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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 01/03/2005 [Non Dictionary] |
| Definition: | The description of the income unit a person belongs to, as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Income unit—income unit type](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269600) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269600 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 31/08/2007  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/608087) |
| Property: | [Income unit type](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269153) |
| 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}](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270720) |
| METEOR identifier: | 270720 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 01/03/2005 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the type of an income unit. |

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| 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 |

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| 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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| Submitting organisation: | National Housing Data Development Committee |
| 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/274057)  (15.1 KB)  *No registration status*  See also [Income unit—relationship to household reference person, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/669186)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 30/08/2017  See also [Person (income unit member)—relationship to reference person (income unit), code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/301840)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 30/08/2017 |