
Income unit

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000523 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT
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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. Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent / dependent child who usually resides in the same household. This means that an income unit can be defined as:
- a married couple or sole parent, and dependent children only; or

- a married couple only with no dependent children present; or
- a person who is not related to any other household member either by marriage or by the parent / dependent child relationship.
Context: This is the standard statistical unit for analyses of economic well being, and in the community services context is an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Income unit version 1
relates to the data element concept Dwelling version 1
relates to the data element concept Household version 2
relates to the data element Relationship in household version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Bureau of Statistics 1995. A Provisional Framework for Household Income, Consumption, Saving and Wealth. Cat. no. 6549.0. Canberra: ABS
Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Comments: It should be noted that the reference to 'dependent child' in this context is guided by the following definition. 'A dependent child is any person aged under 15 years, or person aged 15 to 24 years who is a full-time student and lives with a parent(s), guardian or other relative and who does not have a spouse or offspring of the person living in the same location'.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Household income characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element