Centrelink income unit—Commonwealth Rent Assistance amount

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 269559 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 01/03/2005 |
| Definition: | The weekly amount of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) the income unit is entitled to receive. |
| Context: | The Commonwealth pays rent assistance to recipients of income support payments, including those who receive more than the base rate of family tax benefit (Part A), and pay private rent above minimum thresholds. Rent assistance can be used for:* rent (other than for public housing or the state/territory owned and managed Indigenous housing); or
* service and maintenance fees in a retirement village; or
* lodging; or
* fees paid to use a site for a caravan or other accommodation which is occupied as the principal home; or
* fees paid to moor a vessel occupied as the principal home.

This metadata item is used in the calculation of housing affordability. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Centrelink income unit](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/287067) |
| Synonymous names: | Centrelink income unit |
| METEOR identifier: | 287067 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 11/04/2005 |
| Definition: | An income unit is the base unit that is used to calculate a Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) entitlement amount. It consists of a person and:(a) any other person treated as their current partner under the *Social Security Act 1991*(b) any other person for whom either them, or their partner, receives Family Tax Benefit. |
| Specialisation of: | [Person/group of persons](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/281123) |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs |
| Origin: | Census of Income Support Customers |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Commonwealth Rent Assistance amount](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269117) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269117 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 01/03/2005 |
| Definition: | The amount of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) funds which are entitled to be claimed. |
| Property group: | [Financial characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274646) |

## Data element concept attributes

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services |

### Relational attributes

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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Centrelink income unit—Commonwealth Rent Assistance amount, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270141)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 01/03/2005 |