

# Household—tenure type

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
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- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/03/2005

**Definition:** The nature of a person or social group's legal right to occupy a dwelling.

**Context:** Tenure type is important for planning housing assistance and is used in national data collections as a key housing variable.

Linking human service outcomes with people's housing situations has been identified as an important step in providing better targeted services. The tenure type of peoples living situations plays an important role in their health and welfare outcomes.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Household](#)

**Definition:** A group of two or more related or unrelated people who usually reside in the same dwelling, and who make common provision for food or other essentials for living; or a single person living in a dwelling who makes provision for his or her own food and other essentials for living, without combining with any other person.

**Context:** Together with family, household is considered one of the basic groups of social aggregation. Information on household numbers and composition aids in identifying groups within the population such as Indigenous households or the number of people living alone.

**Specialisation of:** [Person/group of persons](#)

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** For housing data collections, the number of tenancy agreements is a practical proxy for calculating the number of households receiving housing assistance.

The persons in the group may pool their incomes and have a common budget to a greater or lesser extent: they may be related or unrelated persons, or a combination of both.

Only usual residents of the household are included as members of the household. Visitors to a household are, by definition, excluded from the household.

### Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** CSHA Public rental housing data manual 2001-02

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Housing tenure type](#)

**Definition:** The type of legal right to occupy a dwelling.

**Property group:** [Accommodation/living characteristics](#)

# Data element concept attributes

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** Australian Bureau of Statistics: 2001 Census Data Dictionary (Cat. no. 2901.0).  
Reference through: <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

## Relational attributes

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

[Household—tenure type, code N{,N}](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006

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