

Dwelling structure type code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	270712
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	A code set representing the type of dwelling structure.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Separate house
	2	Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc.
	3	Flat, unit or apartment
	4	Caravan, tent, cabin etc. in caravan park, houseboat in marina, etc.
	5	Caravan not in caravan park, houseboat not in marina, etc.
	6	Improvised home, tent, campers out
	7	House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.
	8	Boarding/rooming house unit
	9	Other
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1 Separate house**

A house separated from other houses (or other buildings or structures) by space to allow access on all sides (at least 1/2 a metre). This category also includes houses which have an attached flat (e.g. a granny flat). The attached flat will be included in the 'Flat, unit or apartment' category.

CODE 2 Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc

Includes dwellings with their own private grounds and no dwelling above or below. A key feature of these dwellings is that they are either attached in some structural way to one or more dwellings or are separated from neighbouring dwellings by less than 1/2 a metre. Examples include semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, and villa units. Multi-storey townhouses or units are separately identified from those which are single storey.

CODE 3 Flat, unit or apartment

Includes dwellings in blocks of flats, units or apartments that are self-contained. These dwellings do not have their own private grounds and usually share a common entrance foyer or stairwell. This category includes houses converted into flats, and flats attached to houses such as granny flats.

CODE 4 Caravan, tent, cabin etc. in caravan park, houseboat in marina, etc

Includes all types of accommodation within a caravan park. It also includes all occupied water craft in marinas.

CODE 5 Caravan not in caravan park, houseboat not in marina, etc

Includes all mobile units, on water or land, occupied on a permanent or semi-permanent basis by people (e.g. caravans, campervans, mobile houses, small boats, houseboats) that are not in caravan parks or marinas.

CODE 6 Improvised home, tent, sleepers out

Includes all structures not elsewhere classified that are occupied by people on a permanent or semi-permanent basis. This category typically includes garages, sheds, tents, shacks, etc. These structures are only included in this category if they are not in a caravan park.

CODE 7 House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc

Includes all houses or flats that are attached to a non-residential building. Examples of these dwellings are manses attached to a church, a flat or apartment over a shop, and a caretaker's house or flat attached to a school, factory or storage facility.

CODE 8 Boarding/rooming house unit

A [boarding/rooming house unit](#) is a self-contained unit within a boarding house with separate cooking, bathroom, and toilet facilities. Boarding house units are usually accessed via a common entrance such as a foyer or hallway. Please note: this structure type identifies the individual rooms in a boarding/rooming house, not the complete building.

Comments:

Based on a modified combination of the 1996 and 2001 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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Relational attributes

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