

Dwelling—number of occupants

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Dwelling—number of occupants

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	663050
Registration status:	Housing assistance , Standard 30/08/2017
Definition:	The number of occupants living within a dwelling.

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:	Number of occupants
Definition:	A count of the people living in a building.
Property group:	Accommodation/living characteristics

Data element concept attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Dwelling—number of occupants](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 19/09/2013
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: [Dwelling—number of occupants, total N\[N\]](#)
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 30/08/2017