

Person—housing tenure type, homelessness code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Tenure type
METEOR identifier:	689162
Registration status:	Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	The arrangement under which a person occupies a dwelling, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—housing tenure type
Value Domain:	Tenure type homelessness code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	Renter	
	1	Renter - private housing
	2	Renter - public housing
	3	Renter - community housing
	4	Renter - transitional housing
	5	Renter - caravan park
	6	Renter - boarding/rooming house
	7	Renter - emergency accommodation/night shelter/women's refuge/youth shelter where rent is charged
	8	Other renter
	Rent free	
	9	Rent free - private housing
	10	Rent free - public housing
	11	Rent free - community housing
	12	Rent free- transitional housing
	13	Rent free - caravan park
	14	Rent free - boarding/rooming house
	15	Rent free - emergency accommodation/night shelter/women's refuge/youth shelter where rent is not charged
	16	Other rent free
	Life tenure	
	17	Life tenure scheme

	Owner	
	18	Owner - shared equity or rent/buy scheme
	19	Owner - being purchased/with mortgage
	20	Owner - fully owned
	Other	
	21	Other tenure type not elsewhere specified
	22	No tenure
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Renter

CODE 1 Renter - private housing

A person paying money in the private rental market in return for accommodation.

CODE 2 Renter - public housing

A person paying money to a housing authority or housing assistance agency in return for accommodation.

CODE 3 Renter - community housing

A person paying money to a housing association, housing cooperative or other not-for-profit community service organisation in return for accommodation.

CODE 4 Renter - transitional housing

A person paying money to occupy accommodation for transition towards independent living or towards returning home. The accommodation is generally more stable and provided for longer than crisis accommodation, and is linked to external support through another agency.

CODE 5 Renter - caravan park

A person paying money to rent a cabin or caravan in a caravan park.

CODE 6 Renter - boarding/rooming house

A person paying money to rent a place, room or rooms in a boarding or rooming house.

CODE 7 Renter - Emergency accommodation/night shelter/women's refuge/youth shelter where rent is charged.

A person paying rent for emergency accommodation, a night shelter, women's refugee or youth shelter.

CODE 8 Other renter

A person renting accommodation that is not included in the categories listed above.

Rent Free

CODE 9 Rent free - private housing

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation in the private rental market. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 10 Rent free - public housing

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation from a housing

authority or housing assistance agency. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 11 Rent free - community housing

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation, to a housing association, housing cooperative or other not-for-profit community service organisation. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 12 Rent free - transitional housing

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation for transition towards independent living or towards returning home. The accommodation is generally more stable and provided for longer than crisis accommodation, and is linked to external support through another agency.

CODE 13 Rent free - caravan park

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation, to occupy a cabin or caravan in a caravan park. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 14 Rent free - boarding/rooming house

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation, to occupy a place, room or rooms in a boarding or rooming house. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 15 Rent free - emergency accommodation/night shelter/women's refuge/youth shelter where no rent is charged.

A person staying rent free in emergency accommodation, a night shelter, women's refuge or youth shelter.

CODE 16 Other Rent free

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation, to occupy any other dwelling. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 17 Life tenure scheme

A person with a contract to live in the dwelling for the term of his/her life but without the full rights of ownership and usually with limited or no equity in the dwelling. This is a common arrangement in retirement villages.

Owner

CODE 18 Owner - shared equity or rent/buy scheme

A person purchasing a proportion of the equity in the dwelling, and paying rent for the remainder.

CODE 19 Owner - being purchased/with mortgage

A person who owns their dwelling and is repaying a mortgage or loans secured against the dwelling, regardless of the purpose of the mortgage or secured loan.

CODE 20 Owner - fully owned

A person who owns their dwelling and is not making any payments on mortgages or loans secured against the dwelling. (Thus persons who have repaid a loan but technically not discharged the associated mortgage are included in this category).

CODE 21 Other tenure type not elsewhere specified

The tenure does not fit any of the above categories. For example: house-sitting, payment in kind, for a specific service.

CODE 22 No tenure

The person is sleeping rough or does not have a legal right to occupy a dwelling and can be asked to leave at any time.

Includes couch surfing, living on the streets, sleeping in parks, squatting, using cars or railway carriages, improvised dwellings, or living in the long grass.

Includes living in an institutional setting, such as a hospital, psychiatric hospital/unit, disability support unit, rehabilitation facility, adult correctional facility, youth / juvenile justice detention centre, boarding school / residential college, aged care facility or immigration detention centre.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element is intended for use specifically for data collections on homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness.

Collection methods: The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:

'Which of the following best describes your tenure?'

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—housing tenure type, homelessness code N Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

See also [Person—conditions of occupancy, code N Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

See also [Person—residential type, code N\[N\] Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:

- one week before the start of the support period (the [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- at the date of presentation
- at the end of the reporting period (the [Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- at the end of the support period (the [Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY](#))

Only one permissible value is selected in each case.