# Household—gross income (weekly), total Australian currency N[NNNNN].NN

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### Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Income - gross (household)

Synonymous names: Income - gross (household)

METEOR identifier: 270318

**Registration status:** Housing assistance, Retired 10/02/2006

**Definition:** The value of gross weekly income from all sources (before deductions for income

tax, superannuation, etc.) for all household members expressed as dollars per

week.

**Context:** Gross household income is used to calculate the low income status of a household.

Data Element Concept: Household—gross income

Value Domain: <u>Total Australian currency N[NNNN].NN</u>

#### Value domain attributes

#### Representational attributes

Representation class: Total

Data type: Currency

Format: N[NNNNN].NN

Maximum character length: 8

**Unit of measure:** Australian currency (AU\$)

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** 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).

#### Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The main components of gross income are:

- · current usual wages and salary;
- income derived from self-employment;
- government pensions, benefits and allowances; and
- other income comprising investments (including interest, dividends, royalties and rent) and other regular income (including superannuation, private scholarships received in cash, workers' compensation, accident compensation, maintenance or alimony, and any other allowances regularly

received).

Gross income is regarded as all receipts which are received regularly and are of a recurring nature. Certain receipts such as lump sum receipts, windfall gains and withdrawals from savings are not considered to conform to these criteria and are not included as income.

Comments: In the Commonwealth Housing data set including Commonwealth Rent Assistance

(CRA), the counting unit is an income unit rather than a household, and income

from all sources is referred to as total private income.

### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Public rental housing data manual 2001-02

**Relational attributes** 

references: <u>Housing assistance</u>, Superseded 10/02/2006