

A **dwelling** is a [room](#) or suite of rooms - including its accessories, lobbies and corridors - in a permanent [building](#) or a structurally separated part of a building which, by the way it has been built, rebuilt or converted, is designed for habitation by one [private household](#) all year round.

A dwelling can be either a one-family dwelling in a stand-alone building or detached edifice, or an apartment in a block of flats. Dwellings include garages for residential use, even when apart from the habitation or belonging to different owners.

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