Dwelling—structure type

Exported from METEOR

(AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website’s material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to info@aihw.gov.au.

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at meteor@aihw.gov.au.

# Dwelling—structure type

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 663003 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 30/08/2017 |
| Definition: | Describes the physical structure of the individual dwelling that a tenant occupies. |
| Context: | Data on dwelling structure are used to monitor changes in housing characteristics, to help formulate housing policies and to review existing housing stock. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Object class: | [Dwelling](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/662863) |
| 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 untenantable 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/639150) and [**government**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327318) sources. Dwellings include [**boarding house buildings**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327408) and [**boarding house units**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327412). |
| 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327410) 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 | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| 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> |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Property: | [Structure type](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269140) |
| Definition: | A descriptor of the class of physical structure. |
| Property group: | [Material resource characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274654) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

## Data element concept attributes

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | Australian Bureau of Statistics: [1996 Census Data Dictionary](http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/66f306f503e529a5ca25697e0017661f/60cb6727fe10de87ca25697e0018fafb!OpenDocument) (Cat. no. 2901.0). |

### Relational attributes

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Dwelling—structure type](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269588)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017 |
| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Dwelling—structure type, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/663006)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 30/08/2017 |