

# Public rental housing DSS 2017-18

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Set Specification
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	687107
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Superseded 10/05/2019
<b>DSS type:</b>	Data Set Specification (DSS)
<b>Scope:</b>	<p>The Public Rental Housing (PH) data set specification defines information about public rental housing tenancies covered by the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA). Included are <a href="#">households</a> residing in public rental housing dwellings where the dwelling is either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• owned by the state/territory housing authority; or</li><li>• <a href="#">head-leased from private market</a> or other housing program areas and managed by the state/territory housing authority for provision of public housing.</li></ul>

The PH data set specification excludes dwellings:

- owned but not administered by the state/territory housing authority (for example, dwellings leased to other program areas, such as community housing or crisis and emergency accommodation programs)
- no longer under the administration of the state/territory housing authority at 30 June of the reference period (including dwellings demolished, sold or otherwise disposed of); and
- not yet available to the state/territory housing authority at 30 June of the reference period (including those still under construction or being purchased).

## Collection and usage attributes

**Statistical unit:** [Person](#), [Household](#), [Dwelling](#) and Vacancy Episode.

**Collection methods:** *National reporting arrangements*

State and territory housing authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) for national collation on an annual basis.

*Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated*

The reference period starts on 1 July and ends on 30 June each financial year.

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

**Comments:**

While approved as the national standard, some details are not presented in accordance with best practice standards for metadata published as national standards in METeOR. Improvements may be made to the presentation of the metadata in the future; however they will not affect the meaning of the metadata or the interpretation of data collected using the metadata.

*Glossary items*

Glossary terms that are relevant to this data set specification include:

[Boarding house building](#)

[Boarding house room](#)

[Boarding house unit](#)

[Canadian National Occupancy Standard](#)

[Dependant](#)

[Disability](#)

[Family](#)

[Geographic indicator](#)

[Greatest need](#)

[Head-leased dwelling \(government\)](#)

[Head-leased dwelling \(private\)](#)

[Homeless](#)

[Household](#)

[Tenancy composition](#)

[Unincorporated business](#)

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare \(AIHW\) 2014. Public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collection, processing and data manuals. Canberra: AIHW.](#)

**Reference documents:** COAG (Council of Australian Governments) 2009. Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations: National Affordable Housing Agreement. Canberra: COAG. Viewed 5 September 2016, [http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/national\\_agreements.aspx](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/national_agreements.aspx).

**Relational attributes**

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Public rental housing DSS 2014-17 Housing assistance](#), Superseded 19/12/2017

Has been superseded by [Public Housing and State Owned and Managed Indigenous housing \(PH & SOMIH\) DSS 2018- Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/05/2019

See also [State owned and managed Indigenous housing \(SOMIH\) DSS 2017-18 Housing assistance](#), Superseded 05/05/2019

**Metadata items in this Data Set Specification**

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Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	<a href="#">Dwelling (housing assistance) cluster</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b> This item is used to collect the dwelling postcode.		
-	<a href="#">Address—suburb/town/locality name, text X[X(45)]</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b> This item is used to collect the dwelling suburb.		
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—Australian state/territory identifier, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b> Code 9 'Other territories (Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory)' is not used by this data set.		
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—household occupancy indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—housing program type, (public rental housing/SOMIH) code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—major redevelopment indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—number of bedrooms, total N[NN]</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b> The supplementary code "999" is not used by this collection.		
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—structure type, code N[N]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—tenantability indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b> This collection uses alternate code set 1 (Yes) = Tenantable and 2 (No) = Untenantable.		
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—weekly market rent value, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b> The market rent value refers to the weekly amount at 30 June.		
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—dwelling identifier, X[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Dwelling history (housing assistance) cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—Australian state/territory identifier, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b> Code 9 'Other territories (Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory)' is not used by this data set.		
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—housing program type, (public rental housing/SOMIH) code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—number of days vacant, total N[NNN]</a>	Mandatory	1

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-	<a href="#">Dwelling—vacancy end date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—vacancy reason, code N.N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—vacancy start date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—dwelling identifier, X[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
3	<a href="#">Household (housing assistance) cluster</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	Conditional on the basis of a household tenancing for a public rental housing dwelling during the collection period.		
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—housing program type, (public rental housing/SOMIH) code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—number of occupants, total N[N]</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	The number of occupants refers to the number of household members who are listed on the tenancy agreement, and living in the dwelling at 30 June. Persons who are not listed on the tenancy agreement should be excluded.		
	The supplementary value '99' is not used by this collection.		
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—weekly market rent value, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	The market rent value refers to the weekly amount at 30 June.		
-	<a href="#">Household—application date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	The date an application was placed on the waitlist. Used to determine waiting time period.		
-	<a href="#">Household—assessable weekly income, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	The assessable weekly income refers to the weekly amount at 30 June.		
	Assessable income is also used to calculate the rental housing rebate, which allows the household to pay a rent lower than the market rent. Each state and territory uses its own definition of 'assessable income'.		
-	<a href="#">Household—Australian state/territory identifier, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—Commonwealth Rent Assistance amount, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	The amount should be the total weekly amount of the Commonwealth Rent Assistance entitlement for all members of the household, as of 30 June in the reference period.		

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Household—Commonwealth Rent Assistance income inclusion indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—Commonwealth Rent Assistance rent inclusion indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Household—disability status, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—greatest need date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—greatest need indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—greatest need reason, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—gross weekly income, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN</a>	Mandatory	1

**DSS specific information:**

The gross weekly income refers to the weekly amount at 30 June.

-	<a href="#">Household—Indigenous status, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
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**DSS specific information:**

Household Indigenous status identifies whether an Indigenous person is present in the household. The data element *Person—Indigenous status*, is required to identify which person(s) are Indigenous.

-	<a href="#">Household—new allocation status (financial year), code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—rebated rent status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—transfer status (financial year), yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—weekly rebate amount, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN</a>	Mandatory	1

**DSS specific information:**

This data element refers to the weekly rebate on the amount of rent paid weekly by a household at 30 June. Generally, it is the positive difference between the market rent value of a dwelling and the rent charged.

-	<a href="#">Household—weekly rent charged, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN</a>	Mandatory	1
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**DSS specific information:**

The weekly rent charged refers to the amount at 30 June.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Service event—tenancy end date, DDMMYYYY</a>  <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>This metadata item is used in calculation of measures of periods of support and duration of assistance and for measuring various point in time data.</p> <p>The date on which provision of housing assistance by an agency was completed, ceased or terminated.</p> <p>This metadata item should always be recorded as an 8 digit valid date comprising day, month and year. Year should always be recorded in its full 4 digit format. For days and months with a numeric value of less than 10, zeros should be used to ensure that the date contains the required 8 digits. For example, if an episode is completed on July 1 2002 date should be recorded as 01072002.</p> <p>Tenancy end date must be related to a particular housing assistance episode. For each separate housing assistance episode a separate date should be recorded.</p> <p>For the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections the tenancy end date should be taken from the date specified on the tenancy agreement. Tenants may actually move out prior to this date.</p>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service event—tenancy start date, DDMMYYYY</a>  <p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>This metadata item is used in calculation of measures of periods of support and duration of assistance and for measuring various point in time data.</p> <p>The date on which the provision of housing assistance to a household by an agency commenced, as distinct from the date the household applies and is entered on the waiting list or assessed for eligibility. The date recorded should be the date on which the client has begun to receive some form of assistance.</p> <p>This metadata item should always be recorded as an 8-digit valid date comprising day, month and year. Year should always be recorded in its full 4-digit format. For days and months with a numeric value of less than 10, zeros should be used to ensure that the date contains the required 8 digits. For example, if an episode starts on July 1 2000 the date should be recorded as 01072000.</p> <p>For each separate tenancy, a separate start date should be recorded. Same address transfers, mutual exchanges and succession of tenancy of dwellings are not considered separate housing assistance events.</p> <p>For the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections the tenancy start date should be taken from the date specified on the tenancy agreement. Tenants may actually move in at a later date than this date.</p>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—dwelling identifier, X[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—household identifier, X[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Waitlist applicant—waitlist applicant identifier, X[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
4	<a href="#">Person (housing assistance) cluster</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	Conditional on the basis of a household tenancing for a public rental housing dwelling during the collection period.		
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—housing program type, (public rental housing/SOMIH) code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Income unit—income unit identifier, X[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Income unit—relationship to household reference person, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the Public Housing and SOMIH collections this item is not collected according to the standard. The data file includes persons aged 25 years and over in Code 4, which is a deviation from the standard and inconsistent with the definition of income unit.		
-	<a href="#">Person—Australian state/territory identifier, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	Code 9 'Other territories (Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory)' is not used by this data set.		
-	<a href="#">Person—date of leaving household, DDMMYYYY</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	This data element is recorded if the person left the household before 30 June in the reference year or before the tenancy ceased.		
-	<a href="#">Person—disability status, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In some jurisdictions, disability status is only recorded if the disability impacts on the client's housing need.		
	Status is recorded as stands on the date the household tenancy is ended or at 30 June, whichever is earlier.		
-	<a href="#">Person—household single/couple status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1



- [Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Mandatory 1

**DSS specific information:**

The Public Housing and SOMIH collections do not collect Indigenous status according to the ABS standard. The values collected do not form a one-to-one relationship with the standard, as shown in the table below:

Standard METeOR Value	Standard METeOR Label	PH/SOMIH Value	PH/SOMIH Label
1	Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander	1	Indigenous (not further defined)
2	Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal	1	Indigenous (not further defined)
3	Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1	Indigenous (not further defined)
4	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander	2	Neither Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
9	Not stated/Inadequately described	9	Not stated/Inadequately described

Status is recorded as stands on the date the household tenancy is ended or at 30 June, whichever is earlier.

- [Person—relationship to household reference person, code N](#) Mandatory 1
  - [Service provider organisation—household identifier, X\[X\(14\)\]](#) Mandatory 1
  - [Service provider organisation—person in household identifier, X\[X\(14\)\]](#) Mandatory 1
- 5 [Person income \(housing assistance\) cluster](#) Conditional 1

**Conditional obligation:**

Conditional on the basis of a household tenancing for a public rental housing dwelling during the collection period.

- [Dwelling—housing program type, \(public rental housing/SOMIH\) code N](#) Mandatory 1
- [Income unit—income unit identifier, X\[X\(14\)\]](#) Mandatory 1
- [Person—assessable income \(weekly\), total Australian currency N\[NNNNN\].NN](#) Mandatory 1

**DSS specific information:**

The assessable weekly income refers to the amount at 30 June.

- [Person—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](#) Mandatory 1

**DSS specific information:**

Code 9 'Other territories (Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory)' is not used by this data set.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Person—gross weekly income, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	The gross weekly income refers to the amount at 30 June.		
-	<a href="#">Person—principal source of cash income, code N[N.N.N]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—household identifier, X[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—person in household identifier, X[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
6	<a href="#">Waitlist (housing assistance) cluster</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	Conditional on the basis of a household being on a waitlist for a public rental housing dwelling during the collection period.		
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—housing program type, (public rental housing/SOMIH) code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—application allocation indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	In the public rental housing cluster, code 1 (yes) = (A) Allocated (ie. rental housing assistance has been allocated) and code 2 (no) = (W) Waiting (ie. applicant is still waiting for rental housing assistance to be allocated), and code 9 = (U) Unknown (ie. application status is unknown).		
-	<a href="#">Household—application date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Household—application type, housing assistance code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	Code 8 'Other' maps to code 3 'other' in the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing collection manual.		
-	<a href="#">Household—Australian state/territory identifier, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	Code 9 'Other territories (Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory)' is not used by this data set.		
-	<a href="#">Household—greatest need date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	Greatest need date is only recorded if the household has been identified as a greatest need household.		
-	<a href="#">Household—greatest need indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Household—greatest need reason, code N</a>	Conditional	6
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	Greatest need reason is only recorded if the household has been identified as a greatest need household.		
-	<a href="#">Waitlist applicant—waitlist applicant identifier, X[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
7	<a href="#">Statistical linkage key 581 cluster</a>	Conditional	1
1	<a href="#">Person—letters of family name, text XXX</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Person—letters of given name, text XX</a>	Mandatory	1
3	<a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
4	<a href="#">Person—sex, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
5	<a href="#">Record—linkage key, code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYN</a>	Mandatory	1
6	<a href="#">Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA</a>	Conditional	1

**Conditional obligation:**

Where a date of birth is estimated the date accuracy indicator should be used