Income unit—income unit identifier

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# Income unit—income unit identifier

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 269818 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 10/02/2006 |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

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| Object class: | [Income unit](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268986) |
| Synonymous names: | Income unit |
| METEOR identifier: | 268986 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 31/08/2007[Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017 |
| 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327458) 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327458) 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/281123) |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | National Housing Data Development Committee |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Income unit identifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269370) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269370 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 01/03/2005 |
| Definition: | A sequence of characters which identify an income unit. |
| Property group: | [Identifier characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274649) |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

## Data element concept attributes

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

### Relational attributes

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| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Income unit—income unit identifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/302666)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017 |
| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Income unit—income unit identifier, N[N(9)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270390)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 10/02/2006 |