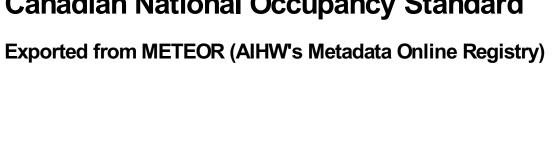
Canadian National Occupancy Standard



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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Glossary Item

Synonymous names: CNOS METEOR identifier: 386254

Registration status: Housing assistance, Standard 19/12/2017

Definition: The Canadian National Occupancy Standard (CNOS) assesses the bedroom

requirements of a household based on the following criteria:

• There should be no more than 2 persons per bedroom;

 Children less than 5 years of age of different sexes may reasonably share a bedroom:

 Children 5 years of age or older of opposite sex should have separate bedrooms;

• Children less than 18 years of age and of the same sex may reasonably share a bedroom; and

• Single household members 18 years or older should have a separate bedroom, as should parents or couples.

Context: Using this measure, households that require at least one additional bedroom are

considered to experience some degree of overcrowding.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: The CNOS is sensitive to both household size and composition. As households

pass through different life-cycle stages, their minimum housing requirements and

actual utilisation of housing changes.

While having spare bedrooms indicates a capacity to accommodate more people in reasonable comfort, it does not necessarily mean that dwellings are not being fully utilised. Households may put these 'spare' rooms to various uses (e.g. study, office, gymnasium, craft or hobby room, children's play room, guest bedroom or store room). Some may provide each child with a separate bedroom regardless of

their age or sex.

Source and reference attributes

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Relational attributes

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Metadata items which use this glossary item:

Community Housing DSS 2018-

Housing assistance, Standard 10/05/2019

Household in greatest need code N

Housing assistance, Standard 30/08/2017

Indigenous community housing DSS 2013-18

Housing assistance, Superseded 10/05/2019

Indigenous Community Housing DSS 2018-

Housing assistance, Standard 10/05/2019

Mainstream community housing DSS 2013-18

Housing assistance, Superseded 10/05/2019

Person (housing assistance) cluster

Housing assistance, Superseded 30/08/2017

Person (housing assistance) cluster

Housing assistance, Superseded 19/12/2017

Person (housing assistance) cluster

Housing assistance, Standard 19/12/2017

Person—household single/couple status, code N

Housing assistance, Superseded 10/05/2019

Public Housing and State Owned and Managed Indigenous housing (PH & SOMIH) DSS 2018-

Housing assistance, Standard 10/05/2019

Public rental housing DSS 2013-14

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Public rental housing DSS 2014-17

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Public rental housing DSS 2017-18

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Relationship in household cluster (Indigenous community housing)

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Relationship in household cluster (Indigenous community housing)

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State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) DSS 2013-14

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State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) DSS 2014-17

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State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) DSS 2017-18

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