

## 3 General notes

Data in this manual should be read in conjunction with the Public Rental Housing Data Manual 2001-02 which is available at [http://www.aihw.gov.au/housing/assistance/data\\_collections/manuals\\_and\\_reports.html#arhp](http://www.aihw.gov.au/housing/assistance/data_collections/manuals_and_reports.html#arhp).

### 3.1 Symbols:

..	not applicable
n.a.	not available
no.	number
\$	Australian dollars
%	per cent
'000	thousands

### 3.2 Scope

The data reported in this document relates only to Public Rental Housing program tenancies covered by the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement. Included are households residing in public rental dwellings where the dwelling is either:

- owned by the housing authority; or,
- leased from the private sector or other housing program areas and used for provision of public rental housing.

This collection aims to exclude properties administered under community housing, programs, aboriginal housing programs or crisis and emergency accommodation programs for people who are homeless or who are experiencing other crises. Therefore public rental properties leased to other program areas such as Community Housing, Crisis Accommodation or Aboriginal Rental Housing Program are excluded from this collection.

Properties no longer under the administration of the property manager/agency at 30 June 2002, including properties demolished, sold or disposed of; and properties not yet available to the property manager/agency at 30 June 2002 (such as those still under construction or being purchased) are also excluded.

### 3.3 Coverage

States and territories were able to provide most of the data requested for this collection in keeping with the definitions provided. Exceptions to this are footnoted.

### 3.4 Data qualifications

In addition to minor qualifications detailed in the footnotes the following qualifications apply to the reported data:

1. National totals are calculated using only those state/territories where information is available. Of particular note is that national performance indicator percentages are based on available and valid values only (i.e. both numerator and denominator are available and valid).
2. The National Housing Data Repository was used to collect all Public Rental Housing administrative data (excluding financial data {P8 & P11}) for Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. New South Wales provided data via spreadsheet return. P2 (AF1, AF2, AF3) for NSW was calculated via the data repository. The same specifications were used in both collection methods.
3. Victorian data: excluded movable unit land owners (MULND) from the calculations.
4. South Australian data: excluded all special needs (e.g. Student Housing, Migrant Housing) program households for the first time. This equates to 990 dwellings, affecting 926 households
5. Tasmanian and Australian Capital Territory data was calculated via the data repository for the first time; changes in results from previous years may be due to a change in methodology to calculate some data items.
6. Australian Capital Territory data incorporates changes to household type and income methodology as follows:
  - all tenants (code TEN) are considered to be single unless there is a matching spouse (code SP) in the household. In this instance, the spouse is allocated to a tenant and they are treated as a couple;
  - all Residents (code RES) over 16 years of age are also considered to be single;
  - for households containing both spouse (code SP) and dependants (code DEP), the dependant(s) are assumed to be attached to the couple.

Changes in results from previous years are partly due to a change in methodology to calculate this data.

### **3.5 Terminology used**

#### *Dwelling*

For the purpose of this collection a *dwelling* equals a tenancy (rental) unit which can be defined as the unit of accommodation to which a rental agreement can be made. In the majority of cases there will be only one tenancy (rental) unit within a dwelling structure, however in a small number of cases, there may be more than one tenancy (rental) unit.

#### *Household*

For the purpose of this collection a *household* equals a tenancy agreement. In the majority of cases there will be one household per rental tenancy unit.

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### **4.1 Summary data**

Some summary data is linked to performance indicators to assist with providing context for that indicator. For example:

- S4, S6 and S7 add context when analysing data for P6 Priority access to those in greatest need;
- S4 also adds context for P5 Special needs; and
- S8 and S9 add context when analysing data for P9 Occupancy rates.

However, some summary data is independent of performance indicators and provides additional information about Public Rental Housing programs that is not collected via performance indicators.

#### **Data qualifications:**

1. For South Australia, Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, for S2 and S4, where a household was newly allocated and also transferred within the same financial year they were counted in S2 and excluded from S4.