Dwelling—Australian postcode

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 302038 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 10/02/2006 |
| Definition: | The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a dwelling. |
| Context: | Postcode is an important part of a dwelling's postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location. Postcode may assist with uniquely identifying a dwelling. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Dwelling](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/268982) |
| Definition: | A structure or a discrete space within a structure intended for people to live in or where a person or group of people live. Thus a structure that people actually live in is a dwelling regardless of its intended purpose, but a vacant structure is only a dwelling if intended for human residence. A dwelling may include one or more rooms used as an office or workshop provided the dwelling is in residential use. |
| Context: | Dwellings are the main counting unit in the housing sector. Dwellings are reported for a variety of purposes including number of untenantable or tenantable, and occupied or vacant dwellings. Dwellings may be owned and/or, managed, and/or available for a use by a specific program, including head-leased stock from [**private**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327414) and [**government**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327318) sources. A dwelling includes a [**boarding house building**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327408) and  [**boarding house units**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327412). |
| Specialisation of: | [Environmental factors](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/315988) |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | [**Boarding house rooms**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327410) or beds are not identified as separate dwellings unless they are self-contained. Self-contained rooms are therefore defined as units and are counted as a separate dwelling.  For the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections, the number of tenancy (rental) units is used as a proxy for counting the number of dwellings. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Housing Data Development Committee |
| Origin: | Australian Bureau of Statistics: 2001 Census Data Dictionary (Cat. no. 2901.0). Reference through:  [http://www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au/). |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Australian postcode](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269316) |
| Definition: | The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place. |
| Context: | Postcode is an important part of a postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location. |
| Property group: | [Location characteristics](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/274653) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Standards Australia  Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

## Data element concept attributes

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Housing Data Development Committee |

### Relational attributes

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| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Address—Australian postcode](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/429892)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 22/11/2016  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12) , Standard 14/10/2015  [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 06/02/2012  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 07/10/2014  [Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 09/03/2012  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 07/12/2011  [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 02/05/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 02/05/2013  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 31/10/2012  [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Standard 13/03/2015  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 01/09/2016  [WA Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/5), Standard 06/03/2014  [Youth Justice](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Standard 15/02/2022 |
| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Dwelling—Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/302040)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 01/05/2013 |