

# Homeless

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010

**Definition:** A person is homeless if he or she does not have access to safe, secure and stable housing. Hence even if a person has a physical home, they would be considered homeless if:

- they were not safe at home,
- they had no legal right to continued occupation of their home (security of tenure), or
- the home lacked the amenities or resources necessary for living.

**Context:** There is considerable concern over the number of homeless people in society and the assistance they require. Collecting information on homeless people is problematic, as the concept of 'homelessness' encompasses elements in addition to whether, someone resides in a dwelling or not.


## Source and reference attributes

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Is re-engineered from  [Homelessness, version 1, DEC, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (13.0 KB)  
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**Metadata items which use  
this glossary item:**

[Community Housing DSS 2018-](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/05/2019

[Household—greatest need reason, code N](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

[Household—greatest need status](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/02/2006

[Household—homeless prior to allocation indicator](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

[Mainstream community housing DSS 2013-18](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/05/2019

[Person \(address\)—suburb/town/locality name, text A\[A\(49\)\]](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Public Housing and State Owned and Managed Indigenous housing \(PH & SOMIH\)  
DSS 2018-](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/05/2019

[Public rental housing DSS 2013-14](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

[Public rental housing DSS 2014-17](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 19/12/2017

[Public rental housing DSS 2017-18](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 10/05/2019

[Residential setting code N](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005

[State owned and managed Indigenous housing \(SOMIH\) DSS 2013-14](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

[State owned and managed Indigenous housing \(SOMIH\) DSS 2014-17](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 19/12/2017

[State owned and managed Indigenous housing \(SOMIH\) DSS 2017-18](#)

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 05/05/2019