

# Centrelink income unit— Commonwealth Rent Assistance amount, total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) amount
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270141
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Standard 01/03/2005</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The weekly amount of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) the income unit is entitled to receive in the fortnight prior to data extraction.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Centrelink income unit—Commonwealth Rent Assistance amount</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total
<b>Data type:</b>	Currency
<b>Format:</b>	N[NNNNN].NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	8
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Australian currency (AU\$)
<b>Unit of measure precision:</b>	2

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	This value domain must be expressed to two decimal places. Where there is a dollar value and no cent value, the cents must be expressed as .00 (e.g. 100.00).
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** If a customer and partner are illness separated and they are entitled to CRA, they may each be paid the single rate of CRA. Therefore, some couples could be receiving up to double the single maximum rate of CRA.


**Comments:** The rate payable varies with the type of income unit (defined by conjugal status, sharing arrangements and number of dependent children) and amount of rent paid.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services

**Origin:** FaCS 2003. Unpublished. Draft performance indicators for Commonwealth Rent Assistance. Housing Assistance Act 1996 annual report 1999-2000

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes  [Commonwealth Rent Assistance \(CRA\) income unit type, version 1, DE, NHADD, NHDAMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.1 KB) *No registration status*

See also [Centrelink income unit—Centrelink income unit type, code N](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Retired 01/05/2013

See also [Household—Commonwealth Rent Assistance amount, total Australian currency N\[NNNNN\].NN](#)

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

## Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Tenancy/vacancy cluster \(Mainstream community housing\)](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

### *DSS specific information:*

In the Community Housing 2009-10 collection the Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) amount, is collected for the week of June 30th 2010.

[Tenancy/vacancy cluster \(Mainstream community housing\)](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

### *DSS specific information:*

Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) amount is collected for the week of 30 June. Unknown values are recorded as "U".