

Dwelling—number of occupants

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	443862
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 19/09/2013 Housing assistance , Superseded 30/08/2017
Definition:	The number of occupants living within a dwelling.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

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.
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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:	Number of occupants
Definition:	A count of the people living in a building.

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Dwelling—number of occupants](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

[Dwelling—number of occupants, total N\[N\]](#)
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[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013