

Chapter 3 Part 2. OCCUPANCY STANDARDS

It is the Shelton Housing Authority's policy that units should be occupied by families of the appropriate size. This policy maintains the usefulness of the units while preserving them from excessive wear and tear.

Occupancy Guidelines

- A. The following minimum and maximum number of persons per unit guide will govern the number of bedrooms required to accommodate a family of a given size and composition:

Number of Bedrooms	Minimum	Maximum
0	1	1
1	1	2
2	2	4
3	3	6
4	4	8

- B. Families may choose to be placed on the waiting list for a unit one bedroom size smaller than that designated on the chart. A family that chooses to occupy a smaller size unit must agree not to request a transfer until their family size changes.
- C. Under the minimum-number-of-persons-per-unit standard, generally two people will share a bedroom, except that units will be so assigned that:
- It will not be necessary for persons of different generations or opposite sex, other than husband and wife, to occupy the same bedroom except at the request of the family.
 - Exceptions to these standards may be made in the case of reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities.
 - An unborn child will not be counted as a person in determining unit size. A single pregnant woman may be assigned to a one-bedroom unit.
 - In determining unit size, the Shelton Housing Authority will consider a child who is temporarily away from home because of placement in foster care, kinship care, or away at school.
 - Two children of the opposite sex will not be required to share a bedroom except at the request of the family. Two children of the same sex are expected to share a bedroom, regardless of their ages.
 - The living room or dining room will not be considered as a bedroom when determining the minimum size unit for which a family qualifies.
 - A single head of household parent will not be required (but may choose) to share a bedroom with his/her child.
 - A live-in attendant may be assigned a bedroom.
 - For verified reasons of medical or health problems, a separate bedroom may be provided for an individual family member.

- j. A single person who is not elderly, disabled, displaced, or the remaining member of a resident family, may not be placed in a larger than one bedroom unit.
- D. At the discretion of the Shelton Housing Authority, families may be permitted to exceed the maximum as shown on the chart when the family requests such occupancy, and when the Shelton Housing Authority determines that the unit in question is large enough.
- E. In any case, no larger unit will be held vacant due to lack of appropriate-sized family on the Waiting List if it is not financially feasible to do so.
- F. In assigning unit sizes, the Shelton Housing Authority will take into account different cultural standards, length of time the family would have to wait for smaller versus larger units, and the age, relationship, and sex of family members.