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# Income unit ID

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHADD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000690 Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHDAMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 13-JUL-03  
Definition: A unique identifier (within a household) assigned to an income unit that is either seeking assistance and / or receiving assistance.  
Context: Income units are one of the main counting units in housing assistance data and as such it is essential to be able to uniquely identify them.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Alphanumeric  
Representational form:  
Representation layout:  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 10  
Data Domain: NOVAL Each jurisdiction to devise.  
Collection Methods: Preferably agencies should allocate a unique identifier to a household when they apply for assistance, and this ID should then remain when/if they receive assistance. This enables the matching of waitlist data with assistance data. A household for the purposes of the data element is the same as the members under a single tenancy agreement.  
Related metadata: relates to the data element Income unit type version 1  
relates to the data element concept Tenancy agreement version 1  
is composed of State / Territory identifier version 1  
relates to the data element Income unit version 1  
relates to the data element Household version 1  
relates to the data element Household ID version 1

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: AIHW: National Health Data Dictionary Version 8.0, 1999  
AIHW: Data Standardisation Project for the development of a national unit record public housing data set, 1998  
ABS: Census Dictionary 1996  
Domain values are derived from the Australian Standard Geographic Classification, ABS, Cat. No. 1216.0.  
National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary

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

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Comments: The coding and order of States/Territories is different for the National Health Data Dictionary and the Data Standardisation Project because the Data Standardisation Project uses the order used in the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement Performance Indicator manuals. This order used in the Data Standardisation Project is different from that used in the ABS Census 1996 Data Dictionary, in which SA and WA are reversed. (See State/Territory identifier.)

## *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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