

Income unit—income unit type, code N{.N}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Income unit type
METEOR identifier:	270135
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Standard 01/03/2005 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The description of the income unit a person belongs to, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Income unit—income unit type
METEOR identifier:	269600
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 31/08/2007 Housing assistance , Standard 30/08/2017
Definition:	The description of the income unit a person belongs to.
Context:	This is the standard statistical unit for analyses of economic well being, and can be an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families. Income units are essential to calculate potential rent assistance available to households if they were in the private rental market. Income units may also be used as means of calculating the number of potential households needing assistance.
Object class:	Income unit
Property:	Income unit type

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Housing Data Development Committee
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Income unit type code N{.N}
METEOR identifier:	270720
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	A code set representing the type of an income unit.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N{.N}
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Family
	1.1	Single with child/children aged under 16

	1.2	Couple (only)
	1.3	Couple with child/children aged under 16
	2	Single (lone person)
Supplementary values:	9	Not available, not known

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Each income unit must include at least one person aged 16 years or older. Children aged 16 and over are considered separate income units and should be coded as 2. There may be more than one income unit per household.

Comments: It should be noted that the reference to *dependent child* in this context is guided by the following definition: a dependent child is any person aged under 16 years regardless of relationship with the adult.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Is re-engineered from  [Commonwealth Rent Assistance \(CRA\) income unit type, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.1 KB)
No registration status

See also [Income unit—relationship to household reference person, code N](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017

See also [Person \(income unit member\)—relationship to reference person \(income unit\), code N](#)
Housing assistance, Superseded 30/08/2017