

Dwelling—Australian postcode

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- [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.

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

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Property group: [Location characteristics](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Standards Australia
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](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 19/07/2018
- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015
- [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:

[Dwelling—Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013