

Dwelling—structure type

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
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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
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. Thus 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.
Context:	Dwellings are the main counting unit in the housing sector. Dwellings are reported for a variety of purposes including number of untenable or tenable, and occupied or vacant dwellings. Dwellings may be owned and/or, managed, and/or available for a use by a specific program, including head-leased stock from private and government sources. A dwelling includes a boarding house building and boarding house units .
Specialisation of:	Environmental factors

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Boarding house rooms 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.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Housing Data Development Committee
Origin:	Australian Bureau of Statistics: 2001 Census Data Dictionary (Cat. no. 2901.0). Reference through: http://www.abs.gov.au .

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	Structure type
Definition:	A descriptor of the class of physical structure.
Property group:	Material resource characteristics

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics: [1996 Census Data Dictionary](#) (Cat. no. 2901.0).

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Dwelling—structure type](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: [Dwelling—structure type, code N\[N\]](#)

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