Income unit—income unit type

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269600
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 31/08/2007 Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
Definition:	The description of the income unit a person belongs to.
Context:	This is the standard statistical unit for analyses of economic well being, and can be an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families. Income units are essential to calculate potential rent assistance available to households if they were in the private rental market. Income units may also be used as means of calculating the number of potential households needing assistance.

Object Class attributes

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Object class:	Income unit
Definition:	One person or a group of related persons within a **household**, 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** 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.

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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Housing Data Development Committee

Property attributes

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Property:	Income unit type
Definition:	A descriptor of the class of income unit.
Property group:	Accommodation/living characteristics

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

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Submitting organisation: National Housing Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

[Income unit—income unit composition, code N](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 31/08/2007

[Income unit—income unit type, code N{.N}](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/03/2005