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# Dwelling occupancy status

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHADD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000719                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHDAMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: Whether or not a dwelling is occupied by tenants at a given point in time.  
Context: An essential piece of information for planning purposes for housing providers.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 1  
Data Domain: 1                      Occupied  
                  2                      Not occupied  
                  9                      Not stated/ inadequately described

Guide For Use: 1. Occupied: includes any structures that people actually live in regardless of its intended purpose. The structure may or may not be tenatable.  
2. Vacant: a vacant structure is only a dwelling if it is intended for human residence. The structure may or may not be tenatable. Thus a shed, garage, office, etc. is counted as an occupied dwelling if people are living there, but is not counted as vacant if there are no residents as the purpose of the structure is not for human habitation.

Related metadata: relates to the data element concept Tenancy (rental) unit version 1  
relates to the data element concept Dwelling version 1

## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: 1996 Census Dictionary, Cat. No. 2901.0

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

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## *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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