

Household—household composition

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269608
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Superseded 10/02/2006
Definition:	The composition of the household based on the relationship between household members. Households can contain dependent and non-dependent children as well as non-family members. The differentiation of households is based on the presence or absence of couple relationships, parent-child relationships, child dependency relationships or other blood relationships.
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.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Household
METEOR identifier:	268977
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Standard 01/03/2005 Health! , Standard 04/05/2005 Community Services (retired) , Superseded 27/04/2007 Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018
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.
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Specialisation of:	Person/group of persons

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>For housing data collections, the number of tenancy agreements is a practical proxy for calculating the number of households receiving housing assistance.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Only usual residents of the household are included as members of the household. Visitors to a household are, by definition, excluded from the household.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Origin:	CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001-02
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Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Household composition](#)

METEOR identifier: 269118

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

Definition: The relationship between people who reside together.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

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Origin: ABS: Standards for statistics on families. Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Cat. No. 1286.0

ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995

AIHW: Data Standardisation Project for the development of a national unit record public housing data set, 1998

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Household—household composition](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: [Household—household composition, code N{.N}](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/02/2006