

Dwelling—Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Dwelling postcode - Australian
METEOR identifier:	302040
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Superseded 01/05/2013
Definition:	The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a dwelling.
Data Element Concept:	Dwelling—Australian postcode
Value Domain:	Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Postcode datafile
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	{NNNN}
Maximum character length:	4

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: Postcode - Australian may be used in the analysis of data on a geographical basis, which involves a conversion from postcodes to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) postal areas. This conversion results in some inaccuracy of information. However, in some data sets postcode is the only geographic identifier, therefore the use of other more accurate indicators (e.g. Statistical Local Area (SLA)) is not always possible.

When dealing with aggregate data, postal areas, converted from postcodes, can be mapped to Australian Standard Geographical Classification codes using an ABS concordance, for example to determine SLAs. It should be noted that such concordances should not be used to determine the SLA of any individual's postcode. Where individual street addresses are available, these can be mapped to ASGC codes (e.g. SLAs).

Data element attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Housing Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile - Tasmanian variation\) {NNNN}](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016

Has been superseded by [Address—Australian postcode, Australian postcode code \(Postcode datafile\) {NNNN}](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022

See also [Dwelling—Australian state/territory identifier, address code AA\[A\]](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

See also [Dwelling—Australian state/territory identifier, address code AA\[A\]](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Recorded 18/06/2024

See also [Dwelling—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

See also [Dwelling—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Dwelling \(housing assistance\) cluster](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Dwelling \(housing assistance\) cluster](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Dwelling address details cluster](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

DSS specific information: Unknown values are recorded as "U".

[Dwelling address details cluster](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 28/09/2011

[Dwelling file cluster \(Mainstream community housing\)](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Dwelling file cluster \(Mainstream community housing\)](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

DSS specific information: Unknown postcodes are recorded as "U".

[Home purchase assistance 2009-10](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009
Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

[Home purchase assistance 2010-11](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Private rent assistance DSS 2009-10](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009
Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

[Private rent assistance DSS 2010-11](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Disaggregation

[National Affordability Housing Agreement: g-Proportion of Indigenous households living in overcrowded conditions, 2010](#)

[Homelessness](#), Standard 16/02/2011

[Indigenous](#), Standard 11/09/2012