diagnosis and procedure codes should be checked against the national ICD-10-AM sex edits, unless the person is undergoing, or has undergone, a sex change as detailed in Collection methods or has a genetic condition resulting in a conflict between sex and ICD-10-AM code.</p> <p><b>Code 3. Intersex or indeterminate:</b> refers to a person who, because of a genetic condition, was born with reproductive organs or sex chromosomes that are not exclusively male or female or whose sex has not yet been determined for whatever reason.</p> <p>Intersex or indeterminate should be confirmed if reported for people aged 90 days or greater.</p> |
| <i>Comments:</i>      | The definition for Intersex in Guide for use is sourced from the ACT Legislation ( <i>Gay, Lesbian and Transgender</i> ) Amendment Act 2003.   |

## Source and reference attributes

*Origin:* Australian Capital Territory 2003. *Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003.*

*Reference documents:* *Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003.* See <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2003-14/20030328-4969/pdf/2003-14.pdf>.

## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

*Collection methods:*

Operationally, sex is the distinction between male and female, as reported by a person or as determined by an interviewer.

When collecting data on sex by personal interview, asking the sex of the respondent is usually unnecessary and may be inappropriate or even offensive. It is usually a simple matter to infer the sex of the respondent through observation, or from other cues such as the relationship of the person(s) accompanying the respondent, or first name. The interviewer may ask whether persons not present at the interview are male or female.

A person's sex may change during their lifetime as a result of procedures known alternatively as sex change, gender reassignment, transsexual surgery, transgender reassignment or sexual reassignment. Throughout this process, which may be over a considerable period of time, Sex could be recorded as either Male or Female.

In data collections that use the ICD-10-AM classification, where sex change is the reason for admission, diagnoses should include the appropriate ICD-10-AM code(s) that clearly identify that the person is undergoing such a process. This code(s) would also be applicable after the person has completed such a process, if they have a procedure involving an organ(s) specific to their previous sex (e.g. where the patient has prostate or ovarian cancer).

Code 3 Intersex or indeterminate:

- is normally used for babies for whom sex has not been determined for whatever reason
- should not generally be used on data collection forms completed by the respondent
- should only be used if the person or respondent volunteers that the person is intersex or where it otherwise becomes clear during the collection process that the individual is neither male nor female.

Code 9 Not stated/inadequately described:

- is not to be used on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

*Comments:* This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:  
CSHA public rental housing  
CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

### **Source and reference attributes**

*Origin:* Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) National Mortality Database 1997–98.  
AIHW 2001. National Diabetes Register, Statistical Profile, December 2000. Diabetes series No. 2.

*Reference documents:* Australian Bureau of Statistics  
AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia  
AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia  
In AS4846 and AS5017 alternative codes are presented. Refer to the current standard for more details.

### **Relational attributes**

*Related metadata references:* Supersedes Person—sex (housing assistance), code N NHDAMG, Superseded 10/02/2006



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## Transfer status

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| <i>Metadata item type:</i>  | Data Element  |
| <i>METeOR name:</i>         | Household – transfer status (financial year), code N  |
| <i>METeOR identifier:</i>   | 301987  |
| <i>Registration status:</i> | NHDAMG, Standard 10/02/2006   |
| <i>Definition:</i>          | A code that represents whether the applicant/household has relocated from one dwelling to another dwelling within the same housing program during the financial year. |

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## Data Element Concept attributes

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|                      |   |
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| <i>Definition:</i>   | Whether an applicant/household has relocated from one dwelling to another dwelling within the same housing program.   |
| <i>Context:</i>      | Transfers may be the result of a need for more appropriate housing or due to a change in the personal circumstances of the applicant/household that necessitates a change in the assistance received (e.g. the need for a modified dwelling due to an illness or disability). |
| <i>Object Class:</i> | Household   |
| <i>Property:</i>     | Transfer status   |

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## Value domain attributes

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| <i>Representation class:</i>     | Code  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|---------|---|-----|---|----|
| <i>Data type:</i>                | Number  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Format:</i>                   | N   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Maximum character length:</i> | 1   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Permissible values:</i>       | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Yes | 2 | No |
| Value                            | Meaning   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 1                                | Yes   |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| 2                                | No  |       |         |   |     |   |    |
| <i>Supplementary codes:</i>      | 9 Not stated/inadequately described   |       |         |   |     |   |    |

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## Data Element attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

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| <i>Guide for use:</i>      | <p><b>Code 1. Yes:</b> Record if the applicant/household relocated from one dwelling to another dwelling within the same housing program.</p> <p><b>Code 2. No:</b> Record if the applicant/household has not relocated from one dwelling to another dwelling within the same housing program.</p> <p>In the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) community housing data collection transfers refer to households that move between dwellings managed by the same provider.</p> |
| <i>Collection methods:</i> | Include households that wish to transfer to another dwelling for reasons other than applying for assistance different from what they currently receive.  |

*Comments:* This metadata item is included in the following housing assistance data collections:  
CSHA public rental housing  
CSHA state owned and managed Indigenous housing

### **Source and reference attributes**

*Submitting organisation:* National Housing Data Development Committee

### **Relational attributes**

*Related metadata references:* Supersedes Transfer status, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG,  
Superseded 01/03/2005

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