

Shelter and housing

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to info@aihw.gov.au.

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at meteor@aihw.gov.au.

Shelter and housing

Identifying and definitional attributes

Item type: Framework Dimension

METEOR identifier: 392699

Description: Access to adequate shelter and housing is recognised as a basic human need. As well as providing protection from environmental elements and access to facilities such as heating and sanitation, housing gives people a place to enjoy privacy and recreational activities, keep their possessions, spend time with friends and family, and express their identity (ABS 2001a). Housing equity is also a major component of personal wealth.

Shelter and housing are used to describe the housing circumstances of Australians and can be further divided into three sub dimensions.

1. Housing tenure relates to the issues of security and stability; home ownership also gives autonomy and a form of social insurance to owners.
2. Housing affordability affects the broader economic and social wellbeing of individuals and communities.
3. Homelessness indicates housing deprivation, but as it is influenced by a wide range of social issues (such as mental health and family breakdown) it also provides a gauge of more general social dysfunction.

Indicators in this framework

- [National Affordability Housing Agreement: g-Proportion of Indigenous households living in overcrowded conditions, 2010](#)
[Homelessness](#), Standard 16/02/2011
[Indigenous](#), Standard 11/09/2012
- [National Affordability Housing Agreement: 3: Proportion of Australians who are homeless, 2010](#)
[Homelessness](#), Standard 16/02/2011
- [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Output 1 \(supplementary b\)-Number of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who are assisted to secure and sustain their tenancies, 2011](#)
[Homelessness](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
- [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Output 5a-Number of people receiving home purchase assistance, 2011](#)
[Homelessness](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
- [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Output 5c-Number of people receiving home purchase assistance, 2011](#)
[Homelessness](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
- [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Indicator 1\(a\)-Proportion of low income households in mortgage stress, 2011](#)
[Homelessness](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
- [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Indicator 4-Proportion of people experiencing repeat periods of homelessness, 2011](#)
[Homelessness](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
- [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Indicator 6-Proportion of Indigenous households owning or purchasing a home, 2011](#)
[Homelessness](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 27/09/2011
- [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Indicator 5-Proportion of Australian households owning or purchasing a home, 2011](#)

- Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011
- [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Indicator 3-Proportion of Australians who are homeless, 2011](#)
Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011
 - [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Indicator 8-Proportion of Indigenous households living in houses of an acceptable standard, 2011](#)
Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011
 - [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Output 5b-Number of people receiving home purchase assistance, 2011](#)
Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011
 - [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Indicator 7-Proportion of Indigenous households living in overcrowded conditions, 2011](#)
Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011
 - [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Output 1 \(supplementary a\)-Number of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who are assisted to secure and sustain their tenancies: Housing proxy, 2011](#)
Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011
 - [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Output 3-Number of households assisted in social housing, 2011](#)
Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011
 - [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Indicator 1 \(main\)-Proportion of low income households in rental stress, 2011](#)
Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011
 - [National Affordable Housing Agreement: 4: Proportion of people experiencing repeat periods of homelessness, 2010](#)
Homelessness, Standard 16/02/2011
 - [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Indicator 2-Proportion of homes sold or built that are affordable by low and moderate income households, 2011](#)
Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011
 - [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Output 2-Number of people who are assisted to move from crisis accommodation or primary homelessness to sustainable accommodation, 2011](#)
Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011
 - [National Affordable Housing Agreement: Output 1 \(main\)-Number of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who are assisted to secure and sustain their tenancies, 2011](#)
Homelessness, Recorded 27/09/2011
Housing assistance, Recorded 27/09/2011