

Centrelink income unit—Commonwealth Rent Assistance amount

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 269559

Registration status:

- [Housing assistance](#), 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

Object class: [Centrelink income unit](#)

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](#)

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

Property: [Commonwealth Rent Assistance amount](#)

Definition: The amount of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) funds which are entitled to be claimed.

Property group: [Financial characteristics](#)

Data element concept attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services

Relational attributes

**Data Elements
implementing this Data
Element Concept:**

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