
Income source

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD
Knowledgebase ID: 000753 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHDAMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
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Definition: The source by which a person derives his/her income.
Context: Income source is used to derive low income status of households and whether they may be eligible to receive Commonwealth Rent Assistance if the same household was living in the private rental market.
The element is also an indicator of the need and circumstances of individuals and is sometimes used in the assessment of income equity.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: NN
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 2
Data Domain: 1 Wages/salary
2 Government pension/benefit
2.1 Disability pension
2.2 Aged pension
2.3 Unemployment benefit (e.g. Newstart)
2.4 Other government pension / benefit (including any other Centrelink / Department of Veteran Affairs payments e.g. Youth allowance or Service Pensions)
3 Other (e.g. compensation / superannuation)
4 Nil income
9 Not stated/inadequately described

Guide For Use: This question is not asked of person's aged less than 15 years

because they are generally dependants.

Collection Methods: Data collection may use more detailed categories.

Standard questionnaire module:

What is the income source of the person?

(Please tick one box only)

Wages / salary

Disability pension

Aged pension

Unemployment benefit (e.g. Newstart)

Other government pension/benefit (including any other Centrelink / Department of Veteran Affairs payments e.g. youth allowance or service pensions)

Other (e.g. compensation / superannuation)

Nil income

Related metadata: relates to the data element Income - assessable version 1

relates to the data element Income - gross (household) version 2

relates to the data element Low income status version 2

relates to the data element Labour force status version 1

relates to the data element Occupation of person version 1

relates to the data element Income - gross (person) version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Public rental housing data manual 2001-02

National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary Version 1

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Comments: The main income source of the person is the income source by which the person derives most (equal to or greater than 50%) of his/her income. If a person has multiple sources of income and none are equal to or greater than 50%, the one which contributes the largest percentage should be counted.

To determine main income source for the household: If a household has multiple sources of income and none are equal to or greater than 50%, sum the value of the income amount for all household members for each income source. The income source which contributes the largest percentage should be counted as the main income source for the household.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
