
Homeless status - CSHA

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD
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Definition: Homeless, for the purpose of the CSHA priority access national standard, is defined as a household with no housing or a household residing in temporary or emergency accommodation at the time of housing allocation. It includes households who:

- lived in accommodation provided by a SAAP agency or some other form of emergency accommodation;
- were totally without permanent shelter (eg wandered from place to place, slept out on the street or on park benches etc);
- lived in shelter that was unlawful such as those who were forced to squat in derelict buildings; or
- stayed temporarily with friends or relatives in the short term (eg up to a maximum of 6 weeks duration).

Context: The CSHA priority access national standard identifies applicants who at the time of allocation were homeless or who did not have access to safe, secure and affordable housing. The definition of 'homeless' used in this standard is narrow and focuses on persons who experienced primary and secondary homelessness (excluding people residing in boarding houses) according to the definitions developed by Chamberlain.

The CSHA priority access national standard draws a distinction between the 'homeless' category and the categories which address the safety, security and affordability of housing. It would therefore have been inappropriate to use the SAAP Homeless definition, as it is a broader concept and is inclusive of persons who did not have access to safe, secure and adequate housing.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE

Representation N
layout:

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 1	Homeless
2	Not homeless
9	Not stated/inadequately described

Related metadata: relates to the data element Greatest need status version 2
relates to the data element Homeless status SAAP version 1
relates to the data element Homeless SAAP version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Public rental housing data manual 2001-02

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
