

## ASSIGNMENT OF BEDROOM SIZES (SUBSIDY STANDARDS)

Housing Catalyst will issue a voucher for a particular bedroom size – the bedroom size is a factor in determining the family’s level of assistance. The following guidelines will determine each family’s home size without overcrowding or over-housing:

Number of Bedrooms	Number of Persons	
	Minimum	Maximum
0	1	1
1	1	2
2	2	4
3	3	6
4	4	8

These standards assume that each bedroom will accommodate two people. Zero-bedroom units will only be assigned to single individuals.

In determining bedroom size, Housing Catalyst will include the child of a pregnant woman, children being adopted, children whose custody is being obtained, children temporarily away at school, or children temporarily in foster-care.

In addition, the following considerations may be taken in determining bedroom size:

- A. Children of the opposite sex who are five years or older will not be required to share a bedroom.
- B. Children of the opposite sex, both under the age of five years will share a bedroom.
- C. Adults and children will not be required to share a bedroom.
- D. Adult children and parents will not be required to share a bedroom.
- E. Foster adults and/or foster children will not be required to share a bedroom with family members.
- F. Live-in aides will get a separate bedroom.

Housing Catalyst may grant exceptions to normal occupancy standards when a family requests a larger size than the guidelines allow, and documents a medical reason why the larger size is necessary.

The home size will be determined by Housing Catalyst in accordance with the above guidelines and will determine the maximum rent subsidy for the family. However, the family may select a home that may be larger or smaller than the family home size. If the family selects a smaller home, the payment standard for the smaller home size will be used to calculate the subsidy. If the family selects a larger home, the payment standard for the family size will determine the maximum subsidy.

If a family is occupying a project-based voucher home that is determined to be the wrong size at the time of their annual certification, or has accessibility features the family does not require and which are needed by another family, Housing Catalyst will, in order:

1. Offer the family another project-based voucher home of the appropriate size if available,
2. Offer the family tenant based rental assistance under the voucher program as soon as possible. If the family receives a tenant-based voucher and fails to move out at the expiration term of their voucher (or any extensions), Housing Catalyst will terminate their project-based housing assistance payments.