

American Community Survey

Housing: Question on Bedrooms

Question as it appears in the questionnaire.

b. How many of these rooms are bedrooms?

Count as bedrooms those rooms you would list if this house, apartment, or mobile home were for sale or rent. If this is an efficiency/studio apartment, print "0".

Number of bedrooms

Source: ACS-1(2009)KFI

MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development uses bedrooms as an essential variable in calculating Fair Market Rents and in allocating funds for Section 8 certificates and housing vouchers. These data are useful in tracking changes in the physical characteristics of the housing inventory over time. The number of bedrooms also is an indicator of housing-unit size. The U.S. Department of Energy uses data on the changing size and structure of homes to forecast future energy demand.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Housing

Data about the number of bedrooms are used to allocate funds to states, counties, and cities under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

State and local planners use these data to evaluate the adequacy of the housing stock to shelter the population.

City and community officials use data about the number of bedrooms to determine housing deficiencies in neighborhoods.

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