

Income unit—income unit identifier

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- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/02/2006

Definition: A unique identifier (within a household) assigned to an income unit that is either seeking assistance and/or receiving assistance.

Context: Income units are one of the main counting units in housing assistance data and as such it is essential to be able to uniquely identify them.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Income unit](#)

Definition: One person or a group of related persons within a household, whose command over income is shared, or any person living in a non private dwelling who is in receipt of personal income.

Context: Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent/[dependant](#) who usually reside in the same household. This means that an income unit can be defined as:

- a married couple or sole parent, and dependent children only
- a married couple only with no dependent children present
- a person who is not related to any other household member either by marriage or by the parent/[dependant](#) relationship.

This is the standard statistical unit for analyses of economic wellbeing, and can be an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families.

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

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Housing Data Development Committee

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Income unit identifier](#)

Definition: A sequence of characters which identify an income unit.

Property group: [Identifier characteristics](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Income unit—income unit identifier](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: [Income unit—income unit identifier, N\[N\(9\)\]](#)

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