

# Dwelling—structure type

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	663003
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 30/08/2017
<b>Definition:</b>	Describes the physical structure of the individual dwelling that a tenant occupies.
<b>Context:</b>	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

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Dwelling</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	A structure or a discrete space within a structure intended for people to live in or where a person or group of people live.
<b>Context:</b>	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 <a href="#">private</a> and <a href="#">government</a> sources. Dwellings include <a href="#">boarding house buildings</a> and <a href="#">boarding house units</a> .

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<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><a href="#">Boarding house rooms</a> 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

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

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Structure type</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	A descriptor of the class of physical structure.
<b>Property group:</b>	<a href="#">Material resource characteristics</a>

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# Data element concept attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Dwelling—structure type](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:** [Dwelling—structure type, code N\[N\]](#)  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017