Dwelling—number of occupants

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 443862 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 19/09/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017 |
| Definition: | The number of occupants living within a dwelling. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Dwelling](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268982) |
| 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 untenantable or tenantable, 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327414) and [**government**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327318) sources. A dwelling includes a [**boarding house building**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327408) and  [**boarding house units**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327412). |
| Specialisation of: | [Environmental factors](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/315988) |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | [**Boarding house rooms**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327410) 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: | [Number of occupants](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/443860) |
| Definition: | A count of the people living in a building. |
| Property group: | [Accommodation/living characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274640) |

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes



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| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Dwelling—number of occupants](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/663050)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 30/08/2017 |
| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Dwelling—number of occupants, total N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/479783)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 19/09/2013  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017  [Dwelling—number of occupants, total people N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/443880)  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 01/05/2013 |