Income unit

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD

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Definition: One person or a group of related persons within a household, whose command over income is shared, or any person living in a non private dwelling who is in receipt of personal income.

Context: Income units are restricted to relationships of marriage (registered or de facto) and of parent / dependent child who usually resides in the same household.
This means that an income unit can be defined as:
- a married couple or sole parent, and dependent children only; or
- a married couple only with no dependent children present; or
- a person who is not related to any other household member either by marriage or by the parent / dependent child relationship.
This is the standard statistical unit for analyses of economic wellbeing, and can be an important measure in assessing the needs and circumstances of individuals and families.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:

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Administrative Attributes

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Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Comments: The definition used in the Commonwealth housing data set including CRA is:

An income unit is the base unit that is used to calculate a CRA entitlement amount. It consists of a person and:

(a) Any other person treated as their current partner under the Social Security Act 1991.

(b) Any other person for whom either them, or their partner, receives FTB.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element