# Person—housing tenure type, homelessness code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| **Metadata item type:** | Data Element |
| **Short name:** | Tenure type |
| **METEOR identifier:** | 689162 |
| **Registration status:** | • [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018 |
| **Definition:** | The arrangement under which a person occupies a dwelling, as represented by a code. |
| **Data Element Concept:** | [Person—housing tenure type](#) |

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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| **Representation class:** | Code |
| **Data type:** | Number |
| **Format:** | N[N] |
| **Maximum character length:** | 2 |

**Permissible values:**

| Value | Meaning |
|---|---|
| | Renter |
| 1 | Renter - private housing |
| 2 | Renter - public housing |
| 3 | Renter - community housing |
| 4 | Renter - transitional housing |
| 5 | Renter - caravan park |
| 6 | Renter - boarding/rooming house |
| 7 | Renter - emergency accommodation/night shelter/women's refuge/youth shelter where rent is charged |
| 8 | Other renter |
| | Rent free |
| 9 | Rent free - private housing |
| 10 | Rent free - public housing |
| 11 | Rent free - community housing |
| 12 | Rent free- transitional housing |
| 13 | Rent free - caravan park |
| 14 | Rent free - boarding/rooming house |
| 15 | Rent free - emergency accommodation/night shelter/women's refuge/youth shelter where rent is not charged |
| 16 | Other rent free |
| | Life tenure |
| 17 | Life tenure scheme |
| | Owner |
| 18 | Owner - shared equity or rent/buy scheme |
| 19 | Owner - being purchased/with mortgage |
| 20 | Owner - fully owned |
| | Other |
| 21 | Other tenure type not elsewhere specified |
| 22 | No tenure |

**Supplementary values:**

| Value | Meaning |
|---|---|
| 99 | Not stated/inadequately described |

# Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

**Renter**

CODE 1   Renter - private housing

A person paying money in the private rental market in return for accommodation.

CODE 2   Renter - public housing

A person paying money to a housing authority or housing assistance agency in return for accommodation.

CODE 3   Renter - community housing

A person paying money to a housing association, housing cooperative or other not-for-profit community service organisation in return for accommodation.

CODE 4   Renter - transitional housing

A person paying money to occupy accommodation for transition towards independent living or towards returning home. The accommodation is generally more stable and provided for longer than crisis accommodation, and is linked to external support through another agency.

CODE 5   Renter - caravan park

A person paying money to rent a cabin or caravan in a caravan park.

CODE 6   Renter - boarding/rooming house

A person paying money to rent a place, room or rooms in a boarding or rooming house.

CODE 7   Renter - Emergency accommodation/night shelter/women's refuge/youth shelter where rent is charged.

A person paying rent for emergency accommodation, a night shelter, women's refugee or youth shelter.

CODE 8   Other renter

A person renting accommodation that is not included in the categories listed above.

**Rent Free**

CODE 9   Rent free - private housing

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation in the private rental market. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 10   Rent free - public housing

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation from a housing authority or housing assistance agency. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 11   Rent free - community housing

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation, to a housing association, housing cooperative or other not-for-profit community service organisation. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 12   Rent free - transitional housing

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation for transition towards independent living or towards returning home. The accommodation is generally more stable and provided for longer than crisis accommodation, and is linked to external support through another agency.

CODE 13   Rent free - caravan park

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation, to occupy a cabin or caravan in a caravan park. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 14   Rent free - boarding/rooming house

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation, to occupy a place, room or rooms in a boarding or rooming house. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 15   Rent free - emergency accommodation/night shelter/women's refuge/youth shelter where no rent is charged.

A person staying rent free in emergency accommodation, a night shelter, women's refuge or youth shelter.

CODE 16   Other Rent free

A person paying no money, in exchange for accommodation, to occupy any other dwelling. Excludes owners with or without a mortgage, house-sitters, and those paying accommodation in goods and services.

CODE 17   Life tenure scheme

A person with a contract to live in the dwelling for the term of his/her life but without the full rights of ownership and usually with limited or no equity in the dwelling. This is a common arrangement in retirement villages.

**Owner**

CODE 18   Owner - shared equity or rent/buy scheme

A person purchasing a proportion of the equity in the dwelling, and paying rent for the remainder.

CODE 19   Owner - being purchased/with mortgage

A person who owns their dwelling and is repaying a mortgage or loans secured against the dwelling, regardless of the purpose of the mortgage or secured loan.

CODE 20   Owner - fully owned

A person who owns their dwelling and is not making any payments on mortgages or loans secured against the dwelling. (Thus persons who have repaid a loan but technically not discharged the associated mortgage are included in this category).

CODE 21   Other tenure type not elsewhere specified

The tenure does not fit any of the above categories. For example: house-sitting, payment in kind, for a specific service.

CODE 22   No tenure

The person is sleeping rough or does not have a legal right to occupy a dwelling and can be asked to leave at any time.

Includes couch surfing, living on the streets, sleeping in parks, squatting, using cars or railway carriages, improvised dwellings, or living in the long grass.

Includes living in an institutional setting, such as a hospital, psychiatric hospital/unit, disability support unit, rehabilitation facility, adult correctional facility, youth / juvenile justice detention centre, boarding school / residential college, aged care facility or immigration detention centre.

# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

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| **Guide for use:** | This data element is intended for use specifically for data collections on homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness. |
| **Collection methods:** | The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question: |
| | 'Which of the following best describes your tenure?' |

## Relational attributes

| **Related metadata references:** | See also [Person—conditions of occupancy, code N](#) |
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- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Supersedes [Person—housing tenure type, homelessness code N](#)

- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

See also [Person—residential type, code N[N]](#)

- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

*Conditional obligation:*

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

*DSS specific information:*

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:

- one week before the start of the support period (the [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- at the date of presentation
- at the end of the reporting period (the [Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- at the end of the support period (the [Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY](#))

Only one permissible value is selected in each case.