

# Home purchase assistance 2012-13 Data Quality Statement

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to [info@aihw.gov.au](mailto:info@aihw.gov.au).

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at [meteor@aihw.gov.au](mailto:meteor@aihw.gov.au).

# Home purchase assistance 2012-13 Data Quality Statement

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Quality Statement
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	580944
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">AIHW Data Quality Statements</a> , Superseded 05/06/2015

## Data quality

**Data quality statement summary:** All states and territories provide the AIHW with Home Purchase Assistance (HPA) data from their administrative systems. The AIHW compiles this data for annual national reporting on the National Affordable Housing Agreement and internal publications and bulletins.

Care should be taken when comparing data across jurisdictions, given differences in the types of HPA programs run and differences in the broader jurisdictional housing systems.

Care should also be taken when comparing data across time due to changes in the underlying HPA programs and how they are classified.

All states and territories provide HPA and maintain administrative data sets about these programs. These data sets are provided annually to the AIHW. This collection contains data about HPA received during 2012-13 financial year and repayable forms of HPA provided prior to the 2012-13 financial year for which monies remain outstanding at the commencement of the 2012-13 financial year.

**Institutional environment:** The AIHW is a major national agency set up by the Australian Government under the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987 to provide reliable, regular and relevant information and statistics on Australia's health and welfare. It is an independent statutory authority established in 1987, governed by a management Board, and accountable to the Australian Parliament through the Health and Ageing portfolio.

The AIHW aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Australians through better health and welfare information and statistics. It collects and reports information on a wide range of topics and issues, ranging from health and welfare expenditure, hospitals, disease and injury, and mental health, to ageing, homelessness, disability and child protection.

The Institute also plays a role in developing and maintaining national metadata standards. This work contributes to improving the quality and consistency of national health and welfare statistics. The Institute works closely with governments and non-government organisations to achieve greater adherence to these standards in administrative data collections to promote national consistency and comparability of data and reporting.

One of the main functions of the AIHW is to work with the states and territories to improve the quality of administrative data and, where possible, to compile national data sets based on data from each jurisdiction, to analyse these data sets and disseminate information and statistics.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987, in conjunction with compliance to the Privacy Act 1988, (Cth) ensures that the data collections managed by the AIHW are kept securely and under the strictest conditions with respect to privacy and confidentiality.

For further information see the AIHW website <[www.aihw.gov.au](http://www.aihw.gov.au)>.

The AIHW receives, compiles, edits and verifies the HPA data in collaboration with jurisdictions, which retain ownership of the data and must approve any jurisdiction level output before it is released. The finalised data sets are used by the AIHW for collation, reporting and analysis.

<b>Timeliness:</b>	<p>The reference period for the HPA data collection is based on the financial year (ending 30 June). Data are collected and published annually. The specific reference period for these data is 2012-13.</p> <p>Data was due to be submitted to AIHW by jurisdictions on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2013. Two jurisdictions had submitted the data by that date and the latest data was obtained on 09<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Following data cleaning and validation, data signed off by all jurisdictions, was available for analysis on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013.</p>
<b>Accessibility:</b>	<p>Annual data are reported in Housing Assistance in Australia which will be available publicly on the AIHW website and the COAG Reform Council's NAHA Report.</p> <p><a href="https://www.coagreformcouncil.gov.au/reports/housing.cfm">https://www.coagreformcouncil.gov.au/reports/housing.cfm</a>.</p> <p>Users can request additional disaggregations of data which are not available online or in reports (subject to jurisdiction approval) via the AIHW's online data request system at <a href="https://datarequest.aihw.gov.au/_layouts/AdHocDataRequest/LodgeRequest.aspx/">https://datarequest.aihw.gov.au/_layouts/AdHocDataRequest/LodgeRequest.aspx/</a>. Requests that take longer than half an hour to compile are charged for on a cost-recovery basis. General enquiries about AIHW publications can be made to the Communications, Media and Marketing Unit on (02) 6244 1032 or via email to <a href="mailto:info@aihw.gov.au">info@aihw.gov.au</a>.</p>
<b>Interpretability:</b>	<p>Detailed metadata and definitions relating to this data source can be found in the Data Set Specifications, which can be downloaded from the AIHW website at <a href="http://content/index.phtml/itemId/480487">/content/index.phtml/itemId/480487</a>&gt;, and in the National housing and homelessness data dictionary, which can be downloaded from the AIHW website at <a href="http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129543695">http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129543695</a>&gt;. Supplementary information can be found in the HPA data collection manual, which is available upon request from the AIHW at <a href="mailto:housing@aihw.gov.au">housing@aihw.gov.au</a>.</p>
<b>Relevance:</b>	<p>The data collected are an administrative by-product of the management of HPA programs administered by the jurisdictions and conform well in terms of scope, coverage and reference period.</p> <p>HPA for the purpose of this collection relates to the provision of financial assistance to enable households to improve their access to home ownership and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• direct lending (including government loans, shared equity loans and bridging loans)</li> <li>• deposit assistance</li> <li>• interest rate assistance</li> <li>• mortgage relief</li> <li>• other assistance grants.</li> </ul> <p>It excludes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• non-financial assistance, e.g. home purchase advisory and counselling services</li> <li>• home renovation/maintenance services</li> <li>• sale to tenant programs.</li> </ul> <p>In-scope households are those that received HPA assistance in the 2012-13 financial year and those that received repayable forms of HPA provided prior to the 2012-13 financial year for which monies remain outstanding at the commencement of the 2012-13 financial year.</p>

**Accuracy:**

There are some known accuracy issues with the data collected;

- The administrative data sets from which this collection is drawn have inaccuracies to varying degrees including missing data and data coding or recording errors.
- Not all jurisdictions collect data items as per data specifications.
- Care should be taken in interpreting the number of households assisted. Some households received multiple types of home purchase assistance. These households are counted for each type of assistance received.
- Collection of Indigenous status of the household is not mandatory within the HPA collection. Approximately 45 percent of all households recorded in the 2012-13 collection had an unknown indigenous status. As a result, caution should be taken when interpreting Indigenous breakdowns.

## Coherence:

Care is required when comparing outputs across jurisdictions. Differences in the data collected and which records are included or excluded from a calculation can affect the coherence of the outputs. Coherence over time has been affected by changes in how HPA is reported. Home Purchase Advisory and Counselling Services have been excluded from the collection since 2009-10. Specific State/Territory issues are:

### Victoria

A change in Victoria's accordance with the scope of the collection in 2011-12 has led to a change in the reported number of households assisted under 'Other' assistance. The change in accordance with the scope is constituted by the exclusion of a home renovations scheme that, prior to the 2011-12 collection, had been included under 'Other' assistance. Thus, number of households assisted from 2011-12 is not comparable with the earlier data.

### Queensland

A change in Queensland's accordance with the scope of the collection in 2011-12 has led to a change in the reported number of households assisted under direct lending. The change in accordance with the scope is constituted by the exclusion of aspects of sale to tenant programs that were not direct lending that prior to the 2011-12 collection, were reported under direct lending. Thus, data is not comparable with data from 2010-11 and earlier reference periods.

- **Western Australia**

The 2012-13 data is inconsistent with the data reported in previous years.

In the 2011-12 collection, 'Other' assistance reflected waived mortgage insurance on direct lending. Prior to the 2011-12 collection, 'Other' assistance reflected loans that funded the state's share of equity in shared equity dwellings.

- From the 2011-12 collection, the number of households assisted through direct lending reflects both households that were issued loans in the 2011-12 financial year and households that were issued loans in a previous financial year that had outstanding balances on that assistance. Prior to 2011-12 collection, only households that were issued loans within the current financial year were reported.
- From 2011-12, households with current loans issued before October 2009 with a relatively low variable interest rate are reported as having received direct lending assistance. Prior to 2011-12, these households were reported as having received interest rate assistance.

### Australian Capital Territory

From 2011-12, the number of households assisted through direct lending reflects both households that were issued loans within the current financial year and households that received ongoing forms of assistance in a previous financial year that had outstanding balances on that assistance. Prior to the 2011-12 collection, the reported data included only the number of households that were issued loans within the financial year of the relevant reference period. Thus, data from 2012-13 and 2011-12 are not comparable with the data from earlier reference periods.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Home purchase assistance 2011-12 Data Quality Statement](#)  
[AIHW Data Quality Statements](#), Superseded 03/07/2014

Has been superseded by [Home purchase assistance 2013-14 Data Quality Statement](#)  
[AIHW Data Quality Statements](#), Superseded 31/05/2016

