Low income status

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD

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Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The low income status of a household receiving housing assistance.

Context: A guiding principle of the 1999 CSHA is that assistance is to be provided to those who most need it, for the duration of their need. Households who most need assistance are defined as those whose needs cannot be met by the private rental market. The low income performance indicator measures households most in need in terms of tenants who have low income or special needs that would not find appropriate, affordable and secure housing in the private rental market.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: N

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain:
1	Low income A
2	Low income B
3	Not low income
9	Not stated/ inadequately described

Guide For Use: The household income cut off measures used for this data element have been developed in relation to statutory government income support payments.
1. Low income A
Income equivalent to or below 100% of the government income support benefits at the pensioner rate. The pensioner (single & couple) benefit rate has been selected as the low income A

household cut-off measure, as pension rates are higher than allowance rates (e.g. unemployment benefits). The selection of the higher benefit rate should allow all persons receiving up to or equivalent to 100% government income support benefits (e.g. pensioners, unemployed, youth allowance , etc) to be captured within the 'low income A' household cut-off measure.

It should be noted that this group might include some income earners, provided their total income is not greater than 100% of the pensioner rate of government income support benefits. This is especially likely for young people who are working, as the government allowance rates for young people are lower than those for pensioners and young people would need to be employed to have an equivalent income.

2. Low income B

This measure is the effective cut-out for receiving government income support benefits. It includes:

- adult (single or couple) pension rate;
- where eligible, family tax benefit part A (up to the full rate);
- income free areas for both adults and children; and
- pharmaceutical allowance.

For further information on calculating low income status see the most recent CSHA Public rental housing data manual.

CSHA community housing data collection

For the CSHA community housing data collection, it is assumed that all households paying a rent less than the market rent value of the dwelling are low income households.

Collection Methods: To be defined.

Related metadata: is calculated using Income - gross (household) version 2
relates to the data element Special needs status version 2
relates to the data element Age version 1
relates to the data element Household composition version 2
is calculated using Income source version 2
relates to the data element Income unit version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: CSHA Public Rental Housing data manual 2001-02
Community housing data manual 2001-02

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Australian Bureau of Statistics

Comments: .

Data Element Links
Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element