

# Dwelling—vacancy start date

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 663139  
**Registration status:**

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

**Definition:** The start date of a dwelling vacancy period, which begins on the date that the previous tenancy agreement ends.

## 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:** 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](#) 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

**Property:** [Vacancy start date](#)

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**Property group:** [Accommodation/living characteristics](#)

## Data element concept attributes

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Dwelling—vacancy start date](#)

- [Housing assistance](#), Superseded 30/08/2017

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:** [Dwelling—vacancy start date, DDMMYYYY](#)

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