Income unit

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Object Class |
| Synonymous names: | Income unit |
| METEOR identifier: | 608087 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 30/08/2017 |
| Definition: | One person or a group of related persons within a [**household**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/465183), whose command over income is shared, or any person living in a non private dwelling who is in receipt of personal income. |
| Context: | Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent/[**dependant**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327458) who usually reside in the same household. This means that an income unit can be defined as:* a married couple or sole parent, and dependent children only
* a married couple only with no dependent children present
* a person who is not related to any other household member either by marriage or by the parent/dependant relationship.

This is the standard statistical unit for analyses of economic wellbeing, and can be an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families. |

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

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| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Income unit](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/268986)[Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 31/08/2007[Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 30/08/2017See also [Centrelink income unit](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/287067)[Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 11/04/2005 |
| Data Element Concepts implementing this Object Class: | [Income unit—income unit identifier](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/608089)[Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 30/08/2017[Income unit—income unit type](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269600)[Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 31/08/2007[Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 30/08/2017[Income unit—relationship to household reference person](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/669184) [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 30/08/2017 |