

Household—household group

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

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Definition: The group(s) of people who reside within the same 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 household groups is based on the presence or absence of couple relationships, parent/child relationships, and the number of children. It most closely approximates the number and composition of income units within a household.

Context: Information on household groups and composition aids in identifying the appropriate size house (i.e. number of bedrooms to be allocated) to meet a Commonwealth State Housing Agreement national [proxy occupancy standard](#).

Object Class attributes

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Object class: [Household](#)

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: [Person/group of persons](#)

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: For housing 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

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Household group](#)

Definition: A descriptor of the class of family based on the relationships within and the number of children.

Property group: [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](#)

Source and reference attributes

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Data element concept attributes

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Relational attributes

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