Income unit

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Object Class
Synonymous names:	Income unit
METEOR identifier:	608087
Registration status:	Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017
Definition:	One person or a group of related persons within a **household**, whose command over income is shared, or any person living in a non private dwelling who is in receipt of personal income.
Context:	Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent/**dependant** who usually reside in the same household. This means that an income unit can be defined as:

- a married couple or sole parent, and dependent children only
- a married couple only with no dependent children present
- a person who is not related to any other household member either by marriage or by the parent/dependant relationship.

This is the standard statistical unit for analyses of economic wellbeing, and can be an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Housing Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Income unit Community Services (retired), Standard 31/08/2007 Housing assistance, Superseded 30/08/2017 See also Centrelink income unit Housing assistance, Standard 11/04/2005
Data Element Concepts implementing this Object Class:	Income unit—income unit identifier Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017 Income unit—income unit type Community Services (retired), Standard 31/08/2007 Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017 Income unit—relationship to household reference person Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017