

Dwelling

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Object Class

METEOR identifier: 662863

Registration status: [Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

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.

Context: Dwellings are the main statistical unit in the housing sector. Information on the number of occupied dwellings and tenantable and untenable vacancies in a dwelling is collected by housing providers for planning purposes. Dwellings may be owned, managed, and/or made available for use by a specific program, including head-leased stock from [private](#) and [government](#) sources. Dwellings include [boarding house buildings](#) and [boarding house units](#).

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: 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.

[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

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Origin: ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2011. Census Dictionary, 2011. ABS cat. no. 2901.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 9 February 2017, <http://www.abs.gov.au>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Dwelling](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

**Data Element Concepts
implementing this Object
Class:**

- [Dwelling—Australian state/territory identifier](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—boarding house accommodation type](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—date occupied](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—date vacated](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—geographic remoteness](#)
Housing assistance, Superseded 10/05/2019
- [Dwelling—geographic remoteness](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 10/05/2019
- [Dwelling—household occupancy indicator](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—housing program type](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—major redevelopment indicator](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—number of bedrooms](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—number of days vacant](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—number of households](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—number of occupants](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—number of tenancies](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—number of tenancies at full capacity](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—number of tenatable vacancies](#)
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- [Dwelling—number of untenatable vacancies](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—permanency status](#)
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- [Dwelling—structure type](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—tenancy management status](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—tenancy rental unit identifier](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—tenantability indicator](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—vacancy end date](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—vacancy reason](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—vacancy start date](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
- [Dwelling—weekly market rent value](#)
Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017