

# Dwelling history (housing assistance) cluster

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 478915

**Registration status:** [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster

**Scope:** The Dwelling history cluster describes one record for each vacancy episode during the financial year for dwellings that are occupied or vacant at 30 June, and are managed by the public rental housing and State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) programs.

Include:

- Vacancy episodes from the date the certificate of occupancy was completed for newly constructed dwellings or the date when the keys were received for newly purchased dwellings
- Vacancy episodes of [dwellings headleased from private market](#) or other programs used to house public rental housing and SOMIH households and managed by the jurisdiction.

Exclude:

- Vacancy episodes of dwellings earmarked for demolition, sale or cancellation, unless subsequently re-tenanted
- Dwellings owned but not administered by the jurisdiction (e.g. leased to other program areas and not administered by state housing authority).

## Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:** Data qualifications:

- Where a dwelling has had a period of vacancy during with more than one vacancy reason the vacancy should be recorded as follows: if a dwelling's vacancy has both 'available to let' (vacancy reason code 1.X) and 'not available to let' (vacancy reason code 2.X) periods it should be recorded as multiple vacancy episodes with the new episode starting each time the reason changes from 1.X to 2.X; if a dwelling's vacancy has multiple contiguous 'available to let' reason periods then they should be recorded as a single vacancy, reporting the vacancy reason as the one that was applicable for the greatest number of days; and if a dwelling's vacancy has multiple contiguous 'not available to let' reason periods then they should be recorded as a single vacancy, reporting the vacancy reason as the one that was applicable for the greatest number of days
- Vacancy start date is generally the day after the previous household has ended their tenancy, i.e. equal to dt\_end on the household file. Vacancy end date is the day that the next household starts their tenancy in the dwelling, i.e. equal to dt\_start on the household file. However, if one household's tenancy ends and another household's tenancy starts in the same dwelling on the same day, the vacancy start date should be set equal to the date the previous household ended their tenancy, i.e. equal to dt\_end of the previous household on the household file. (Such a vacancy episode has duration 0 days)
- The following formula should be used to calculate the number of vacant days:  $VACDAYS = (VACEND - VACSTART)$
- Dwellings still vacant at 30 June of the current financial year are excluded from P10 calculations. However, jurisdictions must assign a value to VAC\_DD (vacancy reason) for EVERY vacancy episode, both ongoing and non-ongoing.

**Comments:** Refer to the collection period of the data set to determine the reference year for this cluster.

Note: The data items VACRSN, VADCESC and VACTYPE have been removed and replaced by a new variable VAC\_DD.V which is populated with a standard set of vacancy reason codes (see [Dwelling—vacancy reason, code N.N](#)).

As a result of this change the following data elements from the Public Housing 2009-10 DSS and SOMIH 2009-10 DSS have been discontinued.

- [Dwelling—vacancy reason \(jurisdiction\), text \[X\(70\)\]](#)
- [Dwelling—vacancy reason \(jurisdiction\), identifier XXXXXX](#)
- [Dwelling—normal vacancy indicator, yes/no code N](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Steward:** [Housing and Homelessness Performance Reporting Working Group](#)

**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). Public rental housing and SOMIH national data collection: processing manual 2010-2011. Canberra: AIHW.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Dwelling history \(housing assistance\) cluster Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013  
Has been superseded by [Dwelling history \(housing assistance\) cluster Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Public rental housing DSS 2010-11](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013  
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[Public rental housing DSS 2011-12](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014  
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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2012  
[Public rental housing DSS 2012-13](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013  
[State owned and managed Indigenous housing \(SOMIH\) DSS 2010-11](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013  
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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—Australian state/territory identifier, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
<i>DSS specific information:</i>			
Code 9 'Other territories (Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory)' is not collected in the Dwelling (occupied and vacant) cluster.			
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—dwelling identifier, X[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—housing program type, (public rental housing/SOMIH) code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—number of days vacant, total N[NNN]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—vacancy end date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—vacancy reason, code N.N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Dwelling—vacancy start date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1