Dwelling—geographic location

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| Synonymous names: | Area of residence |
| METEOR identifier: | 269724 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Retired 10/02/2006 |
| Definition: | The geographical location in which the person resides. |
| Context: | This is used in analysis of:* catchments and geographical patterns of service distribution and utilisation;
* geographical differences in service distribution and utilisation; and
* interstate comparisons of the split of housing provision across geographical locations.
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## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Dwelling](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268982) |
| 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 untenantable or tenantable, 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327414) and [**government**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327318) sources. A dwelling includes a [**boarding house building**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327408) and [**boarding house units**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327412). |
| Specialisation of: | [Environmental factors](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/315988) |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for 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: | 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](http://www.abs.gov.au/). |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Geographic location](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269234) |
| Definition: | A description of physical location. |
| Property group: | [Location characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274653) |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Dwelling—geographic location, remoteness structure code (ASGC 2004) N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270281)[Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Retired 10/02/2006 |