
Dwelling

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD

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Definition: A structure or a discrete space within a structure intended for people to live in or where a person or group of people live. Thus a structure that people actually live in is a dwelling regardless of its intended purpose, but a vacant structure is only a dwelling if intended for human residence. A dwelling may include one or more rooms used as an office or workshop provided the dwelling is in residential use.

Context: Dwellings are the main counting unit in the housing sector. Dwellings are reported for a variety of purposes including number of untenable or tenable, and occupied or vacant dwellings. Dwellings may be owned and /or, managed, and/or available for a use by a specific program, including headleased stock from private and government sources.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:

Guide For Use: Certain operational rules are required to provide a consistent basis on which to determine whether accommodation within a particular structure, such as a granny flat, forms a separate dwelling. Discrete spaces within a single structure intended for people to live in are only identified as separate dwellings if they are self-contained. A self-contained unit has its own cooking, bathing and toilet facilities and can be accessed without passing through another dwelling (excluding communal entry halls, passages and lobbies.)

Related metadata: relates to the data element Dwelling structure version 2
relates to the data element Address version 1
relates to the data element Area of residence version 2
relates to the data element State/Territory identifier version 1

Administrative Attributes

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Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

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