

Dwelling—Australian postcode

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	302038
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Standard 10/02/2006
Definition:	The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a dwelling.
Context:	Postcode is an important part of a dwelling's postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location. Postcode may assist with uniquely identifying a dwelling.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Dwelling
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 head-leased stock from private and government sources. A dwelling includes a boarding house building and boarding house units .
Specialisation of:	Environmental factors

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Boarding house rooms or beds are not identified as separate dwellings unless they are self-contained. Self-contained rooms are therefore defined as units and are counted as a separate dwelling. For the public rental housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collections, the number of tenancy (rental) units is used as a proxy for counting the number of dwellings.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Housing Data Development Committee
Origin:	Australian Bureau of Statistics: 2001 Census Data Dictionary (Cat. no. 2901.0). Reference through: http://www.abs.gov.au .

Property attributes

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Property group: [Location characteristics](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Address—Australian postcode](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023
[Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 09/03/2012
[Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011
[Homelessness](#), Standard 02/05/2013
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 02/05/2013
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012
[Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016
[WA Health](#), Standard 06/03/2014
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

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[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013