



Port Huron HOUSING Commission

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ASSIGNMENT OF BEDROOM SIZES (SUBSIDY STANDARDS)

The PHHC will issue a Housing Choice Voucher for a particular bedroom size – the bedroom size is a factor in determining the family's level of assistance. The following Subsidy Standard guidelines will determine each family's unit size without over crowding or over-housing in accordance with HUD's HQS Occupancy Standards:

Number of bedrooms	Number of Persons	
	Minimum	Maximum
0	1	2
1	1	4
2	2	6
3	3	8
4	4	10
5	5	12
6	6	14

These standards are based on the assumption that the living room can be used as a living/sleeping area, and that each bedroom will accommodate no more than two (2) persons.

In determining bedroom size, the PHHC will include the presence of children to be born to a pregnant woman, children who are in the process of being adopted, children whose custody is being obtained, children who are temporarily away at school, or children who are temporarily in foster-care, and children currently under a 50% or more joint physical custody decree while living in the home.

Bedroom size, for the purposes of determining a family's subsidy level, will also be determined using the following guidelines:

- A. Children of the same sex will share a bedroom, unless separated by an age difference of 10 years or more.



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- B. Foster children will be included in determining unit size.
- C. Live-in Aides will generally be provided a separate bedroom. No additional bedrooms are provided for the live-in aide's family. (See 15.3, A. for more information on consideration of Live-in aides.)
- D. Space will not be provided for a family member who will be absent most of the time, such as a member who is away in the military.
- E. Persons of different generations with an age difference of at least 10 years will not be required to share a bedroom.
- F. Space may be provided for a child who is away at a school of higher education (not including pre-k through 12th grade) but lives with the family during school recesses.
- G. Single person families shall be allocated one bedroom.
- H. A family that consists of a pregnant woman only, and no other persons, must be treated as a two (2) person family.
- I. Adults and children will not be required to share a bedroom.

The PHHC will grant exceptions to normal Subsidy standards when a family requests a larger size than the guidelines allow and documents a need for a reasonable accommodation, or other medical reason why the large size is necessary (within fourteen (14) calendar days, in writing) See 24CFR 982.403 (a)(b).

The family unit size will be determined by the PHHC in accordance with the above guidelines and will determine the maximum rent subsidy for the family; however, the family may select a unit that may be large or smaller than the family unit size. If the family selects a smaller unit, the unit must meet HQS occupancy requirements (see 12.0, B), the payment standard for the smaller size will be used to calculate the subsidy. If the family selects a large size, the payment standard for the family unit size will determine the maximum subsidy.