Income unit

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Object Class |
| Synonymous names: | Income unit |
| METEOR identifier: | 268986 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 31/08/2007[Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017 |
| 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327458) 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327458) relationship.

This is the standard statistical unit for analyses of economic wellbeing, and can be an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families. |
| Specialisation of: | [Person/group of persons](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/281123) |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | National Housing Data Development Committee |

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| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Income unit](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/608087)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 30/08/2017Is re-engineered from  [Income unit, version 1, DEC, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273757) (13.9 KB)       *No registration status*Is re-engineered from  [Income unit, version 2, DEC, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273502) (14.0 KB)       *No registration status*See also [Centrelink income unit](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/287067)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 11/04/2005 |
| Data Element Concepts implementing this Object Class: | [Income unit—Commonwealth government payment type](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269695)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Retired 10/02/2006[Income unit—income unit identifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269818)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 10/02/2006[Income unit—income unit identifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/302666)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017 |