

# Dwelling—vacancy reason

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 459080  
**Registration status:**

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

**Definition:** The reason a dwelling is untenanted.

## 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 untenanted or tenanted, 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

**Property:** [Vacancy reason](#)

**Definition:** The reason a structure is untenanted.

**Property group:** [Material resource characteristics](#)

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Dwelling—vacancy reason](#)

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

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:**

[Dwelling—vacancy reason \(jurisdiction\), identifier XXXXXX](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Dwelling—vacancy reason \(jurisdiction\), text \[X\(70\)\]](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Dwelling—vacancy reason, code N.N](#)

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

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