

Dwelling—suburb/town/locality name

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 385241

Registration status: [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Definition: The full name of the locality contained within the specific address of a dwelling.

Context: In conjunction with the postcode, the data element Suburb/town/locality name is included as an alternative means of reporting information about the geographic location of the residence of a client, or an agency/establishment or where an event occurred. The preferred standard for reporting this information is by using a statistical local area (SLA) in conjunction with a state/territory code. However, as some agencies may have difficulty allocating SLA codes to the residential locations of their clients without more computerised assistance than is currently available to them, agencies may be given the option of reporting this information by using Australian postcode plus Suburb/town/locality name.

Suburb/town/locality name may also be a component of a postal address.

Object Class attributes

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Object class: [Dwelling](#)

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 untenable or tenable, 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](#) and [government](#) sources. A dwelling includes a [boarding house building](#) and [boarding house units](#).

Specialisation of: [Environmental factors](#)

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: [Boarding house rooms](#) 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>.

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Suburb/town/locality name](#)

Definition: The full name of the general locality containing the specific address.

Property group: [Location characteristics](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: AIHW

Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: [Dwelling—suburb/town/locality name, text \[A\(50\)\]](#)
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