

HC020: SIZE OF THE DWELLING IN SQUARE METRES

Topic and detailed topic: Living conditions, including material deprivation, housing, living environment, access to services / Housing conditions details, including deprivation and imputed rent

Variable type: Every 3 years

Unit: Household

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Household respondent or registers

In use (period): Yes, 2009 (optional), 2012, 2023

Series' differences: Yes, 2012 identifier and 2023 flags

VALUES AND FORMAT

0-999 Square metres

FLAGS

- 1 Collected via survey/interview
- 2 Collected from administrative data
- 3 Imputed
- 4 Not possible to establish a source
- 1 Missing
- 7 Not applicable (not collected according to the implementation of the “multiannual rolling planning”)

DESCRIPTION

The dwelling size refers to the useful floor space using the same definition as for the population and housing census and as recommended in the Programme of Current Housing and Building Statistics for Countries in the UNECE Region (Statistical Standards and Studies No. 43).

Useful floor space is defined as the floor space measured inside the outer walls, excluding non-habitable cellars and attics and, in multi-dwelling buildings, all common spaces.

Households should declare the area of dwelling that can be used exclusively. If part of the dwelling area is shared with other households (within the same dwelling), the procedure is as follows:

- if the number of persons living in all households occupying the same dwelling is known, the shared area should be divided by the number of persons living there and that part of the shared area should be added to each household according to the number of members;
- if only the number of households occupying the same dwelling is known, the shared area should be divided by the number of households and an equal share should be added to each household;
- in all other cases, the shared space should be added to each household.

The square metres divided by the number of occupants in a dwelling is needed to measure the dwelling density.

Suggested question:

HC020_Q1: What is the size of your dwelling, in square metres? If you don't know, please give an estimate.

[It refers to the floor space measured inside the outer walls, excluding non-habitable cellars and attics. In multi-dwelling buildings it excludes all common spaces]

_____square metres (number, 0-999)