
Income unit type

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD
Knowledgebase ID: 000691 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHDAMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
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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.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: NN
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 2
Data Domain: 1 Family
 1.1 Single with child/ ren aged under 16
 1.2 Couple (only)
 1.3 Couple with child/ ren aged under 16
 2 Single (lone person)
 9 Not available, not known

Guide For Use: Each income unit must include 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.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Income unit ID version 2
 relates to the data element concept Income unit version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics. A Provisional Framework for Household Income, Consumption, Saving and Wealth. Cat. No. 6549.0.

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

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.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
