Dwelling—number of occupants

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 663050 |
| Registration status: | [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 30/08/2017 |
| Definition: | The number of occupants living within a dwelling. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Dwelling](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/662863) |
| 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 untenantable 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/639150) and [**government**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327318) sources. Dwellings include [**boarding house buildings**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327408) and [**boarding house units**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327412). |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | 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.[**Boarding house rooms**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327410) 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.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. |
| 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

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| Property: | [Number of occupants](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/443860) |
| Definition: | A count of the people living in a building. |
| Property group: | [Accommodation/living characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274640) |

## Data element concept attributes

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

### Relational attributes

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| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Dwelling—number of occupants](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/443862)        [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 19/09/2013       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Superseded 30/08/2017 |
| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Dwelling—number of occupants, total N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/663054)       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 30/08/2017 |