
Income source (main)

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD
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Definition: The source by which a person derives most (equal to or greater than 50% of his/her income. If a person has multiple sources of income and equal to or greater than 50%, the one which contributes the largest percentage should be counted.

Context: Income source is used to derive low income status of households and whether they may be eligible to receive Commonwealth Rent Assistance if the same household was living in the private rental market.
The element is also an indicator of the need and circumstances of individuals and is sometimes used in the assessment of income equity.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 2

Data Domain:

1	Wages/salary
2	Government Pension/benefit
2.1	Disability pension
2.2	Aged pension
2.3	Unemployment benefit (e.g. Newstart)
2.4	Other government pension/benefit (including any other Centrelink/Department of Veteran Affairs payments e.g. Youth allowance or Service Pensions)
3	Other (e.g. compensation/superannuation)

- 4 Nil income
- 9 Not stated/not known

Guide For Use: This question is not asked of person's aged less than 15 years because they are generally dependants.

Collection Methods: Data collection may use more detailed categories.

Standard questionnaire module:

What is the main income source of the main income earner?

(Please tick one box only)

(Main source of income is the source by which a person derives most (equal to or greater than 50%) of his/her income).

Wages / salary

Disability pension

Aged pension

Unemployment benefit (e.g. Newstart)

Other government pension/benefit (including any other Centrelink / Department of Veteran Affairs payments e.g. youth allowance or service pensions)

Other (e.g. compensation / superannuation)

Nil income

If a main income earner (person with the highest income) cannot be identified use the first person on the tenancy agreement/application form.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Income - assessable version 1

relates to the data element Low income status version 2

relates to the data element Income - gross version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: CSHA Public Rental Housing Data Collection Manual 1999-2000
National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary

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
