

Income unit

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Object Class

Synonymous names: Income unit

METEOR identifier: 268986

Registration status: [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 31/08/2007
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

Definition: 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.

Context: Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent/**dependant** who usually reside in the same household. This means that an income unit can be defined as:

- a married couple or sole parent, and dependent children only
- a married couple only with no dependent children present
- a person who is not related to any other household member either by marriage or by the parent/**dependant** relationship.

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.


Specialisation of: [Person/group of persons](#)


Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Housing Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Income unit](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

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See also [Centrelink income unit](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 11/04/2005

Data Element Concepts implementing this Object Class: [Income unit—Commonwealth government payment type](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Retired 10/02/2006

[Income unit—income unit identifier](#)
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