

HH030: NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE TO THE HOUSEHOLD

Topic and detailed topic: Living conditions, including material deprivation, housing, living environment, access to services / Main housing characteristics

Variable type: First wave/Annual

Unit: Household

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Household respondent or registers

In use (period): Yes, since first year of EU-SILC data collection

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

1–9.9	Number of rooms
10	10 or more rooms

FLAGS

1	Collected via survey/interview
2	Collected from administrative data
3	Imputed
4	Not possible to establish a source
-1	Missing

DESCRIPTION

Room: A room is defined as a space of a housing unit of at least four square meters such as bedrooms, dining rooms, living rooms and habitable cellars, attics, kitchens and other separated spaces used or intended for dwelling purposes with a height over two meters and accessible from inside the unit.

Kitchens are only excluded if the space is used only for cooking. A single room used as kitchen-cum-dining room is included as one room in the count of rooms.

The following space of a housing unit does not count as a room: bathroom, toilet, corridor, utility room, lobby and veranda.

A room used solely for business use is excluded but is included if shared between private and business use.

If the dwelling is shared by more than one household and some rooms are shared with other households (within the same dwelling), the number of shared rooms should be divided by the number of households and the equal share should be added to each household. This variable can consequently be coded with one decimal. In the case of several households sharing a unique room, the variable is coded to '1' (zero is difficultly interpretable).

This variable is supposed to collect only the first wave households and to be reported annually.

In such cases that the household has moved from the previous address this information should also be collected even for the households in the new address.

Suggested question:

How many rooms does your household have altogether in your main residence that is excluding kitchen, bathrooms, toilets, corridors and lobby?

(A room is defined as a space of at least four square meter in a housing unit).