

Dwelling—structure type

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
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Definition:	Describes the physical structure of the individual dwelling that a tenant occupies.
Context:	Data on dwelling structure are used to monitor changes in housing characteristics, to help formulate housing policies and to review existing housing stock.

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.
Context:	Dwellings are the main statistical unit in the housing sector. Information on the number of occupied dwellings and tenantable and untenable vacancies in a dwelling is collected by housing providers for planning purposes. Dwellings may be owned, managed, and/or made available for use by a specific program, including head-leased stock from private and government sources. Dwellings include boarding house buildings and boarding house units .

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2011. Census Dictionary, 2011. ABS cat. no. 2901.0. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 9 February 2017, http://www.abs.gov.au

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	Structure type
Definition:	A descriptor of the class of physical structure.
Property group:	Material resource characteristics

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Origin: Australian Bureau of Statistics: [1996 Census Data Dictionary](#) (Cat. no. 2901.0).

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

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